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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

Another month has come and gone and what a great month it was! I can hardly wait till next month. At the beginning of this month, there was The Solon Ohio Car Show. The guys up there put on a great show every year. Then there was the tune up Clinic with Doug at my shop. What a great day! The rain held off till late that night. We still have oil left; 4 cases of Premium and 2 cases of racing all 20w 50 Brad Penn. So if you need a case call Doug or Me and we will try to get it to you. Then, off to Carlisle. The pickens are starting to get a little slim, but I still sold some stuff and bought some stuff. I think I just broke even, but still came out ahead because of the great time we had.

New runs of this month; first, Rick will put on a great run with a twist, Murder Mystery Tour on June 6, then on to Don's Summer Solstice Run on June 20. I am sure there will be a lot of fun roads to drive on that day, and the fun just keeps on coming.

Remember to get your registration in for British Car Day early, so Rick is not pulling his hair out at the last minute. GO PENS!

Don

Summer Solstice Tour

Saturday June 20
by Don Stewart

This year's tour is more of a rally. It's a Road Hog Rally! This event is named after a similar rally organized by a friend in the Delaware Valley Classic MG Club in Eastern PA. His MG YB Saloon was named "Road Hog", hence the Road Hog Rally.

Meet at the Waterworks shopping center in the parking lot next to Dollar Bank and in front of Ross. Arrive by noon for check in and directions. The first car will be off at 12:31 PM with the remaining cars going out at one minute intervals. The initial run will be straight and direct for a few miles to a check point. There we will take another odometer reading to establish a correction factor to apply against the "master" odometer. From that point on, you will need to follow the "Road Hog" signs to our final destination. Don't worry about getting lost. You will be provided with a sealed envelope with map and location of our destination. Of course, if you open the envelope, you will go to the end of the mileage list... Oh, and if your odometer doesn't work, don't worry. Come along and enjoy the drive and MG and Triumph camaraderie!

Murder Mystery Rally

(And B.Y.O. Picnic)
by Rick Brown

It's here — Saturday June 6 — a short 70 mile tour of the Monongahela Valley in search of clues to solve imaginary murder mysteries. See the May Druz for Details.

We will meet at Kings Restaurant at 155 McMurray Rd. Upper St. Clair 15241. Registration begins at 10:00 am, the first group leaving at 11:00. If you want an idea of what is involved, you may request a copy of the general rally instructions ahead of time by sending an email to Rick Brown at: brownr1@verizon.net.

We will end at pavilion shelter #3 in Mingo Creek Park in Washington County around 3:00 for our first ever "Bring Your Own" picnic. You will be driving over the Ebenezer Covered Bridge to get to the shelter, so bring your camera.

Washington County Tour Revival

by Bud Osbourne

Returning by special request from a bunch of folks who ought to have more sense, the Washington County Tour rides again, after a five year hiatus. We'll start from Bud Osbourne's front yard/field, near Hickory, at 5:30 PM, on Saturday, July 11. First group of cars will depart on the Tour at 6 PM sharp.

The tour route will consist of approximately 80 top 90 miles of curvy, swoopy Washington County back roads, featuring beautiful, hilly scenery, which, hopefully will be bathed in that lovely mid-summer evening sunshine.

Finishing point is yet to be determined, but will be someplace where we can all kick back and relax with food and drink, before heading home.

Photo by Chuck Chappas

John Swauger, Dan Mabon and The Roadster Factory's table of goodies at the tune up clinic.





Why not Drive your TR ?

by Rich "Dumbass" Roenigk

OK, Spring is here and the fever is high to do a road trip - April 15th. My work schedule called for a trip to West PA (Grove City). Check weather forecast, rain today followed by two days sunshine.....ummmmh, I think my TR 6 will make it...let's check it over.....hell yes!

As we all know, TR 6's are 98 % waterproof.....the 2 % that isn't, is were the driver sits! Leaving York at 8 AM and driving up I 83 isn't much fun on a good day. Good thing the Rainx was working cause the token wipers (working on one speed only) are for decoration. After an appt. in Harrisburg, I thought I would head west on 322 and maybe lunch in State College en route to I 80. The rain was still steady enough that cruising at 65 produced some real nice leaks, mainly around the windshield. Is that seal just for decoration too ? Well, in my pre trip planning, towels and rags were packed in lieu of the big tool kit, deal with the known, to hell with the unknown.

Towels cover my luggage in passenger foot well and rags on the dash were sopping up what they could.....then I noticed my left pant leg was getting real wet....well sacrifice is necessary to keep carpets dry.

ALL WAS FINE TIL.....I'm heading up Seven Mountains, car started to buck and miss, thinking it may be the OD, I flipped it out, and the bucking stopped....but a steady miss was evident. Ummh...going up that big hill with no where to pull over...I made it to the top, pulled over, left it idle and popped the hood, expecting to see rain water screwing up something. All looked fine, plug wires snug, etc. Well...it's running and no weird noises, and it is raining.....head to town and a "Garage".

