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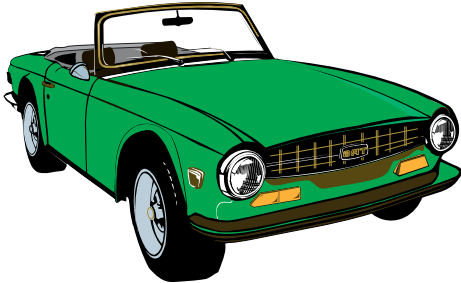
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Business and/or social meetings are held monthly close to the middle of the month. Please refer to newsletter for the time and location.

The Crack Of Don



Did anyone see the snow the other day? It's Black Friday, my TR6 is now fifteen years since I bought it. WOW where are the years going? Have you had your car out lately, I have this week.

Last month we had the Election Meeting and as most of our meetings go everyone that was in, is still in. Treasurer report was still the same, "we got money". What a slow month as far as things to do with my cars. Bruce came up and he sandblasted his rims that were rusting on the inside. That was my work on cars this month. Boring!

This month is the No Meeting Meeting at Quaker Stake and Lube **December 10th** at 1:00 in Cranberry. We have the Holiday Party **Saturday January 7**, that Ken is doing, so get your money in to Ken as soon as possible. Also, on **January 14** is the Steering Meeting, so if you have any event that you want to do, you should come or call me or Gary.

See you ay the QS&L.

Don

No Meeting, Meeting

by Gary Fredo

The No Meeting, Meeting will be at the Cranberry Quaker Steak & Lube on **December 10th 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. As usual, there will be plenty of bench racing so stop by and add your stories. Or stop by and listen to everyone else's stories. It's always great to hear the stories from the various members. This is a great event for new members because everyone kind of mingles around so it's easy to join in on a conversation. We are a friendly bunch so stop by and introduce yourself. We all have the same interests which are cars in general and Triumphs in particular. Also a great opportunity to get in a little holiday shopping in the morning, then after dealing with the crazies at the stores, you can come hang out for some wings and refreshments.

Holiday Party 2012

by Ken Mikos

This year the Western Pennsylvania Triumph Association would like to invite you to join us for the Holiday Party which will be taking place on **Saturday January 7, 2012** at the upscale Carlton Restaurant located at 500 Grant Street in the heart of downtown Pittsburgh. The Carlton is the only restaurant in Pittsburgh to receive the prestige's DiRoNA Restaurant Award (Distinguished Restaurant of North America) and will be offering a menu specially selected for WPTA with up to ten entrees from beef, chicken and fish. For those of you interested in consuming adult beverages, a cash bar will be available. Cost for this year's event is \$40 per person. You should plan to arrive between 5:30 and 6:00.

Please confirm your reservation with a check made out to WPTA which should be received by me no later than January 3rd. In addition please include a picture of your Triumph (which I know all of you have) for a special activity that we have planned.

IMPORTANT NOTE TO ALL THE GUYS: This is a nice place, SO CLEAN YOURSELF UP, brush your teeth comb your hair and put on a clean shirt. Treat your loved one (not your car) to a special night out on the town with good friends and conversation.

IMPORTANT NOTE TO JERRY VAN VLACK: The restaurant is located in Pittsburgh which is located in the great state of Pennsylvania. That's zip code 15219. Can somebody please help Wrong Way Van Vlack find this place?

Have a **WONDERFULL HOLIDAY**, we look forward to seeing all of you then.

Name and phone number of members attending:

Name(s) _____

Phone # _____

Triumph(s) owned _____

Amount of Check enclosed: \$ _____

Mail to: Ken Mikos
156 Old Farm Dr
Plum, PA 15239
412 400 0203

NOTE: Please respond no later than January 3rd



"Three generations of Stoltz women at the November meeting: Sue, Jamie and Kate." Kate is in the middle.

Steering Committee

by Gary Fredo

It's getting close to that time of the year again where we plan the events for 2012. This will probably be held at Excuses on the Southside again and I would anticipate that the time will once again be at 10:00. We will have the meeting on **January 14, 2012**. More details in next month's newsletter. We had many great events last year and I want to take this opportunity to thank everyone who volunteered to put together an event.

