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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

WOW, the sun is finely shining and would you believe it is above 50 degrees. I had my car out last week and now it is snowing again today, but I am thankful that yesterday I didn't live in Greensburg, after the tornado hit there.

I forgot to thank Dan McGowan and Charles at the Roadster Factory for the gifts that they provided for the Holiday party in January. After all what is a holiday party without gifts?

I was sorry I missed the run to The Roadster Factory last month. It is always a great time to walk around in the back. I just wish I could leave there with an armful of parts and leave my wallet at home. I drove my TR3 to the Church Brew Works; bad for me I had my top up. It was still cold when I left my place. We had such a great turnout for this event and had a great time shooting the bull.

Next month is the tune up clinic at my place on the 16th. Sorry guys if you are trout fishermen. The club is providing free Brad Penn oil to guys & a few gals who change there oil here. The Roadster Factory will be here for you to buy your filters and anything else that you might need from them. There will be a few of our tech guys here for some assistance if needed.

Then at the end of the month on the 30th there is Lunch at The Starting Line Café. Check all the other articles for the time and places for all the events to come.

# Don

## Starting Line Racing Café

by Richard Dick

I am so looking forward to getting one of the cars back on the road again. The warm weather will be so refreshing. It's also that time of year where Judy and I invite you to join us for lunch at the Starting Line Racing Café. The date is Saturday April 30th 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 after this past Winter's weather. 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. Judy had me take her over to the casino last year so she could spend some \$\$ that was getting too heavy in her purse. Any questions please contact Richard Dick at 724.379.5172 or email britcarnuts@comcast.net.



## 2n Up & Free Oil

by Doug Foyle

8 AM Saturday, April 16 at Donald Harkus' Dectile garage in Butler are the particulars for this years' Tune Up Clinic.

The Roadster Factory will be in attendance with a variety of items for sale to help make your car run better in the upcoming year. If you place an order before the event and specify it for the WPTA Tune Up Clinic, you will receive free freight to the event plus an event discount. Space is limited so frames, fenders and other large sized items don't apply.

We will again have Brad Penn oils available for purchase at excellent case prices. **IF YOU CHANGE YOUR OIL THERE THE OIL YOU PUT IN YOUR ENGINE WILL BE FREE.** Buy your filter from TRF at the Tune Up Clinic; WPTA will give you the required number of quarts of Brad Penn 20W-50. This oil, both the racing and the premium provides all the ZDDP you need in your old flat tappet engine.

We will be ordering out for lunch. Bring your own refreshment, the BS is always free.

This is always a fun event. A good time to get to know fellow club members and an opportunity to learn more about the cars.

Hope to see you at the 1st driving event of the season!



## Carlisle 2011

by Mike Yurko

The driving season is official, Carlisle is here. May 19-22 is the annual trip to Import Carlisle. For those of us that have attended, it's great. For those of you who have not, you should.

For rooms at the Hotel Carlisle the phone number is 717-243-1717. The Hotel sets us up with a block of rooms, so be sure to let them know that you are with the WPTA.

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.

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.

Also-the Texas FOG's will be our guests at the WPTA tent as part of their annual TR trip out of Houston.

# WPTA Picnic

by Rick Brown

Mark your calendars — **Saturday June 4** — the WPTA picnic and poker rally. This event will be held rain or shine at Shelter #3 in Mingo Creek Park in Washington County. For directions Google "Mingo Creek County Park Directions". Paved parking, actual rest rooms, plenty of space, and a creek that makes a great play area for kids. **Food, snacks and soft drinks will be provided by the club**, and the local caterer has promised homemade goodness. The shelter even has a beer permit for those of you so inclined.

Rick Brown will also be doing a poker rally, with the club providing a few small prizes for the best hands. Teams of two cars each will drive a specific route in search of clues. Finding those clues will earn the team cards for their poker hand. The rally will consist of up to three legs, each beginning and ending at the park shelter. The more legs you run, the more poker cards you may earn. Cars may begin the rally any time after 12:00 noon, and will come and go as they wish. All legs must be completed before the food is served around 4:00 pm. We will then draw poker hands for prizes.

