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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

What great weather we are having! I just can't get over how warm it has been this year. Maybe there is something to this global warming thing after all. Who know the Mayans just might have been right. If so, we all need to make this driving year last a long time.

So far this year was the run to Team Triumph and there were cars there too. Last month we went to the Church Brewery thanks to Dexter. At the middle of the month we drove up to the Roadster Factory. What a great turn-out! Many of us had our tops down, who would have thought in March this weather. Dan Mabin was there behind the counter and Dave Hagenbuch came out to give us a tour of the works. Wish to thank both of them for making time for WPTA, and Dave on his day off too.

On April 7 Jim Keenan has invited us to his place to race slot car in his basement and he said he is a better driver than Bruce. So let's see if we can make him eat his words.

On April 21 Doug is doing his yearly Tune-up Clinic and it will be at my place. For those who use GPS the address is 195 Kriess Road Butler, Pa. 16001. For the others that use JPS International, you guys are on your own.

# Don



## Carlisle 2012

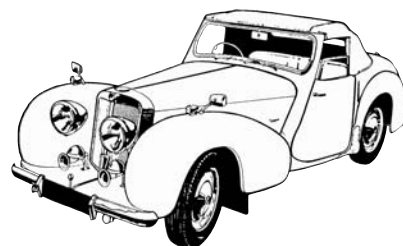
by Mike Yurko

Spring is not far away and soon time to get the cars out for a great time at Import Carlisle weekend in Carlisle PA.

This year the dates are **May 18-20** and we have reserved a block of rooms at the Hotel Carlisle. This is the same place we have stayed for the past few years.

For room reservations the phone number is 717-243-1717. When you call make sure that you let them know you are with the WPTA to get the discount and in the same block of rooms with the rest of us. The hotel has all the amenities that the club needs (good food & a bar). The club rents 2 vendor spaces for use by club members. So bring some parts to sell or just come and hang around. Also bring some money; you may just find something you can't resist.

Hope to see more of you there this year.



## Tune Up 2012

By Doug Foyle

8 AM until ? Saturday April 21 at Decile, Don Harkus' shop a couple miles east of Evans City are the particulars for this year's tune up clinic. The Roadster Factory will be there as usual with a wide assortment of tune up parts. If you place an order in advance to pick up at the clinic, you will get an event discount and free shipping.

WPTA will have Brad Penn oil free of charge for oil changes performed there, and TRF will have your oil filter. Can we make it any easier for you?

Cases of Penn Grade 1 20w50 High Performance Oil will also be there for you to buy and take home at our club price of \$50 a case. This is the best oil on the market for our old flat tappet engines. The Brad Penn Premium has been discontinued.

Any jobs are welcome as long as the car is out of the shop by days end. If you have a big project, please line up helpers and notify me at (724)452-5218.

We will order out for lunch. And yes it is ok to bring beer. Hope to see you there.

### Two Invites from the MG Club:

## "Start-up" Meeting Luncheon

by Richard Dick

Since the Starting Line Racing Café is no longer in business, Chuck and Sandy Keller have kindly taken over this lunch event. This "Start-up" meeting to kick off the driving season will be held on Saturday, April 14th at 12 (noon) at the Quaker Steak and Lube. This Lube is in the Southland Shopping Center on Route 51, Pleasant Hills. It is South of Century III Mall and very close to Harbor Freight Tools. The address is 511 Clairton Blvd., Pleasant Hills, PA 15236. For questions, contact Chuck at cfk930@yahoo.com.

Editor Note: This event basically replaces the Starting Line Cafe meet

## Northern Tour

by Richard Dick

Bob and Sylvia Affleck are doing a tour on April 21st. This tour will start at the Mount Nebo Park-n-Ride off of I-79 at 10 am., and end for lunch in Slippery Rock.



## A Great Way to Spend a Summer Day – in March

By Bruce Stutzman

Saturday was the Club's annual run to The Roadster Factory. The weather was looking to be good so, Friday evening, I washed my TR4. I was impressed; it really cleans up well.

Saturday turned out to be - well - no superlative can be too superlative to describe it. Dressed in shorts and T shirt I was off in the TR4. Hooked up with Jim Underwood in his TR8. On RT22 we found a gaggle of TRs all headed east. When we got to TRF the parking lot was fast filling with TRs and MGs. March 17 – amazing!

