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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.

## British Car Day

July 15th

It is that time again! The absolute greatest Vintage car weekend on the planet, and it is right here in the 'Burgh. The Pittsburgh Vintage Grand Prix and our British Car Day.

So, be at Schenley Park Friday around four or five pm to help Jim Stoffel set up the show field and to eat pizza. Be back around 8:30 am Saturday to park cars. The drill hasn't changed; it just keeps getting better. According to Roy Miller this will be the best BCD yet!

## Where There's A Wil

It's almost here! British Car Day is fast approaching. Are you ready? Have you registered? Registration deadline is July 8th. Have you contacted Jim Stoffel to volunteer? His phone number is 724-443-6695 or email at jsma@connecttime.net. Time is running out.

All three June events were successful. The British Car Week drive to Oglebay Resort had thirteen cars make the trip with tops up, thanks to the occasional cold rain. The Clueless Rally with the MG club had a better day, and a great turnout, which included quite a few Triumphs. The Team Triumph/Quaker Steak & Lube Run was lucky enough to get the only dry day in a week and had twenty-three cars take advantage of it. Many thanks to all who worked to make these events successful.

July has some events other than British Car Day, starting with the Vintage Races at Beaver Run, on July 8th and 9th. This is vintage racing that is a little more competitive than the PVGP, due to the fact that it is run on a course made for racing (no stone walls). If you go, look for Len Picton in the yellow Turner. Many of us know him from Import Carlisle's, TRF Summer Party's, and other events.

On July 15th come back the Schenley Park for the Pittsburgh Vintage Grand Prix. Take a look at some of the interesting Patron Parking cars where British Car Day is held, and the Larry Smith Car Show on the fairways below the club house. Watch the parade lap of Marquee of the Year, Patron Parkers, and Thunder Run. Walk through the paddock to see the racers up close and personal.

Our final event of July is the Johnstown Run on the 29th. This event with the MG club has become a tradition, like the Quaker Steak and Lube Run., the Anniversary Run, and the Fall Leaf Tour. Some of us will be making this an overnight event. See Richard's article.

If you enjoy Idlewild Park, you can get free admission for two persons arriving in a collector car after 10 A.M., Monday through Friday, during Old Fashioned Days, July 24th to 28th. No registration is needed. The collector car show is in a lot at the edge of the park and only draws persons interested in vintage cars. At 7 P.M. there is a parade of cars through the park, which is optional. I attended last year and plan to again this year.

*Wil*



## Johnstown Brewery Tour

by Richard Dick

The third annual Johnstown Brewery run will be held on Saturday, July 29th. This is a combined run with the MG Club and we will meet the Central PA British Car Club out of Altoona at the brewery at 1 PM. The Microbrews and food there are first rate, and we will have our own parking area behind the brewery.

Meet at the Cracker Barrel Restaurant in New Stanton. It is located on the south side of I 70 at exit 57 and is very close to the New Stanton Turnpike exit. Meet there no later than 10:45 for a drivers meeting and the first cars will go off at 11 AM. for a 1 hour and 50 minute drive to the brewery. Again, Judy and I are thinking of staying overnight in the Johnstown area. Please let us know if you are interested in joining us. Call Rich at 724.379.5172 or email rdick@midmon.com.

## MG Club

## Foxburg Inn Tour (NOT)

by Richard Dick

We have a date and place change for this event. The annual Foxburg Inn Tour won't be going to the Foxburg Inn this year but rather to the Addison House in Leechburg. The date has also been moved from Saturday to Sunday, August 6th. We will start out again from the Panera Bread on Route 22 in Murrysville around 11 AM. We will travel 60 miles thru some great back and twisty roads up toward Kittanning and then back toward Leechburg and arrive at the Addison House somewhere between 1 and 1:30 PM. This House has been redone and we will have a separate room upstairs and order from the menu. Contact Rich with questions at 724.379.5172 or email rdick@midmon.com.

