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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

Hi guys and gals; it looks like we are off to a good year with the Steelers winning the big game. Now that the big winter sport is behind us let's get this snow and cold weather out of here and get some top down weather in here.

This weekend looks to be a lot of good bull flying. We are off to Team Triumph on Saturday. A lot of people have shown interest in going. Most of you guys have been there before and I am looking forward to it. I will be there with checkbook in hand or should I say card in hand. I still need more stuff for my TR3. It is almost out of the paint shop; the under side of the car is green and so close to being all green. The paint shop will be glad to see me go. Don't fail to read Eric Stoltz' article on page 3 and "keep the faith"

The next event will be the Church Brew Works on March 21 so check Dexter's Article for the time and place, and of course don't forget Buds Beer n' Bull on the second Tuesday.

I saw the picture of Ed's TR3 on Daytona Beach what a great sight that is.

Think summer!

Don



British Car Day "Bonus"

by Wil Schweitzer

You can receive this bonus without being a CEO and free of objections from congressmen. WPTA and the Pittsburgh Vintage Grand Prix will give British Car Day registrants the opportunity to participate in a British car display on Sunday, July 19th, free of charge. Your admission ticket will be your BCD windscreen card. The display field will be located on the golf course, adjacent to "Patron Parking", and the entrance will be from Schenley Drive, near the clubhouse. This will be a display, without judging or awards. You can park your British car and enjoy the vintage racing, cheering for the British cars, especially the Triumphs, that will be competing in the races.



Church Brew Works 2009

By Dex Stoltz

This is it! This is the year we avoid the Pittsburgh Saint Patrick's Day Parade traffic for the Church Brew Works get-together on March 21st!

No reason not to bring the TR out of hibernation for that first bug-finding mission before all of the well-planned drives ahead of us this year. In fact, it is poised well with the Tune-Up Clinic right around the corner. Get there around noon, bear left as you enter The Church (toward the bar area) and grab some first-come, first-served seating. Then, relish in the glory of like-minded individuals as you delight in their heavenly victuals. My dad may even show up on a mission to evangelize his belief in the Triumph Religion...

Tech Session-Oil

by Bud Osbourne

We hope you will be able to join us on Saturday, March 28, at George Kress' garage in Verona, for a tech session on oil. This will be a joint session with the Greater Pittsburgh MG Club. Special guest lecturer will be Mr. Nick Dixon, of Brad-Penn Refining, their competition (as in "RACING") rep, and he's one of the guys at the refinery who was working with the top racing teams back in the day when Brad-Penn was known as Kendall, & was the oil of choice for virtually ALL of the top racing teams in the US. In addition to really knowing his stuff about high performance lubricating oils, Nick has been rubbing elbows with the top names in Indy, NASCAR, IMSA and SCCA for a whole lot of years. This is one you guys don't even want to think of missing!

We'll even have a tired MGA engine to open up and examine for wear & tear. Very interesting! We'll start at 1 PM. Bring your own chairs (the floor is hard, cold and not real clean), some liquid refreshment, and dress warmly if it's cold outside.

See you on the 28th at 1 PM, and DON'T FORGET TO BRING YOUR CHAIR. A Brad Penn distributor will also be there selling oil at a substantial discount.



Steering Meeting Follow-up

by Gary Fredo

The 2009 planning meeting was a great success. As you saw in last month's newsletter, we have a full calendar for 2009. Thanks to everyone for coming out and volunteering to put together an event. Although the calendar looks pretty full there are a few

open weekends so if anyone is still interested in putting together an event then give me a call or drop me an email and we will find an open date. One event that still needs a volunteer is the January 2010 holiday party. It has been in the East for two years now and it's probably time to move to a new location. So if you are tired of driving to another part of town to attend the holiday party then volunteer to host this year's party and you can have it somewhere close to your home. Thanks again to everyone for helping out with events and now let's get out and participate in the events again this year. Strong attendance is the best thanks we can give to someone that puts in the time and effort to put together a great event for the benefit of the members of the club.

Carlisle 2009

by Ed Major

Although it may be cold outside, we (read you) need to think ahead to spring and Import Carlisle. Carlisle is scheduled for May 15-17. In recent years the vendor totals have been down a little, but there are still plenty of bargains to be had, especially in the used parts area. Meanwhile the car show participation is really going through the roof. The show has become one of the largest in PA, probably only second to our British Car Day. This would be a good year to drive your Triumph as Carlisle is only a leisurely 3 hour drive away.

