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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

Driving season 2007 is here. Beautiful warm sunny days, one after the other. It was even nice for our Tune-up Clinic, Mini Carlisle, and Import Carlisle. Are you ready to take part in some of our driving events? Do you have a name badge with the WPTA logo on it? If not, now is the time to order one. Just print the name that you want on each badge, add your mailing address, and send it with a check payable to WPTA for \$5.00 per badge, to me. I will have your badges engraved and mailed to you before you know it. Send your badge order to: Wil Schweitzer, 20 Grandview Ave., Hickory, PA 15340. A name badge isn't required to participate in WPTA events, it's just nice.

Another question! Do you belong to any national Triumph organizations? There are national clubs for individual Triumph models, and The Vintage Triumph Register for all Triumph models. All of these organizations are having problems attracting members. Vern Brannon, president of The Vintage Triumph Register, recently wrote an open letter to all the North American Triumph Clubs. Please take the time to read this letter, printed in this issue of the Dzus Dnuz, and let the officers of your clubs know what you think of Vern's ideas. A strong national organization is important to you as a member of WPTA, a chapter of The Vintage Triumph Register.

June is loaded with driving events. Scheduled for June 10th is the Cemetery Run with the MG Club. Those members who took part in the Covered Bridge Tour last year know, what a great job Rick Brown does in putting together a tour., so come on out and enjoy the day. June 12th to 16th is the time for the Triumph Register of America National Meet in Geneva, NY. June 30th is the date for the annual Quaker Steak & Lube Run. P.J. Wright is planning this run with a stop at Scott Harper's Team Triumph facility again this year. This has always been one of our most popular events. Hope to see you at one or all of these driving events.

Wil

Some work was actually done at the Tune up Clinic



Quaker Steak & Lube and Team Triumph

June 30, 2007

On Saturday, June 30, we will have our annual run to Quaker Steak and Lube in Sharon, PA, with an intermediate stop at Scott Harper's Team Triumph Shop in nearby Warren, Ohio. Scott's parts emporium is a wonderful resource for anyone interested in purchasing items for an antique English car. After this stop we will depart for lunch and libations at QS&L arriving there at about 12:30.

We will meet at the Eat N Park on University Boulevard (formerly Beers School Road) in Moon Township near the site of the old Pittsburgh Airport Terminal. Please be there and ready to depart by 9:15. This is a run of about 85 miles to Team Triumph with QS&L being about 20 minutes due east of Warren.

In addition to the directions for the run, we will be passing out information on the Hummel Gift Shop, which is on our route in New Springfield, Ohio, and may be of interest to some of the ladies.

An invitation has been extended to a Triumph club in Cleveland to join us at the end of this ride.

P J WRIGHT 412-833-4142

Summer Solstice Tour Saturday June 23

Ed Note: This is an invitation from the MG club through Richard Dick. For more info contact; Richard, britcarnuts@comcast.net

We will be taking advantage of this (almost) longest day of the year to take a trip to Bagdad. But we won't be driving there. We'll arrive via the Kiski Junction Railroad in Bagdad, PA. The Kiski Junction Railroad is a short line (very short) which services Allegheny Ludlum's Bagdad mill. They also operate as a scenic railroad with one round trip each day with restored passenger cars. Check out their web site at www.kiskijunction.com.

We'll meet at noon at the Park N Ride lot off of route 28 exit 17 for Freeport and route 356. We will depart about 12:30 PM. Then it's a short but somewhat circuitous route to the railroad station in Schenley, PA. We will arrive by 1:30 to purchase our tickets. The train leaves at 2:00 PM SHARP. If you're not there on time, you won't be on the train! Tickets are \$9.00 each for adults.

The round trip is one hour. Bring a picnic lunch to eat on the train ride. They have a caboose with tables and a covered flat car with bench seats with tables. After the train ride, we will depart and go back through Leechburg for a stop for dessert.

An Open Letter to all North American Triumph Clubs

by Vern Brannon, President, Vintage Triumph Register

Ed Note: Reprinted from *The Vintage Triumph*

(TRA, Six Pack, Triumph Stag Club USA, North American Spitfire Squadron, TR8 Club and probably others)

For many years, I have been concerned that the various North American Triumph clubs are competing for members. As all our membership bases age, our appeal to the younger crowd appears not to be attracting the numbers of new members needed to sustain all our clubs. I believe that it is time that we reexamine our reasons for being independent. The separate clubs came into being as a way for some people to focus their attention on just a few specific Triumphs. Today we are capable of retaining this focus within a larger organization that has many advantages.

I am very passionate about the Triumph marque and it is very important to me that a strong club exists long after I can no longer drive my Triumphs. My most serious goal as VTR president has been to have one North American Triumph club, catering to and supporting every Triumph enthusiast and every Triumph model. If we could bring about some type of combination of the various clubs, I have no desire to have any role after the combination. I believe that this should be left to our younger members.

