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## Dusk Till Don

Hi guys and gals! Holy smokes Christmas is just around the corner. Last year there were a lot of fun driving events. Thanks to all who made them possible. Next year is just around the bend, so let's all keep that in mind, so maybe we can all get out more...

We had the election meeting last month. It seems that everyone that was in, is still in, for another year, so congratulations to everyone or sorry for that, but you're in. The treasurer's report (Bruce) is "we have money" so that's good.

The Holiday Party is coming up soon, so get you reservations in now, so PJ can get on with it. There are some interesting things that he is doing for the party.

The Steering Committee (planning) meeting is in January, so start thinking about events now. There are so many nice things to do, and a whole lot of great roads out there that need to be explored. Lets all just get to it.

There hasn't been much happening in my garage. I spent a lot of my money last year, and Fred has just been too busy, that not to much happening here, just tinkering and a lot of cleaning. I just about forgot The No Meeting meeting at the Quaker Steak and Lube in Cranberry in December. Try to get to the meeting and have a late lunch and a few beers.

MERRY CHRISTMAS!

# Don

## Planning Meeting

by Gary Fredo

Thanks to everyone who planned events this past year. I had a great time at all the events that I attended & heard nothing but rave reviews from everyone else who attended the events. This, of course, is a testament to all the work that everyone puts into planning the events. Also thanks to everyone who participated in the events this past year. The greatest reward for someone that plans an event is to have a great turnout. The 2010 planning meeting is scheduled for January 23rd probably late morning or early afternoon. Exact time and location still to be determined and will be announced in next months newsletter. If you want to plan an event and can't make the meeting then give me a call at 724-378-9610 or drop me an email at garyfredo@yahoo.com

## No Meeting, Meeting

by Gary Fredo

Let's all meet on December 12 at 1:00 PM at the Cranberry Quaker Steak & Lube for a little break from all of the holiday shopping. The wings will be hot & the beverages will be cold. Bench racing will be aplenty. The bar just to the right is reserved for us. We tried this last year and they had overbooked the room and sent us to the bar on the left instead so if you don't see us to the right, then look left! So come on out after doing a little morning holiday shopping. Or come on out after dropping your spouse off to do some holiday shopping. Or forget the holiday shopping & just come on out for wings, beverages & WPTA camaraderie.

## January 16, 2010 WPTA Annual Holiday Party



**Cocktails at 6:00 PM Cash Bar  
Dinner at 7:00 PM**

## Peters Place

1199 Washington Pike, Bridgeville, PA 15017, 412.221.5000

Cost per person is \$35 which includes tax and gratuity. There will be hors d'oeuvres, salad, a choice of three entrees, dessert and beverage. There will be door prizes.

To make your reservation please return your payment and the form below by January 4, 2010 to:

PJ Wright, 102 Santa Fe Drive, Bethel Park, PA 15102

Pj.wright@verizon.net

Make checks payable to WPTA

Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

Entrées: (indicate # of each)

Virginia Spots \_\_\_\_\_

Chicken a la Kelly \_\_\_\_\_

Veal Parmigiana \_\_\_\_\_



Peters Place is located two blocks off the Kirwan Heights exit of I-79 south of Pittsburgh.

## Dues Are Due!

by Richard Dick

It's that time of year to renew your Membership Dues. If your label has "Expires Dec.' 09", now is the time to send your \$20 check/money order made out to "WPTA" to Richard Dick, 106 Cypress Avenue, Monongahela, PA 15063. Please include any changes to your name, address, phone numbers, car, email addresses, etc. Ed Major is planning to publish a new "Roster of Members" next year so we would like accurate information BEFORE the Roster is published. Those who just get their newsletter online need to pay also. Send me an email at "britcarnuts@comcast.net" or give me a call at 724-379-5172 with any questions or comments. Make it a point not to be one of the last members to renew! Judy and I wish you all a Merry Christmas, Happy New Year and Happy motoring in your vintage cars.



## Garage Tour at Wray Brady's

By Bruce Stutzman

When you're talking about that small but indispensable group of club members who we count on to organize our events, Bud Osbourne is right up there with the best.

