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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

I think that Spring is finally here. On the way home from church this morning along Rt. 50, I saw two British sports cars with their tops down. Made me wish that I had time to take a ride today. The grass just wouldn't wait. I was short on time because I spent most of the last few days trying to get my 2000 Roadster ready to start the rebuilt engine for the first time. We did get it started, but had to shut it down due to a coolant leak. So many things go south while a car sits for a few years. The coolant leak, in the thermostat housing, wasn't there when I parked the car. The fuel pump had a stuck valve, which a little spray cleaner unstuck, and hot wiring the ignition solved the wiring problem temporarily. Hopefully, another afternoon of work will have everything sorted out and I can put the grill and headlamps back in place. It will be ready for British Car Day!

Do you have your Triumph ready for the tune-up clinic at Roy Miller's garage on Saturday, May 5th? If it runs well enough to get there, the guys will get it running right. If it is already running right, come out and take advantage of the free oil, to change yours. If you don't want or need anything to be done to your Triumph, just drive out to Roy's and watch or help the members who are working on their Triumph's. You just might learn something about your car that you didn't know.

On May 12th we will have our WPTA flea market at the Typecraft Press parking lot. In the early years of our club we didn't have any good sources of new parts for Triumphs. Ed Major maintained his TR3 for many years with mostly used parts, many obtained from Ed Woods. When I would go to a parts store, looking for parts for my TR3, I would buy any TR3 parts that they had. These parts I resold at meetings. I started selling used parts when I discovered that my parts car was an early TR3 and the car that I was restoring was a TR3A. Eventually I started dismantling parts cars and selling the parts at flea markets. I still have a lot of parts, some of which I will bring to the WPTA flea market. I have parts from 2000 Roadsters, Mark 3 Spitfires, TR2's, TR3's, and TR4's. If there are any parts that you would be interested in buying, give me at call at (724) 356-7341, and I will bring them to the flea market.

On Saturday, May 26th, the All British Car Display Day will be held in Kent, Ohio. Some of our members participated in this car show a few years ago, and found it to be excellent. I announced at our last meeting that Linda and I would be going, but we have decided not to go this year.

Have you sent your check to Bob Twaddle for the Amish dinner on the Ohio Adventure, June 2nd? Bob needs it by May 19th to make the reservations.

Wil

Mini Carlisle

Once again WPTA will hold it's "Mini-Carlisle" down on the South Side of Pittsburgh on **May 12th**. It will run from 8 am until noon. We will then retire to one of the many local Pubs for lunch, the 2600 block of Carson St is down to only seven bars!

Tunin'

by Douggy

The Tune Up Clinic this year will be May 5th, 8AM at Roy Miller's garage in Sharpsburg.

Come join us with or without your Triumph and kick off the 2007 driving season.. The Roadster Factory will be there with an assortment of tune up parts. If you call in advance with an order and designate it for the WPTA Tune Up Clinic, you will receive a discount plus free shipping. Scott Schober has kindly donated 20w-50 for oil changes.

Any type of job is welcome, as long as you can get the car out of Roy's by 5:00.

Please call Doug Foyle at (724)452-5218 if you plan a job bigger than an oil change/tune up.

We will order out for lunch. Bring your beverage of choice. See you there.

British Swap Meet & Car Show at Solon Commons

6200 Enterprise Parkway, Solon, Ohio 44139
Sunday, May 6, 2007

by Fred Segal

We will meet at and depart from the McDonald's Restaurant in Oakdale at 7:15 a.m. SHARP. It's approximately a 2 ½ hours drive to Solon, Ohio. The Oakdale McDonald's is located at 300 Market Drive in Oakdale at the intersection of Route 30 West and Steubenville Pike.

From the Oakdale McDonald's, here are the driving directions to the Hampton Inn Solon where the show is being held:

- Leave McDonalds and Follow route 30 West through Chester, West Virginia and East Liverpool, Ohio to Lisbon, Ohio. Apx. 40 miles.
- From Lisbon take 45 North to Salem, Ohio. Apx. 10 miles
- From Salem take 14 North to Twinsburg, Ohio. Apx. 45 miles
- From Twinsburg take 91 North to Solon, Ohio Apx. 6 miles
- Turn left off Route 91 onto Enterprise Parkway to Hampton Inn, Solon.

Import Carlisle May 18, 19 and 20.

by Ed Major

The event has taken on a "festival" status lately, because besides the parts, there is one of the best foreign car shows and an autocross. The on-site road course is where the Sports Car Club of America (SCCA) will offer a driving school on Saturday and time trials on Sunday on the Fair Grounds quarter-mile, six-turn mini road course. If nothing else, it is fun to watch. WPTA has rented our usual spaces, if you want to bring some parts to sell, please call Jim Shaw to let him know that you will need space. 412-262-3878.

