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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.

HARKUS ELECTED

but will he make good on his campaign promises?

Column Name ? ? ?

This is my first letter as President, so let me start at what happened at the Election meeting. First was old business; which was about British Car Day. Woody thanked all the people that helped and I would like to thank them also. Then on to new business. Treasure's report from Bruce (we got money), then on to the election; I (Don Harkus) was nominated as President, Gary Fredo for Vice President, Bruce Stutzman for Treasure, and Dex Stoltz as Secretary. The ballot were counted there were no hanging chads and we were elected. I gave a little speech (Don a man of little words) to thank everyone that has helped Will in the past and hope they will stay on and help me. Also thanks to Will for all the great work he did for the club. We then ended the meeting, and some of us then headed off to get some refreshments at the local pub.

'Tis the Season, as you all know, and I want to take this time to wish everyone out there a Happy Holiday Season. I put some of my cars in storage, and kept some out. Thinking what needs to be done to them, so I could write my Christmas list, because I was good this year (Sandy said, she thinks not). So as I was writing my list, you know all the wish things like, new bumpers, bigger garage, two story with a lift, heated floors, TR3, maybe a new truck, big tool box, giant TV to watch the games and races, spin on oil filter for the TR4 (Sandy said I should cut my list be 99%) but we all know you have to wish big. I will let you know what I got next month.

I hope to see you all at the NO MEETING, MEETING on the Dec.15 in Cranberry. I will probably drive a Triumph, if it's not snowing (bite my tongue). Next year will start off with a bang at the Holiday Party on the 5th of January. I know Ken has put a lot of work into this so lets all come out for this event. I know I will be there, after all, it looks like some good eats, so get your reply in early.

We are looking for some good ideas for tech meetings and some people to put them on. We have one maybe on the way but I would like to see some more. There was an accident last month to a new member when his car (would have been good friend) TR6 rolled out of his drive down over a hill and you guess it, into a tree to stop it quickly. So my hat is off to the both of you in remorse. Now begins the search for another car, pain staking as it will be, I hope he doesn't give up to soon for we all know that this can be a memorable experience. I remember when I got my first car, 11 years ago, the day after Thanksgiving, so Happy Anniversary to me and my car. HAPPY HOLIDAYS!

Don

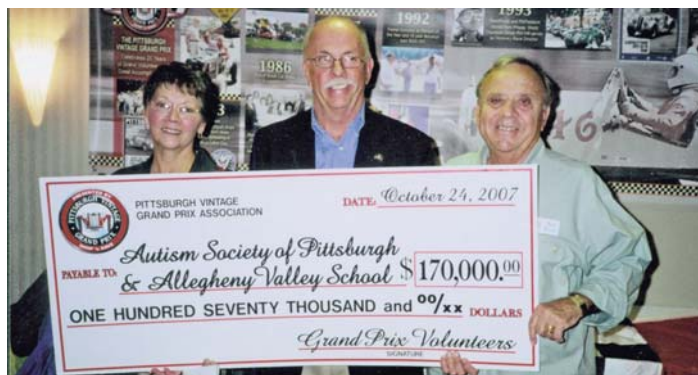


Photo by Woody McVicker

Diane McVicker, Mike Connelly, PVGP President, and Woody McVicker pose with this years PVGP check.

Holiday Party

by Ken Mikos

It will soon be that time of year to TRIUMPH with good friends, food, fun and spirited cheer. This years holiday party will be held **January 5th** at Pugliano's Italian Grill's newly completed Banquet Room. Cocktails start at 7:00 with the main course to be served at 8:00. For those that are interested a reasonably priced cash bar is available. See coupon on page three.

So clean those fingernails, dust off the old suit and don't forget to pack up the spouse for an unforgettable festive holiday extravaganza.

Pugliano's is located at 1808 Golden Mile Hwy (Route 286) and can be reached at 724-327-8991.

No Meeting, Meeting

December 15, 2007 – 1:00PM
Cranberry Quaker Steak & Lube

The WPTA will once again invade the Cranberry Quaker Steak & Lube for the annual No Meeting, Meeting. This year we will have our own private room/bar! When you enter the Lube, look for a room immediately to the right. That's where we will be located. They will also block off some parking spaces in the front for any of our collector cars that make it to the event. So if the weather cooperates, bring out your British car. Come one and all for some bench racing, wings and cold refreshments (not necessarily in that order). This is a great way to end a morning of holiday shopping or have your spouse drop you off while they do some holiday shopping. Questions? Call Gary at 724-378-9610.

