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## The Crack Of Don

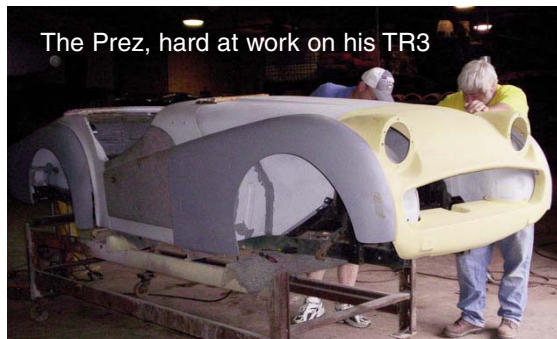
Hello there - what happened to the month? Sure looks like the summer is almost gone. With all that was going on this month, how did you get anything else done? I hear the Altoona show and Watkins Glen went well; a lot of beer flowing; maybe too much. About twenty club members drove their TRs to Watkins Glen, that's over 15,000 WPTA Triumph miles driven in one weekend.

The anniversary Run, British Cars at Hartwood, and Dogs with the Hogs all on the same weekend. I am writing this on Friday before these events but all we need is good weather and they will be outstanding.

October 18 is the Fall leaf Tour under Ken Mikos' leadership. This is always a great time; the last run of the season and what a season it has been. We're driving to The Roadster Factory and the Coventry Inn. Charles Runyan is always a great host. A lot of WPTA members remember when the Fall Leaf Tour always went to The Roadster Factory, and the great bonfires. We stayed overnight in local hotels.

I hope you are planning what things need done to your rides for next driving season; I know I am.

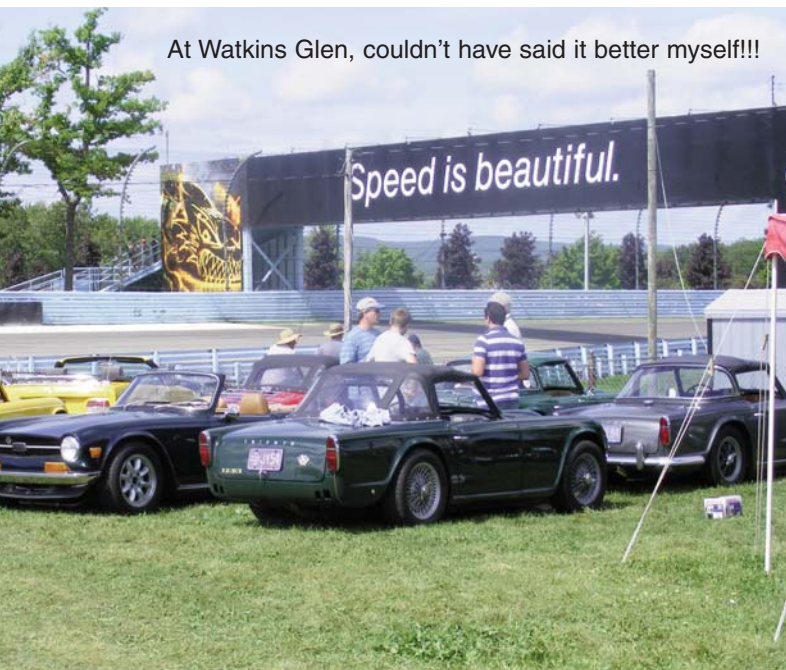
My TR3 should be on the road for next year, if I can get it back from Fred. He keeps telling me to find my own car to work on.



The Prez, hard at work on his TR3

# Don

At Watkins Glen, couldn't have said it better myself!!!



## The Coventry INN Fall Leaf Tour

by Kenny

(special senior assistant to the  
Vice President, Mr Gary Fredo III)

The fall leaf tour scheduled for October 18th will depart King's Restaurant on Route 286 in Plum Boro promptly at 9:00am. Come early and enjoy a hardy breakfast and a warm cup of coffee before we begin this epic event. This years tour includes some of the following ;

- A great autumn drive on some of the most obscure roads in Western Pa with the first part of the driving event ending at The Roadster Factory in Armagh.
- After arriving at TRF at about 12:30 we will receive a private tour of the Factory with our lovely (not) hosts, Dave and John
- TRF is giving our club members a one time 15% discount on items picked up on Saturday. The discounted parts are those in their on line catalogs that "your price" ends in 8. So get on [www.the-roadster-factory.com](http://www.the-roadster-factory.com), go to the on line catalogs and enjoy. You will, of course, also save shipping since you are picking them up. Place your orders by Wednesday Oct. 15 and say you are picking them up on Saturday.
- The Second part of the tour has us departing TRF for a 2pm late lunch at The Coventry Inn, Charles Runyan's british pub in Indiana. Charles has a special menu planned for us.

