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Dusk Till Don

What a month this was! Doug had a great Night Owl on the 2nd, then Bud did a nice job with the run to Team Triumph and Quaker Steak and Lube; perfect roads and good times. Then it was on to PJ Wright's Early Morning Run to Greensburg; great food and BEER. Then the car show at the USX Tower on the 21st that went off with out a hitch thanks to Will. Last but not least Fred's & Dick's garage tour on the 28th. WOW that was a fun month Thanks to all you guys for your hard work.

September is to be another busy month; first is The Glen on the same week-end as The Altoona show that is on the 5th. Then it seems we get a break till the end of the month with the ANNIVERSARY Run on the 27th and on the 28th the Hartwood Show and Dogs with the Hogs at North Park. So I hope to see all you guys and gals there.

Don

Dogs With Hogs 08

by Don

This year Dogs with Hogs is going to be the best ever. Fred was to get LIVE dancing girl for the guys, and the Chip and Dales for the girls, then the date got changed, so too bad for the Live entertainment, So with a little help from Kathy, Fred will have to entertain us all. We will be at THE SUPERIOR GROVE in North Park on September 28, that is Sunday after Hartwood Car Show. I will be there at 1:30 so come on over and eat on the club for free, but bring your own drinks (beer) the club can not buy that. Sandy said the food is going to be great, like always. Hope to see you there.

Fall Leaf Tour

by Kenny

Just a reminder to mark your calendars for October 18. We've got a special Fall Leaf Tour for you.

- Brisk top down driving over the best scenic roads of the Laurel Highlands.

- Private tour of The Roadster Factory in Armagh conducted by John Swauger and Uncle Dave Hagenbuch.

- Late lunch at the Coventry Inn in Indiana. The Inn will be open just for us from 2:00 to 4:00 P.M., with our special menu, courtesy of Charles Runyan.

More next month.

Best Of Show Correction

In our haste to get the August Dzus Dnuz to press, we omitted the listing for the Best of Show for British Car Day, it was:

Jack Bottoms, Elma, NY
1946 Armstrong Siddeley Typhoon 2 Door Grey
Our sincerest apologies.

Setting

The Record Straight

Ed Note: In the last issue, we printed a letter from Rich Arnott setting forth his recollections of the origin of our "British Car Day". Rich was a WPTA member in the early days. Herewith is a response from Woody setting the record straight.

by Woody

With all due respect for Rich Arnott's gatherings of British Cars at North Park, (I can remember attending only one), the idea for "British Car Day" came from my trips to Bowie, MD to attend British Car Day at Allen Pond Park along Rte. 50 between Washington, DC and Annapolis, MD. They have since moved to Lilly Pond Park. This show has always been hosted and run by The Chesapeake Chapter of the New England MGT Register. Back then they would get 700 - 800 British Cars at their shows.

I figured that with help from our very active WPTA members, we could do as well, so I was able to put together a show at Hartwood, I even "borrowed" the name British Car Day which did not go over well with the group from Bowie so they then renamed their show The "Original" British Car Day.

Starting in 1981 with help from a lot of people, I ran the show for 5 years at Hartwood, then Roy Miller took over. About 1988 (?) we moved our show to the Pittsburgh Vintage Grand Prix to help draw crowds for Saturdays of the PVGP weekend.

On Saturday of the 2008 PVGP, I did hear the PA announcer say that BCD was started by Ed and Ed in 1977. I think he made more than one announcement and I know he was confusing the information that was in an earlier PVGP program that Ed and Ed started WPTA. We can get this corrected next year.

No matter who gets or wants credit for starting BCD, we can all be proud of the nearly \$100,000 (or more) that we have produced for the worthy charities of the PVGP. Let's keep up the good show - all we need now is someone new to run things.

P.S. The name - "British Cars at Hartwood" has only been used by the Jaguar Club for their September show at Hartwood - never our BCD shows.

Anniversary Run

September 27th

Great news everyone, gas prices are falling just in time for the Anniversary Run. No excuses for not attending. We will start at the McDonalds/ Kings Parking lot on Alpha drive just off Freeport road south of the Allegany Valley exit of the turnpike at 12:30. I'd like everyone to be on the road by 1:00. This will get us to Old Hanna's Town around 3:00. Interested drivers and navigators can take a tour of the historic town for only \$4.00. The drive promises to be fun and educational. Rizzo's opens for dinning at 4:00 for the hungry British car owner. I'll see you there.



We Lost A Friend

by Jerry Van Vlack

We lost a friend on Saturday. Jack Drews "Uncle Jack" to many of us died Saturday August 16th doing what he enjoyed, racing his Vintage TR4. He apparently blacked out while on the Front Straight at Grattan, a racetrack close to Grand Rapids, Michigan. Jack left the track at some say 110mph. I can't imagine how long that picture will remain in the minds of those who witnessed this accident. He and his son Tony, who also races a Vintage TR4, enjoyed the competition between them for bragging rights.

