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Dusk Till Don

Hi Guys and Gals. Did another month go by? Time is flying; before you know it the leaves will be changing. I guess I'm getting ahead of myself; the leaves are hardly out yet.

We've had a lot of events already this year. Last month was Bud's tech session on oil – thank you Bud. A Brad Penn technical rep. was there, real good stuff. I was told we had a great turn out of over 30 people and a lot of TRs and MGs at the Starting Line Café.

The membership meeting was a good time, not much to say but Bruce gave his club treasurer's report, "we got money". Wil talked about British Car Day. Get your registration in early so Rick is not overrun at the end. BCD is our club's premier event; don't miss it.

Fred and Dick are looking for more people for the run to Solon, Ohio this weekend.

Saturday May 9 is the Tune Up Clinic at my place, see Doug's article. I will have a Triumph sitting at the end of my driveway so you know where to turn in. Doug will have the correct grades and types of Brad Penn oil for us at great prices; take advantage of this!

Then it is off to Carlisle hunting for that great deal. Hopefully you all know that the club rents three spaces for the members so come on out and vend, shop, or just sit around drinking beer with the rest of us. I want to thank Dexter for all the work he puts into the web site.

LET'S GO PENS!

Don

Spring Tuning

by Doug

Saturday May 9 from 8AM to 5PM – this year's tune up clinic will be at Decile, Don Harkus' business at 195 Kriess Road, about 5 miles north of Evans City, just off Route 68.

The Roadster Factory will be there with an assortment of filters and tune up parts, as usual. If you place an order for additional parts to pick up at the tune up clinic, you will get free shipping and an event discount.

We no longer have the free oil as in the past. But we will have two Brad Penn motor oils: Premium Penn Grade 20W50 for the mature drivers among us at \$25 a case (\$2.10 a quart) and Penn Grade One 20W50 racing oil for the high revvers at \$39 a case (\$3.25 a quart). Both oils are excellent quality and are highly recommended for our flat tappet engines.

These are great prices; we received a club event discount from the distributor and are selling it to you at our cost. Don't miss this opportunity to get the right oil at the right price. If you want a case (six for your oil change and six for adds during the year) call Dougy to make sure he gets enough.

So, The Roadster Factory will have the correct filter and tune up parts for your car and we will have the correct oil. Can we make it any easier than that? There will be plenty of knowledgeable members there for advice.

Any type of job is welcome. If you plan a big job, please line up helpers to insure the car can be driven home by 5:00. If you plan anything major or technical, please call Doug at 724-452-5218. We will be ordering out for lunch. Bring your own beverage. See you and your car there!

Murder Mystery Tour Rally (And B.Y.O. Picnic)

by Rick Brown

Mark your calendars!

The event for which every navigator has been waiting is scheduled for Saturday, June 6. This year's rally is a short 70 mile tour of the Monongahela Valley in search of clues to solve imaginary murder mysteries. Similar to the past two years, participants will travel in groups, and will need to leave their cars at two different sites to gather information.

We will meet at Kings Restaurant at 155 McMurray Rd. in Upper St. Clair 15241, just about a quarter mile off Route 19 near South Hills Village Mall.

You may come early for breakfast and form your own mystery group, or come later and we will find a group for you to join. Registration will be available beginning at 10:00 am, with the first group leaving at 11:00. Groups will leave at four or five minute intervals, so we can squeeze you in if you're a tad late.

A drivers meeting to answer any questions will be held at 10:50.

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 brownrr1@verizon.net.

New this year is the final stop. We will end at pavilion shelter #3 in Mingo Creek Park in Washington County for our first ever "Bring Your Own" picnic. For those of you with evening plans, the first rally group should finish at 3:00 pm. For those without plans, we have the shelter until dusk. Stay for a half hour to see how your group did, or stay the rest of the day and enjoy the park. Bring only snacks and beverages, or strap a full picnic basket to your boot rack. For those of you who are adverse to coolers, there will be an opportunity toward the end of the rally to stop for food at either Sheetz, McDonalds, or Eat 'n Park. Our shelter is near the creek, so if you have young ones bring a change of clothes. You will be driving over the Ebenezer Covered Bridge to get to the shelter, so bring your camera.

