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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.

The Crack Of Don

Hi there, another month has gone by, where does the time go? We had a few things last month. First was the Church Brewery, which I had a good time at. Then Bud had his Tech Session that I wasn't able to attend. Things just seem to be flying on by. In the month of April there is just one thing and that is on the 19th, which is a Saturday, which is the MG meeting at The Starting Line Café. We will start the busy season in May. We will be starting with The Tune-Up Clinic on May 3 at Roy's Garage.

On Saturday, March 29, Fred and I went to TEAM TRIUMPH. When we got there Scott was closed. We gave him a call on the phone and luckily he was at home. Scott said he would be glad to come over and open the store for us. This is like two little kids in a toy store, as you can imagine seeing, considering that I am working on my TR3A. Close to 4 hours and \$900 later, Scott, Fred and I, all with smiles on our faces, said our Good-bys and we where off. Now that the frame, body tub, and most of the sheet metal has been sand blasted and is in primer: "thanks to Fred and others" I am off to a great start in getting this TR on the road.

Don



Don's project TR3

Cars & Coffee

by Rick Brown

Plans are underway to develop a Cars & Coffee breakfast club, to meet once or twice a month on a weekday for food, conversation, and perhaps a morning drive. This will be as informal as possible, so you do not have to commit to meeting every month. If you are interested, and would like to be placed on the email list, please send a note with your address to Rick Brown at brownrr1@verizon.net. Details of the first meet will be printed in the May newsletter.

CarTunes And Other Junk

by Douggy

8:00AM, May 3rd at Roy Miller's garage, in Sharpsburg, are the particulars for this year's addition of the Tune Up Clinic.

The Roadster Factory will be in attendance with a table of tune up parts. Place an order in advance and notify the TRF representative that it is for the WPTA Tune Up Clinic, and you will get free freight (MGB body tubs not included).

Scott Schober has kindly donated a 55 gallon drum of 20w-50. Drive or tow your car in and get some work completed to prepare it for the driving season. The cars must be out of Roy's garage by 5:00PM.

Any projects beyond oil changes and tune ups, please contact Doug Foyle at (724) 452-5218.

This year, we are also going to be having a flea market (Mini Carlisle) on site. If you have any salable car parts that you would like to have clog up someone else's garage, bring them along. We will provide you the opportunity to sell them.

We will be calling out for lunch. Bring your own beverage. Hope to see you there!

Starting Line Racing Cafe'

It's that time of year for lunch at the Starting Line Racing Cafe'. The date is Saturday April 19th and the meeting time is 1 PM. The beer is cold and the food is great!! It's the perfect time for socializing and getting out to start the driving season after this past winter. The Cafe' is located at 1420 Washington Road (Route 19 and north of Washington PA and also very close to the Meadowlands Casino). Get off I-79 at exit 60, go over to Route 19 via Racetrack Road, turn left at the light and then a right into the parking lot. Better yet, map out some British car roads to travel on since the weather should be nice by then. In previous years this event was held in March. Any questions please contact Richard Dick at 724.379.5172 or email britcarnuts@comcast.net.

New Email for Dzus Dnuz Information

by Ed Major

There will be a change for submitting information for the Dnuz. Please use: ejmajortr3a@comcast.net instead of ejmajor@typecraftpress.com

Please continue to send duplicate information to both Bruce and Ed, Bruce's address is stutzmans@comcast.net

Ohio Adventure

by Bob Twaddel

Don't forget to mark your calendars for WPTA's first driving event of 2008 on June 7th. The Ohio adventure will kick off this year's driving season. We will start at King's Restaurant in Wintersville Ohio, same place as last year. Plan to arrive by 9:30 so we can have a driver's meeting with the first car off by 10 am. Additional details in next months newsletter. I promise it will warm up in time for the event!

An Auxiliary Power Source in Your TR

by Bruce Stutzman

Would you like to charge your cell phone or maybe use a GPS or radar detector in your TR? You can. An accessory plug is really easy to install. I put one in my TR4 last summer to charge my cell phone.

Buy NAPA part #782-1635 Auxiliary Power Source. It costs less than \$10 and includes the plug with lid and a mounting bracket. I mounted it under the cubby box where the support brace bolts to the dash. I put a ring terminal on the black ground wire and grounded it to the mounting bolt.

I then ran the red wire through an existing hole in the firewall that has a grommet and attached it to the battery positive terminal (I converted my car to negative ground years ago). I was done! By connecting it to the battery it is always hot; the ignition doesn't have to be on for it to operate. It is an independent circuit and has not been spliced to any other wire or switch. The best way to connect any wire to a battery post is with a ring terminal big enough to fit on the cable clamp bolt.

I didn't fuse it. It is not a cigarette lighter that uses 10 to 12 amps to heat the element. It uses less than an amp to charge a cell phone. Some other accessories may use a bit more. But if you must, fuse it close to the power source (battery).

If you don't want it to be hot when the ignition is off, put a female terminal on the red wire and run it to the fuse box. Connect it to the fuse with the green wires (A4). It is now also fused. TR6 has more fuses than a TR4 but still connect it at the green wires.



Western Pennsylvania Triumph Association

Photo of the Month

WPTA Calendar of Events
(see Events for full list)

Date	Event
Sep 19	Dogs with Fogs

Ed Woods 412

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the adventure begins here!

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Join us fast and easy!