So gas up, check the oil, make sure the lug nuts are tight and get ready for an awesome fall driving event that includes shopping for car stuff car stuff, and great food and drink. See you then.

An Invitation From The MG Club:

## Foxburg Inn Tour

Sunday October 5

MG club President, George and Bonnie Kress are leading the tour to the Foxburg Inn. Meet at the Park-n-Ride lot at the Evans City exit 83, route 528 of I 79. We will depart at 2:00 PM for some back road driving to our destination, the Allegheny Grill at the Foxburg Inn. George has picked out nice and easy roads for a relaxed cruise without a lot of turns and complicated instructions. This should allow some good sightseeing time for both driver and navigator. The ride will be about two hours. Hope to see you there.

George's phone number is 724-625-7264

# Triumphs at Watkins Glen

by Bruce Stutzman

What a Triumph celebration! What an outstanding Triumph weekend. Watkins Glen was full of them. It was the traditional SVRA vintage race weekend, but this year Triumph was the production car featured marque.

Friends of Triumph (FOT) the Triumph vintage race group of which several of us belong, was there in force. Every year FOT gets together at one track and Kas Kastner awards his Kastner Trophy. This year it was at Watkins Glen. Tony Garmey won for his outstanding drive in the TR250K. Still a stunning car!

Ed Major and I arrived on Wednesday evening; we naturally headed to the Seneca Lodge. We sat out on the deck and drank a couple Blues (very nice indeed). During the course of the evening a bunch of TR guys showed up (racers and non racers). The beer and bull s--- were freely flowing. We closed the place; not a unique event.

Thursday morning Jerry Van Vlack arrived with the WPTA tent. We erected it in a great spot in the TR pits. The perfect rallying point for all the WPTA members. And a lot of us were there with our TRs, everyone having a great time including:

Ed and Tom Woods - TR3  
Ed Major - TR3  
Jerry VanVlack  
Jim and Joni Shaw - TR2  
Dan and Linda Green - TR3  
Bud and Alec Osbourne - MG Midget  
Ken Mikos - TR6  
Bernie Clark - TR4  
Doug Foyle - TR6  
Ray Santini - TVR  
Jim Antis and Matt - TR3  
Wil and Tom Schweitzer - TR4A  
Pat Davis - TR2  
Rich Roenigk - TR4  
Tom Stricker - TR3  
Jim Underwood & Lori - TR8  
Mike Yurko - TR8

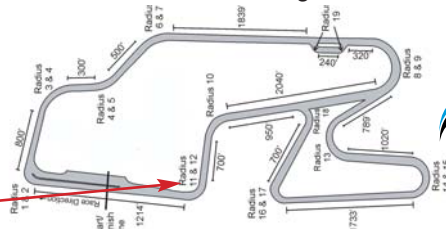
Friday we did the traditional Grand Prix Festival and original race re-enactment in downtown Watkins Glen. Hundreds of Triumph street cars were there; many of them parked on the grass at Lafayette Park when the Triumph racing legends assembled to talk and answer questions. Good stuff.

We spent Saturday and Sunday at the track hanging around the WPTA tent, helping TR racers, watching races, putzing with our own cars or whatever we felt like doing or not doing (not bad). Jerry grilled a bunch of sausages and hot dogs. We fed practically every TR guy there.

Bill Warner brought the Group 44 TR6 and TR8. And Lanky Foushee, still as amiable as ever, was crewing for him! Dave Hagenbuch, The Roadster Factory, and his wife camped in the TR pits; it was nice spending some time with them. It was also great talking to Jack Wheeler, 1991 SCCA National Champion in a TR4; I hadn't seen Jack in years. I met Hardy Prentiss for the first time; 1992 SCCA National Champion in a TR3. And Ed Diehl, 1963 Triumph factory team driver at Sebring.

Alec Osbourne was delighted with the opportunity to ride in Pat Davis' stunning TR2, as were Dan & Linda Greene to ride in the dicky seat of Pat and Marty Jones' lovely Triumph 1800 Roadster, as the invitational car show tour show registrants took their parade laps around the original 1948 Race Course.

Triumph overload! But you had to be there.



The WPTA Tent at Watkins Glen, situated at turn 15 (see track in background). Special thanks to Jerry Van Vlack for bringing the tent for all of us. And of course to Doug, pictured above holding up the tent!