Mike Yurko has blocked off rooms in the Hotel Carlisle at the old rate of \$111.97, but to get this rate you must call before April 30th as they will release all rooms and go back to their standard rate that day (if available). And if you go on the "buddy" system you can cut those costs in half. The hotel has all the amenities that the club needs (good food & a bar). Call the hotel directly at 800-692-7315 and tell them you are with the WPTA. If you are planning to bring parts to sell, please let Jim Shaw know at 1-412-262-3858, Jim will coordinate the WPTA spaces.

Holiday Party Update

by Ken Mikos

Over 60 WPTA Members braved to step out on the very dark and rainy evening of January 10 to attend the clubs Annual Holiday Party. For \$32, members were treated to a great meal, a Jack Duck (compliments of TRF) and a night full of entertainment. Below are some highlights;

A large screen projected pictures of WPTA Members with their vehicles throughout the evening. In addition, a special showing of the movie classic Grand Prix capped off the night.

A Wide assortment of fabulous door prizes were handed out after members took a minute or two or in some cases much longer to tell a short Triumph related story. The tales ran deep, even the offspring of the Shaw's and Stockdale's regaled stories of their parent plights with their Triumph's.

Special congratulations go out to Jerry Van Vlack from Ohio for finding his way to the restaurant without the special directions that he usually requires. Good job Jerry!

In addition, congratulations to PJ Wright for being chosen the winner of the coveted Drivers Award which seemed to be in two pieces.

Very special thanks go out to the following Members and their Companies for donating a large assortment of wonderful door prizes. Please support these members businesses:

Mr. Machine Tool and Supply Inc / Dan McGowan, President and WPTA Member 724-443-7557 (Assortment of specialty tools and supplies, call for a catalogue).

The Roadster Factory / Charles Runyan, Founder of TRF and WPTA Member www.the-roadster-factory.com (log onto the website & sign up to receive TRF's Specials).

WPTA / Assorted Gifts from the vault of Wil Schweitzer.

Classified

WANTED: Seat for a TR3A. Need not be perfect. Please call Dave Herschberger at 724.535.4462 if you have one for sale.

FOR SALE: 1974 TR6, 80% restored, solid body, new fenders, rebuilt engine, complete upholstery kit, many extras. \$4,500.00 Call Bob at 540-898-3763.

FOR SALE : TR3, TR250 & TR6 parts, Moving, so lots of parts must go. Includes bench grinder, compressor, blast cabinet and much much more. ROY MILLER, 412-782-7470, roymilco@usaor.net

TR9???

By Jim Underwood

Ed Note: Jim jots down his thoughts regarding Bud's article in last months Dnuz, on driving non-classics, while enjoying a couple Keystone lights at the end of a tough day.



I haven't written anything for the newsletter for a LONG time but felt compelled to peck at the keyboard on this. So please indulge me a bit.

First of all, driving a TR8 has me feeling a bit insecure. Compared to what my dear friend Bud considers a "classic", may I soon find myself banished from future driving events? I mean 8 is awful close to 9! And the Wedges are certainly modern cars by comparison. I think they are undeservedly ranked as the redheaded stepchild of the TR range but that's another story. All that V8 rumble and tire smoke could certainly offend worse than someone in say...a VW Golf? Well at least I suppose it is a bonified Triumph.

I have a different take on all this obviously. So what else is new? Way back in ancient history, when I was the prez, I always thought it was best to encourage all members to attend the runs no matter what they drove. The first British Car day I attended was via everyday transportation. We parked in a parking lot & took a shuttle. Being the FOG that I am, I don't remember the car we drove that day. Anyway, seeing all of the great cars and what BCD has to offer spurred me on to purchase and rebuild the MGB. buy a TR6 and the rest, as they say, is history. Getting out to the events has got to be a positive motivation to go back and work on that LBC sitting at home. Always did it for me.


Bud, I seem to recall a time when you were having some sort of difficulty with your LBC or maybe you actually preferred driving the Porch? Then there was the Steak & Lube run in a VW Bug, not inspected and iffy lighting as I remember. I already mentioned the Golf.

As far as sharing rides. Great idea as long as it's same sex. A strange woman in the passenger seat is bad. Trust me on this. Same holds true the opposite way round I'm sure.

So as far as I'm concerned, I don't mind sharing the road. But ... If you have one of those hulking SUVs, please go to the back of the line and don't run over anyone!

