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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 there, another month has gone by. Where has the summer gone? It just seems like the snow was flying and it will not be too long it will be here again. So last month was another busy month for some of us in the club. There was Watkins Glen and the British Car Festival in Altoona; both where great events, and then there was the Anniversary Run on the 19th. I was told it also was a good time. Thanks to Gary and Lynne Fitzgerald who put on the run. This is the last year that they are doing the Anniversary run because Gary and Lynne are moving to Texas.

There are two events in October, with the first one on the 17th. This is The MG Fall Leaf Tour and on the 24th we will have our Fall Leaf Tour with Mike Yurko doing this Run.

I am looking for ideas for Tech sessions for this winter and people's garages to visit over the long and I hope not so cold winter. So if we don't have too many things to do, we just might, show up on your door.

Don

Invitation From The MG Club

"Presidential" Fall Leaf Tour

by Chuck and Sandy Keller

We hope you can join us on **October 17th** for a leisurely ride through the winding, tree-covered roads of western Westmoreland County. We have mapped out nearly 60 miles of great MG travel through the back roads of Trafford, North Huntingdon, Harrison City, and Export. If Mother Nature cooperates, it should be a colorful ride as well. A rest stop is planned at Schram's Farm for those who would like to pick out a Halloween pumpkin, find your way through the corn maize, or purchase home made apple cider.

Meet at 11 a.m. behind the Parkvale building (next to Lowes) at the corner of routes 22 and 48 in Monroeville. During the driver's meeting, directions will be handed out for all drivers/navigators, along with an explanation of a side contest with a Presidential theme for anyone interested in playing. Prizes will be awarded! Our final destination will be Teddy's Restaurant, Route 30 in North Huntingdon for lunch around 2 p.m. Teddy's is about 1/2 mile from the Irwin Turnpike, Exit 67.



Fall Leaf Tour

By Mike Yurko

On **Saturday, October 24**, join us for the last WPTA tour of the year. Get your cars out for an enjoyable afternoon of driving through the hills and valleys of Westmoreland County. We are counting on cooperation from the weather and expect the trees to be painted in red, yellow and orange. The run will start at the Sheetz at the intersection of Route 22 and School Road in Murrysville. We will meet at 11:00 AM with the first group off shortly thereafter. The tour will be about 75 to 80 miles long on great roads, and will end at a very nice mountain restaurant. So fire up the sports car for one last tour before it gets put up on blocks for the winter. See you there. Any questions call Mike at 412-418-0474.



Pat Davis

Wins at TRA

Pat Davis' exceptional black TR2 has won several very prestigious concours awards over the years. Best of show at the VTR National several years ago when it was combined with The Roadster Factory's Summer party, for example.

Well, he's done it again. This time, best of show at the 2009 TRA National in Charlestown, WV.

Congratulations from all of us.



Anniversary Run Review

by Gary and Lynne Fitzgerald

I would like to thank everyone for joining me in my last run with WPTA. The weather was perfect and everyone seemed to have enjoyed themselves. Nothing finishes up a run like good food and a few brews at Barilla's. Being a member of WPTA has been fun for Lynne and me these past few years. We will always remember the great times we had driving our cars in Western Pennsylvania with a bunch of British car nuts. Thanks for letting us be a part of one of the best British car clubs in Pennsylvania. On to Texas.

Spark Plug Heat Range

By Bruce Stutzman

We hear a lot of talk about spark plug heat ranges when car guys get together. But most of us don't actually have a good grip on the subject.

So, what heat range plug should you be using? Let's talk about the Champions that the Triumph factory recommended, using their old coding system. .50 inch reach L series plugs for most early 4 cylinder TRs and .750 inch reach N series plugs for later TRs. The higher the number on a Champion plug the hotter. A L87Y, the factory recommended plug for the TR3 and TR4, is hotter than a L82Y. An N12Y is hotter than an N9Y. Other spark plug makers usually code their plugs in the opposite direction. NGK for example, BP5 is a hot plug and BP7 is a cold plug.

"Heat range" refers to a plug's ability to dissipate combustion heat from its firing tip to the cylinder head and into the coolant. The range of temperatures from idle to full throttle that a plug operates in determines its heat range.

The design of the ceramic insulator is the basic method used by plug manufacturers to change heat ranges. A cold plug will have a short insulator designed to dissipate more of the heat. A hot plug will have a longer exposed insulator designed to absorb and retain heat.

So, under what circumstances should you consider changing the heat range of the plugs in your TR? Generally, a low compression engine generates less combustion heat (use a hot plug like N12Y). A high compression engine or an engine modified for performance or with a supercharger etc generates more combustion heat (use a colder plug like N9Y).

If your engine is worn out and burning oil, use a hot plug to help keep it from oil fouling.

I increased the compression ratio in my TR4 to 10-1 and am using Champion L82Y (colder) with good results.

