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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.

Dusk Till Don

Were off to a good start for this Holiday season, snow, and cold weather (what happened to fall). I was going to drive my TR6 to the No Meeting meeting on Saturday but it was going to snow. There was one lone sole that did, Dexter in his TR8. There was a newer member at the meeting Paul who I did not get the chance to talk too much, and was looking for some parts for his TR6. We all know how much work that is or fun.

I saw Ken at the meeting and he told me that the Holiday Party will be a lot of fun so make a point to go. I also talked to Dan McGowan, who is interested in some speed events, you know auto cross and maybe a day at the track? So if you think you would be interested in this talk Dan into getting something arranged for this, but it could not be a club event.

Since the last letter my Christmas list just seems to keep getting longer and Sandy just looks at it and laughs, like most of our wives do.

Now to the steering meeting and business meeting that will be at Excuses on the South Side on January 19 at 10:00 am, this is for people who want to put on an event and have ideas for events, and to steer the club into the direction for the New Year so if you have any ideas for the new year please let me know.

In February we are planning to have another Tech seminar on bushing the front end of a TR and it looks like PJ Wright has been drafted to be the guinea pig for this event. Don't forget Bud is having a Tech on January 27.

Well, last but not least is the name for my column now I heard that most of the other Prez's didn't get to name there own column but I may be the lucky one. I took a lot of time to think on this and talked to a lot of people and it seems that most of them like "THE CRACK OF DON" or "DUSK TILL DON" so who am I to disagree.

Don

Holiday Party

by Ken Mikos

It will soon be that time of year to TRIUMPH with good friends, food, fun and spirited cheer. This years holiday party will be held **January 5th** at Pugliano's Italian Grill's newly completed Banquet Room. Cocktails start at 7:00 with the main course to be served at 8:00. For those that are interested a reasonably priced cash bar is available. See coupon on page three.

So clean those fingernails, dust off the old suit and don't forget to pack up the spouse for an unforgettable festive holiday extravaganza.

Pugliano's is located at 1808 Golden Mile Hwy (Route 286) and can be reached at 724-327-8991.

Planning Meeting (Steering Committee)

January 19, 2008 10:00AM (breakfast served until 11AM)
Excuses on South Side

There will be a planning / steering committee meeting on January 19, 2008 at 10 AM. The meeting will be held at Excuses on the South Side. Breakfast will be served until 11 AM. Beer will be served all day. If you have been thinking of planning an event then this is the perfect opportunity to get a date on the calendar for next year. This is also a great time to bring up any winter events that anyone is thinking about organizing. If you have been thinking about planning an event for next year please come to the meeting or contact Don or I before the meeting so we can reserve a date on the calendar for your event. Also please remember that the events don't have to be long events that take up most of the day. If you only have the time available to plan a short event that is fine because there are plenty of members that only have time to attend a short event – a perfect match! Of course there are plenty of members, including myself, that really enjoy driving our Triumphs for hours on end so both types of events are needed. Also if you are new to event planning and need some tips we now have the Event Guidelines available under the Members Only section of the website. These guidelines were intended to help answer many of the new event coordinator's questions. If you don't have access to the Members Only section of the website then give me a call and I'll send you a set via snail mail. You can also obtain access to the Members Only section of the website by contacting Dexter Stoltz and requesting a login id for the website. I hope to see a big turnout at the planning / steering committee meeting. There are no excuses for missing this one! See you there.

Tech Session

Come out to Bud's to learn Carb & Ignition systems. You should be able to tune up your Triumph after this tech session. Go home, order all your parts and bring them to the Tune Up Clinic in the spring, and Bud will personally ensure that your car is running right.

Dues are Due

Well it's that time of year once again. If your label has "Expires Dec. '07" at the top right corner your dues are due. \$20 is now due for next year and checks or M.O. should be made payable to "WPTA". Send them to: Richard Dick, 106 Cypress Ave., Monongahela, PA 15063. Also and very important, please update me of any changes in vehicles, address, phone #, email, etc.

Import Carlisle

by Ed Major

What: Import Carlisle

When: May 16-18

Where: Carlisle PA Fair Grounds

Why: The best foreign car parts flea market around, a great car show, auto crossing and much more. Come out and enjoy the camaraderie.

I know, the snow is blowing and it's hard to think about spring and such. But now is the time to start making your plans for Import Carlisle. This year we are moving to a new headquarters, the Hotel Carlisle. Mike Yurko has graciously 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 queen beds. The place has a nice restaurant, a bar, indoor pool and an exercise room. The Hotel is located on US 11, just north of the I-81 interchange and the Turnpike.