Modern Motor Oils and our Vintage Flat Tappet Cam Engines

by Bruce Stutzman

This is a subject that is getting a lot of attention in the vintage car fraternity. We vintage car owners are taking it in the shorts again.

Basically, the American Petroleum Institute (API) has changed the oil standard to remove two additives for the purpose of increasing the life of catalytic converters. Unfortunately, our vintage flat tappet cam engines need these additives in sufficient quantity so as not to wear the lobes off our camshafts.

The additives are zinc and phosphorous. We need at least 1000 ppm of Z and of Ph. The new SM standard, which apparently started in mid 2006, calls for half of that. This is a problem, in particular when breaking in a new engine.

So, how do we find the oil we need? Do not use oil that says it meets the SM standard, which is already most of the oil on the store shelves. All 5-20, 5-30 and 10-30 weight oil is now SM. Some 10-40 and 20-50 weight oil is still the SL standard. The oil companies changed the weights most commonly used in new cars first. Look for oil that only meets the SL or SG standards. Oil that says "off road use only", "racing" or "severe duty" will not be SM.

Use diesel oil! Diesel vehicles don't use catalytic converters. Diesel 15-40 is just the ticket. Crane Cams specifically recommends the use of diesel oil to break in engines using their cams.

But, there is a problem in the horizon here too. Apparently, diesel vehicles will be fitted with catalytic converters in 2008. A new standard has been established for these vehicles - the CJ-4 standard. So, when buying diesel 15-40 only buy the oil that meets the old CI-4 standard not the new CJ-4 standard with the lower levels of Z and Ph.

I perused the oil at a local auto parts store recently. All weights of Castrol GTX were SM. Pennzoil and Quaker State were SM for weights through 10-30; 10-40 and 20-50 were still SL. So check the back of the bottle before buying.

Maybe we need to stockpile the old stuff. If you find SL oil in old dusty bottles buy it.

I encourage readers who can contribute useful information on this subject to please do so. But, we don't need a discourse on the chemical make-up of Ph. The big question is; when we buy oil how can we be sure we are getting at least 1000 ppm of Z and Ph?

Log onto www.dctra.org, the Phoenix TR club, and read "Oil is Killing our Cars", for more info.



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FOR SALE: Free to good home, 73 TR 6 body shell, Rust in rockers and other places. Floors good, trunk floor good. Also for sale TR 6 left and right front fenders \$80 each. TR 6 Deck lid \$75. Call Jim Shaw at 412 262 3878



Group 44 Racing, circa 1968, check out the A & L Motors advertizment on the car hauler

My Speedster (or your Triumph)

by Paul Apostoluo

Bud's Note- I guess some of the recent discussions on the prices at Barrett-Jackson auctions, concours in general and the use of NOS parts set this guy off. So, after several glasses of wine, he went down to the garage and composed the following "ode to my speedster." It could just as easily have been a TR3 and he echos our sentiments exactly.

Ed Note- If Paul was a TR3 owner he would have been drinking beer.

I made a pact when I brought you home
I bought you to drive and not just to own

We'd be partners and soul mates- You and I exploring the
back roads while the years passed bye

Some time, some money and a show queen you could be
But that wasn't why you were created and it wouldn't suit me

Your paint's a bit crazed, your chrome a bit dull, your leather
is worn but you're still running well

Oh sure there's some oil, the faint smell of gasoline, the
occasional backfire but it is not as bad as it seems

You still hug the road powering through the turns, a youthful
rush every ride with you earns

I'm proud to be with you, you're one of life's joys, you're part
of my family, my most cherished of toys

So I'll care for your needs the best I know how, but restore
you to new? It won't happen now

Perhaps in the future by someone else new, for right now it's
just the back roads, me and you

Thanks for indulging me
Paul

Ohio Adventure – June 2nd

by Bob Twaddle

Remember May 19th is the deadline for getting in your money if you want to eat at the Amish farm. This event is coming together quite nicely. Lots of twisty country roads with plenty of good scenery. The kind our Triumphs love. Lots of good food prepared by Ada at the Amish farm. Let me know as soon as possible if you have a favorite flavor of pie and I'll see if I can get Ada to make one for dessert along with the butterscotch pie(s) that she is already planning to make.

The meal will cost \$14 per person plus tip. The cost of the meal must be paid in advance. The tip is up to the individual at the time of the meal. If you are planning to participate please send your check in the amount of \$14 per person made out to Bob Twaddle, 6445 Twp Rd 289 Salineville, OH 43945 Checks must be received by May 19, 2007 in order to let the farm know how many to prepare for. Feel free to come on the run even if you can't stay for the meal at the Amish farm. There are two towns (Berlin and Charm) close by with gift shops for anyone that wants to do some shopping after dinner.