Ed Woods' Project



Photo by Chuck Chappas

Working on the Woods' "project" TR250, Woody McVicker at top, Ed Major Below



Photos by Jerry Van Vlack

Election Meeting.

Remember to keep your calendar open for the WPTA officer election meeting on November 14th. Details to follow next month.



Photo by mike Yurko

Caption contest, send your entries to the *Dzus Dnuz*, and win.

Pictured on this page are a few car projects of members, Dzus Dnuz would like to print "your" project too.

Send digital photos to: stutzmans@comcast.net
and to: ejmajortr3a@comcast.net

Jerry Van Vlack's 4A Project



Picture below is Jerry's new body tub. Above is his frame



Photos by Jerry Van Vlack

Cars and Coffee

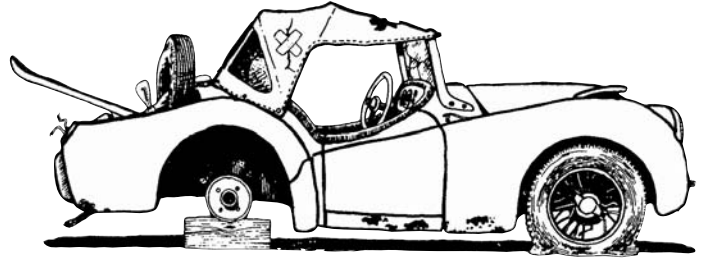
by PJ Wright

WPTA members met at King's for the monthly breakfast meeting otherwise known as the Geezer Breakfast. Wil was unable to attend as he was peeling apples in preparation for the Apple Festival in Hickory. At left are some shots of the attendees.



Photos by PJ Wright

Richard and Judy Dick in their Bowling Alley blue TR7



Classified

FOR SALE: 1980 TR 7, convertible in unrestored condition. Has only 11,000 original miles on the clock, factory air, 5 speed. Needs Nothing. \$5995.

Ray Stockdale, 724-627-7422

WANTED TO BUY: I am seeking a TR6, that is drivable, in the \$4000 to \$6000 range. If you have such a vehicle that you are interested in selling to a Triumph lover, please call me at 724-884-3473. Jim Petrichsvich

FOR SALE: 1978 MGB, Burgandy, \$3000 invested in engine overhaul, decent condition but will require some work to be drivable. Asking \$1500. Al Fetherolf, 724-222-3082 or 724-809-1885



John Bernard and his white AH



Rick Brown smiling like a Cheshire Cat in his Red AH



PJ Wright in his Camels Breath Yellow TR6. Wire wheels are oh so right!



Calendar of Events

- Oct 13 Beer & Bull Session**
6 pm at Geno's, 5147 Butler Street
Bud Osbourne 724-356-4464
- Oct 14 Cars & Coffee, 9:30 am**
Rick Brown - King's Restaurant, McMurray
- Oct 17 MG Club Fall Leaf Tour**
- Oct 24 WPTA Fall Leaf Tour**
Mike Yurko 412.795.8381
- Oct 27 Newsletter Meeting, Tuesday**
6pm-at Geno's, 5147 Butler Street
- Nov 14 Election Meeting,**
King's at I-79 Wexford exit (Route 910)
- Dec 12 No Meeting, Meeting,**
Gary Fredo 724-378-9610
- Jan 9, 2010 Holiday Party,**
PJ Wright

~ Events Of Other Interest ~

- Oct 2-4 28th Annual British Car Festival**
Waynesboro VA -
<http://www.svbcc.net/carshow2009/carshowintro09.htm>
- Oct 10 8th Annual Brits by the Bay**
www.tracltd.org

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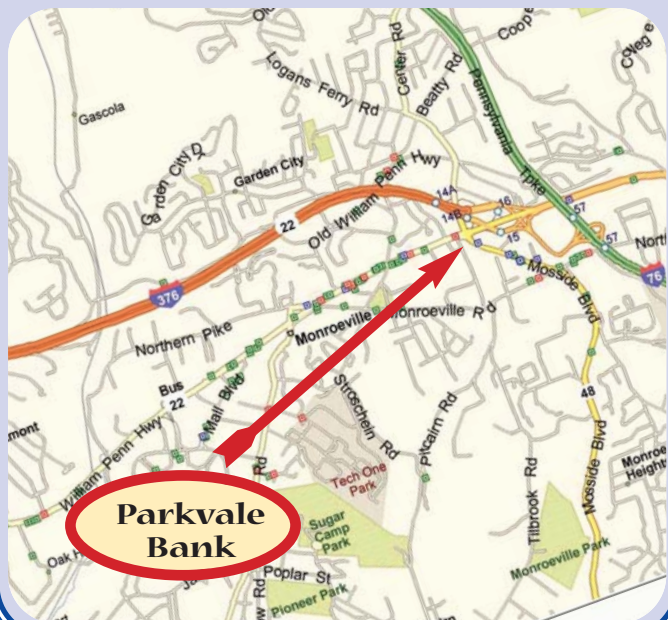
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