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Business and/or social meetings are held monthly close to the middle of the month. Please refer to newsletter for the time and location.

Where There's A Wil

According to the calendar, it is Spring. Time to get out those British cars. A few of our members did bring out their cars for the meeting at the Church Brew Works. As usual, we had a good turnout of members, who enjoyed the excellent food, the special brews, and the socializing. Thanks Dexter, for making the arrangements. The following Saturday, a few WPTA members joined with the MG Club of Pittsburgh for lunch at the Starting Line Cafe. P.J.Wright was there with the top down on his TR6, despite the frigid weather. Thank you Richard and the MG Club, for the invitation to a very nice event.

This month we have the annual Tune-up Clinic at Roy Miller's. This is an event for all members, whether your Triumph needs any work or not. It never hurts to see how some repairs are done, in case your Triumph ever needs the same repair. If you want to schedule some work on your car, call Doug Foyle at 724-452-5218, or if you just want an excuse to drive your Triumph, come to the clinic.

May and June are busy months, with three events scheduled for each. Please note the new event added for June 4th, the British Car Week Picnic. Information will be in the May Dzus Dnuz.

Our club is a chapter of The Vintage Triumph Register, the only Triumph Club in North America covering all Triumph cars. VTR publishes the quarterly magazine, The Vintage Triumph, and offers numerous other services such as insurance, technical advice, and national events. The Vintage Triumph magazine is quite collectable. An incomplete set of 78 issues is currently bid to \$81.00 on eBay. I have been a member for thirty years, and I encourage all Triumph owners to join. Visit the VTR website, www.VTR.org to find out more.

I still have club grill badges, patches, and denim shirts for sale and I will have them with me at the tune-up clinic. I will also be taking engraving orders for WPTA logo name badges. The price is \$5.00 each and includes delivery by USPS.

I hope to see you at the tune-up clinic wearing your name badge.

Wil

Membership

By Richard Dick

I wish to express my appreciation to all who updated their information. Please continue to let me know of changes at any time so I can keep our records current. As of this writing we have 159 members in WPTA.

We have two new members that joined in March. Welcome William and Janet Augustine from Meyersdale, PA. They have a '60 TR3A in good condition. Also welcome Nudy and Mildred Trifiro from Uniontown, PA. They have a '69 Spitfire. We are glad to have you as members of WPTA.

Gettin' In Tune

by Dougy

Saturday, April 23rd, 8:00AM at Roy Miller's Garage in Sharpsburg are when and where we will be meeting for our annual tune up clinic. For those unfamiliar with this event, The Roadster Factory is available with a parts counter; and special orders don't upset them. In fact, you will receive a discount plus free shipping on all items purchased or picked up at the event. Please specify orders to be delivered to the WPTA tune up clinic when ordering to take advantage of these benefits.

Scott Schober has donated a 55 gallon drum of 20w-50 for all oil changes.

The event ends promptly at 5:00PM. We welcome any projects large or small. No restorations please. The one rule is, the car must be driven away or you supply trailering home.

Lunches are ordered out at one of the fine local eateries. Bring your own drinks.

Please contact Doug Foyle (724)452-5218 if you plan on a project larger than a tune up. Please line up help if necessary. If you have a jack, jack stand or tools, feel free to bring them.

Hope to see you there!

Mini Carlisle

Once again WPTA will hold it's "Mini-Carlisle" down on the South Side of Pittsburgh on **May 13th**. It will run from 8 am until noon. We will then retire to one of the many local Pubs for lunch. Bring your parts, bring some money.

Import Carlisle

By Ed Major

Mark your calendar right now, **May 19, 20 and 21, 2006**. It's not just for the parts anymore, there's auto crossing, and one of the premiere foreign auto shows, and lots more. I have reserved 14 rooms at the Howard Johnson for WPTA members, just a bit north of the Turnpike exit at \$85 per night (discount coupons given for breakfast). If you split with a friend it's a mere \$43. The Inn has a good restaurant and a great bar! The hotel will hold available rooms until **May 4th**; the rooms are reserved for Friday and Saturday nights.