From Membership

By Richard Dick

 THIS IS THE RED STAR ISSUE! If your label has "Expires Dec. '08" highlighted in pink and there is a red star next to it, this is your last issue of Dnuz until I receive your \$20 made payable to "WPTA" for your '09 membership. Send it ASAP to:

Richard Dick, 106 Cypress Ave., Monongahela, PA 15063 along with any changes in address, vehicles, email, etc. If you think I have made an error, please give me a call at 724.379.5172 or email me: britcarnuts@comcast.net. I do appreciate the membership keeping me



updated on changes so we can continue to maintain accurate records.

Thanks

"Thanks to all for your contribution to Forbes Hospice in Dave's memory. We appreciate your caring and concern. You always held a special place in Dave's heart. He would be pleased.

Thanks also to those who came to the service or in other ways gave the family emotional support."

Bobbi and the entire Antis family

Starting Line Racing Cafe

by Richard Dick

It's that time of year for lunch at the Starting Line Racing Cafe'. The date is Saturday April 11th and the meeting time is 1 PM. The beer is cold and the food is great!! It's the perfect time for socializing and getting out to start the driving season after this past winter if you have not already done so. The Cafe' is located at 1420 Washington Road (Route 19 and north of Washington PA and also very close to the Meadowlands Casino). Get off I-79 at exit 60, go over to Route 19 via Racetrack Road, turn left at the light and then a right into the parking lot. Better yet, map out some British car roads to travel on since the weather should be nice by then. Any questions please contact Richard Dick at 724.379.5172 or email britcar-nuts@comcast.net.

Triumph Religion

by Eric Stoltz

It was in the early 1970's that I started practicing in the Faith of Triumph, but it was not yet a teenager in the 1960's where I actually discovered this newfound (to me, at least) faith. It was summer in Texas, it was warm, it was divine.

I rode in the back of a TR-3, the wind blowing through my hair (I had some then). The driver put out his cigarette on the road (they were cooler then) as we cruised the neighborhood. It was a glorious event that has not been, or will ever be, forgotten.

Lately, I have come to realize it's more than some fleeting passion, but something much more than that. It is an unseen divine force connecting us all, drawing us together. I've been around the world, and from Japan to Cuba, Italy to Iraq, I found The Word being spread (attached is the picture of a believer that I met in Iraq this past year. He is now interested in the WPTA after reading a Dzus Druz and seeing how active our club is, and would like to visit our mission at his next opportunity).

The best part is, these are the best people in the world - a sacred chosen group who further share it unpretentiously with others. More than one have actually offered me to not only have a ride in, but actually drive their beautiful Triumphs. Now, this is in stark contrast to those of "other" doctrines, who would rather I do not even touch their cars at all. They idolize them on the side of a downtown street in a line, polishing and maintaining appearances. They carry them back to their homes on the back of raised platforms behind large trucks, for all the world to see how pristine their idols are. False idols of motoring.

But not so with ours. Nay, they are driven. They are kept alive! And live on they will, so long as we keep spreading the Faith!!!



Spring Tuning

by Dougy

Saturday, May 9th at 8AM, we will be meeting in Butler at Donald Harkus' place of business, Dectile, for this year's Tune Up Clinic.

The Roadster Factory will be in attendance with an assortment of tuning parts. If you place an order in advance and inform the representative that it is for the WPTA Tune Up Clinic, you will receive a discount and free freight.

Make sure to mark the date on your calendar.

Calendar of Events

- Mar 10 Beer & Bull Session**
6 pm at Geno's in Lawrenceville
5147 Butler Street
- Mar 21 Church Brew Works,**
Dexter Stoltz 412-865-1201
- Mar 28 Tech Session, oil**
Bud Osbourne 724-356-4464
- Mar 30 Newsletter Meeting,**
6pm-Michael's Pizza Bar
- April 11 Lunch at Starting Line Cafe**
Richard Dick 724-379-5172
- April 18 Membership Meeting**
King's at I79 Wexford exit
- April 25 Amish Lunch**
With MG club. Details to follow
- May 9 Tune-up Clinic**
at Don Harkus' garage
Doug Foyle 724-452-5218
- May 3 Solon Ohio Car Show**
Dick Gaier 412-371-7731
and Fred Segal 412-421-8602
- May 15-17 WPTA at Import Carlisle**
Hotel Carlisle for rooms 1-800-692-7315
Jim Shaw to sell parts 412-262-3878
- May 17 Run with MG club**
George Kress 724-625-7264
- June 6 Rally**
Rick Brown 412-969-0118
- June 20 Summer Solstice Tour**
Don Stewart 412-963-1893
- 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 ?? 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 ?? Dogs with Someone**