This should be fun for the entire clan, and will be held rain or shine. So if your LBC does not run in wet weather, bring your daily driver. If your significant other is not into rallies, have them prepare the picnic basket and meet us at 3:00 pm at Mingo Creek Park shelter #3.

TR9???

by Bud Osbourne

Ed note: Bud takes exception to some of Jim's comments in the March DZUS about Bud's original TR9 article.

Man, that Keystone Light must be mind-altering stuff! Better be careful with that brew, Jim. I mean, you could end up thinking you could FLY, or sumthin' like that.

Having re-read my original article, I can find no mention of actually banning TR9s from WPTA events. Actually, my original article was directed toward those who tend to fall into the trap of driving a TR9, instead of their real TR (or other Brit classic of that era), simply because they find it inconvenient to drive their perfectly serviceable Brit classic, and, because they have something else they can drive, their Brit classic sits un-touched and un-loved for years & years. I'm sure we all know at least one or two members who fall into that category, or may be vulnerable to that faulty logic: "my TR isn't as easy to get out of the garage, so I just drive my _____" "my TR needs a new foo-bar stabilizer (yeah, since about 1978), so I just drive my _____". I'm sure we've all heard the many lame excuses. Then, there's the "my TR was too (pick one) unreliable/ugly/unrestored/unloved/hard to work on.....so I sold it and bought myself one of these new _____."

Look, our club is pretty tolerant about allowing non-TRs to join in the fun. As long as the non-TR is a sports car of the same classic era, it only adds to the enjoyment of the event. But, if a modern car is what "gets you off", there is probably a local club that caters to that particular make & model that you could join & enjoy, too.

Don't worry, Jim. Your TR8 will always be considered to be a Triumph, and be welcomed with open arms on any club driving event. The fact that it's drop-dead gorgeous is merely an extra benefit for the rest of us to enjoy.

Now, to set the record straight: Never had any difficulty with my MG, which kept it away from any club event. If the Porsche came, instead, it was because it was an event I sponsored/hosted, or because Alec or Cindy insisted we drive it that day. Also, keep in mind that my Porsche is older than all but the TR2s, TR3s & VERY, VERY early TR4s.

While I can't say I never drove my Super Beetle to a Steak & Lube Tour (although I have no memory of it, I must have had to come directly from work, w/o stopping at home to get the MG), I can say that it NEVER had "iffy" lighting. Expired inspection sticker.....only for a few weeks in the fall, each year, until I got around to it.

Golf??? Fall Leaf Tour '98. I just got it the night before and Cindy INSISTED that we drive it that day. All married/formerly married WPTA members will understand how that works.....

Follow up - Starting Line Racing Cafe

by Richard Dick

I did not realize the day for the luncheon was the day before Easter when I set the date, and Judy and I were hoping a few would show up. South of Pittsburgh the day started off very rainy early in the morning, but by mid morning the rain ended, the sun came out and by noon all was clear and a gorgeous day it was. We had the largest turn out I can remember with 35 people in attendance from the two clubs. Most drove their British cars and found back roads to get to the Starting Line Racing Cafe and a lot had their tops down when they arrived. The food was great, the beer cold and wonderful conversation abound. This being the first combined event for the season, everyone introduced themselves so we got to remember who was who once again. If you were not there, you missed a great time. Plan to attend next year!



Ed note: attached are musings from Ed Woods and Jerry Van Vlack about the days when TRs, MGs etc. were our daily drivers. If you have a similar story or archives from the good old days send them to us.

A Log From

Ed Woods

The following is from my Austin Healey 3000 logbook back in 1966. I'd wrecked the '57 TR3 the previous December and, in looking for a TR replacement, found this car in Savannah, Georgia. No TRs could be found for sale. \$1100 cash and I drove it home.

