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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 there again, another month has passed us by. Wow, looks to be the start of a busy summer. After going to The Church Brew Works and having a great time there, I came home and finished buffing out my TR3. Of course I had to drive my TR6 to the brewery and I lost my TR 4 to my son Scott, who has informed me of this fact, because I had it stored in Pittsburgh, and he had to go get it to drive (His 4) to the meeting on Saturday. So lets all try to keep the sport alive.

I had to miss the tech session that George did on March 27; it was about rear seals and I am sure it was very interesting. I wish I could have been there. The Starting Line Racing Café is on the 17 of April, this always an interesting event with a lot of good talk.

In May the Tune-Up Clinic is to be at my shop again so check Doug's article for time.

Don



Two Nups

by Douggy

Mark your calendars for 8AM Saturday, May 8 at Don Harkus' shop in Butler for this year's edition of the WPTA Tune Up Clinic.

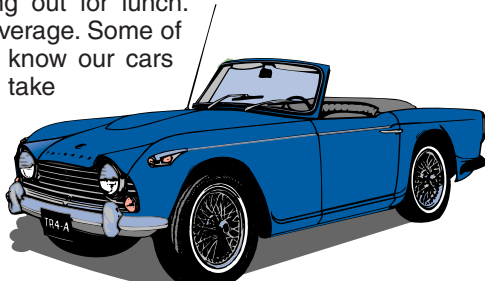
The Roadster Factory will be in attendance with an assortment of tune up parts. Place your order in advance and designate it for the clinic and you will receive a discount and free shipping as long as the parts are small and can fit in a compact car.

We will also have cases of Brad Penn Oils available at excellent pricing. These oils contain the proper lubricants necessary for our flat tappet engines. Premium Penn Grade 20w50 will be \$25/case, while Penn Grade One 20w50 "Green" Racing Oil will be \$40/case.

Any job is welcome, as long as the car can be moved from Donald's by 5PM. Please contact Doug Foyle (724)452-5218 if you plan a project that is more involved than an oil change and tune up. Also, call him if you wish to purchase Brad Penn Break-in Oil for new engine initial start ups.

We will be calling out for lunch. Bring your favorite beverage. Some of the guy's in the club know our cars pretty well; come and take advantage of them.

Looking forward to seeing everyone!



Starting Line Racing Café

By Richard Dick

At this time I have a really bad case of cabin fever. I am so looking forward to getting one of the cars back on the road again. It's also approaching that time of year and Judy and I invite you to join us for lunch at the Starting Line Racing Café'. The date is **Saturday April 17th** 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 February weather, if you have not already done so. The Café is located at 1420 Washington Road (Route 19 and north of Washington PA and also very close to the Meadowlands Casino and Tanger Outlets). 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 britcarnuts@comcast.net.

Import Carlisle

By Bruce Stutzman

May 21-23

WPTA rents 3 vending spaces (C66, 67 & 68) for the use of all club members. Several long time members erect the club pop up tent and vending tables in those spaces.

All you have to do is take your own chair and beer (actually selling parts is optional – most of us don't). Buying parts is also optional, but carry a few extra bucks in case you find some bits you can't do without.

We will be staying at the Hotel Carlisle (same place as the last few years). Mike Yurko has reserved a block of rooms for the Western Pennsylvania Triumph Association, so when you call to make your reservations make sure you tell that you are with the WPTA. The rate per room per day is \$116.96. For reservations 1-717-243-1717.

A good time is guaranteed and what happens at Carlisle stays at Carlisle. PS: I almost forgot; you better take an umbrella or rain jacket.

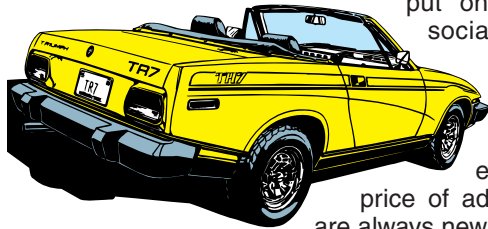


Racing ... because golf, football, and baseball only require one ball

TRF Summer Party & the TWOA Meet

by Jim Underwood

Just as the last gnarly looking piles of snow are disappearing, here I am writing about The Roadster Factory Summer Party! The dates this year are July 30-31. So for those that like to plan your summer well ahead, this is one to put on your calendar. If



socializing with friends, enjoying great food and driving your favorite car are things you enjoy, this event is well worth the price of admission. Plus there are always new people to meet, seeing friends that you haven't for awhile and lots of different cars to see. A lot of things have changed over the years but the warm welcome and enjoyable weekend provided by TRF has remained constant. Some years were skipped but thankfully the Summer Party has returned. Let us go and lend our support so that it may continue for years to come.

