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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, I can't believe that Christmas is right around the corner. Last month the Election meeting was a success. Since no one else wanted my job, everyone that was in, is back in.

We had the normal stuff about British Car Day; we still need a new chairperson if anyone is interested in this. Of course the treasurer's report was given "We got money".

We need some garage tours. So if you are interested in a bunch of old guys coming around give Gary or Me a call, so we can show up at your door. We have The No Meeting Meeting at the Quaker Steak and Lube on December 11. Then next month of course is the Annual Planning Meeting on January 8th at Excuses on the South Side, so it's also time to start thinking about the 2011 event schedule.

The Holiday Party is in January so let Larry Ross know if you are going to be there. Let us know what you are working on over the winter. My boy bought a boat for fishing and the seats need to be recovered so I am learning how to sew, which is funny because I can't sew on a button.

Happy Holidays

Don

No Meeting, Meeting

by Gary Fredo

The reservations have been made! The No Meeting, Meeting will as

usual be at the Cranberry Quaker Steak & Lube on December 11th at 1:00 in the room to the right as you come in the door. If you're not sure where that is then just ask for the Triumph club. As always the time is very flexible. Members will be drifting in and out most of the afternoon. So get a little holiday shopping done in the morning and then stop by for some wings and refreshments. You know you will need some after fighting the holiday crowds. Or have your spouse drop you off while they go holiday shopping. This is always a well attended event so don't miss out on all of the holiday cheer, bench racing and all around good time.

This is a great event for meeting other members of the club so if you don't know many of the members, then just walk up to someone and introduce yourself. We're a friendly bunch. Likewise, if you see a new face in the crowd, then walk over and introduce yourself. It's always fun to meet new Triumph enthusiasts and hear the stories about their cars.



WPTA Holiday Party

January 22nd

The Georgetown Center
526 East Bruceton Road
Pittsburgh, PA 15236
412-655-4800

Cocktails at 6:00 PM
Cash Bar

Dinner at 7:00 PM

Cost per person is \$35 which includes tax and gratuity. There will be hors d'oeuvres, soup, salad, a choice of three entrees, dessert and beverage. There will be door prizes.

To make your reservations please return your payment and form below by January 5, 2011 to: Larry Ross, 129 Crestview Drive, Pittsburgh, PA 15236

larry@lrossagency.com

412-780-8495

Make checks payable to WPTA

Name(s) _____

Phone Number _____

Entrees: (indicate # of each)

Broiled Filet Mignon _____

Stuffed Chicken Breast _____

Tilapia Almondine _____

Successful Transplant Operation

by Bruce Stutzman

Date of Operation: Sunday October 24

Patient: the Bernie Mobile (yellow TR4)

Medical Facility: Harkus' Triumph Hospital

Healthy New Organs Transplanted:

High Torque Starter

GM Alternator

Battery Cables

Fan Belt (2 inches longer)

Lucas DM2 Distributor rebuilt by Bruce w/Pertronix Ignitor

Diseased organs replaced:

Clapped out Lucas DM2 Distributor

Original and about to expire Lucas Starter

Original Lucas Generator

Surgeon in Charge: Donny Harkus

Transplant Surgeons: Ed Major

Jim Shaw

Mike Yurko

Bruce Stutzman

Consulting Surgeons: P.J. Wright

Fred Williams

The Procedure:

Charge the battery for the duration of the procedure.

Convert from positive to negative ground.

Gut and rewire the regulator. *

Jump the solenoid that is integral with the new starter so the original Lucas solenoid could be used. *

Remove the generator, modify the mounting bracket and the mount on new alternator, install alternator and new fan belt, and wire alternator through old rewired regulator.

Remove the old distributor; install & wire reworked distributor.

Remove the old starter; install new high torque starter.

Install charged battery (now reversed) & new battery cables.

Dynamically time distributor.

*These are optional procedures for originality looking purposes only and not necessarily recommended.

Protocol: No beer till lunch – and what a great lunch. Sandy prepared a large crockpot full of kielbasa and sourkraut; absolutely delicious.

And the operation was a complete success. Bernie and the Bernie Mobile drove off into the sunset with big smiles on their faces. There modern electrical components are now in many of our TRs and giving great service.



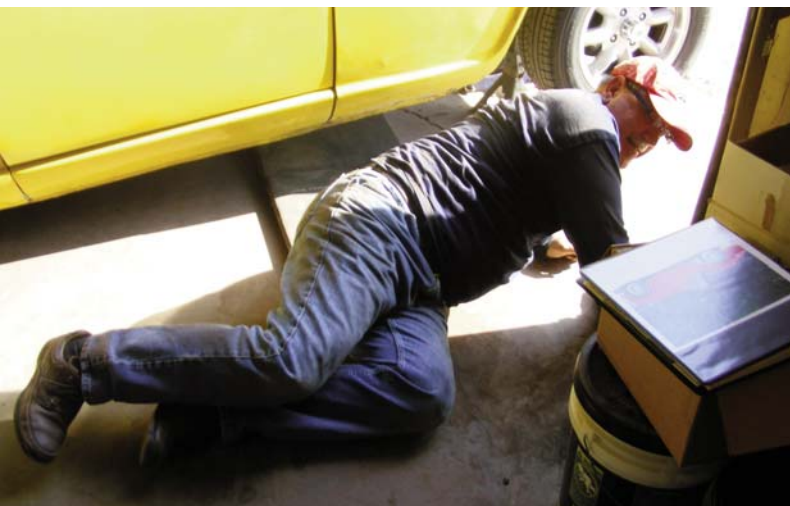
The Patient



The new organs awaiting transplanting



The diseased organs



Bernie extricating himself from under the patient



The surgeons at work

Planning Meeting

by Gary Fredo

This year, as in the past, the planning meeting will be held at Excuses in the Southside at 10am on January 8th. First, I want to thank everyone who planned an event this past year. Your hard work is what keeps the club active and gives everyone a chance to get together and enjoy the cars and company on a regular basis. I was able to attend many of the events and they were all great.