Remember that Import Carlisle is more than just a flea market of your favorite parts; it is also a world class show of all makes and models of foreign cars, there's an autocross and other activities. So find a partner to help pay the rent and make your reservations soon.

WPTA will rent their usual three spaces and put up our pop up tent for protection from the elements, so there is plenty of room for the membership to display their wares, or just hang out and enjoy some time away from the hustle and bustle at home and work. Most of the regulars drive out on Friday morning and come back sometime Sunday. A few hard core guys go up Thursday night to set up and get a jump on the field for that elusive part made of "unattainium". Hope to see you there.

NO MEETING MEETING

The weather decided to be a bit uncooperative for this year's No Meeting Meeting on December 15. This didn't deter many of the members from attending the event. Dexter Stoltz even showed up in his TR8. WPTA members are not to be denied their brew and hot wings! There was plenty of bench racing, maintenance/repair tips and general socializing going on. Unfortunately it started to seriously snow sometime between 2:00 and 3:00 which resulted in most of the members hightailing it out a little earlier than usual. Maybe that was pay-back for the great weather we had all summer on all the driving events. But even with the shortened event a good time was had by all. Thanks to everyone that attended.



Name the Prez's Column

by Bruce Stutzman

We received some excellent suggestions from the membership. Herewith are those that are fit to print in this family publication:

"From the Don"

"....."

"Dashing around with Donny"

"Harkus Highlights"

"Hands on Harkus"

"Donny's Daring Directives"

"In the Dark with Donny"

"Donald's Daring Deeds"

"Don's Dire Straights"

"Donny's dysfunctional Delusions"

"The Harkus Herald"

"The Harkus Happenings"

"Donny's Damn Directions"

"Harkus Hazardous Happenings"

"The Crack of Don"

"Don's early Light"

"Driving with the Donald"

"Harpings from Harkus"

"Don's Dispatch"

"Don's Triumph Trivia"

"Don's Monthly Missive"

"Gleanings from a Gearhead"

"Donald Says"

"Take me to your Reader"

"Donny's Drivel"

The "Dzus Druz" Editorial Board met to deal with several pressing issues, not the least of which was choosing the winning entry. Unfortunately, they dipped into the hard cider before getting to this matter on their agenda.

However, during this time Don made his own selection, or at least he narrowed it down to two possibilities.



Team Triumph on the Mend

As many of you have heard, our dear friend Scott Harper from Team Triumph in Warren, Ohio has been seriously ill since early this summer. Many of us have inquired at meetings as to his health and there has been little information available. The Team Triumph web site says nothing more than explaining that there are limited hours and limited shipping due to a family illness.

Well, our new Pres is on the ball and has found that Scott is on the mend and his prognosis is very good. He is currently convalescing at home and we anticipate that soon he will be back at work and available to take our orders once again. Those who know Scott know how much he does to help us out with our hobby by providing used parts and by re-conditioning many other parts for our cars as well as being a Moss distributor.

We wish Scott the best for a speedy recovery and we hope to see him soon, at least by the spring driving season!



FOR SALE: 1976 MGB, original orange/red paint, black interior. 25,300 original miles, no rust, overdrive, asking \$7000, Mike 412-366-9997

FOR SALE: 1964 TR 4. (solid rear axle) This is a restoration project gone sour. Car is completely disassembled and stored in an open garage, frame separated from the tub. Owner says the doors, bonnet, and boot are sound, tub can be repaired. All the parts are there in boxes. I (P J Wright) have seen it and it is a true basket case but many parts should be salvageable. Was also in a flood. Owner will sell all for \$250. Car located in Waynesburg Pa. James Major, 724-317-1510 or e-mail at jfmajor60@comcast.net.

FOR SALE: Rare 1962 TR-3B, mileage 63,544, Body needs lots of work, Hydraulics are not operational. All parts are original except battery and gas cap, front end and steering need work. Engine runs nicely, Transmission intact. Restore or use for parts. Cost \$1500, firm. If interested respond to TR3B62WH@comcast.net for an appointment to view the car located in the Penn Hills area east of Pittsburgh.

FOR SALE: 1976 TR-6 White with black top (in excellent condition); four speed (no overdrive); 49,000 original miles; red-lines; Monza exhaust (have original too); luggage rack; older paint job; car cover/tonneau and boot cover; not a show car, but a head-turner just the same. \$8,500. Contact Bill Coleman @ 724.846-1631 or billcoleman@comcast.net.

