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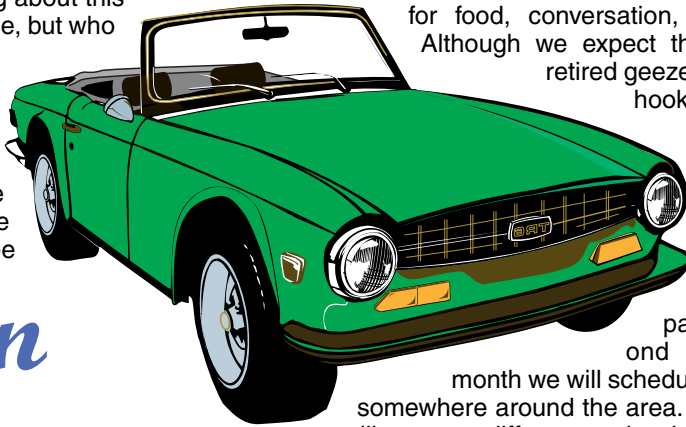
Business and/or social meetings are held monthly close to the middle of the month. Please refer to newsletter for the time and location.

Dusk Till Don

Hello I can not believe another month has gone. I have been working on my TR3; I made a list of what I would like to get done at The Tune-up meeting. Thinking about this list, I would have to be Houdini to get it done, but who knows.

I have been buying parts on eBay for this car I am restoring that you have seen pictures of. Many thanks to PJ who seems to be the club picture taker. Now that there is eBay, there don't seem to be the parts at the spring Carlisle that there once were. Carlisle is May 15-18 so I will be there with cash in hand looking for the deal of the show, but coming home with a lot of junk as my wife would say.

Don



Cars & Coffee

by Rick Brown

Beginning this month we will schedule a Cars & Coffee breakfast run on the second and fourth Wednesday for food, conversation, and a morning drive.

Although we expect this to appeal mostly to retired geezers, anyone who can play hooky from work for a few hours is invited — you don't have to commit to meeting every month.

We are going to try two different types of runs to see which pans out best. On the second Wednesday of each

month we will schedule a "travelling" breakfast somewhere around the area. The travelling breakfast will go to a different and unique breakfast spot each

month. On the fourth Wednesday we would like to try regional "stationery" breakfast runs, one south of Pittsburgh and perhaps one to the north.

Our first meet will be on May 14 at Freddie's Grill, located at 5812 Library Road (Route 88) in Bethel Park 15102-3334. If not familiar with the South Hills, you can use Map Quest to identify the location. Freddie's Grill features generous helpings at reasonable prices, and boasts the friendliest staff around. Music from the 1950's and early 60's is always playing, and Tom the manager will know everyone's name before you are finished eating. The bacon is crisp, the syrup served hot, and a carafe of coffee is always on the table. We will meet between 9:15 and 9:30 in the parking area on the left side as you face the building. Plan on going inside for breakfast at 9:45. There will be a tour route available afterwards for those with a little extra time.

On the fourth Wednesday of each month (beginning May 28) we will host a regional breakfast, meeting in the parking lot between 9:15 and 9:30, and heading inside at 9:45. This will always be at same locations. Those of us in the South Hills will meet at Kings Restaurant on Route 19 at McClelland Road. If using MapQuest, the address is 580 McClelland Rd. Canonsburg 15317. The stationery location for the North Hills sector will be at the Kings Restaurant just off of Interstate 79 at the Route 910 exit.

We are developing an email list to cover weather concerns, etc. Please contact Rick Brown at 412-818-1433 or email brownrr1@verizon.net if you would like to be placed on the list. Also call if you know of an interesting breakfast venue and would like to host one of the travelling runs. Details for each travelling breakfast will be printed in the newsletter for that month.

Jeopardy Tour Rallye

Mark Sunday June 29 on your calendar for the Jeopardy Tour Rallye. This will be a fun gimmick rallye loosely based on the game show. Printed directions will be straight forward and easy to follow. Details of the rallye, including time and place for registration will be in the June Dzus Dnuz.

Import Carlisle

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.

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.

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.

Hopefully you can still 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 Hotel has a nice restaurant, a bar, indoor pool and an exercise room. The place is located on US 11, just north of the I-81 interchange and the Turnpike.



Amelia Island

By Bruce Stutzman

Len Picton and I recently attended the 13th annual Amelia Island Concours d'

Elegance. What a great event. This is world class stuff. It is held in early March every year at the Ritz Carlton Hotel and the Golf Club of Amelia Island, FL; on the beach of course. A perfect setting.

We stayed in the lovely little town of Fernandina Beach. The whole downtown area is a historic district with its huge oak trees draped in spanish moss. Many of the houses are pre-civil war.

The host and founder of the event is photographer Bill Warner, who just happens to be the owner of the Group 44/Paul Newman TR6.

On Friday we went to a presentation about the 1908 New York to Paris Great Automobile Race. The speaker was the great grandson of George Schuster the race winner. An absolutely delightful story. The winning car was even there; a

1907 Thomas Flyer made in Buffalo, New York. Think about it - driving around the world before roads and gas stations; and no AAA roadside assistance. There were 17 Thomas Flyers in the Sunday concours - amazing.