Planning Meeting (Steering Committee)

January 19, 2008 10:00AM (breakfast served until 11AM)
Excuses on South Side

by Gary Fredo

Was this a great year or what? Great friends, great times, great weather and Triumphs. It doesn't get any better than this. The weather was even nice for Import Carlisle! I want to thank everyone that coordinated an event this year for the great times. I also want to thank everyone that attended the events for the great friends. I'll take the credit for the great weather. Seriously though, I don't think I've seen a better year, event wise, for a long time and, of course, the members are the ones that are making this happen. The enthusiasm is at an all time high. We are getting at least 20 members out to events and most events have a much higher attendance. Remember to thank the event coordinators if you haven't already done so. I'm also seeing a lot of new faces at events. This is really great. If you have been a member for awhile then stop and say hi to a new member to help them to feel welcome. If you are a new member then introduce yourself to other members at the events you are attending. We're a friendly bunch and it only takes a hello to get us talking. There are still a couple of events left this year; so if you haven't had a chance to attend any events, then it may not be too late to do so. Of course, there is always next year. Speaking of which, the planning meeting will be held at Excuses on the Southside again this year. This seemed to work out really well last year. Also, since the planning meeting is in January, there may not be enough time to put an event together for the month of February. If you have an idea for a February event that you would like to coordinate ; give me a yell and I'll get it on the calendar.

Notes From the Election Meeting

by Bruce Stutzman

1. A nice crowd showed up.
2. Woody played the Marine Corps anthem. He and Ed Woods were celebrating the Corps' 230th birthday.
3. In an orderly and peaceful transfer of power, Don Harkus was elected president.
4. The other club officers were retained.
5. Membership Chairman Richard Dick tried to be re-elected. He was then informed that his was an appointed position and that he had been appointed by Wil Schweitzer. He broke out in a cold sweat when he realized he has been serving at Wil's pleasure all this time.
6. An equally nice but somewhat smaller crowd then stopped at Carmoddy's for a libation or two.
7. What do Gary Fredo and Dick Chaney have in common? Both are VP's who don't want to be president.
8. Mike Yurko's TR8 is NICE!
9. Ed Major showed up just in time to go to Carmoddy's.
10. I had just finished a brake job on my TR4 before driving it to the meeting. If I had adjusted the rear brakes properly the car would have actually stopped.

MG Club Web Site

by Richard Dick

The Greater Pittsburgh MG Club now has its own web site. The site still needs a little tweaking, but it is up and running. Please feel free to stop by some time. I would appreciate any and all comments regarding the site so we can improve it. <http://www.greaterpghmgclub.org/>

A Contest

Name the New Prez's Column

As you can clearly see, Donny's first "Dzus Dnuz" column as president is untitled. Presidents in the past have all used clever quips in naming their columns; or so they thought anyway. Some examples:

In Rust we Trust - Fred Greenberg

On Balance - Paul Mooney

Jimbo's Gospel - Jim Shaw

The Grateful Fred - Fred Williams

Stuck In Overdrive - Jim Underwood

On the Mark - Mark Phillips

Where There's a Wil - Wil Schweitzer

The membership must help Donny maintain the tradition - so- this contest. The "Dzus Dnuz" editorial board, in all its omnipotence, will choose the most appropriate from the member's offerings. Provided we actually receive an appropriate suggestion. It must, of course, be presidential, timeless, clever and devoid of four letter words.

So get your suggestions in! Email them to the Editor at stutzmans@comcast.net. We may even print your proposals or at least those that we deem suitable for publication, i.e. fit to print.

The member who submits the winning entry will receive two hours of free labor on his TR by none other than the new Prez himself and Fred (who used to be Prez). Now, won't they be surprised when they read this?

It's our guess that Donny will wish he had the foresight to have named his new column.

Dues are Due

by Richard Dick

Well it's that time of year once again. If your label has "Expires Dec. '07" at the top right corner, it no doubt is highlighted in yellow marker. Your dues of \$20 is now due for next year and checks or M.O. should be made payable to "WPTA". Send them to me: Richard Dick, 106 Cypress Ave., Monongahela, PA 15063. Also and very important, please update me of any changes in vehicles, address, phone #, email, etc. Judy and I want to thank all who participated, in any way, in making this year the best year ever for club events and to Wil and Linda for their leadership of the club the past four years. We wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Classified

FOR SALE: TR3 Transmission Cover in decent shape for \$25.00. Call Dave Hershberger at 724.535.4462.

