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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

All three of our May events were successful. As always, Charles Runyan was a most gracious host, providing plenty of good food and drink at the Coventry Inn. Only six British cars were driven to the event. It can't be because they aren't running, as about twenty-five were at the tune-up clinic and only one arrived and departed on a trailer. Thank you Charles, we look forward to seeing you at the TRF Summer Party. The "Mini Carlisle", while short on vendors, did see some parts bought and sold and some expert advice given freely. About noon we folded our tables and walked to Excuses, for some very good burgers and beer. Thanks Ed Major, for the organizing the event and the use of your lot. Import Carlisle, as usual was held in cold wet weather, but well attended by WPTA members. Gary Fredo had the biggest sale, his TR7, and I think that Bud Osbourne had the biggest purchase, half of a Sprite. Thank you Jim Shaw and Bud Osbourne, for getting the shelters to and from Carlisle.

In June, WPTA again has three events. First is the British Car Week Drive to Olglebay Park Resort on June 4th. Take note, this is a Sunday, not Saturday, event. Just six days later we have the Clueless Rally with the Pittsburgh MG Club, again leaving from Washington County. Third, on June 24th, is the Quaker Steak and Lube Run with a stop at Scott Harper's Team Triumph. I have been to the Quaker Steak and Lube and can attest to it's great wings and beer. I haven't been to Scott's, but I hear that it is also very worthy of a visit.

British Car Day is only a little over a month away. It is time to send in your registration and also tell Jim Stoffel how you are willing to help with this our biggest event of the year. Mail the registration form that you received with your last Dzus Dnuz or register online at our website. To volunteer to help, contact Jim Stoffel at jsma@connect-time.net or at (724) 443-6695.

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Clueless Rally

By Richard Dick

This is a reminder to mark your calendars for this first ever in this area clueless rally on Saturday June 10th. You can pick up your badge, nom de plume, and general instructions any-time 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. All are welcome!!

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.

Team Triumph/ Quaker Steak & Lube Run

by P, J. Wright, Fred Segal, Dick Gaier

This is your reminder to keep Saturday, June 24 open for a combination run to Team Triumph at Warren Ohio, with lunch at Quaker Steak and Lube in Sharon Pa.

We will be meeting at the Eat and Park on University Blvd, (Beers School Road) in Moon Twp at 10:00 AM where map and instructions will be supplied for this run of about 70 miles.

Scott Harper, proprietor of Team Triumph will be welcoming us to tour his large British car parts facility and we can purchase any new or used parts we may desire. Anyone who has been there will testify that his huge "barn" and annex is a sight to behold and has just about anything for a British car one can imagine.

Members needing parts can inventory their wants & let Scott know ahead of time in order to pick them up during the visit.

After we have overdosed on parts and talk we will travel about 20 miles to Sharon Pa to Quaker Steak and Lube for a late lunch and libations.

We should be back in Pittsburgh by about 3:00PM.

Ed Note: Some of you may be back by 3, or you could say later with the rest of us.

MG Club Summer Solstice Tour

By Richard Dick

Don Stewart, a member of both the MG club and WPTA, puts on the summer solstice tour each year. Meet at noon, June 17th, at the Eat-n-Park in the Franklin Village Shopping Center. The shopping center is on Route 910 and just east of the Route 910 exit from I-79. Departure will begin about 12:30 and the tour is about 2 hours long. The tour will end at the english style Elephant & Castle Pub. If you can't make the driving portion, you are still welcome to join us at the pub about 2:30 to 3 o'clock. Don and Suzanne promise us a great tour and great food and refreshments at the pub. The Elephant & Castle Pub and restaurant is at 12599 Perry Highway. It is on Route 19 about a mile north of Route 910 and about 3 miles south of the Turnpike exit at Warrendale.

Any questions, please contact Don at his email: britcar-don@verizon.net.

**"Where you've been is
good and gone, all you
keep is the gettin' there."**



Top K9 Reasons Why a Dog Makes a Good WPTA Member

By: Scott & Erin Permar

9. He never complains about your driving.
8. He has low standards for bathrooms on the road.
7. He doesn't mind getting his hair messed up when the top is down.
6. You no longer have to worry about those extra parts on the floor once everything is together.
5. He's available for an early morning run everyday.
4. He'll drink just about anything no matter the brand.
3. He has no problem with dirt under the nails.
2. He doesn't mind lying on the garage floor for countless hours.

And the number one reason why a dog makes a good WPTA member...

He will listen to your triumph tales like it is the first time he has ever heard them!