~ Events Of Other Interest ~

- Apr 4 MG Tech Session-Fuel Injection**
Scot Abbott 412-531-1568
- 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

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March 21st Church Brew Works

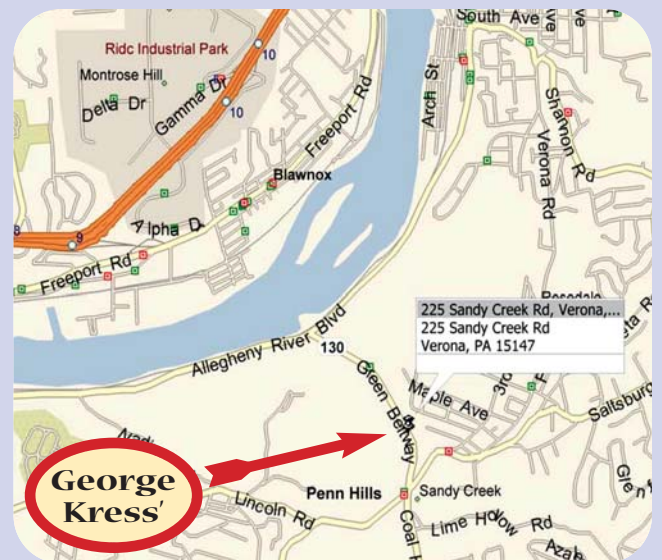
Around 12 noon

The Church is located on Liberty Avenue (on the left), right after you pass the Iron City Brewery outbound. 3525 Liberty Ave., Pittsburgh, PA 15201, (412) 688-8200



March 28, Tech Session, Oil

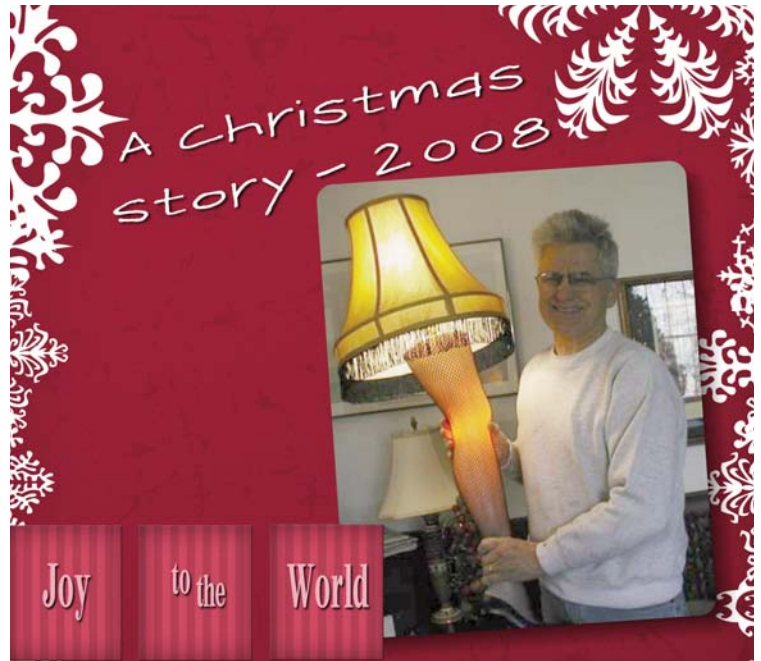
Starting time is 1:00 PM at George Kress' commercial garage in Verona, PA. It is at 225 Sandy Creek Road (PA 130). It is just north of Verona Road and on the right if driving north.



A Poster For Bruce



An Ed Woods Christmas



TR3 At The Beach



Photo by Ed Major

WPTA "Steering Committee"



Photo by P. J. Wright

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Western Pennsylvania Triumph Association

Photo of the Month

Calendar of Events
(See Events for full list)

Date	Event
Sep 19	Dogs with Fogs
	Ed Woods 412-486-4294 or Harvey Woods 412-486-2549
Sep 20	Newsletter Meeting
	5 pm - Typecraft. Click for online map
	6pm - Michael's Pizza Bar. Click for online map

HOT

Don't Forget To Check The Club Website