Well, a couple weeks ago some of us got an email from Bud – meet at Wray Brady's garage Sunday evening for beer & bull. And a fun group of guys showed up. After a while though we realized that Wray wasn't there. Turns out that Bud forgot to tell him, but he swears he notified Wray by email. Good thing there was beer in the "frig".

As you can see from the photo, we finally located our missing host.

Wil Schweitzer waving a Steeler Terrible Towel at the check presentation for the Pittsburgh Vintage Grand Prix. WPTA is a PVGP silver sponsor.



## Photo Caption Contest



Email your caption to the Editor. All entries will be printed in the January issue. The winner gets one of Hershey's Macanudos.

## The Autumn Leaf Tour

by Mike Yurko

The Tour was a great success even though the day started out with rain. By show up time the rain had stopped but the clouds remained. There was a good time driving the leaf covered back roads of Westmoreland and Fayette Counties. The final stop was at the Foggy Mountain Inn just outside Stalstown where there was a very good selection of food and drink. I thank everyone who attended the tour and hope to see more new faces next year.



Photo by Bill Kern

## January Dzus Meet

The meeting for the Jan. 2010 Dzus will be Tuesday Dec. 29 at 6:00 PM at O'Leary's on Sarasota Bay. The alternate location will be Gino's for those unfortunate regular attendees who can't join Ed and Bruce at O'Leary's. We'll have to communicate via cell phone.



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Torx



Poizidriv

## Poizidriv (PZ)

By Bruce Stutzman

You decide to remove the points plate from your Lucas distributor to lubricate the mechanical advance mechanism. You take the appropriate size Phillips screwdriver from your tool chest and proceed to remove the 2 small screws that hold it in place. One screw comes out but you round out the head on the other one so badly that it won't budge. WHY?

You decide to take the top covers off your Stromberg carbs to check the condition of the diaphragms and to clean things up a bit. Again you take the appropriate size Phillips screwdriver from your tool chest and proceed to remove the 4 screws that hold them on. You manage to get them out but you also round out the heads. WHY?

You may not be Mr. Goodwrench, but you do know how to remove screws. You even have all the sizes of Phillips screwdrivers from #PH0 to #PH4.

So what went wrong? Look at this picture of screw heads. You were trying to remove Poizidriv screws with Phillips screwdrivers. Unfortunately, once you have used a PH screwdriver on a Poizidriv screw you have pretty much ruined the head of the screw. Poizidriv? Never heard of it!

Poizidriv is like the anti slip version of Phillips. Phillips is actually designed so that the driver will slip out of the screw after a certain amount of torque is applied. Poizidriv is designed to hold the driver in the screw; there is a better mating surface between the screw and the driver.

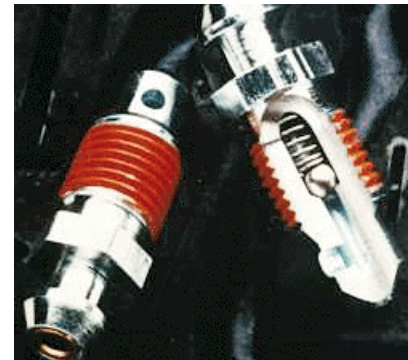
Although Poizidriv was developed by and is a registered trademark of the Phillips Screw Company, an American company, it is used less in the U.S. than in the rest of the world. Poiziscrew drivers come in the same sizes as Phillips, but the prefix is PZ instead of PH. The screws in Lucas dizzys and in Stromberg top covers are # PZ2 as well as the chrome retaining rings for headlights. I know they are in other places in our cars; I just don't know where. There are lots of them in big Healeys, especially in the bodies. They started being used in Brit cars in the mid to late 50s.

But don't fret; the threads on our Poiziscrews are SAE. You can replace them with Phillips or slot headed screws from the hardware store. Poiziscrew drivers and bits are available but not at your local hardware store. You should at least have a PZ2 in your tool chest. Snap On, Stanley and McMaster-Carr are some of the companies that have them.

## Announcement:

In a rare turn of events for the current WPTA coterie, an actual MEMBER had a baby. Do not confuse this with the birth of a grandchild.

Kate Stoltz was born to WPTA parents Dexter and Jamie Stoltz, and WPTA grandparents Eric and Sue Stoltz while we were enjoying The Roadster Factory's Summer Party Saturday (TR-8 August 2009) evening's events.