It is mandatory that we give the caterer a proper head count at least two weeks prior to the picnic. We therefore must request an **RSVP** be sent to Richard and Judy Dick. Call them at 724-379-5172 or email britcarnuts@comcast.net. Please tell them how many people will attend the picnic, and also how many cars will participate in the poker rally.

Reserve **Saturday, June 4** on your calendar now. Poker rally at noon, picnic lunch at 4:00, come and go as you please. **DON'T FORGET TO RSVP.**

## Garage Tour

On May 14 we are going to help Todd Bulebush replace the head gasket on his Spitfire. The exact starting time and location will be in next month's newsletter but expect an early start time. Todd lives near the Allegheny County airport. Come out to help or to watch and learn. Please bring an assortment of tools if you can that way we, hopefully, won't be stuck for a tool that we need. Additional details next month.

## Another Photo Caption Contest

Submit your captions to the editor and all replies will be printed in the April Dzus Druz.



## Concours D'Elegance

by PJ Wright

Carol and I spent a few weeks in Florida and on the way home we attended the Concours d'Elegance being held at Amelia Island, which is just outside of Jacksonville.

This was no South Park car show where just anyone with anything from '63 Dodge Dart to a VW Microbus could enter his or her car along with his or her beer cooler and folding chair. This was an event that excluded the Great Unwashed; cars were there by invitation only. No Triumphs, MGBs or Austin-Healeys here, only Rolls Royces, Duesenbergs, Bentleys, Ferraris, Aston Martins along with a showing of exotic machines, some with names long gone, but all unbelievably beautiful and expensive.

There were 250 cars, each more breathtaking than the next. The only machines one could identify with were a bevy of about 10 BMW motorcycles, a 1964 Thunderbird, and a 1952 Packard 2-Door Coupe.

Ladies paraded in big hats and period dresses, the men in the traditional sport coats with expensive denims and lots of gold and wristwatches the size of grandfather clocks!!! The golf course where this was held was packed, hardly room to walk around let alone see the cars up close and personal.

Be that as it may it was worth the 45 bucks to get in even if the shuttle, Porta-Johns and souvenirs were not well organized. With that they could have used some help from our British Car Day organizers.

Next to the show ground was an airstrip where, during the show, stunt pilots were practicing aerobatics just over the trees. No problem seeing them!!!

Carol voted for the Duesenberg that eventually won Best of Show. My vote was lost in the ether, shows what I know.

## Roadster Factory Run

by Gary Fredo

The weather decided not to cooperate very well for the Run to the Roadster Factory. We had snow the day before which brought out the salt trucks which meant that no one brought their Triumphs for the event. But even without Triumphs we still had a decent turnout and the weather actually turned out pretty nice. Too bad there was still a lot of salt on the roads. Albert and Dave from The Roadster Factory were our hosts and they did a great job of answering everyone's questions. They also gave us a tour of The Roadster Factory which was very interesting. Afterwards we went over to Griffiths for lunch. They had great food and really great prices.



# Classified



**FOR SALE:** 1959 Triumph TR3. 54k Miles. Brand new Overdrive transmission. Car is halfway through restoration project. Was running when parked. Comes with huge parts lot, including 2 Hard tops. \$4500 724-643-0506.

**FOR SALE:** 1976 TR6, Java green 110k on original engine. Many new parts, also many extra parts and extra set of wheels and red line tires already mounted. \$10,000 firm. Call Paul at (724) 713-4722.



## Last Months Caption Contest

**Doug Foyle**

"What will Fredo think of next?"

**Gary Fredo**

"I'd rather tow a Triumph than drive a Miata"

**Anonymous**

"Didn't Fredo have a yellow Spit?"