We anticipate a 10 am start with a couple of bathroom breaks on the way and arriving at the Amish farm around 2pm. Total mileage should be around 100. We will be starting from the Kings off the Rt 43 Wintersville exit. Directions coming from the Pittsburgh area, Take Rt 22 west, once entering Ohio stay on Rt 22 West to Rt 43 Wintersville-Carrolton exit. Up the ramp to the light. Looking to the right you will see Kings on the other side of the road. Turn right and a quick left into the Kings lot. If you have any questions give me a call at 740-768-2190.

All British Car Display Day

On Saturday, the 26th of May, the Kent Masonic Lodge will host their 5th annual British Car Display Day, with guided tours of the Marvin Kent Family Homestead, located at 409 West Main Street (corner of St. Rt. 43 and old St. Rt. 5). The show on the sprawling lawn of the Victorian home, shaded by large trees, will have North Coast Triumph Association, Northeast Ohio Austin-Healey Club, Emerald Necklace MG Registry, and North American Spitfire Squadron in attendance. There will be twenty five classes with trophies, plus best of show.

Arthur Treachers Fish & Chips will be on site serving their word famous fish and chips, for an authentic British experience. There will be live music by Celtic Clan and The Akron and District Bagpipers.

Pre registration: \$12.00 per vehicle. Registration day of show: \$15.00. First 100 receive dash plaques and ditty bags. Registration forms available from Wil Schweitzer at wilandlin-da@hotmail.com or (724) 356-7341.

Foot traffic only and no pets permitted on the grounds.

Submitted Anonymously, printed without comment

Q. What do you call the shock absorbers inside an MG?
A. Passengers.

Two guys in a MG were arrested last night in London following a push-by shooting incident.

A friend went to a parts store the other day and said, "I'd like a gas cap for my MG." The dealer replied, "Okay. Sounds like a fair trade."



Calendar of Events

- May 5** **Tune-up Clinic**
Roy Miller's,
Doug Foyle 724-452-5218
- May 6** **Northeast Ohio Car Show & Flea Market**
Dick Gaier 412-371-7731
and Fred Segal 412-421-8602
- May 12** **WPTA Flea Market, Mini Carlisle**
Ed Major 412-488-1600 X207
- May 17-20** **WPTA at Import Carlisle**
Ed Major for rooms 412-488-1600 X207
Jim Shaw to sell parts 412-262-3878
- May 29** **Newsletter Meeting, (Tuesday)**
5pm-Typecraft/6pm-Michael's Pizza Bar
- Jun 2** **Ohio Adventure**
Bob Twaddle 740-768-2190
- 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 30** **Quaker Steak & Lube,
with stop at Scott Harper's**
PJ Wright 412-833-4142
- Jul 14** **British Car Day at Schenley Park**
- 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** **Driving Event, Location to be determined**
PJ Wright 412-833-4142
- Aug 25** **Driving Event, Location to be determined**
Don Harkus 724-284-9172

~ Event Of Other Interest ~

- May 26** **The Brits Are Back at Hope Lodge**
Hope Lodge Historic Sight
610-825-2617 or flyer at
www.delvaltrs.org/events.htm
- 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**

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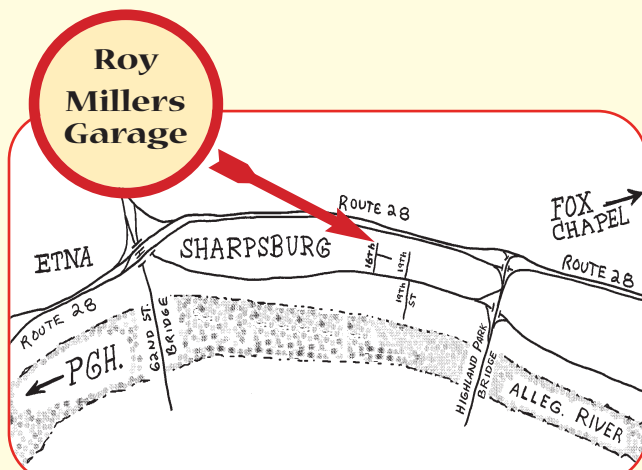
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May 12th, Mini Carlisle, on the South Side
May 5, Tune Up Clinic at Roy Miller's
May 18, 19 & 20, Import Carlisle

Tune Up Clinic Saturday May 5th at Roy Miller's Garage in Sharpsburg

Starts around 9 am or so!



Import Carlisle May 18, 19 & 20

Directions: Take PA Turnpike to
Carlisle exit, turn right!

