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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

Winter is almost here, and the last of the scheduled runs/tours have taken place. I missed That Dam Tour due to obligations to the Hickory Apply Festival, but I understand that it went very well. Thanks Ken, for a job well done. I did drive my "2000" Roadster to the Anniversary Picnic without any problems.

It has a top speed of 55 mph., so you won't see it on many runs. The Anniversary Run and Picnic were very well attended and everyone seemed to enjoy themselves. Thanks Gary and Lynne, for the run, and thanks to Rich and Judy for the picnic. The Fall Leaf Tour, last run/tour of 2007, was also well attended with longtime members, Ralph and Patricia Andrus taking part in their first tour. I hope that they enjoyed the day and will be on some tours next year. Thanks Don, for a good tour and a great choice for lunch. Shakespeare's is really special.

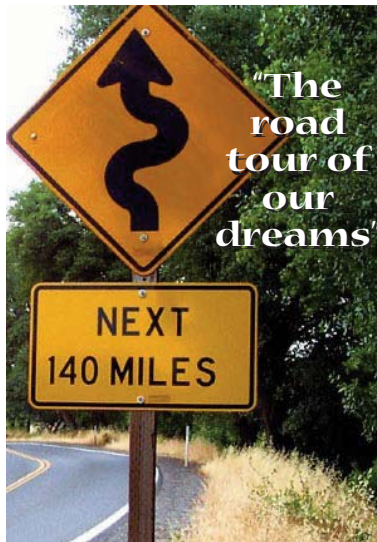


Photo by Mike Yurko

On Saturday, November 10th, we will have our Election Meeting at King's in Wexford. I am stepping down as president, after four years, so that office has to be filled. To my knowledge, only Don (a man of few words) Harkus has agreed to run. Nominations are open to all members in good standing. If you are interested in running, have a member nominate you at the meeting. If you want to nominate a member, make certain that he or she is willing to serve. Weather permitting (no salt on roads), I plan to drive a Triumph to the meeting. How about you doing the same.

I want to thank my fellow officers for their support during my tenure. Our vice-president Gary Fredo, our secretary Dexter Stoltz, and our treasurer Bruce (we got money) Stutzman have all been a great help to me. I also want to thank my chairmen who really did most of the work. Events chairman Gary Fredo, membership chairman Richard Dick, newsletter editor Bruce Stutzman, newsletter publisher Ed Major, webmaster Dexter Stoltz, and British Car Day chairmen Roy Miller and Woody McVicker. Special thanks to all the workers at British Car Day during the four years, especially Ed and Tina Woods and Scott and Erin Permar in registration, Diane McVicker and Linda Schweitzer at the tent, Jim Stoffel field manager, and Dan McGowan with door prizes and auction.

Thanks to all who organized events and the members who participated in those events for making my years as president a real pleasure.

Wil

Elections! Elections!

The election of new officers for WPTA will be held at King's Restaurant at 10AM on November 10. This is the King's on Rt 910 just off the Wexford exit on I79. You can order a late breakfast or early lunch off King's menu so bring your appetite along. There is also a rumor going around that there may be an after meeting get together at the bar at Carmody's which is on the other side of I79 from King's. This is also a great time to get involved with British Car Day. The driving season may be just now ending but it's never too early to volunteer to help with next year's BCD. Just contact one of the officers with your interests.

Gary

No Meeting, Meeting

The No Meeting, Meeting will be held at 1:00 pm on December 15 at the Cranberry Quaker Steak & Lube. This is always a well attended event. A great opportunity for some bench racing, wings and beers after a morning of holiday shopping. More details in next month's newsletter.

Mr. Cool Rides Again In His TR3

by Hershey Dugan

September 20, beautiful day in Pittsburgh. Cool in the morning, hotter as the day was to proceed. My plan was to take I79N to 422, pick up Bob King and drive over to Larry Learns' place in Clymer. I need to pick up some side curtains he made for my TR3. Make sure they fit.

As I'm leaving the Pittsburgh area and heading toward Cranberry top down, sunglasses, light jacket with the collar up and a Macanuda cigar. Hyde Park. I couldn't have felt better or for that matter looked better. Felt like 16 again in my '47 Chevy convertible.

Just then the wind blew the cigar ash into my face and left eye. It wasn't hot or anything but of my two bad eyes, both with contacts, the left is the good one.

Now, I can't see crap, my eye hurts and tearing, I'm looking for a Kleenex or something. Nothing, so I'm rubbing the eye carefully not to knock out the lens. I rub some of the sun-block I put on and its now burning like hell.

I'm thinking of pulling over, but it was easier to judge the road than pull off with the bad eye. So I'm blinking a lot, keep the car straight. I lean over to spit out the driver's side and sure as s---t, it comes back and hits me in my right and only eye.