God speed Jack; I will miss you.

As most of you know a few of the WPTA members really enjoy Vintage Racing and for several years we've traveled to 1 or more races each year. That enjoyment has turned into a personal friendship with several of the Triumph Racers and membership in the Friends of Triumph (FOT) Group made up of mostly Triumph owners who enjoy competing in racing events. WPTA has on many occasions sponsored a Hospitality Tent at a Race every year and the FOT has always shown their appreciation to us for doing so. Jack was one of the original members along with Joe Alexander of the FOT. Jack and his wife Frances always thanked us for doing our little part for the enjoyment of the racers. We will continue this tradition in a few weeks as we co-sponsor a Hospitality Tent along with the folks from Grassroots Motorsports / Vintage Motorsports at this year's Watkins Glen Vintage Races.

It's never easy to say goodbye to friend. There will be an emptiness to the races at the Glen for some of us but Jack's presence will be there. Because of Jack's engineering knowledge the racecars are safer. He developed the Southwick rear axle, up rated front spindles and improved front hubs and more than a few performance items.

It will not be the same without Jack.

Ed Note: Jerry VV sent flowers on WPTA's behalf. Also, quite a few of us drive with parts on our Triumphs that Jack Drews engineered, like the higher strength stub axles and front bearing spacers sold by TRF. Yes, Triumph enthusiast everywhere have lost a friend!

The Roadster Factory

by Bruce Stutzman

TRF, our local parts purveyor for the last 30 years, is now marketing primarily via the internet. And there is always a "deal"!

If you are not receiving the TRF E-Mail Newsletter, go to their web site, www.the-roadster-factory.com; click on "subscribe" and enter your email address. That's all there is to it; you'll be glad you did.

Cars & Coffee

by Rick Brown

For this very busy month we will again schedule only one Cars & Coffee breakfast. On Wednesday September 17 we will meet for breakfast at the world famous Carlton Kitchen. No, it's not the Ritz-Carlton. This Carlton Kitchen is a combination diner, motel, and church (when was the last time you saw that grouping?) located immediately off exit 31 of I-70 about a mile west of Bentleyville. Look for the giant "FOOD" sign. For you back road buffs, the restaurant is located at the intersection of McIlvaine Road and Carlton Drive in zip code 15314. Breakfast is good and it's reasonable, including a mixed egg, meat and potato dish called "slop". As always, meet in the parking lot around 9:15 and move in to breakfast at about 9:45.



Club members cars on display at the USX Tower.



Traditional line up of WPTA cars outside Scott Harper's "Team Triumph" on the Quaker Steak 'n Lube Run

Night Owl Rally

by Dougy

Thanks to all who came out to this year's Night Owl Rally. We had fantastic weather, great food, and enough car stories to hold us over until the next event. Oh, and we had a lot of fun driving.

It's interesting how much things change when you are trying to find your way in the dark!



Some of the navigators at the Sheetz pit stop on the run to the Red Star Grill and Brewery



Photos by PJ Wright

New member Bill Spang with Dick Gaier, Gary Fitzgerald and Fred Segal on the way to the Red Star.



Club members at the Wings Of Freedom Tour with a B24

Run To The Red Star Grill And Brewery

by P J Wright

There are days when the best-laid plans actually go right. On Saturday, August 16 the day was just perfect for a run, warm but not hot, with no rain in the forecast. At Kings in Bridgeville 11 English cars gathered for the run with 6 more drivers meeting us at the pit stop at Sheetz in Rostraver. Included in those joining us at the pit stop were new member Bill Spang with a breathtaking Morgan and Bruce Stutzman with his resurrected TR 4. So we had a total of 17 cars with 27 drivers and navigators. (Long-time member, Jack Sutherland, met us at Kings in his white TR 3 but only stayed with us part of the way due to other commitments.) There were no breakdowns, speeding tickets, or lost drivers in any of the three car groups (fast cars, half-fast cars, and lollygaggers.) The Red Star is not a Russian restaurant specializing in borsch and vodka but a real American eatery with micro-brewed beer set up in a restored train station in Greensburg. The food, the drink and the company were great and we were on our way home by 1:30.

