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Dusk Till Don

Hi guys! Another month has gone by. It seems as I get older the time just cruises by. My boy Scott had a surprise graduation on the day of the Tune-up event on May 8th. What a surprise that was because I didn't know about it until 4 o'clock the day before graduation. Tell me if that wasn't something but thank God for good friends so the tune-up event went off without a hitch.

My partner in crime (Fred) and I were going to drive out to Carlisle in our TR3s so we had to put an alternator on Fred's car on Sunday. We then thought all was right in our "Triumph land" only to find that as Fred was driving home from my house the clutch stopped working properly. We ordered a new master and slave cylinder which comes in Wednesday to be installed Thursday night before we leave. It should be easy one-hour job, but you guessed it...5 hours later we had it done. Then Lucas Law comes into play. My 3 which is outside starts right up. I turned on the headlights but no headlights, sad day in "Triumphland". So I worked on the light switch until 1am and finished it up in the morning. We were on our way at about 7:30. Fred asked me as we were stopped for breakfast if I was in a hurry and I replied "not really, why do you ask?" Thinking I am driving about 60 mph. My speedometer must be off because he said I was driving at 75 to 80 mph. Boy that 3 can fly! No wonder Fred's 3 was over-heating.

After I look back at the weekend my back and butt were hurting from sitting in the seat, somehow I bruised my leg, got rained on and looked at a lot of junk. What a weekend and a lot of fun!

Next month there is the Summer Solstice with Don on June 19th. This is always a good time. Then on the 26th Rick Brown has a Rally which is also always a great run!

Don

Summer Solstice Tour

by Don Stewart

Saturday June 19. We'll meet at the south end of the Fun Fest bowling lanes at Freeport Road and Guys Run Road in Harmer Township. This is about half a mile south of the intersection of Route 910 and Freeport Roads and about a mile south of the Allegheny Valley exit of the PA Turnpike. Departure is at 12:30 PM. Be forewarned, the start of the tour will include an unpaved township road, so be sure to spread out a bit to let the dust clear for the person driving behind you! This tour will run a bit backwards as to food. Our first stop after about a 20 minute drive will be for dessert at an ice cream stand. They have both soft serve and hard hand dipped ice cream along with all the other goodies you might want to add. Don't fill up too much, as the second leg of the tour will take us over some nice paved roads for a bit under two hours (The "fast group" will probably disagree with that timing!) to our late lunch/early dinner stop. We will have two venues to choose from for our meal. The first selection is Beer Nutz on

The Amazing Ride

Saturday, June 26, 2010

by Rick Brown

Are you ready to race around the world? Are you ready to compete to win one million dollars? Are you ready to become a television celebrity? Well, too bad; it ain't gonna happen on this ride!

So let's get this straight immediately -- THIS IS NOT A RACE! The winning team is the team with the most points, regardless of whether they arrive first or last. And let's get something else straight -- NO ONE ACTUALLY WINS A MILLION DOLLARS! I will give the winning team a "one million dollar bill", but it's just a gag. And we all know that there's no room for a television camera in a British car.

The thing is that this year's rally is loosely (very loosely) based on the television reality show called The Amazing Race. Having no imagination, I decided to call my rally The Amazing Ride. So sit back (in your car seat) and enjoy the ride. After all, the only thing we really care about is that we end up at a restaurant with good food and drink -- which we do.

The Details: Six things you need to know:

1. Teams will initially depart on Saturday, June 26 from the Rostraver Airport located on Route 51 in Belle Vernon, PA 15012. Registration for the rally will be between 9:00 and 9:45 am. Teams will begin to leave at 9:45 sharp, all teams gone by 10:00.
2. If you enjoy breakfast, try the Eagles Landing restaurant located at the airport -- excellent food at reasonable prices. But be sure to get there early so you're ready to depart at 9:45.
3. The Amazing Ride will end at a nice restaurant at approximately 2:00 pm allowing plenty of time for lunch and relaxation before driving home.
4. Each "Team" consists of two cars. Register with a specific partner, or request a partner at registration.
5. All are welcome on this ride, which will take place "rain or shine". Come out and have fun. If your British car does not like rain, bring your daily driver.
6. If you need more information about the rally you may call Rick Brown at 412-818-1433 or email brownrr1@verizon.net.

Freeport Road near the Fox Chapel Plaza. This is a classic Bottle Shop with the food selection including good burgers, salads and wraps. Their hot wings aren't too bad. Plus they have a selection of around 150 beers to choose from, with a dozen or so on tap at any time, along with a small selection of wines available. The decor is mostly beer coolers and beer signs. For a very slightly upscale dining experience, there is Bob's Garage just a hundred yards up the street. Bob's has a good selection of typical bar food (I like their Turkey Devonshire) and is one of the most festively decorated places around. The theme right now is summer. with almost the entire inside covered with all kinds of posters, streamers, lights and other paraphernalia. For questions or directions on the day of the tour call Don Stewart at 412-952-1738.

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.

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Sharon, PA
Car Show
August 14, 2010

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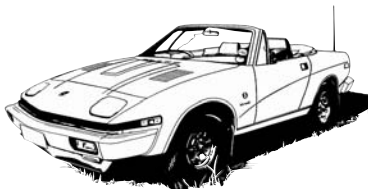
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THANK YOU FOR PARTICIPATING!



Carlisle 2010

By Bruce Stutzman

Would you believe it didn't rain! At least until late Saturday night. But by then many WPTA members had headed home.