Calendar of Events

- Jan 5** 2008 Holiday Party,
Ken Mikos 412-795-8248
- Jan 19** Steering Committee Meeting
Excuses on the South Side, 10 am
- Jan 27** Technical Seminal
Bud Osbourne
- Jan 29** Newsletter Meeting (Tuesday)
5pm-Typecraft/6pm-Michael's Pizza Bar
- May16-18** Import Carlisle
- 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 4-8** 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

2008 North American Triumph Challenge (VTR)

Vintage British Triumph sports cars from all over North America will converge on

Ypsilanti, Michigan, on August 4 – 8, 2008, for the national convention of the Vintage Triumph Register, also known as the North American Triumph Challenge. The event, hosted by the Detroit Triumph Sports Car Club, will feature driving activities throughout the week, musical entertainment, technical sessions, a guest speaker and a 48-hour rebuild of a Triumph Spitfire.

The site of the event will be the Ypsilanti, Marriott located at 1275 S. Huron Street in Ypsilanti.

"We anticipate about 400 Triumphs and their owners to attend this event," said Blake Discher, president of the Vintage Triumph Register. "Triumph owners look forward to these annual gatherings to reacquaint with friends and to make new friends. The entire event is focused on Triumph automobiles which include a variety of coupes, sedans and sports cars. All are welcome."

Discher noted that VTR honors a different Triumph model each year when its members hold their convention. During 2008 VTR will honor two Triumph models. The year 2008 marks the 40th anniversary of the introduction of the Triumph TR250 sports car, and the 60th anniversary of the introduction of the Triumph 2000 roadster. The TR250 was built for only one year – 1968. Only 2,000 Triumph 2000s were produced in 1948 and 1949.

Discher explained, while the event is mainly for Triumph enthusiasts, the public is welcome to watch the timed autocross competition scheduled for Thursday, August 7. The public is also welcome to return on Friday, August 8, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. to admire the cars on display at the concours car show to be held in the Riverside Park in downtown Ypsilanti.

"Each year the Vintage Triumph Register is held in a different city," explained Discher. "For 2008 it seemed appropriate to hold the event near Detroit and have it hosted by the Detroit Triumph Sports Car Club, a club that was founded in 1959 making it one of the oldest in the country. It is also one of the most active Triumph owners' clubs."

An unique activity incorporated into the 2008 North American Triumph Challenge is a complete rebuild of a Triumph Spitfire sports car. "During the event we will conduct a rebuild of a Triumph Spitfire," said Discher. "The car belongs to a fellow member of the Vintage Triumph Register and he is loaning us the car. In 48 hours we will completely disassemble it and rebuild it on site and then participate in some of the driving competition toward the end of the program." He added that anyone registered for the event is welcome to participate in the rebuild.

The keynote speaker for the awards banquet on Friday, August 8, will be author, columnist and enthusiast Burt Levy. "Burt has driven and raced Triumphs for many, many years," explained Discher. "He has a unique and frequently amusing perspective on these cars."

Anyone wishing additional information may check www.natc2008.com. Anyone interested in more information regarding the Detroit Triumph Sports Car Club may contact the club at www.detroittriumph.org.

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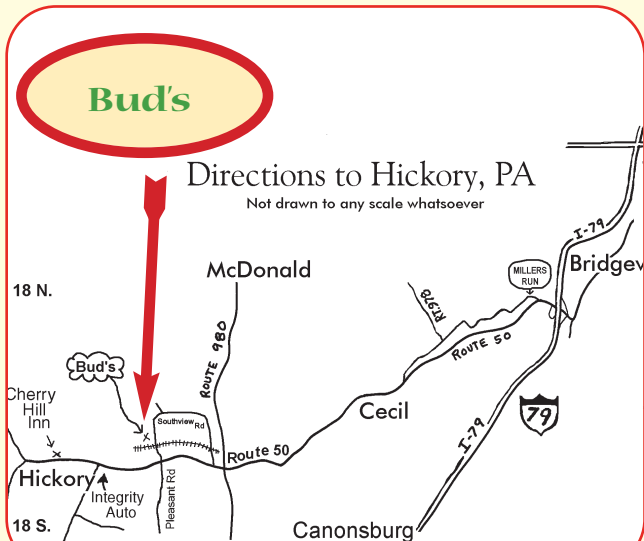
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**Holiday Party, January 5th
WPTA Steering Meeting, January 19
Tech Session at Bud's, January 27**

January 27th WPTA Tech Session

Buds is located in Hickory, PA
Time: 1 pm



January 5th WPTA Holiday Party

Pugliano's is located at 1808 Golden Mile
Highway (Route 286), 7 pm.

