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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

WOW where did the month go? This was a great month from going out to help Roy at his new place; Roy is already planning for The Tune-up at his place next year. He is in Sharpsburg just under the bridge. What a great place it is.

Then we went for a nice drive to Quaker Steak & Lube with Bud at the helm. What a great ride, Bud always does a nice job.

Off to PJ's Linden Hall run what a beautiful ride in the county side, to a forgotten place for some for us in the north. There was good food, good beer, good ice tea, and a lot of good bull shot at the late lunch we had. As were shooting the bull, a TR 250 pulled up, two guys got out and went into the bar for some refreshments after cutting grass all morning. What a nice surprise to see cars that you don't see at some of the shows.

The following week Doug did a North Country run. Wow I thought we were going to get rained on all day. As we were sitting eating breakfast in Evans City, Doug and Fred had there top down and the tonneau on, good thing they did. It was time to get on the road Doug had to go out put his top up and got a little wet, Fred was the smart one & waited till the rain quit. After we got to the park-ride no more rain, with our tops down off we went for some windy roads and a great place to eat, at the Back Door Inn with a beer list that took up a whole page by its self, great ride Doug.

This month there is Watkins Glen from Sept 11-13 so you guys that go have fun. The British Car Festival is in Altoona at the same time what a choice to have to make.

Holy smokes its already time for the Anniversary Run on September 19 check Gary's article for time and place to meet. Finally at the end of the month Hartwood Car show and Dogs with Someone are both on the 27, check the article for time and place, another busy month.

Don

The Run To Linden Hall

by P J Wright.

Bright eyed and bushy tailed, 17 English cars with their drivers and navigators joined up to do the morning run to Linden Hall for lunch and libations Saturday August 22. The weather was ideal, mild and partly cloudy making the conditions perfect for open touring. The car make up included ten TR 6's, two Healeys, a TR 4, a TR 3, a TR 8, one MG Midget and a BRG 1952 MGTD.

We had new members Mary Smith, Marty Pirhallo and Barbara Robinson from Wheeling, and Dave and Betty Disque, all TR 6 pilots.

The fast group was off on time with new member Mary Smith in her fog light adorned white TR 6 joining that group but oblivious to the danger of being to be led astray with Bruce Stutzman and Wil Schweitzer in the leading TR 4. The two lolly-gagger groups followed, only Hershey Dugan's team committing errors in navigation arriving at the pit stop long after all the others had started for the second leg.

Lunch at Linden Hall included white tablecloth settings on the veranda overlooking the golf course with two-dollar draft beer. All this and heaven too? What a great day!!!

September 19th Anniversary Run

by Gary Fitzgerald

This year's Anniversary Run will start at Long Johns Silver in the Washington Crown Center, just off Interstate 70, exit 15. Exit 15 is west of I-79. After exiting I 70, go South and turn right at light taking you into the Center. I would like to depart by no later then 2:00. The run will be about 60 miles of well maintained back roads. Washington County has its act together.

I can't say the same for Westmoreland County where I live. Hopefully monsoon season will be over and a nice sunny dry day will allow everyone to drive with the tops down.

Any questions feel free to call or write.

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See you there. Gary

Dogs With Fogs – Hogs – Someone

September 27 after the Hartwood show; Superior shelter in North Park at 2:30ish. Superior Shelter is located on Lake Shore Drive. You don't have to go to Hartwood to join us at North Park – that just happens to be the genesis of this event.

Bring your own beverages; WPTA provides the food and the shelter. Sandy Harkus always makes too much food and it is always really good.

You also need to provide your own transportation.



The obligatory monthly photo of old British cars in a row



Photos by PJ Wright



Jim's TR8 launches on his 100 MPH run

Wedge Head Report

by Jim Underwood

report on some TR7/8 happenings. It seems that perhaps I should have written this earlier as our club's Wedge and all around participation was weak. There were plenty of others there though from all over the country. So if you missed it, shame on you.

In case you haven't been aware, there is a new club for us owners of the last TRs. The Triumph Wedge Owners Association or TWOA has been formed to unite TR7 and TR8 owners worldwide. This is actually the old TR8 Club that has been reinvented to include both TR7/8 and be international. The feeling was that by encompassing both models, the club would have a broader base and perhaps a stronger voice in such matters as having a Moss or TRF reproduce badly needed parts. The Wedge cars already suffer a bit of an identity crisis with the other TR range. A division between TR7 and TR8 owners certainly doesn't help anyone.

The TWOA and President Tim Lanocha were actually instrumental in Charles decision to have and expand a Summer Party this year. They promoted this as a national event for Wedge cars and promised Charles a good turnout if the drags & autocross were included.

It would seem the effort worked as TR7s and 8s were there in force. I would encourage anyone with one of these cars to join.

