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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

Hello again, the first holiday is already behind us for the summer (Import Carlisle). It was, naturally, a normal rainy cold time. The guys who attended had a great time as always, lots of old parts and some new. Peanuts and beer, Saturday night pizza as the stories flowed, Thanks to Jim Shaw for the tent and shelter from the rain.

The Tune-Up Clinic was also a great time, see Doug's article. I didn't get my whole list done, but it was a good start, thanks to Doug Foyle for organizing and Roy Miller for hosting, he's probably provided the venue for Tune Up for 30 Years.

Coming up is The Ohio Adventure on June 7 with Bob Twaddle. Then there is The Rally with the MG club on June 29 with Rick Brown. Be sure to check time and place so you don't miss them. Let's get our pre registrations in early for British Car Day on July 19.

We now have club pins so if you didn't get one yet let me know. Thanks to Will for doing this The Pin look great, just like the grill badge, and thanks to Fred for getting the project started.

# Don

June 7th

## Ohio Adventure

by Bob Twaddle

The weather has warmed up and it's time to get your Triumphs out for the 1st WPTA driving event of the year. The route for this year's Ohio Adventure will include 110 miles of twisty country roads. The drive will be approximately 3 hrs including a couple of bathroom stops along the way. This year we will finish up at the Raven's Glen Winery and Italian Restaurant. Their web site is ravensglenn.com Click under "Winery Restaurant" to see their lunch menu. Note that with large groups they automatically add a 15% gratuity but they will give us separate checks. They would like to have an idea of how many will be showing up for lunch so they can have enough staff working that day. Give me a call at 740-768-2190 or send me an email at twadlynard@eohio.net by May 30th if you know that you are planning to attend. It's not necessary to RSVP for this event but if you don't let me know that you are coming then you can't complain if service is a little slow. We can stick around after dinner for a tour of the Winery and some wine tasting for anyone that's interested.

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-Carrollton 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. Plan to arrive by 9:00 am so the first group can be on the road by 9:30 with a couple of bathroom breaks on the way and arriving at the Winery around 1pm. If you have any questions give me a call at 740-768-2190.



## The Jeopardy Tour Rally

by Rick and Nancy Brown

On Sunday June 29 the Western Pennsylvania Triumph Association along with the Greater Pittsburgh MG Club will host The Jeopardy Tour Rally, written by Rick and Nancy Brown. This novice friendly gimmick rally is especially designed for those of you who want to give your navigator something to do while you are driving.

Loosely based on the game show, this years rally is a 90 mile tour of some of the greatest roads in Washington and Green Counties combining beautiful scenery with Jeopardy type questions. Groups of four to six cars will depart along a designated route, armed with answers to questions they will find along the way. Points will be awarded for each correct question. There will be planned rest stops during the rally where the group can get together to compare answers, and also earn extra points with Double Jeopardy questions. The tour will end around 4:30 at the Breezy Heights Tavern on route 844 near Avella where we will have a private room to eat, drink, and determine the winning group, which will then receive some small mention in the next newsletter, and absolutely nothing else.

For those who want to eat we have arranged for a wonderful buffet at Breezy Heights. Owner Rick Esposto is famous for his broasted chicken. The buffet will include dinner salad, one breast and one thigh of broasted chicken, potato wedges, rolls and unlimited soft drinks. Cost is only \$13.00 per person including tax and gratuity (any children half price). Since Rick will have his normal Sunday dinner crowd in the separate dining room, he has requested that payment be made in cash only – no credit cards.

For those of you who were not able to run The Clueless Rally in 2006, or The Great Cemetery Rally in 2007, please note that you do not need to know anything special to participate in The Jeopardy Tour Rally. Route directions will be straight forward and easy to follow. The only difference is that you will need to pay attention to your surroundings if you want to find questions for your Jeopardy answers.

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# Your Lucas DM2 Distributor

by Bruce Stutzman

TR2 and TR3, MGA and Austin Healey 100-4 were all equipped with the Lucas DM2 dizzy. The early DM2s continued with the mechanical advance mechanism used in T series MGs. For TR owners these dizzys are Lucas part #40403 and part #40480A. DM2 dizzy #s 40698 and 40735 were equipped with a new and improved mechanical advance mechanism that was later carried over to the 25D4 dizzys used in TR4s and MGBs.

If your dizzy has the early advance mechanism it is almost a sure thing that it no longer operates properly. This unit has 6 metal to metal wear points that are now worn so badly that the springs no longer control the weights. Even new springs (Moss part #152-300) can't control them. The weights just flop around.

An easy test - twist the cam counter clockwise; you should feel spring pressure. When you let go the cam should spring back to its original position. If it doesn't - - -.

The 25D mechanical advance mechanism is a much improved design with only 2 wear points. Most of these are still in good serviceable condition.

The photos show what the advance mechanisms look like. Photo 1 is a DM2 #40403 with the early mechanism. Photo 2 is a DM2 #40698 with the later mechanism. Other easily recognized differences are the 6 sided vacuum advance unit and the indentation in the case in photo 1.

So what should you do if you have the old unit? Switching to a later DM2 or to a 25D is easy enough; there are a lot of them around. But you have an early car and you want the authentic appearance of the early dizzy; you also, of course, want your mechanical advance to operate properly.

You can have both. The mechanical advance units are interchangeable as complete units (no mixing of parts). A complete unit consists of the shaft, action plate, weights, springs and cam. Just remove the drive dog and pull the old unit out; drop in the newer unit and attach the drive dog. Of course this would be a good time to clean the inside of your dizzy, check the condition of and lubricate the bushing and lubricate the advance unit.

We will leave for another time the issue of whether your new unit has an optimum advance for your car. But it is definitely a lot better than the worn out unit you replaced. If you need any help give me a call.