# Understanding Your Ignition System

(part 4)

by Bruce Stutzman

OK - we now understand the 2 circuits that make up our ignition system and we know which way the electricity flows. There are a couple simple tests we can perform, with no equipment, to determine if the system is working properly or which part isn't. Your engine won't start:

1st-test the primary circuit:

Remove the distributor cap, turn the ignition switch on, flick the points open and closed. You should get a spark at the points when you flick them open. If so, current is flowing thru the primary circuit which is a good thing.

Test the secondary circuit:

Remove the coil wire from the center of the distributor cap and hold it about 1/4 inch from the engine ( a good ground). With the ignition switch on flick the points; there should be a strong spark from the coil wire. Better yet, turn the engine over with the starter; there should be a series of strong sparks. If so, the coil is working.

Next, pull the wire from a spark plug, pull the boot back to expose the terminal and hold the terminal 1/4 inch from the engine. Turn the engine over with the starter, you should get a strong spark from the plug wire. If so your rotor, distributor cap and wires are ok.

I am assuming you first made sure you have decent, properly gapped spark plugs in your car. I should have mentioned that first.

If the whole system checks out and the car still won't start - it is out of gas.



## Classified

**Wanted:** In need of TR3 seats and all necessary hardware, as well as side curtains. Any help is appreciated.

Hershey Dugan 412-559-6008

**For Sale:** TR7 with Toyota power near Beaver Run race track. \$750.? Call JR or Tom - 724-758-1444.

**For Sale:** 1973 Triumph Spitfire FOR SALE \$7,500 ?Very clean single Owner car that has been maintained, upgraded and garaged every winter.? Carmine Red w/Black Interior & Top and Silver Panasport Wheels.? 66,500 miles on car with 3,500 on rebuilt engine.? Many upgrades, accessories and spare parts.? Complete Maintenance/Repair Log and Original Sales Receipt.? Car is located in the Cleveland, Ohio area.? For more information contact:?. Randy at 330-342-1186 or TRIA73@aol.com.

**For Sale:** 1968 Triumph TR250, 74k miles. Covered and stored in my garage (London, ON) for the last ten years. Needs a new top and minimal repair work to get back on the road. Engine rebuild at 63k miles including high flow oil pump and valve seats (for unleaded fuel) plus other updates. \$4500. Contact Kevin at 519-685-5736 alternate 519-627-8139 kevinmccoleman@yahoo.com

**Wanted:** referrals for triumph tr-6 mechanics. I live in Washington, Pa. Can anyone recommend a shop or mechanics who can set timing, Stromsburg carbs. for a tune-up. Jim McDaniel 724-228-2972 or 724-263-4019. Thanks.

# Membership Chairperson Update

by Richard Dick

Thanks to Rick and Nancy Brown of the Healey Club for conducting the "Clueless" rally. A great time was had by all with 24 cars participating. Winning the rally was Dan Goncz and Maureen Lapikas with a perfect score and P.J and Carol Wright tied with Don and Suzanne Stewart to finish second. Also a thanks goes to Cliff Yerkey for the grateful donation for prizes. Welcome to the new members this past month; Paul and Janet Wunderlin of Freedom with a '76 TR6; George and Joyce Lee of Pittsburgh with a '74 MGB and Todd and Cathy Blackburn of Leechburg with a '74 TVR. We look forward to seeing all of you at our events.

## British Car Week Drive

by Wil

On a rainy Sunday afternoon twelve British cars and a Miata drove to Oglebay Resort in Wheeling., WV. Guess which car didn't leak. Gary Fredo debuted his Mark 2 Spitfire, despite some issues with the Prince of Darkness. Following the 37 mile drive over rural roads about half of the attendees visited the Outback exhibit, to see kangaroos and other Australian wildlife. The others worked on Gary's car and socialized. Shortly before six o'clock we gathered in the Glassworks Grill for food and libation.

