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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.

British Car Day Coming

Dusk Till Don

Hi there, another crazy month has passed us by. On our way from Carlisle, Fred realized his rocker shaft not getting a lot of oil and I was having steering problems. Fred and I had a little work session of our own. I made a few phone calls to see if anyone was looking for something to do on Saturday, sure enough Bruce and Ed said they would be up. After jacking up my front end we found that my idler arm was stiff and not taking grease so we cleaned that out. Then the new Delrin center tie rod bushings and pins got rusted and where not moving. They must have been that way before I ever drove it. So that had to come apart and be cleaned and greased. We still had some time left so Ed, Bruce, & Fred installed a sway bar that I bought, as I went to get some bolts for it. Thanks to Ed, Bruce, & Fred my 3 has never driven so nice.

Sandy & I drove it on the Solstice Tour; we had a great time and even beat the rain on the way home. Don put on a good tour. So we are off to Ricks run on Saturday which will be over before this is out.

Will wants to see all of us at British Car Day, so get in your registrations to Rick Brown as soon you can, or should I just say NOW. See you there!

Don

Johnstown Fun Run

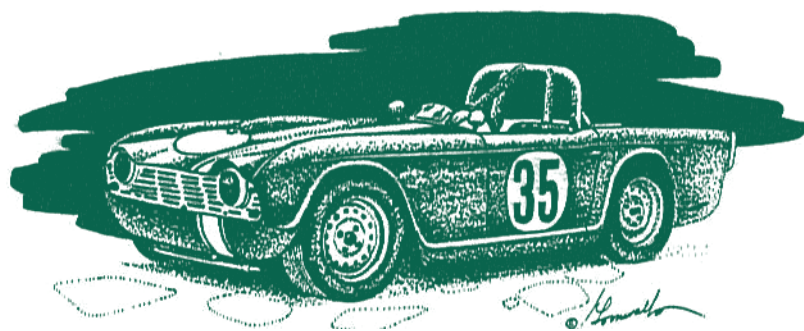
by Richard Dick

Yes, I know the fun run is usually the last Saturday in July but due to the scheduling of other events we have moved it to July 10th this year. We will be joining some of the members of the Central Pennsylvania British Car Club out of Altoona. This has always been fun time for all!!

We will again meet at the Cracker Barrel restaurant on the south side of I.S.70 (exit 57) which is the New Stanton exit and very near the New Stanton exit for the turnpike. The first group will leave by 11 a.m. and the trip over will be about 1 hour and 45 minutes long through some very scenic countryside. We should arrive at the Boulevard Grill in Johnstown around 1 pm for lunch.

If you are so inclined breakfast at Cracker Barrel is a good choice but I know Judy will be shopping there so we will be there early!!!

Questions: Call Richard Dick or Judy at 724-379-5172 or email britcarnuts@comcast.net



British Car Day 2010

by Wil Schweitzer

There is still time to pre-register to save \$10. Pre-registration ends July 10th, so do it now. If you can't find the form that came in the mail, print one from our website, wptriumph.org. Your car doesn't have to be perfect. If you can drive it, bring it out to support your club, a sponsor of the Pittsburgh Vintage Grand Prix and their charities. If you prefer to trailer your car, there is a large Carnegie Mellon University parking lot for the trailers and tow vehicles at Forbes and Morewood. It is best to unload there and drive to the BCD entrance on Saturday or to the Patron Parking entrance on Sunday. The lot will be staffed by PVGP volunteers. More information at pvgp.org.

Your British Car Day registration includes admission on Sunday to the British Car display on the golf course, next to the Patron Parking. Enter at the Patron Parking gate on Schenley Drive, not at the British Car Day entrance. Your BCD windscreen card is your ticket. Cars will be parked in order of arrival, not by class. This is a display. There will be no judging. Please, do NOT arrive before 9:30 A.M.

As in previous years, the help of many members will be needed. If you can help on Friday evening, July 23rd, come to the show field about 5 P.M. to help erect the tents, stuff the goodie bags, and set the field. As usual, pizza will be provided. Bring your own beverage. On Saturday morning help will be needed from about 8 A.M. to noon, to park cars and to help with gate registration. Early Saturday afternoon we will need a lot of help at the tent counting ballots. On Sunday morning help will be needed from about 9 A.M. to 11 A.M. to park cars.

Quaker Steak 'n Lube '10

with a New Wrinkle

by Bud Osbourne

Time to plan for this year's Steak 'n Lube Tour! This year, if we can get an earlier start, we have been invited to participate in the city of Sharon's big, annual car show & cruise. This is a BIG DEAL. They close down the whole downtown section of the city and classic cars come in from all over the two state area to participate.