Please attend the planning meeting if you are considering putting together an event for 2011. But if your schedule keeps you from attending then drop me an email at garyfredo@yahoo.com or call me at 724-378-9610 with your thoughts for an event. Keep in mind that I have teenagers at home so I don't always get phone messages so if you don't hear back from me then call again (or send an email).

Dues renewal

by Richard Dick

Now accepting your \$20 check/money order for next years dues made payable to "WPTA". Be one of the first to send in your renewal money and updates of address, vehicles and email changes. Please send all this to Richard Dick; 106 Cypress Ave.; Monongahela, PA 15063. You can also send in \$40 and we will sign you up for 2 years or as many multiples of \$20 you would like to send. If you have questions, email me at britcarnuts@comcast.net or call me at 724.379.5172. Notice: this is month two of a five month campaign to collect dues.

Spitfire Repair

by Cathy Fisher

I would like to thank Bruce Stutzman, Gary Fredo, Ed Major and Eric Stoltz for showing up on November 6th to help get my Spitfire back in working condition. Also, Anita Fletcher and John Anderson who came to give the boys encouragement. Bruce diagnosed my problem as the electronic ignition.

Also, the door needed to be lubricated and a star washer replaced, the horn needed a new push. Knowing what parts I needed, the following Monday I made a run to The Roadster Factory to get them. The following Sunday Gary and Bruce showed again and installed them. Now I am ready to roll when the weather gets nice again. Many, many thanks to you all for the help.

New Rear Main Seal

by Bruce Stutzman

That TR2s through TR4As leak oil is an accepted fact and is part of Triumph lore. Although there are at least a dozen places on these engines that can and do leak oil the rear main seal is the most likely cause.

This ancient design, commonly called "oil slinger" or "scroll seal" works reasonably well when the engine is running but leaks after the engine is turned off.

Some years back a seal was designed in England using the Rover lip seal. Many of us have this seal in our engines and are experiencing different levels of success. This seal requires that the scroll be machined off the crankshaft.

Recently Christian Marx, a German TR4 racer who goes by the handle "Mad Marx", designed a new seal that has the Triumph world excited. This seal is made of viton and fits into a machined recess in the original two piece aluminum scroll seal. No need to machine the crankshaft.

This new seal is available at The Roadster Factory. Ed Woods is currently fitting this seal in a TR3 engine he is building.



Photo Caption Contest

OK, who is this distinguished club Member, and why is there not a beer in his hand? The car in the background should be a clue!

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

Charity Rally

Tony Intrieri of Rally North America contacted us and invited entrants into their Rally Appalachia 2011. It starts at Summit Point Raceway near Winchester, VA on the morning of July 19, 2011 and ends in Charleston, SC the evening of July 21st.

Anyone interested can contact Tony at racertci@ptd.net. Or go to RallyNorthAmerica.com

~ Calendar of Events ~

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| Dec 11 | No Meeting, Meeting, QS & L
Gary Fredo 724-378-9610 |
| Dec 14 | Beer & Bull Session
6 pm at Ferguson's Pub, Cuddy, PA
Bud Osbourne 724-356-4464 |
| Dec 20 | Cars & Coffee, 9:30 AM
Rick Brown - King's Restaurant, McMurray Rd |
| Dec 27 | Dzus Dnuz Meeting, 6:00 PM
Michael's Pizza Bar, Sarah St., South Side |
| Jan 8 | Planning Meeting,
Gary Fredo 724-378-9610 |
| Jan 22 | Holiday Party, Georgetown Center
Pleasant Hills
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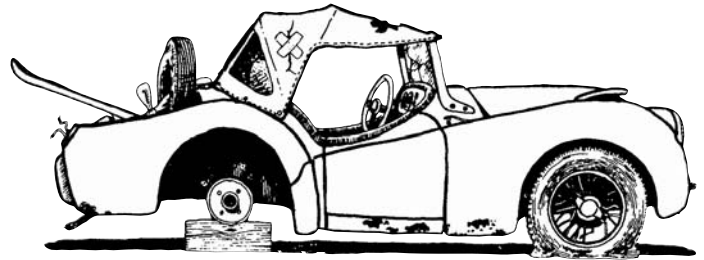
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FOR SALE: TR3B, near Columbus, running, \$5,000, Mark Motine cell # 740-334-9112.

FOR SALE: 1960 TR4 Great restoration project...Needs clutch cylinder. Asking \$1500 or Best Offer, contact Chuck C @ 610-841-2476 or sk8es62@aol.com pics upon request.