Calendar of Events

- Sept 7 Ohio Run (CANCELED)**
Paul Wunderlin 724-775-1977
- Sept 27 Anniversary Run,**
Gary Fitzgerald 724-696-5824
- Sept 28 Dogs with Hogs**
Fred Williams SATTP 421-334-1674
or Don Harkus 724-284-9172
- 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 ~

- 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 Degrosso Car Show, Altoona**
- Sept 11-13 6-Pack Trials**
Townsend TN (Tail of the Dragon!)
- Sept 28 British Cars at Hartwood**
- Oct 5 MG Foxburg Run**
- Oct 2-5 Triumphfest 2008 Tahoe, NV**
www.triumphtravelers.org for ad'l info

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For Sale: 1976 Triumph Spitfire. (pictured right) Red with black top. Always garaged and professionally maintained. Receipts available. Body in good condition. Not driven in salt. Mileage is 113,000, but engine was rebuilt at about 105,000 and runs well. New battery and only 200 miles since brake job. New soft top in box. Has tonneau cover. I'd like to see this car go to a Triumph family. \$6,000. Anita Fletcher - afletcher444@comcast.net or 412-224-2018 - Mt. Washington in Pittsburgh

WANTED : Convertible boot, black , for 1976 TR 6. Call Ray Stockdale at 724-627-9122



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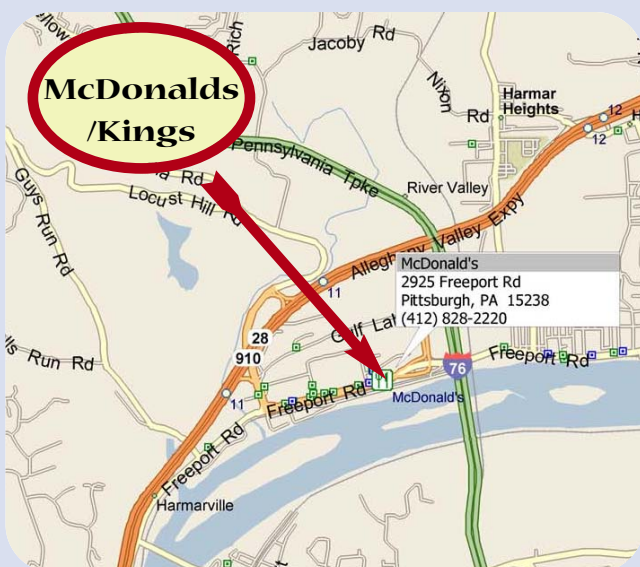
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British Cars at Hartwood

Sunday, September 28, 2008

215 Saxonburg Blvd., Pittsburgh, PA 15238

RAIN OR SHINE!!

Presented by the Jaguar Club of Pittsburgh, Inc.

FEATURING: Antique, Classic and new British cars and motorcycles.

FIELD OPENS: 9:00 A.M. All vehicles should be in place by 12:30 P.M.

REGISTRATION: Pre-registration is \$15.00 if received by September 17, 2008. Registration after September 17 and drive-ups on the day of the show is \$20.00.

Please pre-register to help us determine classes and parking.

Make check payable to: **Jaguar Club of Pittsburgh**

Mail registration to: **Jack Terrick, Treasurer**

258 Echo Valley Rd.

Jeannette, PA 15644

AWARDS: Awards will be determined by popular vote on ballots provided to registered participants only. Jaguar Club of Pittsburgh reserves the right to determine classes and assign cars. Number of awards will be based on the number of **pre-registered cars** in each class. Award presentation will be at approximately 4:00 P.M.

INFORMATION: For additional information on BRITISH CARS AT HARTWOOD please call **724-837-7497** or email ht66e@comcast.net. Hartwood Acres is an Allegheny County park and all park rules and restrictions apply. Last year the Jaguar Club of Pittsburgh was able to donate \$500 to Children's Hospital Free Care Fund from proceeds of the show.

EVENT SHIRTS: Add \$15.00 per T-Shirt, \$22.00 per sweatshirt. This year's original artwork is on the reverse side of the application. Shirts must be pre-ordered.

REFRESHMENTS: Bring your own picnic baskets and beverages, or purchase refreshments at the show.

MANSION TOURS: The Hartwood mansion will be open for tours the day of the show. For tour information, call 412-767-9200.

-----Tear off-----

British Cars at Hartwood Registration Form

Reg. # _____ (JCOP Use only)

Class # _____ (JCOP Use only)

NAME: _____

Shirt size _____ S M L XL XXL
Quantity

ADDRESS: _____

T-Shirt--@ \$15.00 _____ \$ _____

CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP: _____

Sweatshirt--@ \$22.00 _____ \$ _____

Car entry @ \$15.00 by 9/17/08, \$20.00 after \$ _____

Check No. _____ Total \$ _____

PHONE: _____

EMAIL: _____

CAR MAKE _____ MODEL _____ YEAR _____ Sdn. Cpe Conv. MC Other _____

Waiver of Liability--Must be signed to enter show:

Neither I nor my heirs will hold the Jaguar Club of Pgh. Inc. or Allegheny County liable for any damages or personal injury to myself or my entry, while engaged in, or travelling to or from this event. This release is given in consideration for permission to attend this event. I also certify that any vehicles described on this form bear legal and proper State registration and liability insurance.

Signature _____ Date _____

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