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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

I hope that Santa was good to everyone. I know he was good to me, for I had to find a place to put two cars; a 59 TR3 and another 64 TR4. I know that they are going to be a lot of work, and that will be other story later.

January was a busy month "The Holiday Party" on the 5th was a great time, thanks to Ken! The Driving award was won by me (Don Harkus) again. Then, on the 19th, was the Steering Meeting. This year looks like it will have a lot of fun events. On the 26th, Fred & I got his 250 painted. This is going to be a wonderful car. January 27, Bud was to have a Tech session, but like all good plans some just don't come together, so it was rescheduled to later.

Tech session on rebuilding P J Wrights front end on **February 23rd** is to be at my new house at 195 Kriess Road Butler at 10:00 this should be a lot of fun call me if lost 724-822-5447

Don

CHURCH BREW WORKS

15 March 2008

by Dex

Here we find ourselves again ready for WPTA's annual Church Brew Works event, and there are many, many reasons to attend. A sampling: The CBW has been recognized as one of America's top small breweries. It's St. Patrick's Day weekend - parade at 10am, lunch at noon. More than likely, it will be one of the first nice days of the year (yeah, I'm willing to risk it by saying that). Great food. A chance to meet our new WPTA President, Don Harkus. If it IS nice, and you don't have your photo with your car in the photos section of the WPTA website, this is a great chance to check that off of your New Year's resolution list - I'll have my camera. Since people come and go at different times, we don't have a standing reservation - just show up "around noon" and head to the left where you will find the bar seating to enjoy the company, food and drink. Bring your TR

- President Harkus will be taking notes this time.

Dues Are Due

By Richard Dick

Thanks to all who have paid their dues. If your label section "Expires Dec. '07" is highlighted in pink, please take a moment and send me your \$20 made payable to "WPTA". Also, I would appreciate the membership keeping me updated on changes to email, address, cars, etc. We have about eight members who haven't forwarded us their email address from the old Adelphia system so they will be dropped off the email reminder list. Mail your payment and changes to Richard Dick, 106 Cypress Ave., Monongahela, PA 15063.

Rescheduled

Carburetor & Ignition Systems Seminar

by Bud Osbourne

As posted on our club website, and emailed to most of us on 1/24/08, the Carburetor & Ignition Systems Technical Seminar has been postponed until Sunday, March 30, at 1 PM. Among the reasons for the rescheduling was the greater possibility of a dry enough day for some of you to drive your Triumph (or MG) to the Seminar, where some specific carburetor and ignition demons may be exorcised by one of the Distinguished Disciples of Lord Lucas, or that Skinner dude. If you are having, or think you may be having carburetor & ignition problems, this seminar should get you to the point where (if you listen and learn well) you will never again have those problems, or, if you do; you can easily diagnose and rectify them.

What you can count on learning from the Seminar will be:

The origins of the word "carburetor", and how that is particularly pertinent to SU carburetors.

How to check a disassembled SU carburetor for wear, replace/repair worn parts, and reassemble correctly.

How to (properly) prepare for reinstallation of rebuilt carburetors FROM THE CYLINDER HEAD TO THE AIR FILTERS.

How to perform the static adjustments/settings, which are essential to proper function.

A thorough understanding of the theory and operation of our cars' ignition systems.

How to check Lucas distributors for wear, and correct function.

How to rectify distributor malfunctions/when to call in professional assistance.

How to correctly install and adjust a Lucas distributor.

How to correctly set ignition timing.

How to correctly adjust valve clearances. You will, also, learn why this should always be part of an engine tune-up.

Lecturers will be Professors Stutzman, Osbourne, and (if we can talk him into it) Woods.

We'll have a whole collection of disassembled, worn out/tortured carburetors and distributors on hand to illustrate some of the points we'll be making. We'll also have some new, Burlen Fuel Systems parts on hand, as well as some examples of aftermarket crap for you to look at.

Bring your own soft drinks & munchies. We'll have cold beer on hand, and we can chip in for pizza delivery at the end of the day.