Details can be found at www.triumphwedgeowners.org/

The TWOA website doesn't have a forum of its own. However, they encourage use of www.triumphtr7.com/. This is a great resource for tips on Wedge restoration, maintenance and upgrades. I frequent this site everyday and have picked up a great deal of valuable information. This is a very international group but the core seems to be located in the UK. One thing that simply amazes me is the depth of some of the restorations done in other countries. A lot of cars that would be abandoned as worthless in this country receive bare tub rotisserie restorations. V8 converted 7s are also very popular in the UK since they only got a handful of genuine RHD TR8s. Given the low prices on TR8s over here, such projects make less sense. It is very interesting to see the cars from another perspective.

So, I for one am happy to see interest in the much maligned Wedge growing. It seems that as time goes on the later models begin to gain attention. I can remember when not many TR4s were being done. Prices on good TR7s are dirt cheap and TR8s not bringing what you would think for a relatively low production model. And if you've never ridden in a V8

Having recently attended TRF Summer Party, I thought I would

Braggin' Rights

by Bruce Stutzman

Unlike years past, not a lot of WPTA members were among the 200 British cars that attended The Roadster Factory Summer Party this year. But some of us who did took home the hardware:

DRAG RACING

- Bruce Stutzman TR4 1st in class
- Ed Major TR250 2nd in class
- Jim Underwood TR8 3rd in class

AUTOCROSS

- Bruce Stutzman TR4 1st in class
- Bud Osbourne MG Midget 3rd in class

CAR SHOW

- Jim Underwood TR8 2nd in class
- Ed Major TR250 3rd in class
- Bud Osbourne MG Midget 3rd in class

Underwood Inducted into:

100 MPH Club

by Bruce Stutzman

How often do vintage British car guys get a professional drag strip for the day with only our kind of cars? Answer – once a year at The Roadster Factory Summer Party.

This was the event that Jim Underwood had been preparing his stunning TR8 for. And he hit a home run!

Jim's TR8 is the newest member of Pittsburgh Raceway Park's 100 MPH Club. Jim ran the quarter mile in an astonishing elapsed time of 13.6 seconds and speed of 100 MPH.

Ed Major in his TR250 and Bruce Stutzman in his TR4 also turned outstanding times as compared to the road tests when their cars were new:

Jim Underwood TR8	13.6 seconds	100 MPH
Road & Track road test	16.3 seconds	86 MPH
Ed Major TR250	15.3 seconds	87 MPH
Road & Track road test	17.8 seconds	76 MPH
Bruce Stutzman TR4	16.4 seconds	83 MPH
Road & Track road test	18.1 seconds	75 MPH



On The Lighter Side ..

Reprinted from the Triumph Trumpeter of the DVTTTRA

Q: Know why the British don't make computers?

A: They couldn't figure out how to make them leak oil!

Q: What do you call an MG with dual exhaust?

A: A Wheelbarrow!

Q: What's the difference between a classic Jag owner and a classic Triumph owner?

A: The Jag owner washes his hands AFTER he's been for a pee, and the Triumph owner...

Q: What are the two questions you hear most from the passenger in your MGBGT?

A: 1. Is it HOT in here? 2. Do you smell gas?

Little Billy and his Dad were down at the autocross watching the Spitfires zipping through the cones. Little Billy looks up to his Dad and says, "Dad, when I grow up, I want to be a Spitfire driver." His Dad looks down at him and says, "You can't do both, son."

It happened on the strip where the road is wide . . .
Two cool shorts standin' side by side . . .



Fall Leaf Tour

by Mike Yurko

This year's fall foliage run will be on **Saturday, October 24**. The tour route is currently in the works and I promise it will be very scenic with some great county roads. The starting point will be in Murrysville and the finish is yet to be determined. The run will be around 80 miles give or take 10 miles. More information will follow in next months Dzus Druz, please make plans to attend.

Believe It Or Not

by Hershey Dugan

An older guy drove his recent restoration Triumph sports car convertible out of his garage. Taking off down I 279, he floored it to 90mph, enjoying the wind blowing through what little hair he had left.

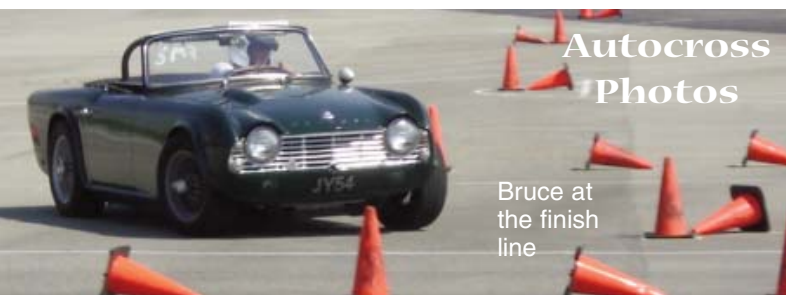
"Amazing" he thought as he flew down the interstate, enjoying pushing the pedal to the metal even more..

Looking in his review mirror, he saw a PA state police car behind him, blue lights flashing and siren blaring. "I can get away from him -no problem" thought the old guy as he floored it to 110 mph, then 120, and then 130 mph. Suddenly, he thought, "What on earth am i doing? I'm too old for this nonsense. "So he pulled over to the side of the road and waited for the state trooper to catch up with him.