Wray Brady and Mike Hurley, two intrepid WPTA members diligently working on Wrays TR 4 frame in the background. We believe the cans hold either motor oil or brake fluid.

Spirit Of WPTA Lives!

In keeping with the original Spirit of WPTA, Tom Stricker bought a rocker shaft assembly from Wil at our Mini-Carlisle that was used but better than the one on his TR3. By now the new used one is on his TR3. This was commonplace in the early years of the club as members improved their cars, used part by used part.

356Burgh Ohio River Valley Tour invitation

by Bud Osbourne

Last summer, following a morning of consuming WAY too much coffee, and a subsequent post to the 356 Registry Talk List, I was urged to go forward with the planning and execution of a back-roads tour of the Ohio River Valley. Originally planned to be of one full week's duration, we've shortened it by several days, and about 1000 miles, for those lacking an "Iron Butt" constitution/mentality. The resulting Tour will be very much like our WPTA "Meander to Marietta" tour of 1998 (which was terrific fun, and I still get requests, from '98 tour participants, to repeat the tour). So, here's the plan:

We'll meet at the Hampton Inn, on Murtland Avenue, in Washington, PA. (Murtland Avenue/Route 19 South exit off I-70) on Tuesday evening, July 11, for registration, and to meet the other participants. Departure will be between 0700 and 0900 on the morning of Wednesday, July 12. The first day's run will take us to Point Pleasant, WV, over the usual winding, plunging back roads, with rest stops/lunch break along the way. In Point Pleasant, we'll stay at the historic, restored Lowe Hotel, in Pt. Pleasant's Historic District, just a few feet from the former location of the famous Silver Bridge (remember the movie: The Mothman Prophecies?). Our dining and refreshment oasis, for the evening, is located within easy walking distance of the hotel.

Thursday's itinerary will feature more of the Ohio River Valley's gorgeous scenery, as viewed from the back roads in the hills overlooking the river. Tour route options will allow participants to custom tailor their itinerary to suit their group's preferences, and personal endurance limits (or lack there endurance). Our Thursday destination is the beautiful, historic Lafayette Hotel, in Marietta, Ohio. We'll dine at the Marietta Brewing Company, just a few hundred feet up the street from the hotel. Marietta's lovely old riverside park, and adjoining historic district, are all within easy walking distance from our hotel.

On Friday morning, Bud the River Rat will offer a semi-guided tour of the Ohio River Museum, which features the only surviving steam, sternwheel towboat on the river, the W.P. Snyder, Jr. Following the museum tour (or, sleeping in, a bit, if you desire), we'll head for the back roads, again, for a few more hours of great driving experiences, culminating in a relaxed, early dinner at Wheeling's own micro-brewery & restaurant. Then, following a stimulating drive up Route 88 (which you'll fall in love with, when you drive it with Will, next week), and Route 844 or Route 50, you'll arrive home in time to get to Schenley Park, to help Roy Miller, Jim Stoffel & crew set up the field for BCD '06.

We hope you'll join us! Be sure to check out our web page @: <http://www.356burgh.com/ort.html>

Tune Up Wrapped

By Doug

A belated thank you to Roy Miller for allowing us to use his garage one final time. Thanks also to John Swauger and The Roadster Factory for setting up a table of tune up bits to help us along with getting the cars ready for the upcoming driving season. We thank Scott Schober for the donation of a drum of oil. I can't imagine many car clubs having so many people come together to put on an event of this type.

We had close to twenty-five cars, with their owners, show up on a cold, wet, and rainy day to talk, eat, drink, and get a little work done. It was great to see every one.

Thanks to all who attended.

Understanding Your Ignition System

(Part 3)

by Bruce Stutzman

This is part 3 of my continuing series of articles about our TR ignition systems. Part 2 was in the Feb. 2006 issue; re-read it.

In this issue I will discuss the primary (low tension) circuit and the secondary (high tension) circuit. Remember this, if I can understand it - so can you! Once you've got this, the mystery of your ignition system is gone.

The primary (low tension) circuit delivers 12 volts of electricity from the battery to the coil. It consists of the battery, the ignition switch, the primary side of the coil and the points and condenser. When you turn the key on, electricity flows from the battery thru the ignition switch to the positive terminal of the coil via the white wire, then out the negative terminal of the coil into the distributor via the white/black wire thru the points to ground to complete the circuit. The springy point is insulated; the fixed point is grounded to the distributor body. Remember, the distributor is grounded to the engine block; there is no ground wire. The flow of electricity thru the coil would go the opposite direction (in thru the negative terminal out thru the positive terminal) if your car is positive ground. Or in thru the "sw" (switch) terminal and out thru the "cb" (contact breaker) terminal if you have a really old coil.