The show's organizers are VERY excited about the prospect of having some classic Triumphs and MGs participate in the show. They are going to give us our own special parking area, right across the street from QS&L, where we can display our cars while we have our hot wings & cold drinks at Quaker Steak & Lube. BUT, we need to register for the show ASAP so that they can include us in their master street parking plan. Any of you who have worked on planning British Car Day or TRF Summer Party's car show will immediately understand how important and helpful it is to get registrations in ASAP.

We'll meet at our traditional QS&L starting point; the Park 'n Ride lot at the Mt. Nebo Road interchange of I-79, with the first group of cars leaving at 9 AM. Our tour route will be much the same as last year's, which will provide plenty of good scenery and winding roads. Remember, since we've learned that it's impractical to try to seat our group at one large table or one section of the restaurant; plan to eat with the group you are touring with. Just be sure to get out and walk around Sharon, after you've eaten, and take in all of the great, old cars of every description.

Greater Sharon Asso. Sharon, PA, Car Show August 14, 2010

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Mail your registration to: Angie Palumbo, PA CareerLink, Mercer County, Dept. of Labor and Industry, 217 West State Street, Sharon, PA. 16146

Half Day Run For Summer Fun

by P. J. Wright

Set aside August 28 for the annual half-day run that gets us off in the cool of the morning before the dog days of summer afternoons hits us. We will be meeting at 9:00AM in the Peters Place parking lot at Kerwin Heights, right next door is an Eat and Park where one can get breakfast and make a pit stop. This run will be about two and a half hours ending up at Al's Café on McMurray Road where lunch and libations can be had. Pencil in this date, more details will be out next month.

British Cars at the Waterfront

by Wil Schweitzer

Don Privett, an MG owner, is in charge of The Car Cruise at the Waterfront on Tuesday, July 20th. for the Pittsburgh Vintage Grand Prix Association. He wants to reserve a group of prominent spaces for British cars. This car cruise, from 5 to 9 P.M., draws more than 600 cars to the Waterfront in Historic Homestead. To participate contact Don Privett at (412) 915-8754 or email themgman@comcast.net. Let's see a good turnout by WPTA. A \$5.00 donation is suggested.

Miniature Golf and Ice Cream

by Richard Dick

Judy and I are trying something new this year. Set aside August 7th where we will meet at Copperhead Canyon Mini Golf Course and then head South 2.9 miles on Route 51 to the Dairy Queen. The course is about 2 miles south of the Elizabeth Bridge and .5 miles North of Route 48. It's actually on Hutchinson Road, but the parking lot is only 100 feet from Route 51 and it is across from Round Hill Road off of Route 51. There are signs along Route 51 for the Golf Course. This is the second year for this golf course and it is a beautiful layout. The cost will be \$4.50 per person. After we are done golfing we will head to the Dairy Queen.

Now for your part of the event. Find some great roads to get there and back home. Find someone to travel with since it just seems like more fun that way. Any questions call us at 724.379.5172 or email britcarnuts@comcast.net.



Classified

FOR SALE: Austin Mini, 1962. Car is right hand drive in perfect condition. Engine and transmission are original. Zero rust \$9,900.00. Jim Bastone, 412-486 7335 or email: j.bastone2@verizon.net

TR 6 Parts For Sale: Dave Folker, a former member of WPTA, passed away this past December, his wife Kendra has turned over to me various parts that Dave had accumulated while restoring a TR 6. Anyone interested in the following items call or email me as I have the materials at my house.

Under the dash heater duct hoses (new), all other items are used. Windshield washer tank with pump, water pump with double pulley, horn, TONNEAU COVER MODIFIED FOR ROLLBAR. Books as follows; Rogers Williams Restoration Manual for the TR 250 and TR 6, Haynes Owners Workshop Manual, TR 250 and TR 6., and the official Repair Operator Manual, TR 6.

All proceeds from the sale of these items are being turned over to Mrs. Folker. P.J. Wright 412-973-5986 or pj.wright@verizon.net



Shock Absorbers (dampers) Some Basics

by Bruce Stutzman

Their purpose

Shocks resist motion by absorbing the energy of the suspension. Without them the car would bounce uncontrollably on its springs. The tires, consequently, would have very little grip. Needless to say, good shocks are very important.

How they work

Tube shocks and lever arm shocks work basically the same way. They are oil pumps and operate on the principle of fluid displacement through valves. As the piston moves on the bump (compression) stroke and the rebound stroke it forces oil through small valves that resist the flow of the oil.

There is less resistance (different valves) on the bump stroke than on the rebound stroke; the bump stroke is only controlling the unsprung weight (tire, wheel, brake, half of the suspension) while the rebound stroke controls the entire sprung weight of the car.