Internet Reminders

by Ed Major

I want to remind everyone to keep their email address current with the WPTA Membership Chairperson Richard Dick. This is the only way I have of keeping my email reminder database up to date. Rich automatically forwards all changes to me and I update the list. Last month there were eight Adelphia users that had failure messages on the monthly reminders, my guess is that Adelphia to Comcast switchover has expired. So please send all address and email changes to Rich at: britcarnuts@comcast.net

Altoona Candid

WPTA members having a ball on the gymkhana course at the very popular September event in "Toona Town" last year. So, who knew Bob King was such a chick magnet.

Photos by Hershey Dugan



Bob King and Christean Dugan



Rich Brown and Rich



Bob King and Joan Gibbs

Carlisle Approaches

by Ed Major

It is getting close to crunch time to get a room for Import Carlisle. WPTA is moving to a new headquarters, the Hotel Carlisle. Mike Yurko has scouted a better facility for us and has blocked off a group of rooms under WPTA. You can make your reservation by calling 1-800-692-7315 and saying that you're with the Western PA Triumph Association and get our group rate of \$111.95 plus tax for two beds. The place has a nice restaurant, a bar, indoor pool and an exercise room (get to the exercise room early because you know that those TR guys will fill the place!). The Hotel is located on US 11, just north of the I-81 interchange and the Turnpike.

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FOR SALE: TR-3 Rayon Loop-pile carpet set, tan. Roadster Factory # GTCT33, Roadster price \$399.95 plus tax and shipping, buy now! \$237,50 no tax Hershey Dugan 412-559-6008. hershey.dugan@pittsburghmoves

WANTED: A complete body for a 1963TR3A, would like one finished to primer coat. do not need interior parts. I can be contacted a raglink@verizon.net.

WANTED: Members Bill and Diana Repack are interested in driving their TR-6 to New England and possibly Nova Scotia some time this summer. Anyone interested in coming along? Call Bill @ 412 262 5055 or email: billrepack@comcast.net

Attention - Only A Few Remain

If you have been putting off ordering a name badge or two, wait no longer. I have only a few blank badges, with the WPTA logo. When they are gone, there won't be anymore for quite awhile. The price is still \$5.00 each, which includes engraving and shipping to your address.

To order send payment along with the name or names printed, and your address to: Wil Schweitzer, 20 Grandview Ave., Hickory, PA 15340.



Would You Buy One?

by Ed Major

Pictured above is the proposed new Triumph. I had an interesting discussion with a few Triumph guys recently about the car that BMW may build. Would you buy one? That was the question. I think that there would be a decent market for it as I see a lot of our members driving Miata's, Solstice's, Boxster's and the like. These are people who drove Triumphs back in the old days (maybe like me because it was a poor mans Jaguar) and are now a little further along with their lives and presumably a little better off. The house may be paid for, the kids out of college, what else do you need? This is just some food for thought because there is no new Triumph as of now, but maybe someday on the horizon . . .

Calendar of Events

- April 28** **Newsletter Meeting,**
6pm-Michael's Pizza Bar
- May 3** **Tune-up Clinic & Mini Carlisle**
Date & location to be determined,
Doug Foyle 724-452-5218
- May 15-18** **WPTA at Import Carlisle**
Rooms 1-800-692-7315
Jim Shaw to sell parts 412-262-3878
- May 4** **British Swap Meet & Car Show, Salon OH**
Dick Gaier 412-371-7731
Fred Segal 412-421-8602
- June 7** **Ohio Adventure**
Bob Twaddle 740-768-2190
- June 29** **Rallye, with MG club**
Rick Brown 412-969-0118
- July 19** **British Car Day at Schenley Park**
- July 19-20** **Pittsburgh Vintage Gran Prix**
- July 26** **Johnstown Run, with MG club**
Richard Dick 724-379-5172
- Aug 2** **Nite Owl Rallye,**
Doug Foyle 724-452-5218
- Aug 13** **Quaker Steak & Lube,**
Bud Osbourne 724-356-4464
- Aug 16** **(EMR) Early Morning Run**
PJ Wright 412-833-4142
- Aug 24** **Garage Tour**
Fred Segal 412-421-8602
and Dick Gaier 412-371-7731
- Sept 7** **Ohio Run**
Paul Wunderlin 724-775-1977
- Sept 21** **Dogs with Hogs**
Fred Williams SATTP 421-334-1674
or Don Harkus 724-284-9172
- Sept 27** **Anniversary Run,**
Gary Fitzgerald 724-696-5824
- Oct 18** **Fall Leaf Tour**
Ken Mikos 412-795-8248
- Nov 15** **Election Meeting,**
Location to be determined
- Dec 13** **No Meeting, Meeting,**

~ Events Of Other Interest ~

- April 19** **MG Lunch at Starting Line Cafe**
Richard Dick britcarnuts@comcast.net
- May 24** **Northeast Ohio Car Show**
Bob Brown: triumph727781@sbcglobal.net
- June 11-15** **Triumph Register of America**
2008 National Meet, Huron Ohio
- June 19-21** **TRF Summer Party**
www.the-roadster-factory.com
- June 21** **MG Club Solstice Run**
- July 12-13** **PGVP Vintage Races, Beaverun**
- Aug 5-8** **2008 VTR National Meet**
Ypsilanti MI
- Sept 5-7 '08** **Vintage Races, Watkins Glen**
Triumph will be the featured Marque
at this event, it will be well attended by
WPTA
- Sept 5-7** **Degrosso Car Show, Altoona**
- Sept 21** **British Cars at Hartwood**
- Oct 5** **MG Foxburg Run**
- Oct 2-5** **Triumphfest 2008 Tahoe, NV**
www.triumphtravelers.org for ad'l info

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May 3, Tune Up Clinic & Mini Carlisle

**Saturday, May 3,
Tune Up Clinic
& Mini Carlisle**

around 8 am

**Roy
Miller's**