The secondary (high tension) circuit delivers 15,000 or more volts of electricity (depending on your coil) from the center terminal of the coil to the spark plugs. It consists of the secondary side of the coil (which is actually in the center of the coil), the rotor, the distributor cap, the fat spark plug wires and the spark plugs. Electricity flows from the center terminal of the coil thru the center terminal of the distributor cap to the rotor to the individual spark plugs thru the plug wires to ground. The rotor is a bridge from the center terminal of the cap to the cap's individual spark plug terminals. The coil must deliver sufficient voltage to jump the spark plug gap. The side electrode of a spark plug is grounded to the engine. The voltage jumps the gap from the center electrode to the side electrode and goes to ground. The sole purpose of the ignition system is to jump that gap at precisely the right time.

How the 12 volts from the battery turn into 15,000 or more volts at the spark plug is called induction and is the magic that happens in the coil. Induction is triggered by the points and happens every time the points open, breaking the primary circuit.

Low voltage goes into the coil thru the primary circuit; high voltage comes out of the coil thru the secondary circuit. Amazing, and the coil has no moving parts. So, when the points are closed, low voltage flows from the battery to the coil. When the points open induction is triggered in the coil and high voltage flows to a spark plug.

So repeat after me - the ignition system does not consist of a distributor and a coil; it consists of a primary circuit and a secondary circuit. Each is a separate electrical circuit.

The primary circuit supplies low voltage from the battery to the coil. It uses the same ordinary 14 gauge wire that makes up most of the car's wiring harness. The secondary circuit supplies high voltage from the coil to the spark plugs. This high voltage needs the fat wires which are mostly just extra insulation.

In Part 4 we will talk about some easy tests we can do to troubleshoot the system.



Rich Roenigk's TR4

Calendar of Events

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| June 4 | British Car Week Drive
Wil Schweitzer 724-356-7341 |
| June 10 | Clueless Rally, MG/AH/Triumph Clubs
Richard Dick 724-379-5172 |
| June 24 | Quaker Steak & Lube,
with stop at Scott Harper's
PJ Wright, Fred Segal, Dick Gaier |
| June 26 | Newsletter Meeting,
5pm-Typecraft/6pm-Michael's Pizza Bar |
| July 12-14 | Ohio River Valley Tour
Bud Osbourne 724-356-44643 |
| July 15 | British Car Day at Schenley Park
Roy Miller – Chairman 412-967-6483 |
| July 15-16 | Pittsburgh Vintage Gran Prix
http://www.pvgp.org/ |
| July 29 | Johnstown Run, with MG club
Richard Dick 724-379-5172 |
| Aug 26 | Garage Tour,
Fred Segal |
| Sept 17 | Dogs with Fogs
Ed Woods 412-486-4294 or
Harvey Woods 412-486-2549 |
| Sept 30 | Anniversary Run,
Richard Dick 724-379-5172 |
| Oct 14 | Fall Leaf Tour, with MG club |
| Nov | General Meeting,
Date and location to be determined |
| Dec | No Meeting, Meeting,
Date and location to be determined |
| Jan | Holiday Party,
Date and location to be determined |

~ Event Of Other Interest ~

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| June 14-18 | TRA National Meet
http://www.triumphregister.com/ |
| June 17 | 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 |
| Aug 18-20 | Vintage Races, Mid Ohio |
| Sept 8-10 | Vintage Races, Watkins Glen |

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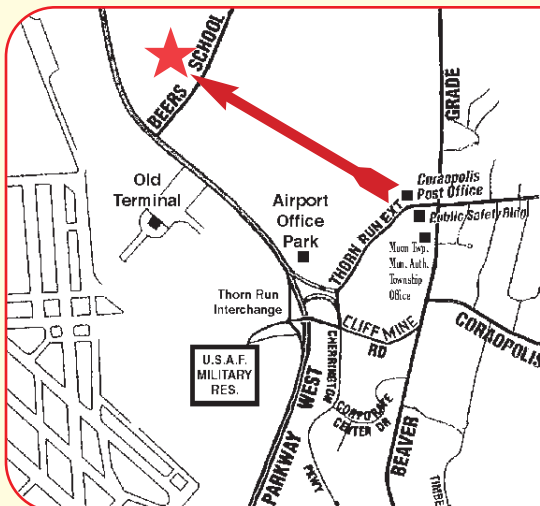
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Why is this man smiling? Can you say SOLD!