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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.

Dusk Till Don

Hey there, I am sure you are tired of the ice, snow and cold weather because, I know I sure am. Bring on Spring. Last month, Larry and Kim Ross held the Holiday Party and they did an excellent job. Our thanks to the Ross' and to Kenny Mikos for the slide show. Also thanks to The Roadster Factory for providing door prizes for the party at very good pricing. There was a good turn out and we all had a great time. Shame if you had to miss it.

Last week was Team Triumph, and even though some of the guys are in Florida enjoying the sun and fun in the warm weather down there, we had such a great turn out for the event. I think some of the guys stopped at TP Tools before we got to Scott's. I didn't stop since it is too tempting to me.

This issue of the Dnuz was edited by Ed, Bruce and Bernie at the DEK, a Steeler Bar in Cape Coral Florida, so if it seems a bit incoherent -- you know why. Next month we are going to The Roadster Factory on March 12th then we will be at the Church Brew Works on March 19th. I hope to see you guys there, (with the tops down if Punxsutawney Phil was right!)

Don



Church Brew Works.

by Dex Stoltz

This is an easy one: "around noon," 19 March, The Church Brew works on Liberty Avenue in Lawrenceville. As you enter, we will be on the left (the bar side)...but it will be easy to find everyone.

Usually the way it works is that those that come without their significant other go straight to the bar and congregate. Those that come together will lean toward the seating area. Eventually it gets all mixed up, which is the point. So there is a lot of talking over a beer and some great food, and then you go outside to see if anybody brought a British car. Then you talk about it. From there, you can go back in and talk some more over beer, or go home. The choice is yours.
See you there.

Run to The Roadster Factory

by Gary Fredo

Who's up for a Saturday drive to The Roadster Factory to pick up parts and check out their TRS as well as a replica Le Mans Spitfire? We will meet at Dick's Diner at 4200 William Penn Highway in Murrysville at 8:30 on March 12th for breakfast before heading up to The Roadster Factory in Armagh. This will be a straight shot up Route 22 to get to The Roadster Factory since the roads may still be bad at that time of the year plus we have to get there before they close. Naturally, if the weather is nice then bring your Triumph and get an early start on the 2011 driver's Award. You can always take back roads home!

This would be a good opportunity to browse through The Roadster Factory web specials and pick up some of those wish list items without having to pay for shipping. It's probably best to call your order in advance and let them know that you are picking up the parts on March 12th. They have limited staff on Saturday's and it may be tough to pick parts for large orders that day. Call 800-234-1104 between 9:00 - 6:00 Monday through Friday to order your parts in advance. It would also be helpful if The Roadster Factory knows how many people are planning to make the drive so let me know at 724-378-9610 or garyfredo@yahoo.com if you know for sure that you are attending. Naturally, everyone is more than welcome to decide at the last minute to go on the run...I can see this happening if we get lucky with some good weather.

As many of you know, the TRS is one of the most historic Triumphs ever made. They ran at Le Mans in 1960 and 1961. Mechanical problems kept them from completing the minimum distance necessary to qualify for the 1960 Le Mans but in 1961 the three TRS cars won the much coveted Le Mans team prize. The fastest finished ninth overall and averaged 98.9 mph. This is the "real deal" and The Roadster Factory has one in their showroom that we can do some close up inspection on. That alone is worth the trip. Unfortunately the Sabrina engine that powered these cars won't be available for us to check out.

We will head to Griffith's, a good place for lunch after visiting The Roadster Factory which is just off Rt 22 on Rt 56. This place comes highly recommended by Ed and Bruce! If anyone is looking for a decent Triumph road back to Pittsburgh then I would recommend following 56 back to New Kensington and then your choice of roads from there.





New Organs for transplanting

2010 Drivers Award Winner



Rick Brown is the latest recipient of the coveted WPTA Drivers Award. The Award is presented to the person who had the highest level of participation at WPTA events for the year. Rick is an Austin Healey 3000 driver, TR drivers take note.

Another Successful TR Surgery

by Ed Major

I have always had what I call "mediocre" brakes on my TR3A. It was fitted with the early first version of the Girling calipers and every time I ran the car in rain, it was a surprise as to which caliper would grab first. I use to drag the brakes for a few seconds to heat them up before stopping in the wet, so I decided to improve them.

Now this operation was an "out of network" job as the TR3 is currently residing in south west Florida. I gathered the necessary parts; 1980 Toyota 4x4 truck calipers, TR6 caliper mounting brackets, TR6 brake line brackets, late TR6 caliper mounting bolts, a new set of EBC slotted and drilled rotors, new stainless braided hoses and the necessary fittings for the calipers (metric) and for the main frame connection (standard). And of course a quart of silicon brake fluid.

Bruce stopped down to help with the surgery that went very well, with the biggest problem being the flaring of two brake lines to make the connection. It took a lot of manipulation to bend them properly in such a small space. But now I have up rated 4-pot calipers with about 35% more braking area, and let me tell you, they are very nice.

This was stage one of the upgrade, with the extra front stopping power, I can now add more rear breaking to keep the car balanced. For the next operation I will add 0.85 Girling rear cylinders in place of the stock 0.75 cylinders to complete the upgrade of the system. Photos shown here are of the "organs" installed (above), and the ones removed (below).



Run to Team Triumph

by Gary Fredo

A very nice turnout for the run to Team Triumph. The weather was actually pretty nice also. Nice enough that several members were seen rummaging among the goodies in Scott's unheated building. As usual, Scott had lots of interesting items lying about and he helped everyone out; answered everyone's questions and searched around for items that everyone needed. Scott was kind enough to provide beverages, which was appreciated by many. Naturally we were still thirsty and getting hungry so about a third of the troops headed to Quaker Steak & Lube while another third hung around Scott's a little longer for some last minute deals before heading over to the Lube. Unfortunately the remaining third had other commitments and had to head home. Maybe they can stick around longer next year. All in all, a great Triumph Day.

Directory Issue

Although we printed the directory in this issue for you to set aside, it is not too late to update your listing on the web site. WPTA will update the listing in about two months. So check over your individual listing and send updates to Richard Dick for the Master list and Ed Major for the web PDF. Richard Dick: britcarnuts@comcast.net Ed Major: ejmajortr3a@comcast.net

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It Will Help Goodwill Change a Life



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Another Photo Caption Contest

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



Last Months Caption Contest

Gary Fredo

That damn Kenny and his lousy route instructions
Where's Jerry Van Vlack when you need a good navigator!

Jim Bastone

Was that a fart or did I just crap my pants??

Doug Foyle

Fred poses momentarily to smile for the camera just before hitting the wall!

~ Calendar of Events ~

- Mar 12 Run to The Roadster Factory**
Breakfast at Dick's Diner in Murraysville
- Mar 15 Beer & Bull Session**
6 pm at Sharp Edge Creekhouse
288 W Steuben St, Crafton PA 15205
Bud Osbourne 724-356-4464
- Mar 19 Church Brew Works**
Dexter Stoltz 412-865-1201
- Mar 21 Cars & Coffee**
Rick Brown 412-969-0118
- Mar 28 Dzus Dnuz Meeting, 6:00 PM**
Michael's Pizza Bar, Sarah St., South Side
- April 16 Tune-up Clinic – Don's Garage**
Doug Foyle 724-452-5218
- 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 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
- 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,**

~ Events Of Other Interest ~

- May 22 MG Club Run**
- June 15-18 TRA National Meet**
- 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**
- 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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