Pulling in behind him, the state trooper walked up to the driver's side of the car. looked at his watch and said "Sir, my shift ends in 10 minutes. Today is Friday and I'm taking off the weekend. If you give me a good reason why you were speeding that i have never heard before, I'll let you go."

The man looked very seriously at the trooper. and replied. "Years ago, my wife ran off with a state trooper. I thought you were bringing her back." "Have a good day, sir," said the trooper.

Editor's note - Any comments from the membership should go directly to the author, not to the editor.



Bruce at the finish line



Jim at the starting line



Bud Osbourne . . . at speed!

Ruff Creek General Store

by P. J. Wright

Ray Stockdale, WPTA member, and TR 6 driver, is the owner /operator of the Ruff Creek General Store at the Ruff Creek exit of rt I-79 near Waynesburg. He also is a Brad-Penn dealer so if you are in that part of southwestern Pennsylvania and in need of some lubricants, you are in the right place. There among the live stock feed, corncob pipes, and Rocky Boots, you will find a large supply of Brad-Penn oil to satisfy your every need. Rays emporium is a trip into the past so whether it's oil or gas or just a pit stop, stop in and meet the locals.

~ Classified ~

FOR SALE: 1960 Triumph TR3 - #TS74623 L. Runs good, needs tender loving care. \$12,000.00 Bill McCullough, 724-238-5859, email: bkmccull@westol.com

FOR SALE: 1980 TR8 Original excellent car, Persian Aqua, second owner, 19 years, \$19,500, meticulously re-sprayed, new top, etc. Near Seattle, first time offered, email for pictures and references. 800.735.0313(404) Ken Solders. ken@petersoncheese.com

~ Calendar of Events ~

- Sep15 Beer & Bull Session**
6 pm at Geno's, 5147 Butler Street
Bud Osbourne 724-356-4464
- Sept 19 Anniversary Run,**
Gary Fitzgerald 724-696-5824
- Sep 21 Cars & Coffee**
Rick Brown - King's Restaurant, McMurray Rd
- Sept 27 Dogs with Someone**
Don Harkus 724-822-5447
- Sep 28 Newsletter Meeting, Monday**
6pm-Michael's Pizza Bar
- Oct 17 MG Club Fall Leaf Tour**
- Oct 24 WPTA Fall Leaf Tour**
Mike Yurko 412.795.8381
- 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 ~

- Sep 11-13 Vintage Fall Festival, Watkins Glen**
- Sep 11-13 British Car Festival, Altoona**
Jim Pastore (814) 942-7742
- Sep 18-20 British Invasion, Stowe VT**
www.britishinvasion.com
- Sept 27 British Cars at Hartwood**
- Sep 30-4 VTR National & Triumphest 2009**
San Luis Obispo, CA,
paulette.caudill@att.net
- 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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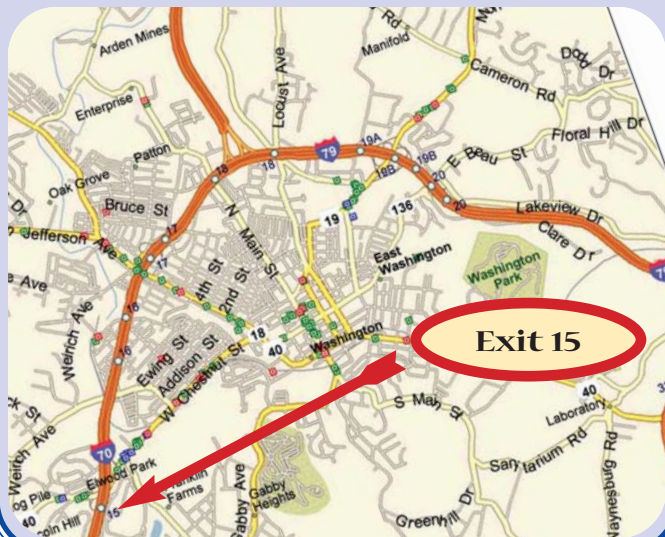
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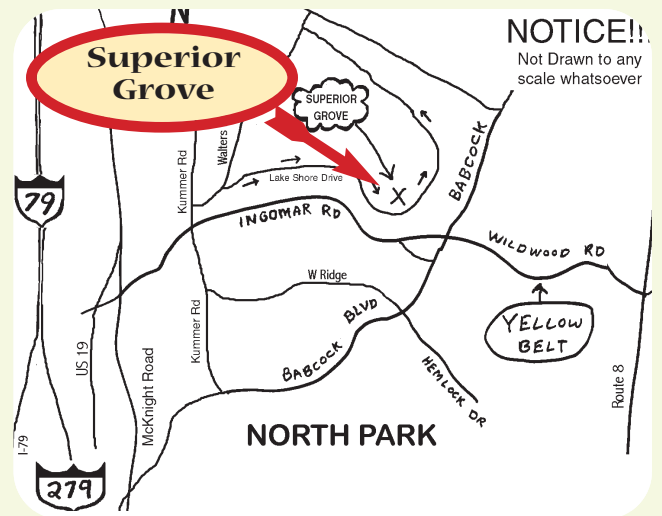
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