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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

Spring is here, along with the April showers. Our March events took place under poor weather conditions. The meeting at the Church Brew Works, while well attended, saw just a few Triumphs in the parking lot. I think that there was too much salt on the roads for British steel. The joint meeting with the Greater Pittsburgh MG Club, two weeks later, at the Starting Line Cafe, was also well attended but short on Triumphs in the lot. Actually there were four, one more than at the Church Brew Works. Once again, P. J. Wright had the top down on his TR6, even though it was sprinkling rain. At least it has been warm enough to work in my garage.

Our next meeting is on April 14th, at the Cranberry Quaker Steak & Lube. Hopefully the weather will be warm and sunny. We have a special parking area reserved for our sports cars, as well as a special seating area for our meeting. I hope to see a good turnout once again.

The warm weather has given me a chance to work on my cars, especially the 2000 Roadster, which is almost ready to have its rebuilt engine fired up. It should be ready for British Car Day in July. For my TR4A, I bought one of the new wooden dash boards from The Roadster Factory. It really is a work of art. If you are considering replacing your wooden dash, check out those available from The Roadster Factory.

WPTA is a chapter of the Vintage Triumph Register. We get our club's insurance, at special cost, through this national organization. The Vintage Triumph Register is dedicated to the maintenance, preservation, and enjoyment of the Triumph marque. For the past few years we haven't had a delegation at the VTR national convention. This year the convention is at King of Prussia, PA, in July. I am considering attending, for at least a couple of days. If you are interested in going, please contact me by phone at (724) 356-7341 or email at wilandlinda@hotmail.com.

Wil

Tunin'

by Douggy

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

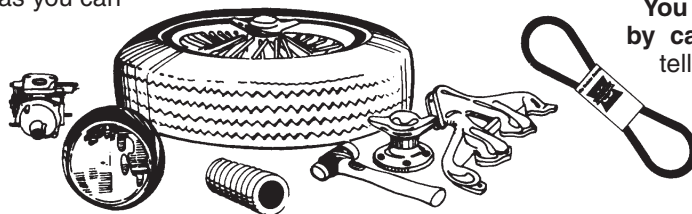
Come join us with or without your Triumph and kick off the 2007 driving season.. The Roadster Factory will be there with an assortment of tune up parts. If you call in advance with an order and designate it for the WPTA Tune Up Clinic, you will receive a discount plus free shipping. Scott Schober has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



General Meeting
April 14, 2006 - 1:00PM

Cranberry Quaker Steak & Lube

Everyone had such a great time at the December meeting that we decided to go back again. The Cranberry Quaker Steak & Lube has agreed to open their doors at 1:00 on April 14 for our general meeting. This time we will be in the bar that is to the right when you come in the front door. This will be a private room with both high and low tables as well as our own private bar so lets fill it up! They will also reserve some parking spaces for our collector cars so this will be a good event to bring out your car. This event will count towards the drivers award, so, if you want to stay in the running bring your Triumph out to the lube. Questions? Call Gary at 724-378-9610.

Import-ant Carlisle

Or why we travel all that way for a beer

May 18, 19 and 20.

by Ed Major

Over the years, I have found many bargains for my Triumphs at Import Carlisle; three out of the four TR250 fenders are from there, plus the wheels. Some vendors are there every year like old friends, some are just there to sell off parts from a parts car, and some, like WPTA members, are just cleaning out from their last Triumph project. But be assured, there will be lots and lots of parts. But there is more; 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.

I have reserved 14 rooms at the Howard Johnson for WPTA members, just a bit north of the Turnpike exit, at \$93 per night. If you split with a friend, it's a mere \$47. The Inn has a good restaurant and a great bar, although I have never met a bar I didn't like! The hotel will hold available rooms until **May 1st** and are reserved for Friday and Saturday nights.

You can reserve your room by calling 717-243-5411 and telling them you are with the Western Pa Triumph Association (or Ed Major).

Driving Tour Etiquette?

OR: Why We Do It the Way We Do

by Bud Osbourne

ED NOTE. *With the summer driving season almost here, Bud gives us some sage advice to drive by. Small groups are a good thing and send the hot shoes off first.*

First, why break our touring group into several, small groups? There are a couple of reasons for this. The first reason should be fairly obvious: SAFETY. When you put more than, say, four cars in a touring group, traveling over unfamiliar roads, with many potential distractions (roadside scenery, route instructions/gimmick rally questions, car maybe not running just right, etc.), you dramatically increase the potential for a chain-reaction collision between those cars. You don't want to get left behind and get lost, so, you tend to follow the car in front of you like your life depends on it. The guy behind you does the same thing, as does the guy behind him, and so on. THEN, the guy leading the group has to spend a lot more time watching his rear view mirrors, making sure that big group is still together. This greatly increases the likelihood that the lead car will have to make a sudden stop.