You can reserve your room by calling 717-243-5411 and telling them you are with the Western Pa Triumph Association.

Coventry Inn Gathering

by Gary Fredo

WPTA has been invited by Charles Runyan to join him for a night at the Coventry Inn in Indiana PA. As most of you know the Coventry Inn was built in the tradition of an English Pub. This event was very well attended last year. You don't want to miss this event. Charles will be expecting us at 7 pm on **May 6th**.

Adjusting Valves the Easy Way

by Bruce Stutzman

Are you still adjusting valves on your TR3, TR4 or Spitfire according to the manual instructions or maybe using the rule of nines? Either method requires you to turn the crankshaft so many times that when you are finished you probably need rotator cuff surgery.

Well try this; it is so easy it should be against the law. Put #1 cylinder on TDC on the compression stroke. Adjust rocker #'s 1,2,3 and 5. Turn the crank one complete revolution (360 deg.) #4 cylinder is now on TDC on the compression stroke. Adjust rocker #'s 4,6,7 and 8. You are done!

Now, if you just can't stand it to be that easy, here is another method that requires you to turn the crank two revolutions but still a whole lot less crank turning than if you follow the manual.

Follow the firing order which is 1,3,4,2. You are adjusting the valves on the cylinder that is on TDC. Put #1 cylinder on TDC on the compression stroke. Adjust rockers #'s 1 and 2. Turn the crank 1/2 revolution (180 deg.). #3 cylinder is now on TDC; adjust rocker #'s 5 and 6. Turn the crank 1/2 revolution. #4 cylinder is now on TDC; adjust rocker #'s 7 and 8. Turn the crank 1/2 revolution. #2 cylinder is now on TDC; adjust rocker #'s 3 and 4.

You are done. Remember to turn the crank in the normal direction of rotation which is clockwise when you are looking at the engine from the front of the car.

When using this method on a TR6 or GT6 follow that firing order which is 1,5,3,6,2,4 and turn the crank 120 deg. Each time.

On the other hand, if you are into self-flagellation, dig out the manual and do it their way.

Classified



For Sale: 1971 Triumph TR6, Signal Red with black interior, very nice condition, garage kept, too many new parts to list.? Call or email for details. \$13,500.00, 724-776-5112, djjr@zoominternet.net

For those of you who have access to the Internet and regularly visit our website, you'll certainly agree that our site is very professionally done and easily one of the nicest-looking ones out there. That doesn't happen by chance. We've been privy to the expertise of a company called Cyber Innovations, of Cranberry PA, and they do the grunt work of getting our site out there and updated regularly. Well, you can help two Western PA organizations out for the price of one, by referring customers to Cyber Innovations for business. If we get two customers to pay for service, our year of hosting is free. That saves WPTA money for events like the Holiday Party and Dogs with Fogs! If you happen upon anybody that is in need of Internet hosting services, please consider having them contact Cyber Innovations (www.cyberinnovations.com or 888.216.5036) to set up their web site and mention WPTA! Thanks!

A Clueless Rally

Submitted by Richard Dick

Saturday, June 10, 2006

Attention amateur sleuths and junior detectives! Saturday, June 10, 2006, is your day. This British car multi-club event features you as the handsome (or beautiful) detective touring the back roads of northern Washington County searching for clues to solve a hypothetical murder case.

You can pick up your badge, nom de plume, and general instructions anytime between 12:00 noon and 1:00 PM in the parking lot of Kings Family Restaurant, located on Route 19 South at the corner of McClelland Road, Washington County. Kings is located approximately 2 miles south of McMurray Road (Donaldson's Crossroads), and two miles north of Route 519. You can use Map Quest to plot your route to the starting point by entering the intersection and the zip code 15317. A drivers' meeting will be held at 12:50 PM to answer questions. First cars will leave at 1:00 PM, but if you are a little late, you can catch up.

Using Kings as your headquarters each car will run several independent legs looking for clues to help solve the crime. You will return to Kings each time to hand in your answers and pick up your next set of instructions. The rally should conclude around 4:30 or 5:00 PM, at which time we will reveal the murderer, weapon, and the correct answers to all other clues.