## Speed Bleeders

By Bruce Stutzman

Speed Bleeders aren't as high on the list of really great idea as hydraulic brakes, but they are right up there.

Bleed your brakes by yourself! Speed Bleeders make the job so easy that you'll finally think you actually know how to work on your old British iron. You may even impress your wife – but then again you may be way past that possibility. You'll first have to get to the point where she can get in your car without getting grease on her clothes. But, I digress.

On the outside, Speed Bleeders are an exact duplicate of the bleeders currently on our cars. Inside, however, is a one way check valve. Just open one and push on the brake. Take your foot off the pedal and the check valve closes; no sucking air back into the system.

Ed Major and I have had them on our TRs for 2 years now. I was able to change fluid by myself. #SB3428 and SB3428L (1/4 inch longer) for our Girling and Lockheed systems. [www.speedbleeder.com](http://www.speedbleeder.com).

## Christmas Gifts

by Wil Sweitzer

Now is the time to order your WPTA regalia for gifts. Mario at Cutting Edge Embroidery of Pittsburgh has our logo on a disc, which enables him to embroider the logo onto almost any material. He has a nice selection of clothing and accessories, or you can supply your own. Cutting Edge Embroidery is located at 5386 Steubenville Pike (Route 60) in Robinson, just a short distance from the Crafton Exit of I-79. The phone number is (412) 787-0906.

The enameled grill badge, with the WPTA logo, is a nice addition to any British car. It comes with two screws and mounting plates for easy installation. It is available by mailing a check for \$40.00 (no charge for shipping), payable to WPTA, to Wil Schweitzer, 20 Grandview Ave., Hickory, PA 15340. Your badge will be promptly mailed to you.

## ~ Calendar of Events ~

- Dec 8 Beer & Bull Session**  
6 pm at Geno's, 5147 Butler Street  
Bud Osbourne 724-356-4464
- Dec 12 No Meeting, Meeting,**  
Cranberry Quaker Steak & Lube  
Gary Fredo 724-378-9610
- Dec 17 Cars & Coffee, 9:30 AM**  
Rick Brown - King's Restaurant, McMurray Rd
- Dec 29 Dzus Dnuz Meeting, 6:00 PM**  
O'Leary's on Sarasota Bay  
Al't Location, 6pm-at Geno's, 5147 Butler St.
- Jan 16, 2010 Holiday Party, Peters Place**  
PJ Wright -- Pj.wright@verizon.net
- Jan 23 2010 Planning Meeting**  
Time and place TBA, Gary Fredo - 724-378-9610

