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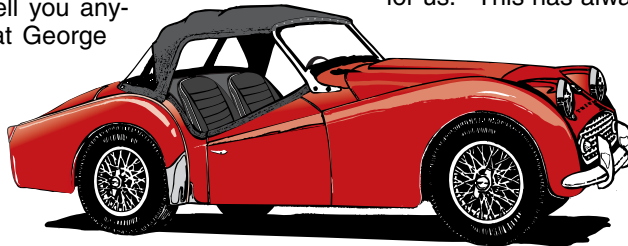
Is it ever going to quit raining? Looks like it just might. Last month I had a great time at Carlisle. Fred and I drove our cars, Fred in his TR4 and me in my TR3, after a late start. We arrived in time to see the vendors but all I bought was a new hat and a few books.

I missed both the Tech session and the working Garage tour so I can't tell you anything about them. I would bet that George did an excellent job.

Bruce and I drove out to Team Triumph this past Friday and had a great time, Scott seems to be doing quite well. I just don't need much for my cars right now.

The Poker Run is Saturday with the picnic after; I hope that you all have RSVP'd. Rick always puts on a great run. Then on the 25th Don is doing his Summer Solstice Tour. This is a good event hope to see you all there. Let's get our British Car Day registrations in early this year and give Rick a break so he isn't busting his butt at the last minute.

Just to let you know that Parts a Rama is on June 17, 18, and 19 at the Butler County Fairgrounds on route 422.



Don

The Summer Solstice Tour

by Don Stewart

The Summer Solstice Tour will be on Saturday June 25. Meet at 11:00 AM at the Park & Ride lot off of Route 28 Exit 17 (Freeport) on Route 356. We will be leaving about 11:30 AM from this far southeast corner of Butler County and heading North and West over some nice back roads to the Northwest corner of the county. Our destination is about 50 miles away at the North Country Brewing Co. in Slippery Rock, PA. This is an old furniture store and funeral home turned into a college town brewpub. School will be out for the summer, so there shouldn't be a large crowd when we arrive. The restaurant has two floors, with a bar on each floor, so we should fit in just fine. We tried the beer battered fish sandwich with fresh hand cut french fries and the buffalo chicken wrap, which came with sweet potato chips. Both were good, but apparently they are known for their burgers. I looked at the burgers served to the adjacent table, and they do look good. Best of all was the beer. We only tried the cask conditioned ale, which is a rotating selection. It was a nicely hopped Irish pale ale, but not too strong on the hops. I could be very happy with this selection all the time! A good bitter style ale!!

Johnstown Fun Run

by Richard Dick

This is a change from the original calendar. The fun run this year is going to be July 9th. Again this year, as in past years, we will be joining some of the members of the Central Pennsylvania British Car Club out of Altoona. Jim Pastore has been extremely helpful in making the reservations each year for us. This has always been fun time for all!!

We will again meet at the Cracker Barrel restaurant on the south side of I-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 10:45 a.m. and the trip over will be about 1 hour and 45 minutes long through some very scenic countryside. All should arrive at the Boulevard Grill in

Johnstown by 12:45 pm for lunch.

Judy will be shopping there at Cracker Barrel so we will be there early about 10:15!!!

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



Carlisle 2011

British Car Day July 23, 2011

Does Rick Brown have your registration?

Follow Up –

Starting Line Racing Café

by Richard Dick

What a terrific way to begin this year's driving season! For some reason the weather cooperated. We had 47 people show for lunch and this was 6 more than last year. The upper level was filled and the overflow was in the downstairs bar area. Most of those attending drove their British cars or in one case a Porsche. What a great sight to look out at all those beautiful cars again this year! If you are one of the members that missed going to this year's event, plan now on going next year.



Another Photo Caption Contest

Submit your captions to the editor and all replies will be printed in the March Dzus Druz. So what do you think Richard is praying for?



Carlisle 2011

By Bruce Stutzman

Wonder of wonders!! It didn't rain on Friday or Saturday. Absolutely unheard of at Carlisle. This being the rainiest spring in memory and Carlisle gets two dry days in a row. Gads, it was great. It was so nice that nobody wanted to leave in the evenings so we had pizza delivered both evenings. But, it did rain on Thursday and Sunday.

Quite a few club members joined us as did the Texas Fogs. Some of us even sold and/or bought a couple things which, by the way, is the purpose of the event.

Special notice to wives – no club member bought a car.

Fredo bought enough Lucas 45DE4 dizzys at \$5 each that I have been able to put one good one together. Unfortunately, it's not the dizzy that keeps his Spit off the road.

They had a lot of good seminars. Meguiar's did one on detailing. Carl Heideman did ones on Weber carbs and on welding. John Twiest did ones on Lucas electrics and S.U. carbs. And there were others.

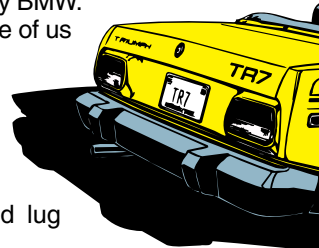
The car show was huge. You could have spent the whole weekend just looking at cars. The French cars are always a delight as they seem to bask in their eccentricity. The Saab guys did it up big, a huge tent under which were historic cars from their museum. They called it the Saab heritage display. Lots of Opals, Fiats, BMWs, Audi's, Datsuns, Mazdas, etc, etc. Not to mention all the Brit cars. The kit cars are always interesting. Some have excellent workmanship; some not so good.