They all put together quality events that were very enjoyable. You could tell that they put a lot of effort into these events to make them as fun and enjoyable as they were. Please consider volunteering to plan an event for next year. We have an Events Guideline on our website under the members only section that will help you with planning an event. I'll also have several copies at the planning meeting if anyone needs a copy. It would be great to see some new volunteers at the meeting for the events. This might enable us to get some new events on the calendar that we haven't tried before. Not that there is anything wrong with our current events, it's just nice to mix things up every now and then. So if you've planned events in the past or you want to try something new then come on out to the meeting. There is plenty of room on the calendar for lots of events. As always, if you can't make the meeting but want to plan an event then give me a call at 7254-378-9610 or drop me an email at garyfredo@yahoo.com



Classless Classifications

by PJ Wright

Editor's note: P.J., our intrepid organizer of many club driving events, explains the organizational prowess behind his successful outings. I vote "yes" that all club runs utilize P.J.'s successful methodology. And I pray, "please Lord I don't want to be a Rats Rump".

We humans just make things much to complicated when brevity is the essence of clarity. Did you ever notice that at the VGP or other car events they always have a multitude of classifications that boggle the imagination. However if you are the organizer of any WPTA events you get to name the classes any way you wish so I am proposing, up for a vote, that all Saturday runs be classified in just four groups as follows:

FAST GROUP: When organizing a Saturday Triumph event the first group lined up to start is known, as the name implies, the Fast Group. It is composed of mostly Gear Heads and sometimes a lady driver, all who are champing at the bit to get moving. This group of "rowdies" are best left to get on their way so that the rest of the drivers can motor on in peace

The Fast Group will rev up their engines and be off with a great cloud of smoke and engine noise not to be seen again until about the third turn on the first page of the directions. Then they are usually met by the second group, the Lollygaggers, but backtracking. This is caused by their not reading past the third line of the directions due to having no navigator or having one that either cannot read or cannot hit his plate with his fork.

This group tends to "wing it" after about two miles but the somehow always makes it to the Pit Stop and the bar at the end of the run.

LOLLYGAGGERS: This group, now breathing a sigh of relief as the Fast Group has roared away, will have a navigator, usually an SO, but no one to step forward and volunteer to be the leader. That is finally resolved by whom ever is the first car in the line. This group is just out for the fun of the run and to enjoy the scenes, the flora and fauna, and to hear their exhaust note. They obey the speed limit, cruise along, wave to the backtracking Fast Group and keep looking for the Pit Stop. This unit will include a large number of the Pie and Ice Cream crowd.

MIASSIS DRAGONS: The third grouping is similar to the Lollygaggers but navigation is not usually their problem, for as often as not, the group organizers who know the route also lead it. However this group almost always will come upon the rear of the Lollygaggers who have a tendency to woolgather thus missing a turn or two. This usually gets sorted out at the Pit Stop, which is also an anxiety issue for the Dragons. I have to admit the group also includes a significant number of the Pie and Ice Cream crowd.

RATS RUMPS: This, the smallest group is also known as the Bottom End of the Behinds. The participants consist of members of the first three groups who have fallen by the wayside due to the marvels of British engineering. Rats Rumps are usually observed with their bonnets up and Don Harkus leaning into the engine compartment with a studied countenance. The drivers often end the run on a flatbed or disappear completely only to reappear at the bar. This select group frequently includes Gary Fredo, Fred Williams and/or Richard Dick if he is driving his red TR6.

There you have it, a new classification system, maybe I should have it copyrighted.

The last day of good November weather the Geyers, Wrights and Dugans did a run to Seven Springs for lunch. And to get over the Steelers loss to the Baltimore Ravens, bummer!

We get letters . . .

Editors Note: Here is some additional information from John Swauger at The Roadster Factory on red rotors. John is a long time key employee at TRF, a charter member of WPTA and a good friend of many of us."

November 10, 2011

Bruce,

Good article in the Dzus Dnuz on the red ignition rotors. We have been selling those here at TRF for several years now, and we supply only the red rotors for any application for which there is a red rotor available.

We have three red rotors now and they are as follows:

58307 Red Rotor, TR2, TR3, TR3A, TR4, TR4A, MGB 1962-74, Midget 1963-74

510024 Red Rotor, TR250, TR6

LUDRB104/UP Red Rotor, Spitfire 1500, TR7, MGB 1975-79 Midget 1975-79

Of course, we use the red rotors on our cars here; Charles's TR5, Diane's TR6, and my TR6 and Mini. All with very good results.