Now, I'm really screwed, can't see, can't pull over, blinking, hoping to get some vision. Got rid of the cigar and stayed the course. I felt more like Magoo than cool.

I did make it to Bob King's, cleaned the contact lenses. We had a good laugh and a really fun ride to Larry's.



Photo by Linda Schweitzer

Ed and Wil with the first in class trophy - yes there really was a young Wil Schweitzer

An Old Friend Revisited

By Ed (club storyteller) Major

It has been some time since Wil Schweitzer's 2000 Triumph Roadster has been to a club event. So long in fact that quite a few members were astonished to see such a car in our midst, it was the hit of the event. And seeing it back on the road at the Clubs Anniversary Run brought back great memories for me that I would like to share with you.

It was back in the infancy of the club, July of 1978, that Wil had asked me to co-pilot his prized Roadster to the '78 Vintage Triumph Register's National Meet at Indianapolis Motor Speedway. I had just met Wil that winter as the club formed, and we quickly became good friends. I accepted his offer with great anticipation. We left the 'burgh early that July morning, I drove over to Wil's in my TR3 and left it in his garage, and we were off. Wil drove to Buckeye Lake Ohio on I-70 and after lunch he handed the driving duties over to me. This was my first time driving a right hand drive vehicle and to compound the difficulty, the column three speed shifter is backwards compared to an American car, 2nd gear was where reverse should be and 1st and 3rd switched. But I managed to get the car rollin' and soon we were in Columbus. Ah yes, Columbus, with a noon time traffic jam. Stop start grind coast, stop start grind coast, hey, I'm starting to get the hang of this.

The whole trip was a smashing success, highlights include a first place trophy for the Roadster (367 points out of 400, thank goodness for long term memory), two memorable laps around the Indianapolis 500 track (go ahead Wil, pass that pace car!), sleeping at the "Speedway Motel" (I wonder if I had Mario Andretti's room), watching some VTR guys trying to lift an Amphacar over the swimming pool fence (do you think it will float until morning? Hey, let's have another beer and watch!) and wondering at 60 MPH if 5 to 7 pounds of oil pressure was enough? That's right, Wil drove that car for 25 years with 5 pounds of oil pressure.

All I know is that was the farthest I had ever ventured from home in a Triumph, up to that time, and the last time I worried about whether or not a Triumph could make it.

From then on Wil, Linda and the Roadster were regulars at VTR and TRA conventions and our local events. Wil always ran the VTR autocrosses with it, albeit at a leisurely pace. It won best of show at our first two British Car Days at Hartwood. The Roadster always turned heads everywhere it went.

The last few years it has been off the road for an engine rebuild and some needed care. It is great to see it back in all its glory.

Photo by P.J. Wright

A Great Anniversary Run

by Richard Dick

The 30th Anniversary Run & Picnic was a huge success! Gary & Lynne Fitzgerald did a truly outstanding job of putting the run together. The 63 mile run started at the Cracker Barrel in New Stanton and went through beautiful country side, a covered bridge and many small towns Southeast of Pittsburgh. All ended at my house for a picnic. Fortunately for us the weather cooperated and we were able to enjoy the outdoors. Judy had the snacks ready for the first arrivals. The only ones to get lost were Wil and Linda in their Roadster. What can we say! The main course was then served and enjoyed by all. Wil did the honors of cutting the cake. The entire day turned out to be a "10" thanks to all 57 people who came.

Ed Note: The club wants to thank Judy and Rich for inviting the club to their home, parking over 35 cars on their lawn and throwing one heck of a great party, plus the great anniversary cake



Photos by P.J. Wright

Three charter members (Wil, Woody and Ed) cutting the 30th Anniversary cake.

The Roadster at the 30th Anniversary run



Photo by P.J. Wright

The Meaning Of Membership

What constitutes a good WPTA club member? I guess that any member who has paid their dues could be considered a member in good standing. But then you have those who go beyond the call to duty, those who give of their time and energy. We could consider these folks great club members. But every once in awhile you get that special someone who literally throws them self under the proverbial bus for his fellow members . . .

To Ken Mikos: Everyone leaving Shakespeare's after the Fall Leaf Tour, who had a drink, (including Mike), and traveling on the road between the restaurant and Zelenople, would like to thank you for running interference for us.

It was a very unselfish and courageous act, and was very much appreciated.