## Twelve Laws Of LBC Restoration

author unknown

1. Everything is broken. Trust in this and you will never be disappointed.
2. Someone in the past has done something to the car that has the potential to kill you. Your job is to find out what that is and fix it before it does.
3. Don't believe the "for sale" ads. Be prepared to be very disappointed when you actually see the car.
4. Get the manual before you do anything. You have no business touching the car until after you have read the manual cover to cover, several times.
5. There is no substitute for the right tool. Break down and buy one since you'll probably need it more than once.
6. Nothing on a car requires the use of a hammer. Anything struck with a hammer will break regardless of how lightly hit.
7. Dealers will not have the part you need for your car. Dealers will have plenty of parts you don't need since they are the ones that never break.
8. You can never tell what a part is going to cost. Expect to be surprised both ways.
9. A failing \$1.00 part is capable of destroying a \$1000.00 engine. Always replace the cheap stuff (gaskets, o-rings, springs, etc.) whether it needs it or not.
10. There are some cars that are not a bargain even if you get them for free. Pass them by unless you already own one and need a "parts car". See #11 below.
11. There is no such thing as a "parts car". All the parts you will need for your car will already be broken or have been stripped off any "parts car" since they are the first ones to break. See #10 above.
12. If your car is older than the age of the dealer's mechanic you are probably a better candidate to restore your car than the dealer's mechanic. Be prepared to do it yourself.



A few of the 24 British Cars at the "Clueless" rallye, which one isn't British?

## British Reliability Run

By Blake Discher, event organizer

Early registration ends June 30th for the 2006 America's British Reliability Run, this year through Ohio, West Virginia and Kentucky. In three years, the run has raised over \$84,000 for children; last year's run netted more than \$40,000 for children battling cancer. Info follows:

Here's a challenging, but fun, driving event to benefit a worthy charity, The Diabetes Association of Greater Cleveland's youth camp, Camp Ho Mita Koda. The 2006 America's British Reliability Run, an all-British driving event scheduled for October 14-15, 2006. The run is an 800-mile run in 30 hours through Ohio, Kentucky, and West Virginia, with a goal of raising \$500 per crew to help provide financial 'camper-ships' to underprivileged kids coping with diabetes to an educational summer camp. In three years, the run has raised over \$84,000 for children; last year's run netted more than \$40,000 for children battling cancer.

The event is open to any British marque vehicle. Up to 50 British cars may participate in this, the fourth annual, run. Even if you can't participate in the run, please support our effort by making a donation of any size. Teams pay their own expenses, so 100% of your donation goes to the charity. An excellent web site full of information on the event is at

<http://www.abrr.org>. Please check it out and register your car or make a donation today.

What type of Triumph is Bruce and Eric working on? No wonder it DNF'd at the Cumberland autocross. Guess who won!



This is the ongoing saga of the TR250 that Fred Williams acquired from Jim Shaw. Here you see Fred and Don Harkus discussing what to do next, drink another beer or grind a little more with the air sander. I think the beer won. This project is coming along, the tub was painted by Don over the weekend some color of blue.



### Calendar of Events

- 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 25 Newsletter Meeting (Tuesday),  
5pm-Typecraft/6pm-Michael 's Pizza Bar
- 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

#### ~ Event Of Other Interest ~

- July 8-9 Vintage Races, Beaverun  
<http://www.beaverun.com/>
- July 19-23 VTR National Meet  
Las Colinas Texas  
<http://vtr2006.com/>
- Aug 6 MG Club Foxburg Run (Not), Sunday
- Aug 11-13 Summer Party, Roadster Factory
- Aug 18-20 Vintage Races, Mid Ohio
- Sept 8-10 Vintage Races, Watkins Glen
- Sept 9 Degrosso Car Show, Altoona
- Sept 17 British Cars at Hartwood

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**July 15, British Car Day  
at the Pittsburgh Vintage Grand Prix  
July 29, Johnstown Run**

## British Car Day Schenley Park

Don't forget that there is a new entrance to the field this year,  
WPTA will need lots of volunteers to assemble this fantastic field.