As many of us are owners of several Triumphs or MG's, care should be taken not to mix up the rotors, as you mention in your article. The 58307 and 510024 rotors are similar in appearance. I don't know if you noticed or not, but the 58307 rotor for the four-cylinder applications has a number "4" stamped on the brass electrode, and the 510024 for the six-cylinder cars has a "6" stamped on. The Spitfire/TR7/late MGB rotor doesn't have such markings, but it is noticeably different in appearance. I am including photos with this note, including a side view.

Best regards,
John Swauger

Photos by John Swauger



Dues Are Due

by Richard Dick

WOW! What a good first month of dues renewal. We have two new members joining us and I saw more multi-year renewals than in previous years. Now it's time for all those with highlighted labels with "Expires Dec. '11" to get those \$20 (or multiples of \$20) checks made out payable to "WPTA". Next, send them to me: Richard Dick; 106 Cypress Ave.; Monongahela, PA 15063. I like receiving updates in address, email address, phone #, vehicles, etc. I really don't mind rechecking what I have in the club database. If you have a question, comment or problem, please don't hesitate to give me a call at 724.379.5172 or email me at britcarnuts@comcast.net. So, now it is your turn to take care of business. Lastly, Judy and I wish you and your family a Happy Holiday Season.

Caption Contest Answers



Photos by PJ Wright

Don Harkus

Don is trying to make some extra cash to pay for his TR250

Doug Foyle

Working on the Santa beard.
Working the streets trying to make a dime.

Rich Roenigk

I thought the poo was on the outside.....ain't touchin that now !
Don says "A clean windshield is a clean mind !"

Bruce

A clean windscreen is a happy windscreen.

~ Calendar of Events ~

- Dec 10 No Meeting Meeting**
Cranberry QS&L
- Dec 12 Cars & Coffee**
Rick Brown 724-969-0118
- Dec 20 Bud's Beer & Bull**
6 pm at Iron Creek Grill, Cuddy, PA
Bud Osbourne 724-356-4464
- Dec 26 Dzus Dnuz Meeting, 6:00 PM**
Primanti's I-79 Exit 60
- Jan 7, 2012 Holiday Party**
Carlton Restaurant
Ken Mikos 412-400-9293
- Jan 14 Steeting Committee Meeting**
Gary Fredo - Excuses on the South Side

~ Events Of Other Interest ~

- Apr 27-29 The FOT Gathering at Road Atlanta**
Bruce Stutzman 412-600-7275

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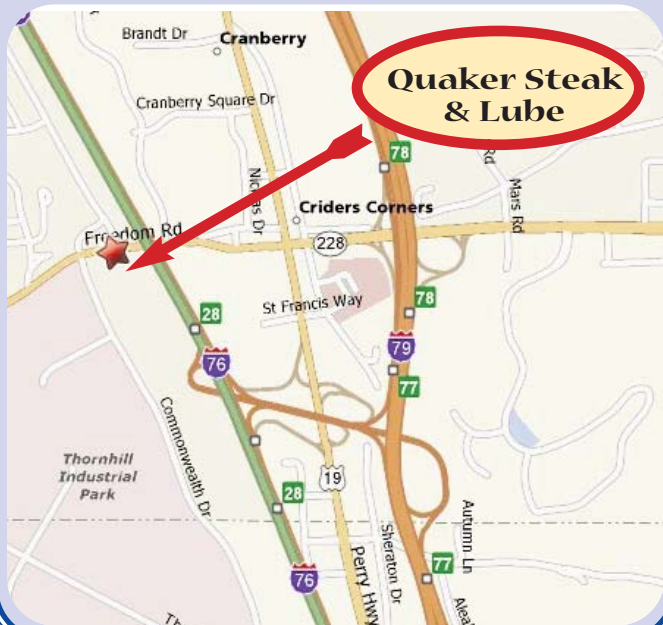
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**Dec 20, Beer & Bull - Dec 12 Cars & Coffee
December 10 -- No Meeting Meeting**

December 10 No Meeting Meeting

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Don't Forget To Check The Club Website

Western Pennsylvania Triumph Association

Photo of the Month
The Joy of Six

Calendar of Events
(See Events for full list)

Date	Event
Sep 19	Dogs with Fogs Ed Woods 412-436-4294 or Harvey Woods 412-486-2549
Sep 20	Newsletter Meeting 5pm - Typecraft. Click for online.mau 6pm - Michael's Pizza Bar. Click for online.mau
Oct 2	Anniversary Run Richard Dick 379-5172
Oct 8	General Business Meeting

HOT DOG Oscar Mayer

Election Meeting Photos



Photos by Chuck Chappas