Now for the Wedge portion of the article. Those of you that may have read my ramblings last year will remember TRF Summer Party as the national gathering for the TWOA (Triumph Wedge Owners Association) I believe the count last year was around 75-80 TR7 & TR8s. President Tim Lanocha has set a goal of one hundred Wedge cars attending this year's event! BTW, Tim's creation "Bullet" is worth the trip to see by itself. 383 cubic inches of twin turbo small block Chevy power this Group 44 replica. Bruce, Ed & I must have spent 20 minutes just trying to figure out the plumbing! Woody Cooper and his son Clint of the Wedgeshop, are always guaranteed attendees. Last year they brought a whole crew with them from MA. The Wedge cars are often considered the red-headed stepchild in the pecking order of LBCs. As Rodney used to say "I can't get no respect" Being at an event where they were not only the featured model but well represented in attendance was kinda neat for a change! So all I can say, to those that missed it, is now you have a second chance. If you own one of the last Triumphs, you need to be at this event.

Despite the number of Wedge and other LBCs in attendance last year, many WPTA members were sadly missed. Not sure why that was the case? No interest? Is \$89.95 too much money? A test & tune day at the drag strip costs me 35 bucks and I usually only get 3 runs if I'm lucky. An autocross event will run about the same or more. Car shows typically run 15-20 bucks. Then there are mountain road tours, parts sales, the downtown car show and of course the Friday evening feast. Do the math. I'm certainly not what you would consider wealthy but it seems like a good deal to me. However, the most important thing for me is, that at all the other events I refer to, I would likely be the only British sports car there. Also strikes me as odd that a lot of people travel great distance for this event while many right here in TRF's back yard elect to stay away???

OK so enough of my preaching already. Who the heck am I to tell anyone what they should do? But I do sincerely hope to see more of you there this year. And that goes for you people with those "really old cars" too! And I'm sure I am not the only WPTA member wishing for this. You can find registration information on the TRF website www.the-roadster-factory.com as well as www.wedgeshop.com. If you are a TR7/8 owner, you have to check out this link!

The TRF site also has lodging suggestions and of course camping is always available.

Editor's note:

"New member Dave Marshall has an idea for an unusual event that he calls the **Ultimate Summer Challenge** and asked us to inform the membership. Herewith is Dave's information:

Here's something a little different I call it THE ULTIMATE SUMMER CHALLENGE.

I challenge anybody out there to try to experience Western Pennsylvania, its great roads, scenery, and history, in your classic car! I'm doing this "old school" since I don't have a computer and internet access. What I need is your address, the county in which you live in, and a picture of the classic car, in which you want to drive to the mystery destinations. Mail this to me by May 20, 2010 and I will mail you a list of destinations. You will have between June first and August thirty first to photograph your vehicle at the 15 mystery locations in Western Pa. take any route you wish (I found some great roads while scouting locations), By yourself, or with a group! Then mail the pictures to me by September 4 2010. (I'm watching postmarks for cheaters!) It's not a competition, but merely a challenge. All the pitchers will make a great collage for the club!

If you're looking for new destinations to drive, see new things, and learn what's in your "backyard", mail me the info. and have some fun.

Dave Marshall 2031 Branchton Road Hilliards, Pa. 16040
Don't hesitate to call with questions @ 724-791-2431

An Invitation From The MG Club:

Wellsboro Weekend

May 21 to 23

We have expanded our driving range in the last few years, and this year we are going on a 3 day weekend adventure to Wellsboro and the Grand Canyon of Pennsylvania. Friday we will depart from the northern suburbs and travel north to the Allegheny National Forrest and onward along PA Route 6 to our overnight stop in Cloudersport PA. Along the way we will be visiting some of the local attractions. On Saturday we will continue along Route 6, a designated Heritage Corridor, to the Grand Canyon of PA and several more attractions. We will spend Saturday night in the historic hotel in Wellsboro. Hurry and check the MG club website at: <http://www.greaterpghmgclub.org/> for hotel reservations since the deadline for holding hotel rooms in Wellsboro is April 10.