Photo by Ken Mikos



Sandy's Pumpkin Doodads for every member Vote for Don Harkus for President

Paid for by the committee to Elect Don Harkus

Fall Leaf Tour

by Don Harkus

This year the sun and rain cooperated with us, it was a beautiful day. Great turn out of people I believe it was about 21 cars. As you know the tour took us through the country side with just a few hick-ups. I hope everyone felt safe on the run as Police where out in force this day. We stopped at Yeck's Farm to pick a pumpkin or two and have a glass of hot cider and from there it was off to Duffy's tavern for a quick stop. Then time was getting short for us so on with the trip through McConnell's Mill and onto Shakespeare's Restaurant at 2:15, what a great place to eat and partake in the conversation of others. I would like to thank Sandy for making the pumpkin decoration that was sent home with everybody, and just a reminder that if you speed you will get caught.

Gary Fitzgerald holding the crowd spellbound at the start of the Anniversary Run



Photo by Don Harkus

That Dam Tour!

By Ken Mikos

I think that we can claim that the DAM TOUR on October 6th was a success.

Over 25 assorted cars that included Austin Healeys, MG's, Triumph's and even a Porsche traveled the area's best country roads. Add in a cloudless sky with temperatures hovering in the 80's and you have a winning formula.

One hitch put a damper on the DAM TOUR, that DAM missing stop sign (DAM PENNDOT). But with cell phones working overtime, the problem was soon rectified with no cars lost. After the run great food, beverage and conversation was had by all at the Kiski Valley Inn.

Two other dam problems that occurred during the run;

1. Spirited driving and a bad fasteners helped Ray Santini lose his TR3 spare tire cover which was recovered with minimal damage

2. Gary Fredo's dam Spitfire experienced minor problems that worsened as the day went on (see picture, note handicap sign) prompting a call at the end of the day for spare parts

Thanks to all the participated, we hope to see you on next years DAM RUN.

Holiday Party

This year the January holiday party will be held in the Monroeville area. You don't want to miss this event as it is always a great time plus there will be the presentation of the drivers award. Additional information and sign up coupon will be in next month's newsletter.

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Vehicles for Sale: 1977 Triumph Bonneville 750 motorcycle w/ less than 2000 miles, original condition-\$5500, 1971 Chevrolet Blazer K-5 4x4 350 engine bright red w/ black interior, recent restoration, convertible top, roll bar. Sharp truck-\$14,900**, 1965 Triumph TR 4 Old English White w/blue interior and top, restored, Stage II engine, overdrive \$28,000**, 1967 Triumph 4A solid axle Red w/black interior, solid driver-\$7900**, 1967 Triumph TR4A solid axle Red w/black interior, project car-\$7000, 1971 Triumph TR 6 Carmine w/tan interior, painted wire wheels \$9500**, 1984 Austin Mini Silver, LHD, solid, sharp, excellent-\$9500**, 1982 Jaguar XJ6 41,000 mile California car, white w/black interior. NO RUST, runs perfect-\$10,500** - **Vehicles PA inspected and licensed. Located in York, PA., Rich Roenigk: cell # 717-487-1795

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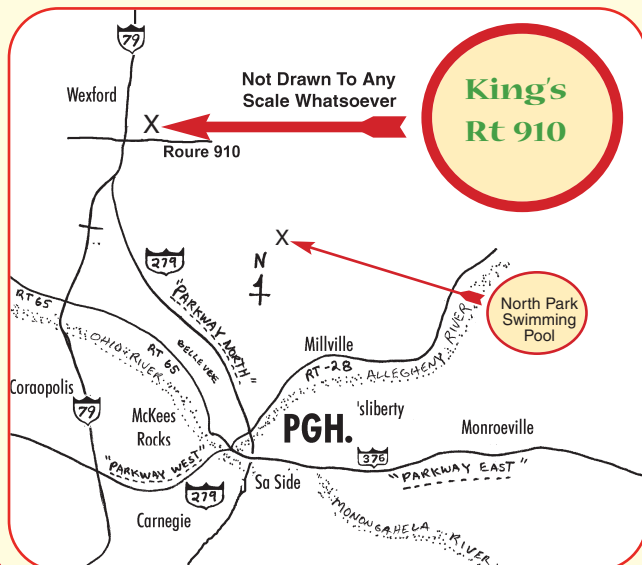
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November 10th, Election Meeting at Kings in Wexford

November Meeting

November 10, 2007

Meet at the King's in Wexford, right of I-79
Starts at 10 am



Calendar of Events

- Nov 10 Election Meeting,
Kings in Wexford - 10 am
- Nov 26 Newsletter Meeting,
5pm-Typecraft/6pm-Michael's Pizza Bar
- Dec 15 No Meeting, Meeting,
Cranberry Quaker Steak & Lube
- Jan ?? 2008 Holiday Party,
Ken Mikos 412-795-8248
- Jan 19 Steering Committee Meeting
Excuses on the South Side
10 am
- May16-18 Import Carlisle
- Jan ?? 2008 Holiday Party,
Date and location to be determined
- 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