Bernie and I in our TR4s followed "backroad" Bud home in his BMW 2002 on Sunday. Actually it didn't rain till we stopped in Bedford for lunch. By the time Bernie got his top up we were both soaked while Bud watched from his dry BMW.

All in all, another great Carlisle for those of us who were there. If you chose to stay home and cut grass – what can I say?

Classified

FOR SALE: 4 TR7 wheels, tires and lug nuts. \$75, PJ Wright 412-833-4142.



2n'd Up Follow Up

by Doug Foyle

Thanks to everyone who ignored the weather forecasts and faced the wind and rain to attend this year's Tune Up Clinic. We had a respectable turnout, all things considered. We actually got some work completed during the day. Bruce Stutzman helped Pat Davis sort through his troublesome carbs, having the car purring by day's end. A number of smaller projects were completed including numerous oil changes.

Thanks go to The Roadster Factory for supporting the event by driving down from Armagh and setting up their table of parts. Thanks too to Donald for allowing us to leak oil all over his shop.

We have some oil still available for sale to club members. Penn Grade #1 20W-50 "The Green Oil" Performance Oil is available for \$45./case. Their Premium 20W-50 oil is \$30/case. Contact Doug Foyle (724) 452-5218 or Donald Harkus (724) 822-5447 if interested.

Follow Up --

Garage Tour

by Tod Bulebush

On Saturday, May 14, Gary, Bob, Larry, and Steve gathered at my house in order to repair what was originally thought to be a bad head gasket. Fortunately for me, the guys identified that it was not the head gasket based mostly on the sound of the engine. We started into troubleshooting mode to determine the cause of the problem.

We started the troubleshooting by checking the compression. The compression seemed to be good as all cylinders were within 110 and 120 psi.

We then leaned out the carburetor and adjusted the valve clearances. While we had the valve cover off, we took the opportunity to replace the valve cover gasket (fortunately, I ordered a gasket set when I thought that the head gasket had gone bad). Gary and I then took it out for a spin and things seemed to be going well until the second run up 100 Acres Drive in South Park. At that point, it started missing and Gary and I limped home on three cylinders.

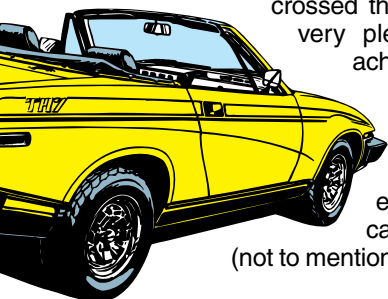
Upon returning, we searched for the reason for the miss. We put new spark plugs in checked the firing of the spark plugs using the timing light. The timing light showed us that #2 wasn't firing which led us to do some head scratching. We decided to check the distributor and upon removing the distributor cap, we noticed that deep grooves had been worn into the contacts on the inside of the distributor cap by the rotor. I called Advance Auto and ordered a new distributor cap and rotor.

We all broke for a much deserved and delicious lunch of Italian hot sausage sandwiches, fried chicken, macaroni salad, and other goodies prepared by Jan. The food and beer hit the spot after all of the troubleshooting.

The next day I picked-up the distributor cap and rotor from Advance Auto and installed the parts. After adjusting the timing, Jan and I took the spitfire out for a spin and it ran better than I thought possible! As always, I'm keeping my fingers crossed that it continues to run this well. I'm

very pleased with the results that were achieved with the help of Garry, Bob, Larry, and Steve. I learned a lot of things that day which will aid me well in my future pursuit of keeping my 1978 Spitfire on the road. The exchange of knowledge and the camaraderie made it all worthwhile

(not to mention that my Spitfire is running like new!).



~ Calendar of Events ~

- June 4** **Poker Run with FREE Club Picnic**
Rick Brown 724-969-0118
Cell 412-818-1433
- June 13** **Cars & Coffee**
Rick Brown 724-969-0118
- June 21** **Bud's Beer & Bull**
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
- June 25** **Summer Solstice Tour**
Don Stewart 412-963-1893
- June 27** **Dzus Dnuz Meeting, 6:00 PM**
Primanti's I-79 Exit 60
- Jul 9** **Johnstown Fun Run**
Richard Dick 724-379-5172
- July 23** **British Car Day at Schenley Park**
- July 30** **Mini Golf & Ice Cream**
Richard Dick 724-379-5172
- Aug 13** **Quaker Steak & Lube Tour**
Bud Osbourne 724-356-4464
- Aug 27** **Half Day Run**
PJ Wright 412-833-4142
- Sept 17-18** **MG Club Erie Tour**
Bob Affleck 724-935-4951
or raffleck@connecttime.net
- 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**
With MG Club
- Nov 12** **Election Meeting,**
King's at I79 Wexford exit
- Dec 10** **No Meeting, Meeting,**
Gary Fredo 724-378-9610
- Jan ??, 2011** **Holiday Party,**
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~ Events Of Other Interest ~

- June 15-18** **TRA National Meet**
Fort Wayne IN
- June 19-19** **Parts A Rama**
Butler County Fair Grounds
- July 16-17** **Vintage Races, Beaverun**
- July 19** **PVGP Car Cruise at the Waterfront**
- July 23-24** **Pittsburgh Vintage Gran Prix**
- Aug 11 - 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 Festival**
Wes Maupin, Chairman, (540) 396-3411

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Candid's From Carlisle