## ~ Calendar of Events ~

- April 16** **Tune-up Clinic – Don's Garage**  
Doug Foyle 724-452-5218
- Apr 18** **Cars & Coffee**  
Rick Brown 724-969-0118
- Apr 19** **Beer & Bull Session**  
6 pm at **The Mingo Inn**  
2698 Route 136, Eighty Four PA 15330  
*Approx. 4 miles East of Eighty Four and 4 Miles west of I-43 on Rt 136*  
Bud Osbourne 724-356-4464
- Apr 25** **Dzus Dnuz Meeting, 6:00 PM**  
Michael's Pizza Bar, Sarah St., South Side
- April 30** **Lunch at Starting Line Cafe**  
Richard Dick 724-379-5172
- May 7** **Tech Session, topic to be determined**  
George Kress 724-625-7264
- May 14** **Working Garage Tour**  
Todd Bulebush
- May 19-22** **WPTA at Import Carlisle**  
Mike Yurko for rooms 412-795-8381  
Jim Shaw to sell parts 412-262-3878
- June 4** **Poker Run with FREE Club Picnic**  
Rick Brown 412-969-0118
- June 25** **Summer Solstice Tour**  
Don Stewart 412-963-1893
- Jul 9** **Mini Golf & Ice Cream**  
Richard Dick 724-379-5172
- July 23** **British Car Day at Schenley Park**
- July 30** **Johnstown Run**  
Richard Dick 724-379-5172
- Aug 13** **Quaker Steak & Lube Tour**  
Bud Osbourne 724-356-4464
- Aug 27** **Rally/Tour**  
PJ Wright 412-833-4142
- Aug 17-18** **Erie Overnight Run**  
With MG Club - George Kress 724-625-7264
- Sept 17-18** **MG Club Erie Tour**  
Bob Affleck
- Oct 1** **Anniversary Run,**  
Ray Stockdale 724-627-7422
- Oct 15** **WPTA Fall Leaf Tour**  
Don Harkus 724-486-2023
- Oct 23** **MG Club Fall Leaf Tour**  
Chuck Kellor
- Nov 5** **Guy Fawkes Day**

## ~ Events Of Other Interest ~

- May 22** **MG Club Run**
- May 28** **Two Door Sports Car Show**  
Ravenna OH, Bob Palmer 440-796-0104
- June 15-18** **TRA National Meet**  
Fort Wayne IN
- July 16-17** **Vintage Races, Beaverun**
- July 19** **PVGP Car Cruise at the Waterfront**
- July 23-24** **Pittsburgh Vintage Gran Prix**
- Aug 12 - 13** **The Roadster Factory Summer Party**
- Aug 17-20** **VTR National Meet**  
Breckenridge, Colorado <http://vtr2011.com/>
- Sept 9-11** **Vintage Races, Watkins Glen**
- Sept 9-11** **Del Grosso Car Show, Altoona**
- Sept 25** **British Cars at Hartwood**
- Sept 30-Oct 2** **British Car Festival Waynesboro, Va**
- Sept 30-Oct 2** **30th Annual Fall British Car**

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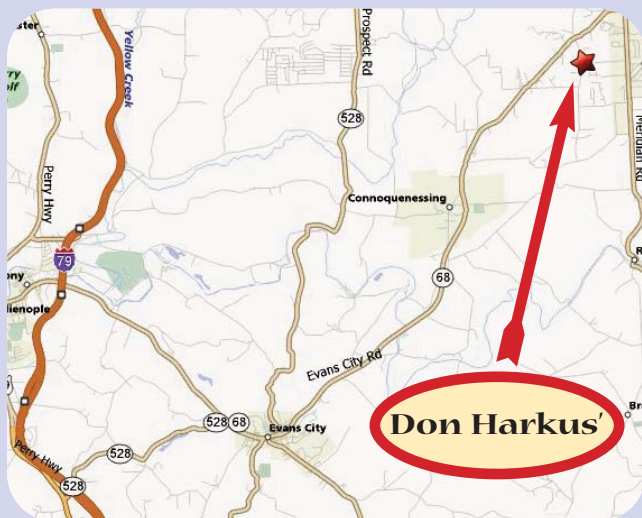
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**April 19, Beer & Bull - April 18 Cars & Coffee**  
**April 16 -- Tune Up Clinic**  
**April 30 - - Starting Line Cafe**

## April 16 Tune Up Clinic

From 8AM - 5PM. This year's Tune Up Clinic is located at Dectile, Don Harkus' business at 195 Kriess Road, Butler PA 16001, north of Evans City, just off Route 68. Turn right at the red light about 5 miles, out of Evans City, before the Honda North Dealer, right onto Kriess Road, Don is on the left. (Dectile)



## April 30 Starting Line Cafe

The meeting time is 1 PM. The Cafe' 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.