PHOTO 1, early DM2

PHOTO 2, late DM2

# Cars & Coffee

by Rick Brown

Our first Cars & Coffee breakfast on May 14 went very well with 11 people attending in seven cars. While threatening weather did not allow time for an after breakfast run, the conversation was great and the food was delicious. At the suggestion of Wil Schweitzer the next travelling breakfast will be on Wednesday, June 11 at Shelley's Pike Inn, just a half mile off exit 43 of Interstate 79. Shelley's is a diner type building with ample parking. The outside is outlined in neon, and the inside walls decorated with 45 RPM records - what else could you ask for! The address is 144 West Pike St. Houston, PA 15342. As always, we will meet in the parking lot between 9:15 and 9:30, and plan on sitting down at 9:45.

Also, we will continue our regional "stationery" breakfast on the fourth Wednesday of each month. The location for the South Hills is Kings Restaurant on Route 19 at McClelland Road, and the North Hills at Kings Restaurant just off of Interstate 79 at the Route 910 exit. Contact Rick Brown at brownrr1@verizon.net if you would like to be placed on the email list.

# CarsTuned and other junk

by Douggy

Another tune up clinic has passed. We had a nice turn out of cars considering the weather cooperated (much as it has all Spring).

Bruce brought his Sun machine and dialed in several distributors, including my own. Dean Frank had his valves adjusted, and Donald Harkus performed several projects, a list too long for this article. Roy was under Brandon's TR8 changing the oil.

I want to thank John Swauger and The Roadster Factory for coming down with their table of goodies.

Thank you also to Roy Miller for providing the location for this event. We would like to thank him for the many years that he has opened his garages to us, as this will probably be the last year he will have his current building.

I want to thank Scott Schober for kindly donating the 55 gallon drum of 20w-50.

Without all these people, we would be sitting out in the rain just talking about cars.

And thanks to everyone who came out to see if their windshield wipers worked.

Kenny Mikos' next TR project, courtesy of Wray Brady & Jim Shaw



Photo by Mike Yurko



# Johnstown Brewery Run

The great news is the Johnstown Brewery Run is on again for this year. Saturday July 26th is the date and the meeting time is 10:30 with the cars off at 11 am. We will begin the run at the Cracker Barrel in New Stanton which is on the south side of IS 70 at exit #57. The food and brew is truly excellent here so mark your calendars and join the Greater Pittsburgh MG Club and the Central PA British Car Club at this driving event. Also don't forget to go to the link on our web site for the Greater Pittsburgh MG Club to stay up to date on their runs. The more cars on a run the more fun we have!!

## From Membership:

by Richard Dick

Several Members recently told me they don't need a hard copy of the newsletter sent to them anymore. They are opting to use the web site exclusively. This surely will save the club \$\$\$\$\$. If you wish to join this growing list, please let me know.

Secondly, if you have a change in phone number, email address, vehicles, etc. please let me know as well. Send me an email: britcarnuts@comcast.net or give me a call at 724.379.5172.

Lastly, we must as a club continue to promote a very positive image at all times, attempt to maintain the current members and yes, encourage new memberships.

## Night Owl Rally

August 2nd is the date of this year's Night Owl Rally. We will be travelling some choice SW PA roads. Some of them won't matter to you, as it will be dark. But trust me, what you don't see will be fun.

Following the drive will be dinner at our favorite haunt in Harmony, PA, the Harmony Inn.

So, take out your second mortgage to buy gas and check your lighting system.

Hope to see you there.



Roy Miller, our British Car Day Chairman and perennial Tune Up Clinic host in his latest "motigational" device at Carlisle. He's even color coordinated.

## New Email for Dzus Dnuz Information

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

## Letter to WPTA Members

### Dear WPTA affiliates,

My name is Lisa Giguere. My husband, Geno, and I are WPTA members and the owners of Geno's Restaurant, which will be hosting two events for the Pittsburgh Vintage Grand Prix Association this year. On Saturday, June 14th, we will be throwing the Pre Grand Prix celebration (a fund raising party for the Autism Society of Pittsburgh and Allegheny Valley School) from noon to 2am which will feature special prices for WPTA members, a carshow, prizes, auctions, 50/50 raffle, guest bartenders, gong show karaoke and more.

Secondly, we are very excited to be the finish line of the PVGP Kickoff Rallye on Sunday, July 6th. We have made it our personal goal to break the record for number of participants in this year's event! WPTA members who pre-register at [www.pvgp.org](http://www.pvgp.org) will enjoy a fantastic lunch, car show, celebrity appearances, auction, live music and more!

We are really hoping that you might be able to help us spread the word about these two exciting events by including them in the WPTA newsletter. Also, we would LOVE to host a periodic WPTA happy hour if you are at all interested! We love our British Car enthusiasts! On any given day you will typically find four or five British cars parked along the front entrance of our place!

Thanks so much for your time. I look forward to your response. Sincerely, Lisa Giguere (412) 334-1187 cell  
Geno's Restaurant 5147 Butler Street Pittsburgh, PA 15201  
[www.genospittsburgh.com](http://www.genospittsburgh.com)

## Calendar of Events

- June 7 Ohio Adventure**  
Bob Twaddle 740-768-2190
- June 29 Jeopardy Tour Rallye, WPTA/MG clubs**  
Rick Brown 412-969-0118
- June 30 Newsletter Meeting,**  
5:30/6 pm-Geno's Restaurant  
5147 Butler Street
- 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

### ~ Events Of Other Interest ~

- June 11-15** Triumph Register of America  
2008 National Meet, Huron Ohio
- June 19-21** TRF Summer Party  
[www.the-roadster-factory.com](http://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
- Sep 5-7 '08** Vintage Races, Watkins Glen  
Triumph will be the featured Marque

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