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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.

The Crack Of Don

Hi Guys and Gals, another driving season has come and gone, what a great time it was. Last month there were two events I wanted to do. The MG run but I had to work that day, looked like it was not going to be much fun anyway because of the weather so I wasn't that unhappy that I missed it, sorry MG guys. Our Fall Leaf Tour but I had to go to a wedding in Philly what a drive, so two events and I missed both of them not like me.

Next month in November is the Election Meeting; check Gary's article for time and place because it moved from the old Kings to a new one.

Since the snow has already started to fly, what projects do you have for your cars this winter and or ideas for things to do.? I still have some things to do to my 6 and more to the 3. The 6 has a short in the wiring someplace; the 3 needs wet sanded and polish. A short in Lucas wiring should take a few cases of beer to find.

Still looking for ideas for events to do over the winter, and or places to go, so can we show up at your place?

Don

No Meeting, Meeting

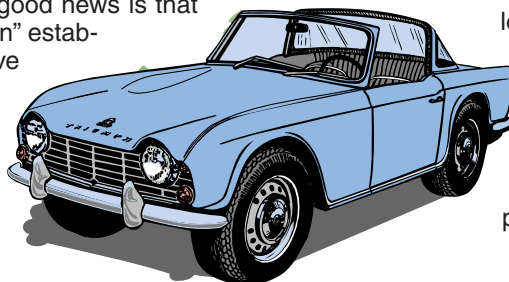
by Gary Fredo

Why am I sitting here writing an article about holiday shopping when it's 70 degrees outside? Unfortunately the snow will be flying before we know it. The good news is that the snow also brings the WPTA Cranberry Quaker Steak & Lube holiday shopping getaway. The event is scheduled for December 12 at 1:00 PM. Always a good time. Additional information in next month's newsletter.

ELECTIONS, ELECTIONS, ELECTIONS

by Gary Fredo

I goofed up! I waited too long to make reservations at our usual election headquarters so this year we are going to move the election meeting to the Crafton King's Restaurant. It is located just off the I-79 Crafton exit on Rt 60 and we will meet there at 10AM on November 14th. The good news is that there is a better selection of "after election" establishments for those that would like to have the event last a little longer. I'm not sure where the meeting room is located but it sounds like it is pretty much in the same spot as the King's that we have frequented in the past. If in doubt ask for WPTA at the register. See ya there.



Cars & Coffee (and other things)

by P J Wright

Even with the miserable weather, cloudy skies and 35-degree temperature, nine intrepid WPTA members met for 9:30 AM breakfast at Kings' on McMurray Road in Bethel Park.

The cars the members drove were an interesting conglomeration, a Healey 3000, a Union Jack emblazoned TR6, a Miata, a surrey-topped TR4, a BMW Z3, a blue TR7, and a ten-ton truck loaded with roofing tile from Butler. No one had their tops down although Rick Brown drove in without side curtains. What a wussy bunch!!!

President Don Harkus stopped on his way to work, Wil Schweitzer was late as usual, Bruce Stutzman spiced up the conversation with tech talk, Rich Wendell was there moaning as usual about his sick TR6, Richard and Judy Dick bright eyed and bushytailed, Rick Brown with his most recent tales from Hershey, and P.J. Wright, always attentive, always perfect. The conversation included, cars, cremations, miniature golf, tires, Altoona, concerts "dahntahn" at the Cultural District, and MGB parts. And those were the high points

We encourage others to join this mix and match group, Kings' puts us in the back of the bus and keeps the coffee flowing after we have all overeaten.

We will meet again same time same station on Wednesday, November 11, that's Armistice Day for the geezers, Veterans Day for the younger set.

Christmas is Coming

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.

Things to expect on a trip to Watkins Glen with Members of the WPTA ;



Bernie Clark breaking down. This year, electrical issues.



Drinking the Eternal Tap Dry



After visiting the Eternal Tap, Members adhere to FOG RULE #1 never miss an opportunity to take a bathroom break

Watkins Glen 2009

by Ken Mikos

This year's epic journey to Watkins Glen for the annual Gran Prix festival and vintage races had us meeting 6:00 am (agghhhh) for breakfast and coffee. In attendance were Bernie Clark (Miata), Mike Yurko (TR8), Ray Santini (TVR), Ken Mikos (TR6) and new members Alfa Don (Alfa) and Karl Evans (944 Porsche Turbo).

As the sun began to rise, a spirited start ensued but was soon challenged due to morning traffic and an early unlikely breakdown of Bernie's Miata. A diagnosis of a bad battery and a quick replacement soon had us on our way. What irony, in all previous trips to the Glen, Bernie's old faithful yellow TR4 never let him down!

This years event took more than 11 hours and Mother Nature showed us a little of everything. Tops remained down for most of the day until showers became heavy late in the afternoon. As with all previous trips, the group became lost (note : Jerry VanVlack had nothing to do with the directions) and due to the extended drive we reached the Friday evening parade of race cars in downtown Watkins Glen just as they were beginning the first lap. After the event, our group joined WPTA members Ed Major (TR250), Bud and Alec Osbourne (356 Porsche), Bruce Stutzman (TR4), Jim Shaw (TR3), Jay Galbreath (MGB GT) and Dan Green (TR3) for a late evening traditional drink at the Montour Falls Motel Bar.

A weekend at the Glen is always amazing, friend's new and old, food, beer, race cars and did I mention beer. In addition to the track, there are miles of ribbon like back country roads littered with small vineyards and then there is the Glen itself.