- 28 March 1966, 65145 miles: "Spent last 10 days here in Miami. Leave today for S.C. Car has performed well. Even got the top stowed and tonneau on, although it's back up for the return trip today"

- "1 mile south of Clermont, Fla: \$25 fine for improper passing (over double yellow, on hill)." So I used to visit Florida like Ed M. and used to drive like Bruce. I was following a slow moving truck up that hill. The trooper crested the hill from the opposite direction, just as I pulled in front of the truck. He caught me a few miles down the road, wrote me a ticket (which I still have), and allowed me to mail in a check upon my return to base (Beaufort, SC). The Good Old Days.

A Log From

Jerry VanVlack

Woods found his diary and posted some notes from it the other day and that made me look for some early day notes that I kept on my 4A. Well I found them here are a few.

- Purchased 6-08-69 25,400 miles
- July 4th weekend trip to Gary, IN to see my brother, no problems
- Clutch went bad replaced 29,404 miles Sept 1969 New Clutch and TO Bearing \$46.00
- Rebuilt Transmission Reverse Gear and High Gear Assembly 32,197 \$65.00 Date ?
- New RF Fender Wreck while at Homecoming ONU \$50.00 plus \$14.95 Parking light assembly Person opened door in front of me.
- Head Gasket leak, sealed with Zerex Anti Leak Antifreeze
- Thanksgiving 1969 Brother Bill gave me his 1964 BRG TR4
- Rebuilt Rear Carb 12-26-69 34,271 miles
- New Starter Bendix Spring 1-10-70 34,667 miles
- New front disc pads 1-20-70 34,800 \$10.00
- State Inspection 1-22-70 All OK
- Front Shocks 38,705 \$18.00 5-08-70
- Installed D Cam Engine from Brothers car 7-15-70
- Installed OD Transmission from Brothers car with new clutch 9-15-70 approx 45,500 miles
- Right Rear U Joint 11-12-70 Last entry.

I bought a 1969 Camaro in the spring of 1971.

I also found receipts from the parts and engine work that brother Bill had done to the engine I put into my car in July of 1970. He did the work in 1968 I found the receipt for the D Cam that I bought for him from Marcus Motors in East Liberty and had shipped to Gary Indiana. \$58.79

I know so what.....I thought you'd be interested.

Summer Solstice Tour

by Don Stewart

Saturday June 20

Take advantage of the (almost) longest day of the year to get out and about in you LBC for a Road Hog Rally. Not a time-speed-distance rally, but a distance only rally. So be sure you have a working odometer! It doesn't need to be accurate, because your odometer readings will be compensated against the master. The first car out will be at 12:31 PM from the Waterworks shopping center. The rally will be about 30 miles, but the true distance will only be revealed at the finish line... if you can find it! Don't worry, if you get lost, an emergency map will be provided in a sealed envelope. More details in next months Dzus Dnuz.

Cars & Coffee - 2009

A midweek breakfast get-together to swap a few stories and share a few laughs.

by Rick Brown

Beginning in May, all 2009 Cars & Coffee South breakfast runs will be scheduled for the second Monday of the month at Kings Restaurant 155 McMurray Rd. 15241. This is about a quarter mile off Route 19 near South Hills Village.

I will try to send out a monthly email reminder for each breakfast. So if you're interested in attending, please send your email address to me at brownrr1@verizon.net. Remember, you do not need to attend every month — we would love to see you there whenever you can make it.

Carlisle 2009

May 15-17

For those of you who live on another planet and, therefore, don't know that WPTA rents 3 vendor spaces at Import Carlisle for use by the members - we do and you are welcome. Bring your own chair and drinks.

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 1-412-262-3878, Jim will coordinate the WPTA spaces.