A single Triumph organization could have a membership of more than 4,000, giving financial strength for the future and assembling plenty of willing hands for club projects. I see great advantages of a combination and I also see ways for the various clubs to retain some of their unique qualities. Together we could have an absolutely wonderful magazine, a great web site, and among other things, the opportunity to truly help our members and chapters with better insurance programs, vendor benefits, etc.

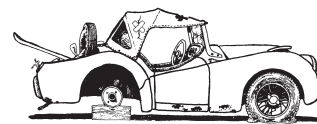
What if TRA handled everything about the side screen cars including judging at what would be a huge national convention? The 6 Pack could do the same for TR250s and TR6s, the Stag club for Stags, NASS for Spitfires and GT6s the TR8 club for TR7s and TR8s. VTR could coordinate these efforts and provide someone to handle the pre war cars and the many wonderful sedans.

Ok, the door is open. Does anyone want to talk.

Johnstown Brewery Run

by Richard Dick

The fourth annual Johnstown Brewery Run is on again this year with the date being Saturday, July 28th. The food and refreshments are truly excellent! We will be joined by the Central PA British Car Club out of Altoona. The meeting time is 10:30 with the first cars off at 11 sharp. The meeting place is the Cracker Barrel Restrauant just off I-70 in New Stanton. Wil and Linda Schwietzer, Judy and I are planning to stay overnight at an air conditioned facility this year. We plan to see a play at the Jennerstown Theater in the evening and do some sightseeing and travel some back roads the next day. If you would like to join us on the overnight/theater please let one of us know. Reservations need to be made in advance for both the rooms and the theater. If you have any questions or want to join us: Richard Dick, 724.379.5172 or email britcarsnuts@comcast.net.



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FOR SALE: TR7 convertible, British racing green, good shape for a 1980 car with just over 100K miles on it. Runs great. New inspection and just serviced at Steele Motors, Enola PA (near Harrisburg) British Car mechanics and seller of used Brit cars. \$3100. We are up here in the hinterlands of Elk County in Ridgway. Could possibly leave it down at Steele Motors for folks to look at since we are probably far from interested buyers. Bob 814-773-4842.

FOR SALE: 1971 TR 6 excellent Damson paint/solid frame/solid body/runs great. Tan interior is average. Painted wires. No OD. SHARP car. Rich Roenigk, cell # 717-487-1795

FOR SALE: 1967 TR4A, Non IRS, no overdrive. Car is driveable, solid and complete. Red with Black interior. Please call Butch at (814) 371-4527 for all the details. Car is located in DuBois, Pa. and he is open for any reasonable offer. You be the judge as this could be a sleeper. Tell him you saw the add in the Western Pa. Triumph Association newsletter, placed by Fred Segal. I told him he would probably get some calls. He is anxious to sell it.

Great weather at Carlisle. . . for a change!



The Great Cemetery Rally

A combined British car event of the MG Club and WPTA

June 10, 2007

What does a World War II Congressional Medal of Honor recipient and a major player in the Whiskey Rebellion of 1794 have in common? Where can you discover a cemetery that is lost in plain sight — viewed by thousands of people each day, but not listed in any local, state or national cemetery registry? Where can you search for the treasure of a mythical sea captain and his mates? Where can you view the final resting place of Mr. Rider and his wives — one buried on his right and the other on his left? All these and more can be found at The Great Cemetery Rally, a no stress gimmick rally in which groups of four or five cars must find clues hidden within several of Washington County's oldest and neatest graveyards. The winning team will have bragging rights until 2008. So if you have friends that you want to run with, bring them along.

Similar to a shotgun start in golf, teams will work the rally simultaneously at each of the four cemeteries. Departure times at each will be coordinated so that there are not too many cars in one place at one time. This should also cause groups of cars to pass one another on the road — so don't forget to wave.

We can handle up to 40 cars, and will meet for registration and friendly conversation starting at noon in the back parking lot of Al's Café in McMurray. A drivers meeting will be held at 12:45 to answer any questions, with all groups leaving between 1:00 and 1:15 pm. The rally will be held rain or shine, and you will need to leave your car and walk around each cemetery to find the clues. If it's wet, bring dry shoes and an umbrella. The route to and between the cemeteries will be easy to follow. There will be a rest break sometime about the middle of the rally where groups will meet, with bathrooms, drinks and gas available. The rally will finish up around 5:00 back at Al's Café — where the food is good and the beer is cold.

If using MapQuest, Al's is located at the corner of McMurray and Clifton Roads in Bethel Park, PA 15102. Directions: >From South Hills Village shopping center proceed approximately one mile south on Route 19 to the exit ramp marked Bethel Park, Upper St. Clair, Bridgeville (Orange Belt). Exit right, and then turn right to go back under Route 19. Continue 1 ½ miles on McMurray Road to Al's Café on the left, just past Brentwood Bank. For additional information contact Rick Brown at (412) 818-1433 or email at brownrr@com-cast.net.