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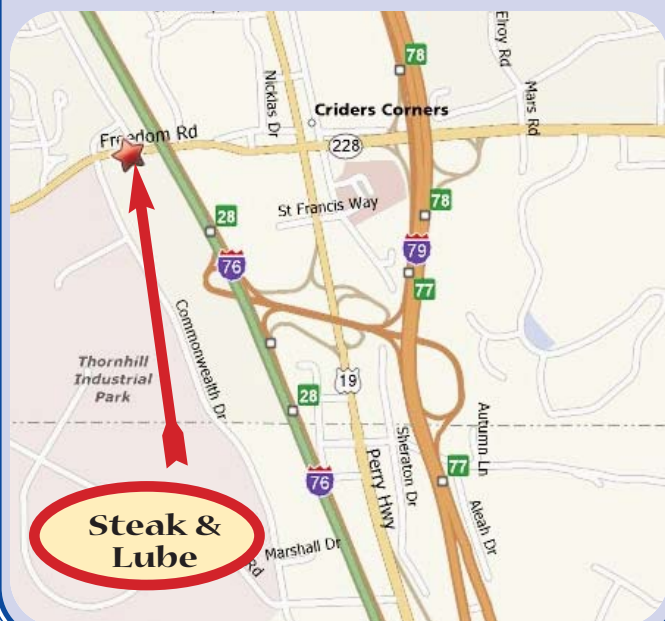
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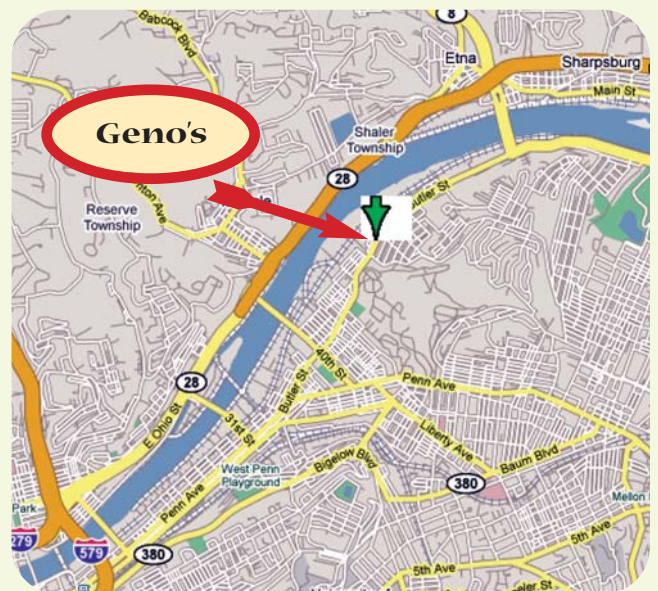
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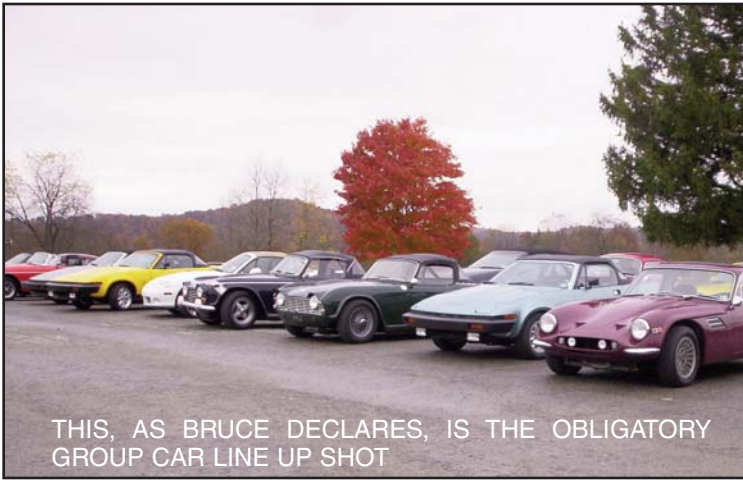


## Dec. 8, Beer & Bull at Geno's

Geno's Restaurant in Lawrenceville,  
5147 Butler Street, Pittsburgh PA 15201  
412-781-3432



# Fall Leaf Tour Candid



THIS, AS BRUCE DECLARES, IS THE OBLIGATORY GROUP CAR LINE UP SHOT



SOME OF THE GIRLS TODAY, BOB KING'S MAIN SQUEEZE, JUDY DICK AND CAROL WRIGHT

Photos & Captions by PJ Wright



HERSHEY DUGAN, AND BOB KING CHASING DOWN A RATTLE IN DUGAN'S GT6, CHRISTIAN IS DIRECTING THIS OPERATION



THEY FOUND ONE MOUSE, NOW THEY ARE LOOKING FOR HIS BROTHER.

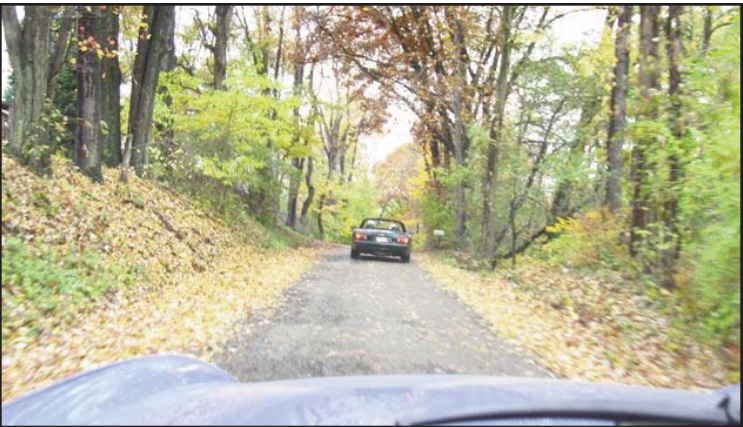


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