This is designed and written as a leisurely tour of the countryside, not a fast paced road rally. Route instructions will be straight forward and easy to follow, with both street names and mileages referenced to each turn. However, since driving and reading do not go hand in hand, you may find it advantageous to share the duties with a navigator.

The rally will be coordinated by Rich Brown of the Three Rivers A.H. Club. Prizes will be awarded courtesy of Richard Dick of the WPTA. This event will be held rain or shine. And, although it is not necessary to drive an antique British car, extra points will be awarded to those that do so.

Mark your calendars now!!! First one to arrive gets their pick of detective names.

More Classified

For Sale: 1973 Triumph Spitfire 1500, excellent rust-free with its entire history in Oklahoma and California. It's a complete car, and also comes with many extra parts. This car is the desirable Chrome-Trim model with the small bumpers, the nifty Triumph-script license plate light, and it's lighter in weight than the '75 and later models - so you can go faster and handle better. It's truly a Spitfire the way Michelotti (NOT the US Government!) wanted it to be! This car is currently registered with a clear California Pink Slip (title) and current registration and license plates. The car already has 9:1 high compression pistons, headers, and large-bore exhaust system. Price of the car and spare parts is only \$1500. The hardtop shown in the photos does not go with the car, as it has already been sold. Doug Taber, Cambria, California, 805.927.5044 or gdv27@charter.net or <http://share.shutterstock.com/action/welcome?sid=0AYsm7dq0YsWLMa>

For Sale, fresh in from England, used Dolemite Sprint engine, or parts to convert 8 valve TR7 engine to a 16 Valve Screamer. Please email eaarentz@hotmail.com or telephone (304) 736-0731 for particulars. Engines are near Huntington, WV.

For Sale: Dear sir (UK Based) I am sending you a couple of samples of my work to find out if any of your members are interested in purchasing pieces of my original artwork. or commissioning me to? produce a picture of one of there cars. I have enclosed samples of my work for your viewing. The work is produced on water colour board A3 size, the medium used is water colour/ pencil & Acrylic.(unframed) \$172.80 inc shipping to the US. Regards Paul Rumney rumneys@play32.fsnet.co.uk

Triumph Door Outer Window Seal Replacement

by Gary Fredo

Tools Needed:

- Putty knife (to remove old seal)
- Tin snips or side cutter (only if you have to trim seal to fit)
- Sturdy but thin L shaped tool (I used an offset screwdriver but a door trim panel tool will work also).
- Thin flat tip screwdriver.

Parts Needed:

- Outer door seal.
- 7 outer seal door clips

Procedure:

- Remove inside door panel (follow procedure in repair manual)
- Remove old seal.
- Slide putty knife between door skin and seal and push on old clips until they fall into bottom of the door.
- Check fit of new seal.
- Thicker side towards glass - indentations for clips towards glass.
- Use tin snips or side cutters to trim to fit if necessary - I only had about a quarter inch to trim so I took a little from each side and only trimmed the section that fits inside the door leaving the seal at the original length.
- Attach clips to door skin - but not to seal yet.
- Wind glass about halfway down.
- Lay seal in position so you can see where to place clips.
- Reach inside door and behind glass to position and start clips.
- Clips in either end can be started with window in down position.
- Lower glass as far as it will go.
- Use L shaped tool to pull clips the rest of the way onto door skin.
- Attach door seal - the tricky part here is to attach the seal without tearing the seal. Use firm pressure when pushing on the seal but don't be overly aggressive or you may tear the seal.
- Lower glass as far as it will go.
- Slide thin tipped screwdriver between the clip and the door skin. You can use the L shaped tool to hold the clip in place while you push down with the screwdriver.
- Using the screwdriver, lever the clip away from the door skin and towards the glass (which is in the lowered position).
- Firmly, but not aggressively, push the seal behind the screwdriver and clip. This shouldn't take much effort. If it does reposition the screwdriver further into the clip.
- I found it easier to only push the seal halfway into each clip on the first pass and then go back and push it in the rest of the way on the second pass.
- Replace inside door panel.