Run With The MG Club

by George Kress

We will meet at the Sheets located just east of the Irwin exit of the Pa. Turnpike at 1:00PM Sunday May 17th. We will travel approximately thirty miles on back roads to Brownsville, Pa. where we will stop at the Nemicolin Castle. This week-end is the National Road Festival and there will be tours of the Castle and a Flea Market. We will spend some time there and then continue down Rt. 40 for about twenty miles to the Summit Inn for dinner. Both places have web sites you can visit for more information. summitinnresourt.com nemicolincastle.org For more information call George Kress 724-6254-7264

Calendar of Events

- May 3 Solon Ohio Car Show**
Dick Gaier 412-371-7331
and Fred Segal 412-421-8602
- May 9 Tune-up Clinic**
at Don Harkus' garage
Doug Foyle 724-452-5218
- May 11 Cars & Coffee**
Rick Brown - King's Restaurant, McMurray Rd
- May 12 Beer & Bull Session**
6 pm at Geno's in Lawrenceville
5147 Butler Street
- 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
- May 26 Newsletter Meeting, Tuesday**
6pm-Michael's Pizza Bar
- 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 27 Dogs with Someone**
Fred Williams 724-789-7476
or Don Harkus 724-284-9172
- Sept ?? Anniversary Run,**
Gary Fitzgerald 724-696-5824

~ Events Of Other Interest ~

- May 25 Brits in Kent (Ohio) 2009**
Bob Brown (330) 388 8274
- 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 Races, Watkins Glen**
- Sep 11-13 Degrosso Car Show, Altoona**
- Sept 27 British Cars at Hartwood**
- Oct 10 8th Annual Brits by the Bay**

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FOR SALE: I have a 1970 TR6 engine & tranny with 25046 miles, no carbs. Sat from Oct 1977 to Oct of 2008. Ran for 10-15 Bernie Molnar 724-602-3206

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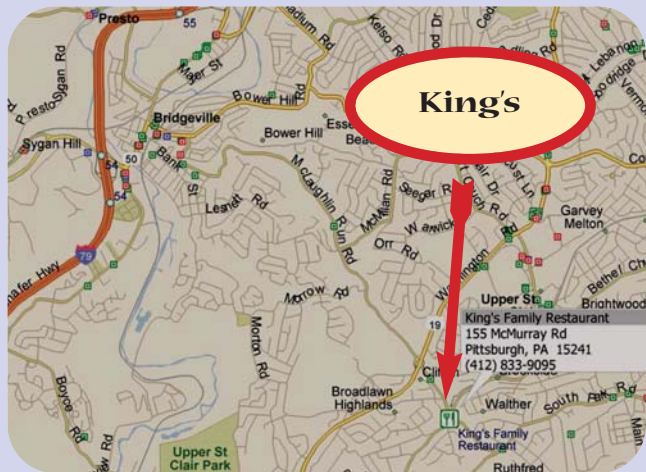
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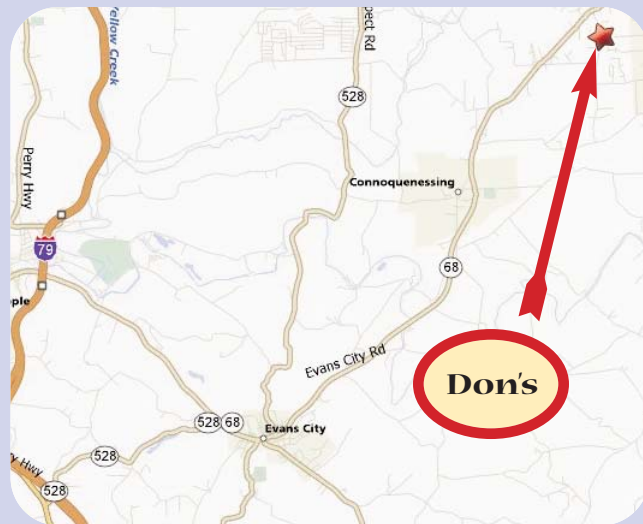
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From 8AM - 5PM. This year's Tune Up Clinic is located at Dectile, Don Harkus' business at 195 Kriess Road, Butler PA 16001, north of Evans City, just off Route 68. 1st red light out of Evans City, approx. 5 miles.



April Business Meeting At King's



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

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