## WPTA "Springs" Into Action

By Ed Major

A funny thing happened on the way to Watkins Glen, well maybe it wasn't funny at the time, but I broke two, not one, two, leaves in the left rear spring and one of them being the main leaf. Actually, the tire started rubbing the fender and I thought it was just a combination of 50 years of sag and the bigger tires that I put on last year. Not knowing what was exactly wrong, my idea was to bolster up the spring somehow and continue on my trip to Mount Washington NH and Maine with Bruce Stutzman and Ed Woods. I talked to Spitfire Racer and local New York Triumph enthusiast Russ Moore who lives in the Ithaca area, to see if I could lift the car at his place, drill the spring and maybe bolt it temporarily. Russ suggested one better, as he happened to have two brand new TR3 rear springs at his garage.

So Monday morning we set out for Ithaca, one finger lake east of the Glen, intent on replacing the springs. Arriving at Russ's around 8:30, we took time to tour his fabulous car collection and facility, Ferraris, Triumphs, Vettes, Mustangs, C & C lathes and more, it was like being a kid in a candy store. We quickly set to work to remove the springs; I was a man on a mission, soon finding the broken one. After a while it became apparent that the frame pins were frozen and even a fire wrench wouldn't break them loose. This required drastic measures or I wasn't going to New England, so, off with the body. Well actually all we needed was two inches of clearance at the back of the rocker panels to slip the old springs off and the new ones on. So while Russ and Bruce dismantled the rear axle and back springs, I removed all the body bolts, bumpers and such.

Jacking gently from each side towards the rear, we lifted enough to put the new springs on, and while Russ and Bruce bolted up the rear end, Ed Woods and I replaced all the body bolts, bumpers and the like. We didn't unhook the steering and gas lines as they had enough room for clearance.

At 2:30 we bid our thanks to Russ and headed off to Lake George NY, a job well done. Five and a half hours that included a tour, pizza and beer lunch and the rest of the time on the repair. What can I say? As a Triumph owner, it just amazes me at how nice the people are in this great land of ours. My life long Triumph friendships are the stuff legends are made of.

Thanks Russ.

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# Garage Tour Recap

by Fred Segal

The Garage Tour on August 31 was a glorious weather day and an extremely interesting run of about 125 miles. About 30 souls descended at 9:30 am at my home in Squirrel Hill. After dozens of donuts and gallons of coffee were consumed the party started. Construction of the garages were explained as well as the story of the home. Everyone enjoyed the automobilia covering the walls, ceiling and floors, and the Triumphs, Packards, Lincolns, Metropolitan and Model A Ford with mannequins at the wheel. After some laughs, piano music and technical talk, eight cars took to the road to Dave Hershberger's working garage, in Wampum, Pa.

Two TR3s, a magnificent 1965 restored Plymouth Baracuda done by Dave and his wife Carol, and some fascinating equipment including a rotisserie with an MGB body on it were demonstrated. His garage was very efficiently organized and you can see that much work was performed over the years within it. Dave and his wife treated us to a beautiful spread of cold cuts for sandwiches, drinks with home made brownies and cookies for desert. We also saw her very interesting blue glass collection and holiday candle collection, which I know the women on the tour appreciated.

Off we went following Bill Repack to his gentlemen's farm in Moon Township where his wife Diana was waiting. His home is on eight acres in Moon Township and is truly a mini working farm complete with two really neat burrows, carved totem poles, picnic enclosures and fun grounds. He actually converted an old chicken coup for his 50s rock and roll style garage. The garage was replete with memorabilia, a hot rod, a Corvette, a horse drawn sleigh, a gas pump, a classy sound system, a huge DC-3 prop, and too many things to describe here. You can tell that they both contributed to the fun of it and as a couple truly enjoy working the farm.

After some refreshments, we all buzzed off to Violas Restaurant for some victuals and drink and then drove off into the sunset home. It was a full day.

Personal and club thanks to the Hershbergers and Repacks for opening up their homes for the tour, Dick Gaier my right hand man, and lovely assistant Linda who helped prepare my home for the event.

On a personal note, those who came appeared to have a great time and saw things that they could not believe. It truly amazes me how people approach the hobby in so many different ways. Also, the backgrounds of those who participate are incredibly diverse. All who partake are winners for it clearly makes their lives happier and gives each a sense of fulfillment either individually or as a couple in a manner they truly enjoy.

New springs fitted, old springs laying on the floor.



Photo by PJ Wright

Dave Hershberger who is restoring a TR3B. The Body is mounted on his homemade rotisserie, WPTA visited his garage on the Garage Tour.



Photo by Ken Mikos

This year at Watkins Glen Bernie Clark didn't need the use of a hair dryer to put his top up, he recruited multiple members from WPTA for their suggestions and muscle. So that's why he bought a Miata!

## Cars & Coffee

by Rick Brown

The final Cars & Coffee of the year is scheduled for Wednesday, October 15 at the IHOP restaurant near the Mall at Robinson. Address is 1002 Sutherland Dr. 15205. As always, we hope to arrive between 9:15 and 9:30 and head on in to breakfast at around 9:45. We hope for good weather, and hope to see a few new faces for this final get together.