Also, in the event of a mechanical problem, it is much less hazardous to have a small group of three or four LBCs stopped along a narrow, country road than it is to have six or eight or ten stopped and creating a major traffic hazard for others trying to get around them, safely.

Another reason to travel in small groups is that small groups tend to be able to travel a bit more efficiently over back roads. Translation: small groups are more likely to travel at a speed which doesn't impede the flow of regular, local traffic. Large groups tend to travel somewhat slowly, and slow up local traffic.

Second, there is a wide range of driving styles among our membership, but they can be broken down into three distinct groups: 1.) Some like to travel at a stately pace, taking adequate time to commit all scenery to memory. 2.) Others among us like to move at a more brisk pace, while still taking time to admire the scenery. 3.) And some like to haul ass.

At this stage in our lives, we tend to fall into one of the three above-described categories. None is, necessarily, good or bad or indifferent (as long as you're DRIVING your classic, they're all pretty darn good). It's just part of who we've become, at this stage in life. What I have learned, from years of observation, is that each of us falls into one of the above, three categories, but only one of them. You IS what you IS. Don't run with the fast guys if you aren't naturally in that category. You won't enjoy the tour and neither will they. You will want them to drive slower and they will want you to drive faster. Safety can then become an issue.

Whichever category you fall into, you will find plenty of good company. But, for safety sake, as well as out of consideration for all of us, keep the above-mentioned things in mind, when you are deciding which group you want to tour with. Just be honest with yourself about your preferences and capabilities and choose your touring group accordingly. We will all enjoy the tour much more as a result.

Bud

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! Bring your parts, bring some money.

The Last Open Road Auto Olympics

by Bruce Stutzman

Now, this sounds like a really great time! The Last Open Road Auto Olympics at VIR on Gold Cup weekend hosted by Burt Levy and sponsored by Classic Motorsports magazine.

VIR is Virginia International Raceway in Danville, VA. The Gold Cup is their festival vintage race weekend. But, you already knew all that. This year it is on June 8-10.

The absolutely stunning drive thru the West Virginia and western Virginia mountains from Pittsburgh to Danville is reason enough to go; but many of us already know that too because we've driven it to this very event.

The olympics will consist of 4 fun events: autocross, car show, tour of the track and a gimmick rally. Individual and club winners will be determined by Burt and he's not telling what his criteria will be. He warns, however, that he can be diabolical.

The entry fee is \$125. That gets 2 people into the track for the weekend, lunch and participation in the olympics. If 6 cars enter from the same club the cost will be \$100 each.

Let's enter 6 cars; we'll sure as hell win the club award. MGs of Baltimore won't know what hit them.

More info on www.virclub.com. Click on Last Open Road Auto Olympics.

Ohio Adventure – June 2nd

by Bob Twaddle

I would like to invite all that can make it for a fun drive in eastern Ohio out to the Holmes county area for dinner at a real Amish working farm. Ada will be fixing chicken, beef, mashed potatoes, dressing, green beans, cole slaw and pies. We asked for a butter-scotch pie and if there is a favorite you prefer to have then let me know and she will make that. The number of participants will decide on how many pies she makes. She may make another dish of some sort but this is the main meal.

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.

There will be about a three hour drive on our way out to the Amish farm. We will be driving many of the same roads as last year on the way and then some new roads as we get closer to Amish country. Total mileage should be around 100. Plenty of twisty roads and lots of good scenery. 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 10am start with a couple of bathroom breaks on the way and arriving at the Amish farm around 2pm. 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.

Classified

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

A Note from Charles about Summer Party 2007

July 13-15, 2007

There has been a little controversy about having Summer Party on the dates which I have suggested, which happens to be British Car Day weekend, in Pittsburgh.

Actually, some of TRF staff had suggested the weekend after the VTR convention, which is the week after British Car Day. We strongly considered this, but the VTR objected to our having it then, as they believe that it would destroy their awards banquet, for which they are charging separately.

Personally, I believe that, if we are to have Summer Party this year, it needs to be held at dates adjacent to those of the VTR Convention. Out-of-State Triumph enthusiasts will not come twice to Pennsylvania in one summer. Therefore, we need to catch them either coming or going. After giving it some more thought, I agree that having it after VTR would not be good for either event. That leaves having it the weekend before VTR and the same weekend as British Car Day.