If you never made the trip to this historic village I would highly recommend it.

The return trip started out as a beautiful brisk sunny morning with sprits riding high. As we passed the track for the final time, Ray was forced to pull his TVR over with cooling issues which were resolved within 30 minutes. Unfortunately within a half mile of the repair, Don's Alfa developed a more serious problem. A nut had worked itself lose on the transmission linkage and dropped into the housing. Fortunately Don being an Alfa aficionado was able to repair the break with a temporary fix and we were on our way for a third time.

With Bud's 356 in the lead, the return trip lasted a little over 7 hours and included speeds that confirmed my newly installed overdrive was well worth the money. Did I mention that none of the TRIUPMHS had mechanical issues on this weekend journey that registered over a 1000 miles on our odometers.

Scorecard . . .

- TRIUMPH'S requiring repairs . . . ZERO
- BREAKDOWN / MIATA (bad battery)
- BREAKDOWN / TVR (cooling)
- BREAKDOWN / ALFA (transmission)

Note of Interest . . .



Kenny's TR6 passing another milestone by registering 80,000 miles on the odometer. You can only imagine how long it took to get there at 20 MPH!

Photo by Ken Mikos

Last Month's Caption Contest



Photo by mike Yurko

"Kenny, why the trombone case for carrying your piccolo?"
"Kenny prepares to entertain the group with a few trombone favorites. . . "

Douggy

" . . . and it wasn't even cold out!!!"

Mike Yurko

"I think I've found a new use for Carnauba wax."

"Must eliminate all unnecessary weight if I want to keep up with Ed and Bruce"

Gary

"It was here the last time I checked."

"The "censor" block could have been a lot shorter!"

"Where is that rascal?"

"I know it is here someplace."

"Nobody look, now."

"Thank goodness the box was big enough!"

All submitted by Anonymous

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 _____

This announcement is intended to give you early notice – save the date! Peters Place is located two blocks off of the Kirwan Heights exit of I79 south of Pittsburgh.

In Memorium

by Dan DelBianco



It is with a sad heart that the PVGP informs you that one of our most colorful volunteers, Donna Mae Mims, has passed away.

Donna Mae was 82 and lived in Bridgeville. She started racing in 1958 and was the first woman driver ever to win a Sports Car Club of America National Championship in 1963. Her career and involvement in Yenko Chevrolet led her to racing such cars as the Camaro, Austin Healy, MG, Corvette and Corvairs. She was the liaison for design and production with the Yenko sports car division and worked closely with Zora Arkus Dontov, Ed Cole and the pioneers of Chevrolet Racing.. She raced many times in Sebring, Daytona, and Riverside. She was known as being able to go toe to toe with some of the best drivers in the country at speeds up to 140 miles per hour. She was an avid longtime member of the SCCA and the PVGP.

More details and photos are on our PVGP website at <http://www.pvgp.org/pvgp/cwp/view.asp?A=3&Q=276958>

Classified

SPITFIRE WANTED: 1962 through 1969 Spitfire or 1973 Spitfire. No projects or parts cars please. Contact Gary Fredo 724-378-9610 or garyfredo@yahoo.com if you know of any that are for sale. Thanks.

WANTED: TR4/6 Glovebox hardware, hinges, buffers, screws, etc. Will consider entire dash less instruments. Ed Woods 412-486-4294

Calendar of Events

- Nov 10 Beer & Bull Session**
6 pm at Geno's, 5147 Butler Street
Bud Osbourne 724-356-4464
- Nov 11 Cars & Coffee, 9:30 AM**
Rick Brown - King's Restaurant, McMurray Rd
- Nov 14 Election Meeting,**
King's at I-79 Crafton exit (Route 60)
- Dec 1 Newsletter Meeting, Tuesday**
6pm-at Geno's, 5147 Butler Street
- Dec 12 No Meeting, Meeting,**
Cranberry Quaker Steak & Lube
Gary Fredo 724-378-9610
- Jan 16, 2010 Holiday Party, Peters Place**
PJ Wright -- Pj.wright@verizon.net

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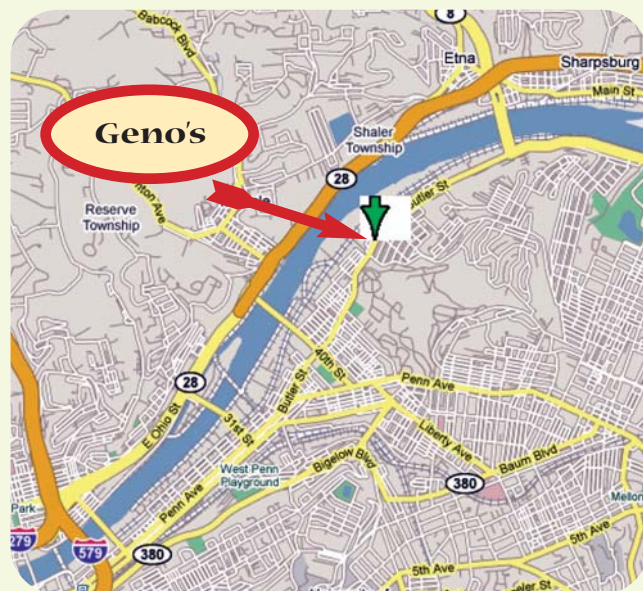
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Nov. 10, Beer & Bull at Geno's

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



Hartwood



Photos by Chuck Chappas

Dogs with Someone

