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Dusk Till Don

Hello again! Summer is getting close to an end. This is always the busiest Triumph time of the year for me. Last month there was The Quaker Steak and Lube Run, which was some ride. Penn Dot tarred & chipped the beginning of a road on Bud's run two day's before. Then PJ and Carol worked on having a great Half Day Run. Everyone had a great time on this Run. What a great turn out. There were a lot of cars. I think the most on any run this year. Of course in the past we use to have twice as many cars. O' the days of old! Good thing my TR3 was running OK, because we got left behind at the rest stop, but Sandy & I still made it to Al's Place for lunch.

Next month on the 18th is the Anniversary Run. This is always a good run to go on. Then there is the Watkins Glen race that most of the guys go to. Also that week end there is the car show in Altoona that the other group of guys goes to. And to conclude that same weekend the 6-Pack Trials are in Oxford Ohio. This is a big choice, what is a guy to do? Then on the 26th the show at Hartwood is a great time. So till next month let's keep it sunny.

Don

Anniversary Run

by Ray Stockdale

Fall is fast approaching and the need to drive our cars as much as possible before old man winter sets in is mandatory. Join me and as many other WPTA members as possible

Saturday, September 18, 2010 for the **Anniversary Run**. You will see beautiful countryside while driving some the nicest county roads available. Long straight stretches, S turns up hills and down, while all the time enjoying the sun breaking through the leaves with a hint of fall in the air. What could sound better than British cars touring the countryside?

We will meet starting at 9:00AM at Long John Silvers, Crown Center Mall, Washington Pa, which is located off route 70 exit 15 on the western side of town where route 40 crosses. That exit is but a stones throw from where the Washington Wild Things Play.

We will form up and be off and running by 9:30. Route 18 south will be the first half of the tour. We will pass through Nineveh, Sycamore, with our break at the Sheetz in Waynesburg, Pa. From there we will drive the scenic route 188 through Jefferson, Dry Tavern heading towards the Mon River. We will end at a surprise eatery overlooking the river.

Get that British Car ready because a nice time will be had by all. We should have lunch around 12:30; the rest of the day will be yours to shift those gears home.

Photo by Chuck Chappas



"Baby, you can drive my car, Yes, I'm gonna be a star". That's Paul McCartney performing last month at the Consol Energy Center in Pittsburgh with a TR3 on the large screen behind him!

Bedford Fall Foliage Festival

By Larry Ross

Saturday, October 2nd is right around the corner. So let's make sure your British vehicles are up and running. (This means you Ken).

We will meet in the rear parking lot of the Red Lobster in Greensburg, Pa. at 9:15 AM. The Red Lobster is located on Rt. 30 in Greensburg. At that time we will form groups with the first group leaving at approximately 10 AM.

Our run thru the Laurel Highlands will take us to the Flight 93 Memorial in Shanksville, where we can stop and pay tribute to our fallen heroes from September 11th, 2001.

From there we will continue our run thru the Laurel Highlands with a Covered Bridge tour before we stop in Bedford, Pa for the Fall Foliage Festival. At the Fall Foliage Festival, we can stop for lunch and view the many Arts & Crafts from this area of Pennsylvania. There will also be live entertainment at the Gazebo on the Square. Here is the web link: <http://www.bedfordfallfestival.com/>

After the afternoon festivities, we are planning on dinner at the Jean Bonnet Tavern on Rt. 31 outside of Bedford. Due to Festival limitations, we will need to break down into small groups for dinner.

After Dinner, there are numerous hotels/motels in the area to arrange for lodging for the evening.



Kas awarding his 2010 Kastner Cup to Keith Files.



Sam Halkias' 2009 SCCA National Championship TR6- in duplicate!

FOT at Heartland Park

By Bruce Stutzman



Bob Johns, 1957 Sebring 2 Liter GT Class winner in a TR3

Jerry VanVlack and I drove to the annual Friends of Triumph (FOT) vintage race weekend a couple weeks ago. This year it was held at Heartland Park in Topeka, KS, a mere 850 miles from Pittsburgh. "Kas" Kastner, former Triumph competition manager and all around Triumph guru, awards his coveted Kastner Cup at this Annual event.

This year the cup went to Keith Files, a Brit who owns and keeps in the U.S. the

only known surviving TR4 from the class winning 1963 Sebring team that of course, was managed by Kas.

Sam Halkias brought and raced his 2009 SCCA national championship winning TR6. It was the fastest TR there but also the most highly modified.

It was great to meet Bob Johns. Jerry and I had two lengthy breakfasts with Bob and his wife. Bob is the only still surviving driver from the 1957 Sebring TR3 team. Bob and co-driver Mike Rothschild (both Americans) drove SW991 to a class win. These cars were actually 1956 Triumph team cars that had just competed in and won their class in the European Alpine Rally.

It was also a real pleasure meeting Toly Arutunoff for the first time. Toly is a road racing legend and author who drove in the first two Cannonballs. Toly has raced at the PVGP in very rare cars including a 1951 Cunningham C2 and one of the first full fendered Cooper sports cars. He was there to pitch his new book "Steering With Your Knees". I bought him a beer and ended up spending the evening listening to his delightful stories. Come to think of it, I bought all evening.

Next year the Kastner Cup will be held at Leguna Seca, CA. Who wants to go?