February Meeting

On **February 9th** there will be a general membership meeting at **Dietch's Bar & Grill**, 272 Freeport Road in Blawnox. Starts around 1PM.

Steering Meeting Wrap Up

by Gary Fredo

Thanks to everyone that came to the Planning meeting and volunteered to coordinate an event this year, as well as thanks to those that couldn't make the meeting, but contacted me with an interest in coordinating an event. The calendar is still subject to change depending on event coordinator's schedules, etc so keep an eye on the newsletter for any possible updates. We have a lot of great events on the calendar; some new events and some repeat events. We had great attendance at the events last year, so if you didn't make it to an event in 2007, come on out this year so you don't miss out on all the fun.

The calendar is pretty full, but if anyone is interested in planning an event this year, but couldn't make the meeting; give me a call and I'll get you a date on the calendar.

A Great Holiday Party

by Ken Mikos

What a great success the Holiday party was. There where over 50 WPTA Members in attendance where friends new and old gathered to celebrate and triumph over the holiday season.

We had the opportunity to utilize a larger than life screen that projected hundreds of pictures from past driving events, PVGP's and club members. In addition, videos of the historic 1986 WPTA Sponsored VTR and a ten minute thrill ride down a winding country back road following the BRG TR3 of Tom Stricker filmed by no other then that exciting new cinematographer Mike "hand me another drink" Yurko where shown. When the group had their fill of the TRIUMPH's (and I never have enough), they forced a switch of channels to view the Steeler's loss over Jacksonville

In addition to all the Triumph stuff, several important announcements where made;

* Much to everyone's surprise Don Harkus was again the recipient of the Coveted Drivers Award. Will someone ever strip him of this title?

* The recent marriages of Richard/Judy Dick and Dexter/Jamie Stultz (what do those pretty girls see in them, must be their cars)

I would like to thank Dexter for all his diligent work on the pictures and videos in addition to Charles and Diane from the Roadster Factory (remember to buy often) who supplied the wonderful gifts and door prizes. (Ed Majors snow covered TR3 looked good on that hoodie).

Lastly, special thanks goes out to the staff at Pugliano's who provided outstanding service in addition to serving an exceptional fine meal that was enjoyed by all. In fact, they where so accommodating that we decided to hold the party there next year. So with plenty of notice mark 1/10/09 in your calendars for the 2009 WPTA Holiday Party.

~ Events Of Other Interest ~

April 19	MG Lunch at Starting Line Cafe Richard Dick britcarnuts@comcast.net
June 11-15	Triumph Register of America 2008 National Meet, Huron Ohio
June 21	MG Club Solstice Run
July 12-13	PGVP Vintage Races, Beaverun
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 Sept 5-7	DiGrosso Car Show, Altoona

For release: Immediately

Classic Motorsports magazine presents the Kastner Cup Vintage Race

It's like a planetary alignment for Triumph fans, only way cooler, since you can actually see it: Hundreds of historic Triumphs from around the globe are converging on Watkins Glen September 3-7 for the Kastner Cup Vintage Race, presented by Classic Motorsports magazine and Moss Motors.

Among the luminaries will be the famed Group 44 factory race cars, the first production Triumph sports car, and - of course - Kas Kastner, the legendary Triumph tuner, racer and head of the North American Triumph Competition Department.

It's all part of the Sportscar Vintage Racing Association's U.S. Vintage Grand Prix, the Grand Prix the largest vintage race weekend in the east. Kastner will present the Kastner Cup to the racer who best embodies the spirit of the marque and the event for the award. He'll also be on hand to assist racers and talk to fans of the marque.

TS01, a 1953 TR2 that holds the distinction of being the first production Triumph sports car off the line, will also be there. Joe Richards, who painstakingly restored TSO1 to its historic original specs, will be honored by Friends of Triumph, the North America-based group of Triumph racers and race fans.

Triumph enthusiasts and racers will also be welcomed into the Friends of Triumph Hospitality Tent and into the town of Watkins Glen, where the local Chamber of Commerce organizes the year-ly Grand Prix Festival on Friday.