DOOR INNER WINDOW SEAL REPLACEMENT

Tools Needed:

- Putty knife (to remove old seal)
- Sturdy but thin L shaped tool (I used an offset screwdriver but a door trim panel tool will work also).

Parts Needed:

- Inner door seal.
- 5 inner seal door clips

Procedure:

- Remove inside door panel (follow procedure in repair manual)
- Remove old seal.
- Slide putty knife between door skin and seal and push on old clips until they fall into bottom of the door.
- Check fit of new seal. Fuzzy side towards glass.
- Attach clips to door skin - but not to seal yet.
- Wind glass all the way down
- Lay seal in position so you can see where to place clips.
- Reach between glass and inner door skin to position and

start clips.

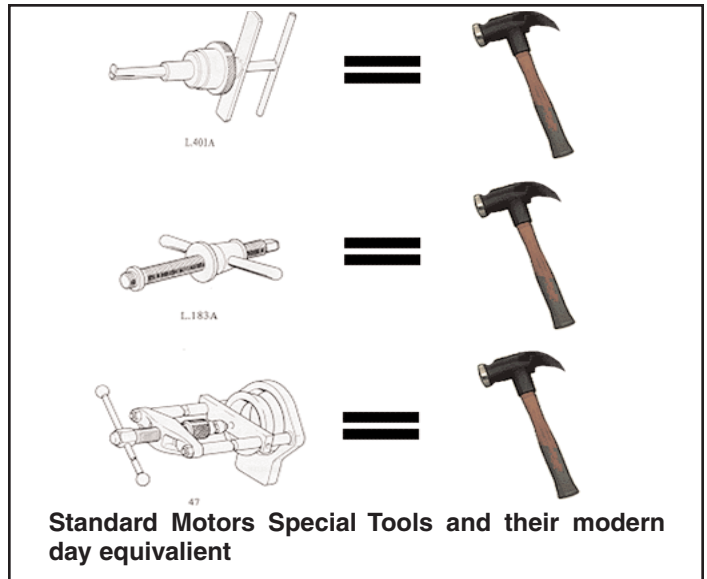
- Use L shaped tool to pull clips the rest of the way onto door skin.

* Attach door seal.

o Lower glass as far as it will go.

- o Push down on seal while pulling up on clip with L shaped tool.

* Replace inside door panel.



Calendar of Events

- April 22** **Tune-up Clinic**
Doug Foyle 724-452-5218
- April 25** **Newsletter Meeting (Tuesday),**
5pm-Typecraft/6pm-Michael's Pizza Bar
- May 6** **Coventry Inn Gathering,**
7 pm
- May 13** **WPTA Flea Market,**
Ed Major 412-488-1600 X207
- May 18-21** **WPTA at Import Carlisle**
Ed Major for rooms 412-488-1600 X207
Jim Shaw to sell parts 412-262-3878
- June 4** **British Car Week Picnic**
Wil Schweitzer 724-356-7341
- June 10** **Clue Run, with MG club**
Richard Dick 724-379-5172
- June 24** **Quaker Steak & Lube,**
with stop at Scott Harper's
PJ Wright, Fred Segal, Dick Gaier

~ Event Of Other Interest ~

- May 27** **The Brit's at Hope Lodge**
Fort Washinton PA Info: 610-825-2617
- June 14-18** **TRA National Meet**
<http://www.triumphregister.com/>
- June 14** **MG Club Solstice Run**
- July 8-9** **Vintage Races, Beaverun**
<http://www.beaverun.com/>
- July 19-23** **VTR National Meet**
Las Colinas Texas
<http://vtr2006.com/>
- Aug 5** **MG Club Foxburg Run**
- Aug 11-13** **Summer Party, Roadster Factory**

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Tune Up Clinic- Saturday April 22



Tune Up Clinic Saturday the 22nd at Roy Miller's Garage in Sharpsburg

Starts around 9 am or so!