Hello WPTA Members,

by Bill Spang

Start thinking about the annual fall leaf run on **Saturday, October 23**. We will tentatively meet at Wendy's Restaurant on Route 28 in Harmarville (about

1/4 mile south of the Allegheny Valley exit of the PA turnpike) at 9:30 a.m. and should depart there approx. 10 or 10:15 a.m. Our trip takes us north about 60 miles through some beautiful fall foliage to the final destination of the Allegheny Grille in Foxburg, PA. We should hopefully arrive there toward the noon hour. The restaurant's website shows a large variety of lunch and dinner items along with a long list of brewskies. If everyone says a prayer to the sun god we should have a nice dry fall trip. See you then."

Wings Of Freedom Tour

by P.J.Wright

Several members of the WPTA attended the first day of the **WINGS OF FREEDOM TOUR** which included three WWII aircraft, a B17, a B24, and a P51 Mustang all three which landed at the Allegheny County airport on Monday August 16.

Pictured at the Wings of Freedom Tour at the Allegheny County Airport on August 16 are club members Ed Woods, Jim and Diane Bastone, Chuck Chapas, P. J. Wright and Dick Gaier



WELCOME ROADSTER FACTORY
 FLAVOR OF THE WEEK
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The Roadster Factory's Summer Party invitation to the WPTA "pie & ice cream crowd". But to no avail!

Summer Party Candid

Jim Underwood scorching the TRF Summer Party auto cross course in his "most excelent" MGB



British Car Day 2010 Recap

By Wil Schweitzer

Once again British Car Day was a huge success. Nearly four hundred cars, including some new participants, were displayed on the Schenley Park Golf Course. This success is a result of the time and effort of many WPTA members. I want to thank all of the workers, especially Rick Brown (pre-registration), Woody and Diane McVicker (mailing and liason), Scott Permar (windscreen cards), Ed Major (printing), Bruce Stutzman (tallying), Dexter Stoltz (gate registration), Jim Stoffel (field arrangement), and Linda Schweitzer (sample acquisition). Special thanks also to the volunteers who braved the intense heat while directing the parking of cars. Thanks to all of all of the workers, whose efforts lightened my load immensely.

It is with a heavy heart that I have decided to resign as British Car Day Chairman. A volunteer should be found soon, as plans for BCD 2011 should be started. I will gladly assist the new chairman if he desires.

Follow up on the Mini Golf / Ice Cream Event

by Richard Dick

First of all, my apology for not having a time in the article for the Mini Golf outing. CRS is setting in for me! Judy and I wish to thank all who attended. We had 23 people show for this first time event and all had a great time. Without exception, all said they want it back next year. Rick Brown suggested we have it in the evening. We will propose this event for next year's calendar of events and consider moving it to an evening time slot. Let Judy or me know your feelings.

~ Calendar of Events ~

- Sept 18 Anniversary Run,**
Ray Stockdale 724-627-7422
- Sept 20 Cars & Coffee, 9:30 AM**
Rick Brown - King's Restaurant, McMurray Rd
- Sept 21 Beer & Bull Session**
6 pm at Rivertowne Pourhouse
312 Center Rd, Monroeville, PA 15146
Bud Osbourne 724-356-4464
- Sept 26 Food with Someone Somewhere**
Don (Sandy does all the work) Harkus
724-284-9172
- Sept 28 Dzus Dnuz Meeting, 6:00 PM**
Geno's in Lawrenceville
- 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
- Nov 13 Election Meeting,**
King's at I79 Wexford exit

~ Events Of Other Interest ~

- 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**
Jaguar Clup of Pittsburgh
- Oct 17-22 VTR National Meet**
Jekyll Island GA

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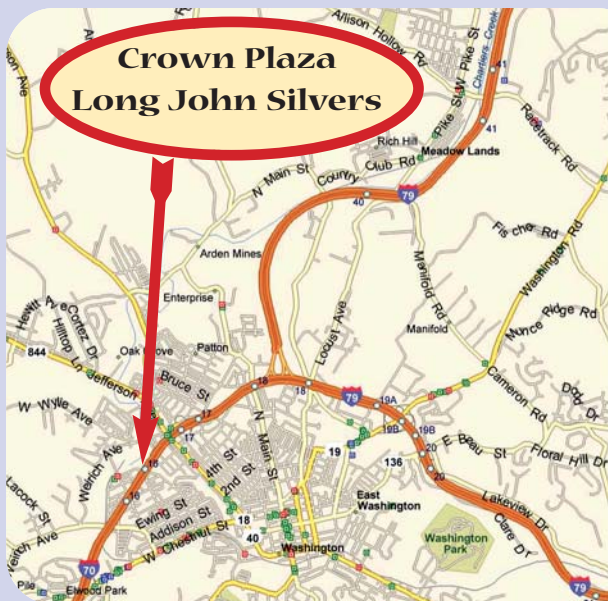
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Bedford Octoberfest

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Altoona Weekend

by Richard Dick

Again this year we will meet at Dean's Diner on Route 22 in Blairsville at 10:30 am for a late breakfast, early lunch, or just to socialize on **Friday, September 10th**. This year we will head south and visit the Quecreek Mine Rescue Center, followed by the Flight 93 Memorial site. It's been a few years since Judy and I have been to these places and they have been in the news of late. From here we will take Route 30, Route 96 and old 220 on our way to Altoona. Drop us an email if you might be interested!