Shock fade

Like engine oil shock oil thins when it gets hot. Hot thin oil offers less resistance to being pushed through the valves reducing its dampening force. Larger shocks that contain more oil are helpful here.

Aeration (foaming)

With a lot of movement the oil can mix with air and become a very ineffective foam. Gas action shocks with nitrogen gas under pressure are an effective deterrent.

Some differences between lever Arm and tube shocks

Lever arm shocks can be rebuilt; tube shocks can't.

You can add oil to lever shocks so leaking isn't a problem. A leaking tube shock must be replaced.

The splines where the lever arm attaches can strip rendering the shock useless.

The silent block bush in lever arm shock links can wear out rendering the shock ineffective.

Tube shocks have been continually improved over the years – not so with lever arm shocks.

Some tube shocks (koni and Spax) are adjustable on the rebound stroke. You can adjust out the wear – not so for lever arm shocks.

Lever arm shock oil

Since you can add oil what kind of oil should you use? It should be hydraulic oil not engine oil. It should have good viscosity and anti-foaming characteristics that hydraulic jack oil probably doesn't have.

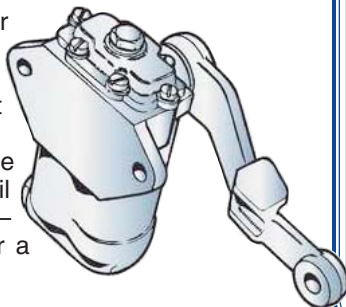
Motorcycle fork oil is a good choice; 10W20 or 10W30. Or just call TRF and buy a bottle of their shock oil.

If you are going to change the oil in your shocks, remove them from the car. You will want to work the lever arm while filling the shock to purge the air.

Testing shocks

How do you know that your shocks are working? Push down firmly on the fender and let go. It should come back up to ride height and stop.

This test tells you very little if the shock oil is cold. You have more oil pressure when the engine is cold – same thing. Conduct this test after a good bumpy run and the oil is hot.



The Brits At Shaker Square

by PJ Wright

The North Coast Triumph Association 19TH annual British car show will be held Sunday, August 22 Rain or Shine. Interested members can get more information at www.nctaweb.com or Tr250navigator@aol.com

It looks like a pretty impressive event and has 34 different classes as well as a Best of Show and a Most Modest (British Beater) I think President Harkus should enter his TR 4 in the latter.

~ Calendar of Events ~

- July 10 Johnstown Run, with MG club**
Richard Dick 724-379-5172
- July 12 Cars & Coffee, 9:30 AM**
Rick Brown - King's Restaurant, McMurray Rd
- July 20 Beer & Bull Session**
6 pm at Rock Bottom at the Waterfront
Bud Osbourne 724-356-4464
- Jul 24 British Car Day at Schenley Park**
- Jul 24-25 Pittsburgh Vintage Gran Prix**
- July 27 Dzus Dnuz Meeting, 6:00 PM**
Michaels on the South Side
- 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
- Oct 2 Bedford Octoberfest**
Larry Ross 412-780-8495
- Oct 16 MG Club Fall Leaf Tour**
- Oct 23 WPTA Fall Leaf Tour**
Bill Spang 412-678-8514

~ Events Of Other Interest ~

- Jul 11 PVGP Kickoff Rally**
- Jul 17-18 Historic Races at Beaverun**
- Jul 20 PGVP Car Cruise**
At the Waterfront
- 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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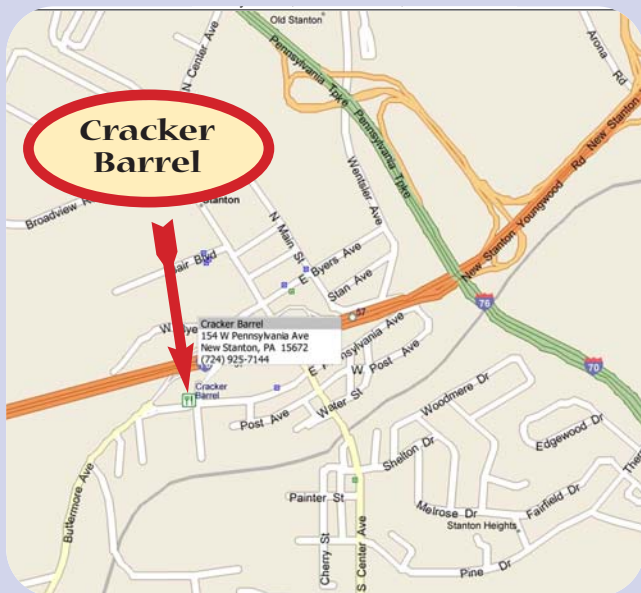
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Solstice Run