Carlisle was good; Thursday, Friday and Saturday were good shopping and vending days. Lots of people. A good many club members actually took parts to sell. This year the Club rented vending tables from Carlisle for use by the members so nobody had to schlep their own tables from home and back.

We moved the traditional pizza party at our tent from Saturday evening to Friday evening this year because of the weather forecast. We stuck Tom Schweitzer again with the miserable task of deciding how many pizzas, what toppings everybody wanted and collecting enough money to pay the pizza delivery girl. Seniority has its privileges – Tom was the youngest guy there by more than a few years.

The show field was overflowing with collector cars. Carlisle is getting to be a huge car show. It's worth the drive just to go to the show on Saturday. A great variety of really interesting import cars. Beside the British cars there were Citroens (remember the Pink Panther movie), Peugeotts, Fiats, Saabs, Volvos, BMWs, Mercedes, Alfas, VWs, Porsches, Audis, Hondas, Datsuns, etc. Even an absolutely stunning early Lamborghini.

And Bud found some great roads for the drive home in the rain on Sunday.



British Car Day 2010

by Wil Schweitzer

WPTA's biggest event is less than two months away. If you haven't been driving your British Car yet this year, it's time to get moving. Get it running properly now, and maybe you will have time to polish it for the show. Mark your calendar for Saturday, July 24th, and mail your registration to Rick Brown. It is important to pre-register, both to save time the morning of the show, and to influence the number of awards for your class.

Preparation for the show is going smoothly. Scott Permar printed the mailing labels for the brochures and Woody and Diane McVicker mailed them. Brochures also went out in the mailed newsletters. The dash plaques have arrived as well as The Roadster Factory bags for the "goodie bags". Linda Schweitzer mailed letters to some suppliers requesting goodies for the bags. Bruce Stutzman arranged for sample copies of Classic Motorsports for the bags. Additional goodies will be welcome, if any members are able to arrange for 400 to 425 of an item. Especially welcome would be pens or pencils to mark the ballots.

Keep in mind that as always we will need help on Friday evening to mark the field and stuff the "goodie bags". We will also need a lot of helpers on Saturday morning to assist in parking the cars, and again in the afternoon to count the ballots. To volunteer, just show up and offer .

Classified

FOR SALE: 1980 TR7 DHC, original and unrestored , 12k miles. This is a pageant blue TR7, Navy check interior, factory AC that works, 5 speed, AM/FM /CD, alloy wheels , and luggage rack, top replaced in 06. Includes a bra, trunk and floor fancy mats, extra seat covers, car cover, and a British Motor Heritage Trust certificate. Everything works but the clock. For pictures email me at pj.wright@verizon.net or phone at 412-833-4142. Member of WPTA. Priced at \$6500, this car needs nothing but a new owner. P J Wright

Tune-Up Wrap-Up

by Douggy

Thanks to everybody who braved the cold and wet to attend this year's Tune Up Clinic. Attendance was down a little this year because of the weather, but we still managed to get a little work done on some cars and enjoy the company of our fellow club members.

Thank yous are also extended to Don Harkus for opening his doors to us and providing a facility for the event; and to The Roadster Factory for joining us and setting up a couple tables of parts for purchase.

No big jobs as in the past were performed . Dave Hershberger's TR3 had an ongoing miss that hadn't responded to attempts at fixing. The car was purring when it left.

Our host missed a good portion of the event due to an emergency graduation in the family. He was able to make it back in time though for the afternoon bull sessions.

Thanks again to all.

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

~ Calendar of Events ~

- June 9 Cars & Coffee, 9:30 AM**
Rick Brown - King's Restaurant, McMurray Rd
- June 15 Beer & Bull Session**
6 pm at Geno's, 5147 Butler Street
Bud Osbourne 724-356-4464
- June 19 Summer Solstice Tour**
Don Stewart 412-963-1893
- June 26 The Amazing Ride**
Rick Brown 412-969-0118
- June 29 Dzus Druz Meeting, 6:00 PM**
6pm-at Geno's, 5147 Butler St.
- 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 ~

- June 5 Cars of England Show**
Westtown, PA. Steve Klein, klassiccar@aol.com
- Jun 16-20 TRA National Meet**
Wooster Ohio
- Jun 25-27 Mid Ohio Vintage Races**
- 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



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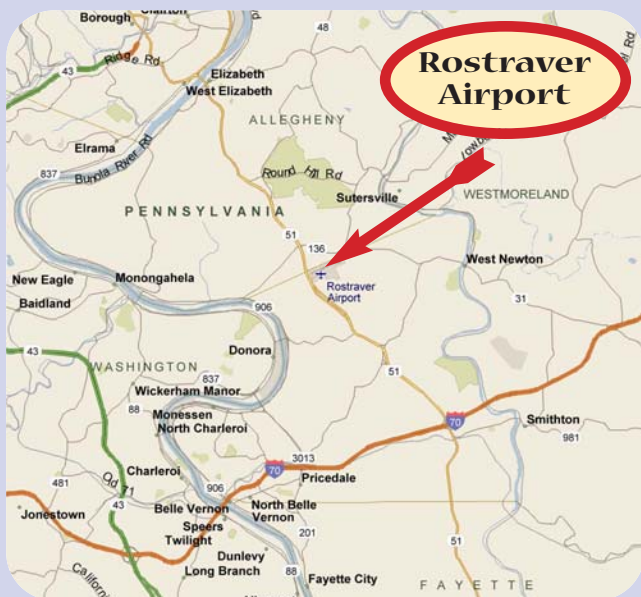
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Tune Up Photos