I see a sign for Pep Boys, thinking it is a fouled plug, just get them to change 'em. What kind of car is that? My computer doesn't have a charge for changing plugs...don't have replacement plugs and old Jim (mechanic) is only one who may be willing to tackle this. So, manager decided a hour labor charge plus plug cost would gouge me enough...OK fine...git 'er done.

#3 cylinder plug was REAL ugly. Put in new plugs , start up, still a MISS. Oh S— ! was heard and can really echo in a 10 bay garage. I asked if they could do a compression test, manager back to his computer....we don't have that service listed can we charge (gouge) you for an hour labor? Another Oh S— !, this time muffled and I answered with a weak, yes.

#3 was ZERO. Ok, at least I know I ain't driving no further...find a secure place to park for couple days, get a rental car.

As I'm heading outa town in the smallest Toyota ever made...I call my buddy Mike Wiest. Mike....what are doing Friday ? CAN YOU COME GET ME ? After a lecture from him on my dumbass idea of driving a TR, any TR, on this type of trip, he agreed to meet me with his trailer in State College on Friday to tow home.

The head will be coming off soon to see what we see...hoping just a burnt valve ?????

It was a little hectic, funny at times, amusing trip....but an adventure none the less. Just like the good old days ! I WOULD DO IT AGAIN !



British Car Festival At Altoona

by Wil Schweitzer

The Central Pennsylvania British Car Club will be holding it's 15th British Car Show at DelGrosso's Amusement Park., September 12th and 13th. This is a weekend event with a Funkhana on Saturday afternoon, and a scenic drive to their famous Pig Roast dinner and "Just Desserts" party on Saturday evening. On Sunday the venue moves to Tipton for the car show at DelGrosso's. During the show (there is no judging) you can enjoy the rides in the amusement park, miniature golf, and a chicken dinner. From 2 to 5 P.M there will be seminars and demonstrations by John Twist and Larry Learn. In addition, every car in the show receives a DelGrosso Sauces Gift Pack. There is NO judging. The cost for all this is, including the two dinners, is only \$25.00 per person. Mark your calendar. Registration deadline is September 4th. Forms will be available at British Car Day.

A Log Book From

Ed Major

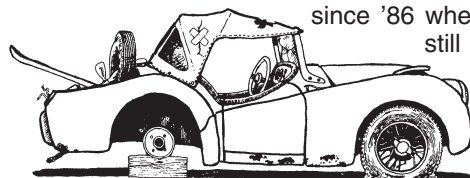
After reading Ed Woods' and Jerry VV's "notes" from the good old days, I dug up a few of my own from the TR3. It was a Pennsylvania "M" Title car, making me the lucky 13th owner in the 14 years of its existence. Obviously it didn't stay in one place too long. I purchased it July 3, 1972 for \$307.40, +Taxes \$18.60, +Plates \$24.00. The story as I remember it was that I had \$350 in my pocket at the time so Sleazy Sam's car sales on Route 51 worked backwards to get the price of the car. That winter I had to rebuild the Engine.

8-26-72 – Motor Car Parts	Fan belt	\$3.15
1-15-73 – A & L	Engine Gasket set	\$15.00
1-15-73 – A & L	Throw out bearing	\$7.45
2-2-73 – Pgh Crank	Crank ground 0.020, balanced, new bearings	\$37.10
2-12-73 – JC Whitney	Spin on Oil Adapter (still on the car)	\$9.98
2-21-73 – A & L	Timing Chain Seal & Gasket	\$3.05

I couldn't find the price of the rings, but I did put new ones in. Trying to ridge ream I disturbed the liners, had to knock them out and install new figure 8 gaskets, Woody Brougher's Speed Shop (back then out on Mifflin Road) helped me with the finishing of the liners and did the valve job, he probably supplied the rings..

From there the receipts went to regular items that failed, like a fuel pump from Abriola for \$12.03 minus a \$5 core charge that brought the price to \$7.03. Hand brake cable for \$6.25 at A & L, Brake Pads from Motor Car Parts on Route 51, \$6.60. PA inspection on 7-7-73, \$6.00. To pass the state inspection, Ed Woods gave me "good used" nylon front inner lower a-arm bushes that I installed using a jack (scary).

I hope everyone enjoyed reading about my early "good ol' days" and my first Triumph folly 37 years ago, I do still own that car. Had about 100k miles on it from 7-3-72 until I took it off the road in '84 for the current restoration, and now have 48k since '86 when I finished the car. I



still visit Florida like Ed Woods use to, (the car resides there) and I always try to drive like Bruce.

Carlisle Pizza Girl



Relaxing at Carlisle



Tune-Up Clinic



Johnstown Fun Run

by Richard Dick

Mark your calendars for this fun run on Saturday, July 25th. This annual event is open to all. The meeting time is 10:30 with the cars leaving at 11:00 am. The meeting place is the Cracker Barrel Restaurant in New Stanton again. It's on the South side of IS-70 very near the intersection of the New Stanton turnpike entrance, Route 119, and Turnpike 66. We will stay off the main roads and take very scenic back roads with some twists and turns to get to the Boulevard Grill at 165 Southmont Blvd. by 1:00 pm. The food and drinks are excellent and we will have our own room for this luncheon. We will meet up with the Central PA. British Car Club from the Altoona area where we will all have lunch. It's truly a great time to see some old friends and to meet some new friends. Also, feel free to arrive early and have breakfast at the Cracker Barrel or shop in their store, but please don't miss this event. Feel free to bring a friend.