Triumph enthusiasts have an opportunity to enter in a Triumph-only road rally, and selected SVRA race cars will make a trip down from the track, park on display, and then take parade laps of the original 6.6 mile street circuit.

For more information on this amazing weekend of vintage and historic racing go to ClassicMotorsports.net/kastner-cup or contact Tim Baxter at baxter@classicmotorsports.net.

Classic Motorsports, now in its 20th year of publication, is the hands-on magazine for the classic sports car enthusiast who appreciates the past but lives in the present. Anyone interested in obtaining a free sample of Classic Motorsports can request one through our Web site, classicmotorsports.net. For quicker service, please call the magazine's offices at (800) 520-8292.

WPTA Hospitality Tent to Appear at 2008

Watkins Glen Vintage Races.

by Jerry VanVlack

After being dormant for a few years WPTA will once again host a Hospitality Tent for all Triumph Racers and Enthusiasts at the Watkins Glen NY Vintage Grand Prix Race Festival to be held September 3-7, 2008. Our BCD Tent will become a focal point for all Triumph participants to gather and meet thorough out the weekend. It will be Triumph Central at the Track. We've done this numerous times at Friends of Triumph (FoT) events and the fans love it. WPTA expands its recognition beyond Pittsburgh.

Triumph is the Featured Marque this year and the focus will truly be on Triumphs. Racers from all over the US and maybe a few from the crown colonies and the crown itself will participate. The town welcomes us all and sponsors a Friday Night Party second to none which features a re-enactment of the original races thru the city streets for everyone to enjoy.

There is much to do while in Watkins Glen and it's not all about the racing, the town and the surrounding countryside offer a lot of interesting venues. In fact you never have to go to the Track to enjoy the weekend, so if Racing isn't your thing just enjoy the whole of Watkins Glen for a few days. Don't miss the Friday events

however as they will be the highlight of the weekend.

I also offer a personal challenge to anyone who thinks they are up to it. Walk the Gorge from bottom to top. This is not your average Walk in the Park! If I can do it so can you.

Hotel accommodations can be found within a short drive of Watkins Glen along I-86 between Painted Post and Horseheads, NY. Google New York Bed and Breakfasts and you may find some very nice accommodations closer to Watkins Glen.

See you there

For more information on the Grand Prix Festival go to www.grandprixfestival.com

For more information on the Grand Prix go to www.svra.com

For some photos of past Grand Prix events go to www.glenphotos.com

For general information about Watkins Glen go to www.watkinsglen.com

Cars & Coffee

By Rick Brown

Attention Geezers! What are your mornings like now that you have retired? Do your feet first touch the floor around 9:00 am, but you're not awake and moving till noon? If so, are you looking for a reason to get up and out earlier? Or perhaps you are wide awake at 6:30 am, and bored silly by 8:00? If so, are you looking for someplace to go in the morning? Or could it be that you just want another excuse to drive that favorite car of yours? If any of these scenarios strike a chord, perhaps you would be interested in being part of a "British Cars & Coffee" breakfast club.

Planning is in the initial stages, but it could work something like this: On one (or two) scheduled weekdays each month we would have a standing invitation to meet for breakfast at a selected café or restaurant. Perhaps we could change locations each time, and publish the designated eatery in the newsletter. To make planning easier, we might want to have a set time to meet (for example from 9:00 - 9:30 in the parking lot), and a set time to sit down at the counter or table. No complicated plans, no agenda, no rules, no obligations — just enjoying of the company of other club members and British car enthusiasts. After breakfast, perhaps a short drive around the area for those so inclined.

Nothing has been scheduled, and everything is open for discussion. While something like this may be most appealing to those of us who are retired and have "all the time in the world", we would also hope to interest (if only occasionally) non-geezers with flexible work schedules, or those on vacation, or those with a lot of unused sick days.