FOR SALE: 69 Triumph GT6 plus rebuilt engine and transmission, new body panels, suspension, spare engine and other parts. Comes with British Leyland Factory Manual, needs assembly. \$2,500 OBO, Call Bob at 724.797.1343.

These smiling faces of the Dam Tour participants are yet unaware of the missing Penn Dot stop sign.



Technical Seminar Offered

by Bud Osbourne

This past summer, there was an outbreak of gross misunderstanding of carburetors & ignition/electrical systems noted in one of the local Brit car clubs (club name withheld to protect the guilty). Now, typically, we see these outbreaks every few years. Symptoms range from the increased frequency of telling of those old Lucas electrics jokes, to guys being afraid to drive their Brit cars more than two miles from home, to whining about "can't adjust those damned SUs/Strombergs", "my car has really gotten hard to start/I need to tune my carburetors, again", and other plaintive whines. While some of the symptoms are attributed to old age (of the whiners, not the machinery), or the cluelessness of youth, we've determined that there is cause for concern, and that the misunderstanding is contagious.

In order to effectively combat the above-described illness (a significant quantity of beer has been known to mitigate the symptoms), a technical seminar is being offered at Bud Osbourne's garage, on Sunday, January 27, 2008, at 1 PM. Professors Stutzman, Woods and Osbourne will give a thorough description of the theory and operation of Triumph and MG ignition and carburetion systems, plus the reconditioning, installation, set-up and tuning of same. To ward off the above mentioned symptoms of the disease, beer will be available. Following the seminar, pizza will be brought in (a small donation will be asked, to cover the cost of the pizza), and medical/technical personnel will check seminar attendees for any lingering symptoms of the disease, which MUST be treated with more beer.

Club member who've never exhibited symptoms of the disease are urged to attend, anyway, for inoculation against the dreaded symptoms.

Calendar of Events

- Dec 15** No Meeting, Meeting, Cranberry Quaker Steak & Lube
- Dec 17** Newsletter Meeting, 5pm-Typecraft/6pm-Michael's Pizza Bar
- Jan 5** 2008 Holiday Party, Ken Mikos 412-795-8248
- Jan 19** Steering Committee Meeting, Excuses on the South Side, 10 am
- Jan 27** Technical Seminal, Bud Osbourne
- May16-18** Import Carlisle
- Jul 12-13** PVGP Historic Races at BeaveRun
- Jul 19** British Car Day at PVGP

~ Events Of Other Interest ~

- June 11-15** Triumph Register of America 2008 National Meet, Huron Ohio
- Aug 5-8** 2008 VTR National Meet, Ypsilanti MI
- Sep 5-7 '08** Vintage Races, Watkins Glen, Triumph will be the featured Marque at this event, it will be well attended by WPTA

WPTA Holiday Party Saturday, January 5th



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Pugliano's is located at 1808 Golden Mile Hwy (Route 286) and can be reached at 724-327-8991.

\$ 32.00 per person – covers dinner, gratuity and appetizers (**make checks payable to WPTA**)

Mail to : Ken Mikos
156 Old Farm Rd
Pgh., PA 15239

Please select from the following and include a name with the meal/s selected

- Veal Parmigiana
name(s) _____ \$ _____
- Prime Rib Au Jus
name(s) _____ \$ _____
- Jumbo Lump Crab Cakes
name(s) _____ \$ _____
- English Style Scrod
name(s) _____ \$ _____

(all selections include Wedding Soup / Garden Salad / Chocolate Mousse)

TOTAL ENCLOSED \$ _____

PLEASE REPLY NO LATER THAN DECEMBER 28, 2007

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**December 15th, No Meeting, Meeting
at Quaker Steak & Lube, Cranberry**

December 15th No Meeting- Meeting

Meet at the Quaker Steak & Lube, Freedom Road,
Cranberry - Starts around 1 pm



January 5th WPTA Holiday Party

Pugliano's is located at 1808 Golden Mile
Highway (Route 286), 7 pm.