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FOR SALE: Two Weber downdraft carbs. Series 32 Good condition. \$250 for the pair. 50% off retail, Ray Suchta, 724-941-9667 rsuchta@verizon.net



Calendar of Events

- June 6** **Murder Mystery Tour/Rally**
Rick Brown 412-969-0118
- June 8** **Cars & Coffee**
Rick Brown - King's Restaurant, McMurray Rd
- June 9** **Beer & Bull Session**
6 pm at Geno's in Lawrenceville
5147 Butler Street
- June 20** **Summer Solstice Tour**
Don Stewart 412-963-1893
- June 29** **Newsletter Meeting, Monday**
6pm-Michael's Pizza Bar
- July 11** **Washington County Tour**
Bud Osbourne 724-356-4464
- July 18** **British Car Day at Schenley Park**
- Jul 18-19** **Pittsburgh Vintage Gran Prix**
- July 25** **Johnstown Run, with MG club**
Richard Dick 724-379-5172
- Aug 15** **Quaker Steak & Lube Tour**
Bud Osbourne 724-356-4464
- Aug ?** **Rally/Tour,**
Doug Foyle 724-452-5218
- Aug 22** **Rally/Tour,**
PJ Wright 412-833-4142
- Sept 19** **Anniversary Run,**
Gary Fitzgerald 724-696-5824
- Sept 27** **Dogs with Someone**
Fred Williams 724-789-7476
or Don Harkus 724-284-9172
- Oct 3** **Ride 'em Cowboys and Cowgirls,**
Bill Repack 412-262-5055
- Oct 17** **MG Club Fall Leaf Tour**
- Oct 24** **WPTA Fall Leaf Tour**
Mike Yurko and Ken Mikos
- Nov 14** **Election Meeting,**
King's at I79 Wexford exit
- Dec 12** **No Meeting, Meeting,**
Gary Fredo 724-378-9610
- Jan 9, 2008** **Holiday Party,**
PJ Wright

~ Events Of Other Interest ~

- Jun 17-20** **TRA National Meet**
Charles Town WV, jrosenii@lycos.com
- July 5** **PVGP Kickoff Rally**
- Jul 11-12** **Vintage Races, Beaverun**
- Aug 7-8** **Roadster Factory Summer Party**
www.the-roadster-factory.com
- Sep 30-4** **VTR National & Triumphest 2009**
San Luis Obispo, CA,
paulette.caudill@att.net
- Sep 11-13** **Vintage Fall Festival, Watkins Glen**
- Sep 11-13** **British Car Festival, Altoona**
Jim Pastore (814) 942-7742
- Sept 27** **British Cars at Hartwood**
- Oct 10** **8th Annual Brits by the Bay**
www.tracltd.org

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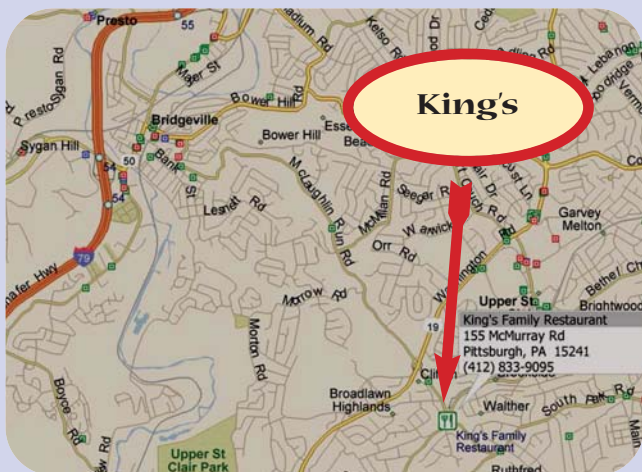
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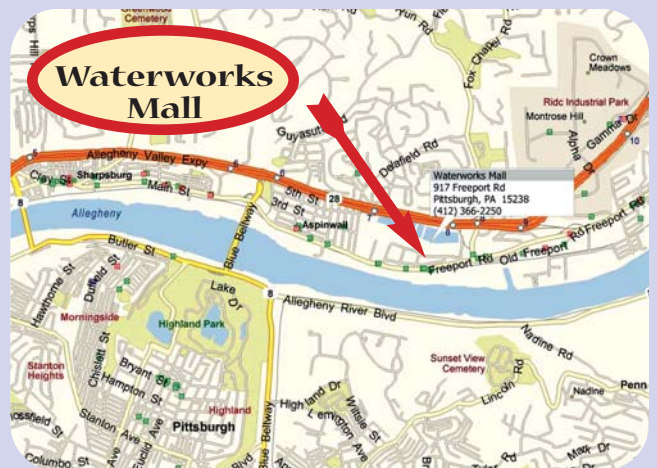
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More Tune-Up



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