Some of you believe that having Summer Party on British Car Day weekend is a bad idea, but actually I think it could be a brilliant one, not just for Summer Party but for Summer Party, for British Car Day, and for VTR. Now, I don't want anyone to think that I am trying to steal their thunder, and I would not presume to say that Summer Party is being held in conjunction with the other events, unless the other groups agree with me that banding together would be a good idea.

I plan to advertise that Summer Party is going to be held the same weekend as British Car Day and The Vintage Grand Prix. I also plan to leave time in the Summer Party schedule for Summer Party attendees to attend British Car Day. Think what a great draw this would be for Triumph enthusiasts driving from the northwest, the west, and the southwest. They can break their trip in Pittsburgh or at TRF, and they can attend one of the very best British Car Day events in the country. They can also get a good look at the cutest vintage race in America, and they can attend Summer Party, camping at TRF for a very good price. Then, they can rest for a day, and on Monday or Tuesday, they can caravan across Pennsylvania to attend VTR in Valley Forge. Maybe a few more WPTA members would also decide to attend VTR this year.

We are planning a simpler Summer Party this year to accommodate attendance at British Car Day. It will be more of a social event, and driving events will be kept to a minimum. Although I think we must do drag racing for a few guys who live all year for it. Maybe, it could be held at a less important time this year. We want to hold the drive-in theatre event this year. It is a very popular event, and it has been years since we have had it. Participants could come back to Indiana County after British Car Day late on Saturday afternoon, get cleaned up, and head for the drive-in theatre. We would do the car show on the street on Sunday. So, there you have a tentative schedule, drag racing Friday night, drive-in theatre on Saturday night, and the car show on Sunday. Some informal events like seminars and poker runs could keep everyone entertained in between. They could also shop the parts tent at TRF or stop at The Coventry Inn for fish & chips. Yes, The Inn is opening this spring, actually by the end of March.

I believe that my plan could result in a great attendance of Triumphs at British Car Day, drawing cars from very long distances, because they are on the way to VTR, and because they can break their trip at Summer Party. I think we can all have a marvelous time if we work together to improve all three events. Maybe we can also get more non-Triumphs to come up to Indiana from British Car Day to participate in our show on Sunday. Why don't we just try it this year and see what happens?

Charles A. Runyan
The Roadster Factory
March 8, 2007

Charles

The Great Cemetery Rally

A multi-club British car event by Rick & Nancy Brown

Sunday June 10, 2007

We're back in 2007 with another fun rally – this time to find clues hidden within several of Washington County's oldest and neatest cemeteries. This year's contest will divide the participants into groups of four to six cars. The winning team will have bragging rights until 2008. So if you have friends that you want to run with, bring them along.

We 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. 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.

Come on out for fun and friendship – Sunday, June 10, 2007 at noon. For additional information contact Rick Brown at (412) 818-1433 or email at brownrr@comcast.net.

Calendar of Events

- Apr 14** **General Meeting,**
at Cranberry Quaker Steak & Lube,
Approx 1pm
- Apr 23** **Newsletter Meeting,**
5pm-Typecraft/6pm-Michael's Pizza Bar
- 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
- Jun 2** **Ohio Adventure**
Bob Twaddle 740-768-2190
- Jun 10** **Cemetery Run, with MG club**
Rick Brown 412-818-1433

~ 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

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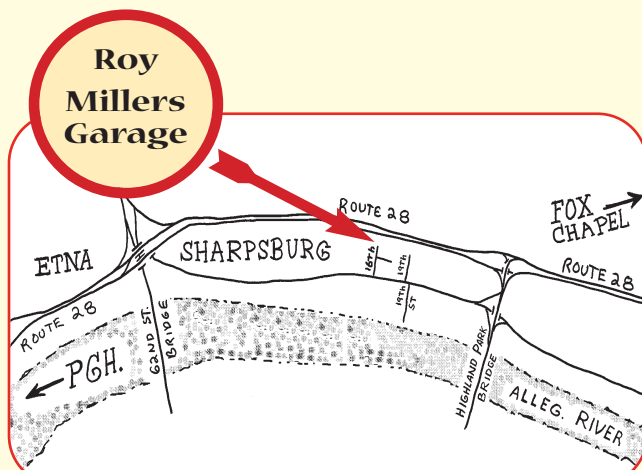
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May 5, Tune Up Clinic at Roy Miller's

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

Starts around 8 am or so!



Sat., April 14

Quaker Steak & Lube Cranberry

Special Triumph Parking

Starts at 1 pm