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For Sale: 1974 TR6—Pimento red/black interior, 4-speed non-overdrive, 104,566 showing. All original make equipment (except 3 range electric seat heaters)- all excellent condition. Complete braking system rework & tune-up by Gassman. A very solid and strong running car. \$13,000 obo. Additional photos and details (540) 649-1121



Last Months: Photo Caption Contest

Douggy

"Gray??!! Those aren't gray hairs!! They're natural platinum blonde highlights!!!!!"

Gary Fredo

What's wrong with this picture? No one is holding a beer!

... and the Winner is:

Anonymous

Quiet please - it's rest time.



And yet Another Photo Caption Contest

Email your caption to the editor, all entries will be printed in the May Dzus Dnuz.

Pat Davis' great TR2 on display at the PVGP booth it the Pittsburgh Car Show last month. Accd. to Pat, "This beautiful creature showed up in a black dress with a red belt and bow that matched the car perfectly."



~ Calendar of Events ~

- Apr 13 Beer & Bull Session**
6 pm at Geno's, 5147 Butler Street
Bud Osbourne 724-356-4464
- Apr 14 Cars & Coffee, 9:30 AM**
Rick Brown - King's Restaurant, McMurray Rd
- April 17 Lunch at Starting Line Cafe**
Richard Dick 724-379-5172
- Apr 27 Dzus Dnuz Meeting, 6:00 PM**
6pm-at Geno's, 5147 Butler St.
- May 8 Tune-up Clinic**
Don Harkus' Garage
Doug Foyle 724-452-5218
- May 20-23 WPTA at Import Carlisle**
Mike Yurko for rooms 412-795-8381
Jim Shaw to sell parts 412-262-3878
- May 21-22 Wellsboro Weekend with MG club**
Don Stewart 412-963-1893
- June 19 Summer Solstice Tour**
Don Stewart 412-963-1893
- June 26 Rally**
Rick Brown 412-969-0118
- July 10 Johnstown Run, with MG club**
Richard Dick 724-379-5172
- Jul 24 British Car Day at Schenley Park**
- Jul 24-25 Pittsburgh Vintage Gran Prix**
- Aug 7 Mini Golf & Ice Cream with the MG Club**
Richard Dick 724-379-5172
- Aug 14 Quaker Steak & Lube Tour**
Bud Osbourne 724-356-4464
- Aug 28 Rally/Tour,**
PJ Wright 412-833-4142
- Sept 18 Anniversary Run,**
Ray Stockdale 724-627-7422
- Sept 26 Food with Someone, Somewhere**
Don (Sandy does all the work) Harkus
724-284-9172

~ Events Of Other Interest ~

- May 2 11th Annual British & European Car Show**
New Town, Williamsburg, VA
http://www.wmbgbrit.com/carshow_registration_form.htm
- June 5 Cars of England Show**
Westtown, PA. Steve Klein, klassiccar@aol.com
- Jun 16-20 TRA National Meet**
Wooster Ohio
- Jul 11 PVGP Kickoff Rally**
- Jul 17-18 Historic Races at Beaverun**
- Jul 24-25 Pittsburgh PVGP**
- Jul 30-31 TRF Summer Party**
Armagh PA
- Aug 19-21 Annual FOT Race Weekend**
Heartland Park, Topeka KS
- Aug 22 The Brits at Shaker Square**
330-666-2817 or www.nctaweb.com
- Sep 9-12 6-Pack Trials at Hueston Woods**
Oxford Ohio
- Sep 9-12 SVRA US Vintage Gran Prix**
Watkins Glen NY
- Sept 10-12 Degrosso Car Show, Altoona**
- Sept 17-19 British Invasion, Stowe VT**
- Sep 26 British Cars at Hartwood**
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