We went to another great presentation on Saturday; "The Legends of the Trans-Am Series". It was a panel discussion with Peter Brock, John Morton, Tony Adamowitz, Sam Posey, Bud Moore, Parnelli Jones, Dan Gurney and George Follmer. They all had marvelous stories to tell. The moderator was David Hobbs. And their Trans-Am race-cars were there in the ballroom - great stuff.

Saturday was also auction day. All morning the vintage cars to be auctioned sat on the grass between the hotel and the beach to be viewed. To get into the auction tent cost \$80; Len and I didn't go in. There were several multi-million dollar sales including, would you believe, a 1956 Porsche Speedster.

Sunday was the concours. The weather was perfect and the golf course setting was perfect. The judges in their blue blazers and straw hats looked very official. 300 cars, no two the same. Absolutely stunning. Log onto www.ameliaconcours.org to see photos of the class winners.

This is another of the "must do at least once" vintage car events.

Press Release:

WPTA Hospitality Tent to Appear at 2008 Watkins Glen Vintage Races.

by Jerry Van Vlack

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

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 twadly-narnd@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.

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FOR SALE: I have many used body and mechanical parts for MGB and TR4 cars. I've acquired somebody's collection (addiction) and I want these parts to go to good local homes. First 12 replies get a free MGB steering rack as I have 12 of them. Parts are located in Hickory PA. Jay Galbreath JCGALB@COMCAST.NET 412-973-7154

FOR SALE: 1979 Triumph TR-7 Convertible, Orange with black top (fairly new), Tan interior, 65,000 mi. As-is condition; runnable but not inspected, \$2,000 or best offer, Location: Johnstown, PA. Contact: buds@c-solutionsgroup.com or Call: 814-659-3334

Tech Seminar Wrap-Up

by Bud

Sunday, March 30 brought mild weather, and a huge turnout, from both the WPTA and GPMGC to our Carburetor & Ignition Systems Seminar. Starting with carburetor installation & set-up tips, and moving on to the testing of distributors, by Prof. Stutzman, on his magic Sun machine; much was done to dispel some of the myths surrounding carburetors and ignition systems. In fact, some true Revelations were revealed by the Sun machine, which should enable the owners of the guilty distributors to get to the true root of their car's drivability issues. It is safe to say that all attendees have now seen the light, and understand that, when their car isn't running right, there is an orderly and correct procedure to follow, which starts with some very basic diagnostic tests of the ignition system, and ENDS with the carburetors, instead of starting with, staying with, ending with and becoming totally frustrated with carburetor adjustments which don't cure the problem.

Significant quantities of beer and pizza were consumed, and Ken Mikos flirted, briefly, with encouragement by Dana, Bud and several other attendees, with becoming a Grateful Dead groupie. Other discussions touched on scrap prices and plans for the upcoming driving season. As the old saying goes; a good time was had by all from around 10 AM until the last dog was hung around 7 PM.

STAR LETTER FOR "TRIUMPH WORLD"

by P J Wright

If one owns a Triumph but does not read "TRIUMPH WORLD" one should!! It's a monthly rag that features Triumphs in the UK, where it's printed, as well as cars in the US. One can only find the magazine at Barnes and Noble in the car magazine section.

In the December issue I took exception to an article and responded with a 'tongue-in-cheek' letter to the editor complaining about them calling Saffron, the color of my TR6, "Camel's Breath Yellow".

Well, my musing was awarded the Star Letter commendation in the April edition, which entitled me to an award. I recently received a beautiful Premier 1/4-inch drive metric ratchet set sent from England by the Royal Post. Blimy!!!

I have corresponded back and forth with the editor, Ted Connolly, who is encouraging Triumph owners to submit letters, articles, pictures, etc. for publication. He advises that while he is not short of materials he is seeking articles and related information from more owners that do not necessarily own concourse-quality machines.

Many of the articles I read in our monthly newsletter suggest to me that there are several budding writers out there that may wish to be published.

I can personally attest that it's a thrill to see one's article printed in a real live magazine!!!

New Age Maintenance Item

by Ed Major

For years, every year when my car came out of the winter freeze, I (we) checked our points and made sure that they were set properly, but about 6 years ago I replaced my points on the TR250 with a Crane XR700 electronic system. I also replaced the points on the TR3 with a Pertronic's system a few years later. Same scenarios, I no longer pull the distributor cap off and remove the rotor to reset the points. During this time the rotor on the TR250 has drawn enough moisture to actually seize (rust) to the distributor drive shaft. This is one of the items you need to put on your "Tune Up Clinic" agenda list. Pull the rotor in the distributor, put a very very small amount of lubrication on the shaft and remove any "rust" that has formed over the past year. This may seem like a simple solution but if you break the delicate "shutter" on your XR700 that operates your spark, like I did, good luck in replacing it.

Calendar of Events

- May 4** **British Swap Meet & Car Show, Salon OH**
Dick Gaier 412-371-7731
Fred Segal 412-421-8602
- May 15-18** **WPTA at Import Carlisle**
Rooms 1-800-692-7315
Jim Shaw to sell parts 412-262-3878
- May 27** **Newsletter Meeting,**
5:30 pm-Geno's Restaurant
5147 Butler Street
- 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

~ 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
- Sep 5-7 '08** **Vintage Races, Watkins Glen**
Triumph will be the featured Marque



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Parts, Car Show, Autocross, Drag Races and more!

Directions: East on PA Turnpike (not Ohio) to Exit 16 (#226), Carlisle, turn right on Route 11!