## Classified

**FOR SALE:** 1971 TR6, Only 53,000 original miles (no rain or winters!) Outstanding running condition; recent engine tune-up. Red with new black interior; new convertible top. Many new parts—more than \$3,000 invested since 2003. Very solid, well-maintained car that is pleasure to drive... Price is \$11,500. Car is at 10 Legacy Circle, Penfield, NY; call 585-218-6249 for info.

**FOR SALE:** 1979 Triumph Spitfire. Bright red, NO rust, good condition, stored indoors covered. Runs great. Needs a new master cylinder. There is a 10 disc CD player in the trunk that runs by remote from the radio in the car. Top is new and have replaced some other parts with new but original, \$3800.00 Please call Jolene if you have any questions. 814-929-5447.

**FOR SALE:** 1978 Triumph Spitfire, restored, original owner, new soft black top, 26,000 miles, burgundy in color, garage kept. Phone: 412-793-7979 Tom Masters

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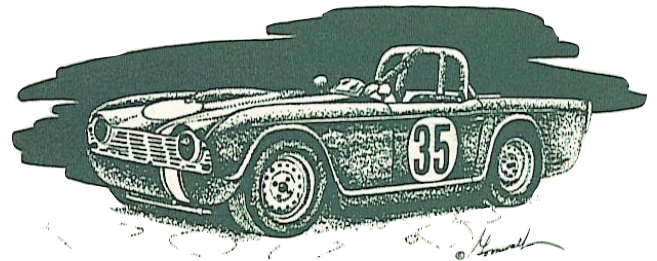
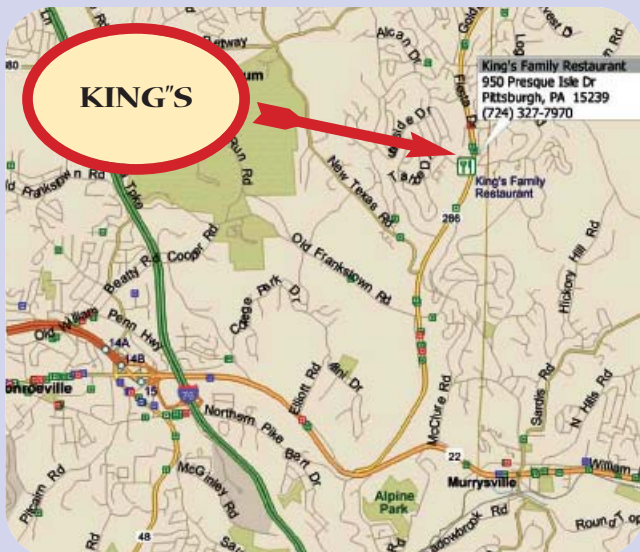
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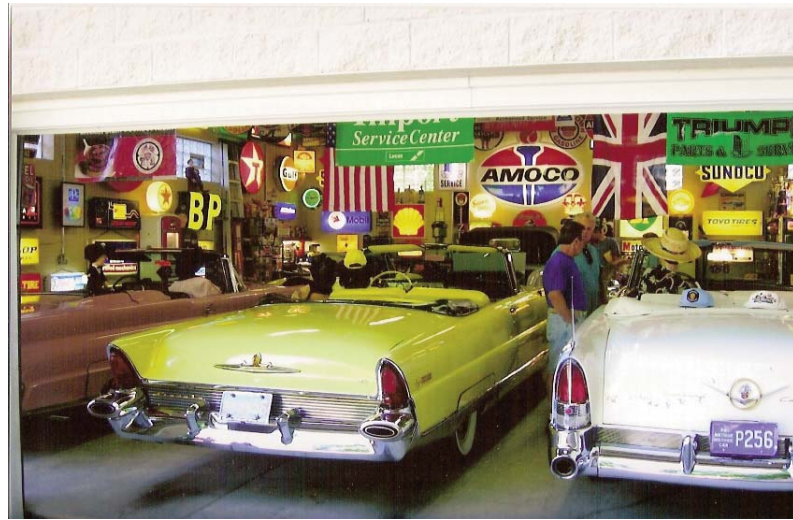


### Calendar of Events

- 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
- Jan 3, 2009 **Holiday Party,**  
Ken Mikos 412-795-8248

#### ~ Events Of Other Interest ~

- Oct 5 **MG Foxburg Run**  
724-625-7264  
<http://www.greaterpghmgclub.org/>
- Oct 2-5 **Triumphfest 2008 Tahoe, NV**  
[www.triumphtravelers.org](http://www.triumphtravelers.org) for ad'l info



Fred Segal's garage



Attendees at the Wings of Freedom tour



Cars and Coffee in September