More Accolades for Pat Davis' TR2

by Bruce Stutzman

In the November 2006 issue of The "Dzus" we reported that Pat Davis' TR2 had won best of show at the October Euro Festival. At that time we had never heard of the Euro Festival, so I made a mental note to learn more about it.

Because Triumph was the features marque, "The Vintage Triumph" did a 2 page promo article on the then upcoming event, including a schedule of events, in their June/July 2006 issue. 2006 would be the 11th year of the Euro Auto Festival, or Eurofest, which is held on the grounds of the BMW plant in Greenville, SC.

"The Vintage Triumph" did another 2 page color article in their December 2006 issue that included 2 photos of Pat's car. Pat and his TR2 were given special treatment from the minute he drove onto the BMW grounds. He and 3 other Triumph owners were asked to display their "special Triumphs" in front of the BMW Zentrum. His car was selected the best Triumph.

Eurofest looks like a great annual vintage car event, 400 cars were registered, including 80 Triumphs.



Searching for the elusive "noise" coming from Tom Stricker's engine at the Tune Up Clinic.

Calendar of Events

- Jun 10 Cemetery Run, with MG club**
Rick Brown 412-818-1433
- Jun 12-16 TRA National Meet**
Call Wil to caravan 724-356-7341
- Jun 25 Newsletter Meeting,**
5pm-Typecraft/6pm-Michael's Pizza Bar
- Jun 30 Quaker Steak & Lube,**
with stop at Scott Harper's
PJ Wright 412-833-4142
- Jul 14 British Car Day at Schenley Park**
- Jul 13-15 TRF Summer Party**
- Jul 17-21 VTR National Meet**
Call Wil to caravan 724-356-7341
- Jul 28 Johnstown Run, with MG club**
Richard Dick 724-379-5172
- Aug 11 Run to the Laurel Highlands**
PJ Wright 412-833-4142
- Aug 25 Driving Event, Location to be determined**
Don Harkus 724-284-9172
- Sep 23 Dogs with Hogs**
Fred Williams 724-789-7476
or Don Harkus 724-284-9172
- Sep 29 Anniversary Run,**
Richard Dick 724-379-5172
- Oct 20 Fall Leaf Tour**
Don Harkus 724-284-9172
- Nov 17 Election Meeting,**

~ Event Of Other Interest ~

- Jun 8-10 Last Open Road Auto Olympics**
Bruce Stutzman 412-600-7275
- Jun 23 MG Club Solstice Run**
Richard Dick 724-379-5172
MG Club with Triumphs invited
- Jun 29-1 Mid Ohio Vintage Races**
- Jul 7-8 Vintage Races, Beaverun**
- Jul 14-15 Pittsburgh Vintage Gran Prix**
- Aug 5 MG Club Leechburg Run**
- Sep 7-9 Vintage Races, Watkins Glen**
- Sep 7-9 British Car Festival, Altoona**
- Sep 23 British Cars at Hartwood**
- Oct 13 MG Club Fall Leaf Tour**

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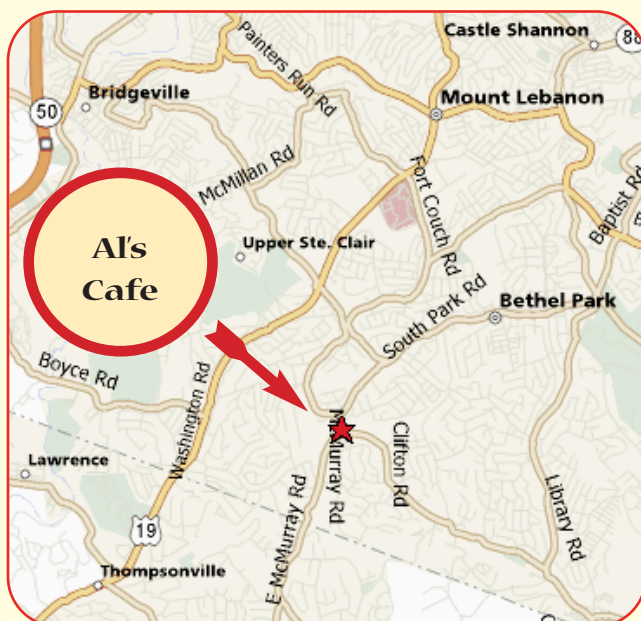
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Great Cemetery Run June 10, 2007

Al's Cafe, Registration starts at noon, back parking lot.



Quaker Steak & Lube June 30, 2007

Eat n' Park, University Blvd, formerly Beers School Road,