If you would be interested in being part of a "British Cars & Coffee" breakfast club, please email Rick Brown at brownr1@verizon.net. Give him your suggestions on frequency, dates, times, locations, etc.

We will put all the ideas together and organize the first outing — probably in May. We can then assess what we have, and improve on it as we go. Hopefully, this will add another venue for enjoying our cars.

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FOR SALE: Four nice used 15" 60 spoke chrome wire wheels mounted with decent Cooper Sports 165 SR 15 tires, \$575. TR3 fan belt, new, cogged, \$9. TR250 rear bumper, complete with brackets and over riders, a great candidate for re-chroming, \$75. Differential, used but "ran when parked" \$200 (same as core charge from TRF). Contact Ed Major at: ejmaj250@comcast.net

FORE SALE: Triumph TR3 Parts, 2 steel wheels, valve cover, original fender mount mirror, and a few small misc. items dash knobs, gas cap, ash tray. Reply to: sale-538026319@craigslist.org

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FOR FUTURE REFERENCE -- THIS WILL
BE THE ONLY ISSUE THE ENTIRE
CALENDAR WILL BE PRINTED**

Calendar of Events

- Feb 9** **Membership Meeting, at Dietch,**
1 pm Lunch, Beer anytime
- Feb 23** **Tech Session, at Don's Garage,**
Rebuild the front end on PJ's TR6
- Feb 25** **Newsletter Meeting,**
5pm-Typecraft/6pm-Michael's Pizza Bar
- Mar 15** **Church Brew Works,**
Dexter Stoltz 412-865-1201
- Mar 30** **Tech Session, at Bud's Garage,**
Ignition and carbs 724-356-4464
- April/May** **Tune-up Clinic & Mini Carlisle**
Date & location to be determined,
Doug Foyle 724-452-5218
- May 15-18** **WPTA at Import Carlisle**
Rooms
Jim Shaw to sell parts 412-262-3878
- May 18** **Ohio Run**
Paul Wunderlin 724-775-1977
- May 24** **Northeast Ohio Car Show**
Dick Gaier 412-371-7731
and 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 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
- Aug 13** **Quaker Steak & Lube,**
with stop at Scott Harper's
Bud Osbourne 724-356-4464
- Sept 21** **Dogs with Hogs**
Fred Williams SATTP 724-789-7476
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,**
Gary Fredo 724-378-9610
- Dec 29** **Newsletter Meeting,**
5pm-Typecraft/6pm-Michael 's Pizza Bar
- Jan 3, 2009** **Holiday Party,**
Ken Mikos 412-795-8248

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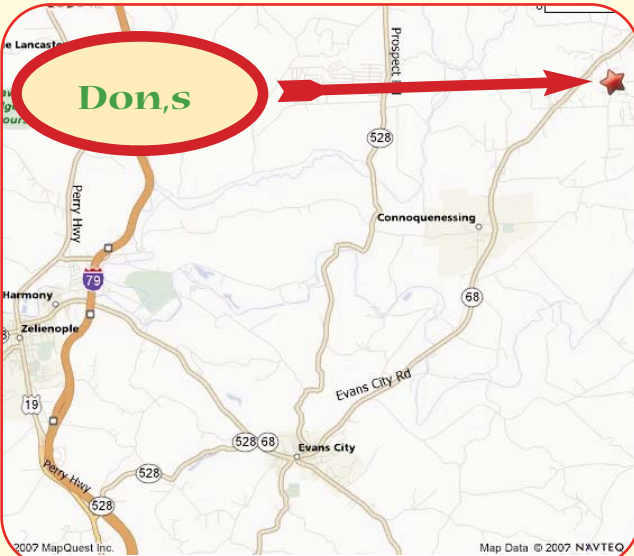
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**General Meeting, Feb 9th at Dietch's
Feb 23, Front End Tech Session**

February 23rd WPTA Tech Session

Don's Garage in Butler
10 AM - 195 Kriess Road, Butler, 16001



February 9th General Meeting at Dietch's

272 Freeport Road, Blawnox,
Starts at 1 pm