Uncle Dave Hagenbuch was there with a big smile on his face – on his day off – to be with us and take us on a guided tour. Big bays with rows and rows of bins full of parts; one room opened into another room and another. Every room seemed to have at least one dust covered TR in the corner. I overheard one of the guys wondering out loud how many TRs were in the building.

In the meantime Dan Mabin was selling parts – no shipping. I don't know what route Dan took that morning but the bottom two feet of his Spitfire 1500 was covered with mud. Rough terrain out in the country.

Next, a leisurely lunch at Griffith's, a mere stone's throw from TRF. After lunch, tops down, Jim and I drove RT711 thru New Florence to Ligonier. Lots of bikers and lots of people out so we stopped at the Ligonier Tavern for a draft or two before continuing on our way. Back on RT711 thru the valley to RT31 thru Mt. Pleasant and finally home.

You just couldn't ask for a better day.



Photos by Larry Ross

## WPTA NAME BADGE

Now is the time to order for the coming driving season. Do you have a name badge? Are you able to find it? If not, order one now. Don't forget the rest of the family. The price is \$6.00 each, including postal delivery. They can be purchased from Wil Schweitzer, 20 Grandview Ave., Hickory, PA 15340. Make checks payable to WPTA. Print the name, as you want it on the badge.



## Classified

**FOR SALE:** 1974 TR-6, New interior, top and tonneau cover. Engine just overhauled. New tires and Panasport wheels. ALL ORIGINAL / 1 repaint / LOW miles (34,100) No Rust ever. Price just reduced: \$13,900 or B/O. Bill Repack (412) 262-5055. See pictures at:

<http://home.comcast.net/~repack/triumph.html>

## New Members

by Richard Dick

In an effort to introduce new members to current members, which was a past practice, we will publish the names of new members who have recently joined. WPTA welcomes all of you to our club:

Richard Kurtz of Pittsburgh  
William Kern of Pittsburgh - welcome back Bill  
Jeffery and Jackie Lundy of Punxsutawney  
Richard and Jenni Perryman of Washington  
Bill and Maureen Sinclair of N. Huntingdon

## TRs, MGs And The Walter Mitty

April 27 – 29, 2012

by Bruce Stutzman

Plans are coming together nicely for our run to the 2012 Mitty at the Road Atlanta race track. Our run down will be 3 days of mountain roads thru the Allegheny Mountains of WV, VA, NC and GA including the Blue Ridge Parkway and the Smokies.

The 3 day event itself should be outstanding. A huge celebration of Triumphs. The event includes a regional VTR event hosted by The GA Triumph Assn.

So plan on coming along. For tickets go to [www.gatriumph.com](http://www.gatriumph.com) if you also want to be part of the VTR event or to [GRMSpeedFest.com](http://GRMSpeedFest.com) (Classic Motorsports Magazine).



# Slot Car Racing

by Jim Keenan:

One thing about most guys in a car club is that they think they are skilled drivers. Well here's a chance to prove it. Spend some time racing your fellow club members on a 120 foot custom routed slot car track. This track is a serious raceway. Complete with: computerized track management that will give lap times to the thousandth of a second, hand controllers with adjustable throttle/brake sensitivity, 4 lanes routed on a smooth MDF surface, 15 amp power supply (0-20 volts adjustable) and highly detailed 1/32 and 1/24 slot cars. If you are like most guys the only slot cars that you have ever played with are HO (1/64 scale) cars on a plastic track. The racing we are going to do is a totally different experience. There will be a drivers meeting to explain the "proper" way to race slot cars. Everyone will have a chance to practice and sharpen their skills. Finally we will run several actual races. The best part about slot car racing is having a few adult beverages & talking smack while racing.

With a carefully constructed advertisement (see above) I have now created within your soul a need to race slot cars. This need can only be met by showing up on **Saturday, April 7**. We will meet at the Perkins in Cranberry around 9:00 am. I will come to breakfast and lead the group back to my house. We should leave Perkins by 10:15 and that will get us to my house by 11:00am. We can play and drink for a couple hours then have lunch. I will provide pulled pork sandwiches and some side dishes. BYOB and no coolers are needed-I have a large refrigerator next to the track. We can play until everyone has had enough. I hope we get at least 8 guys to show up. I have no idea how many to prepare for - I am going to plan on about 10 guys. If more show up and we are short on food we can order more food.

## Roadster Factory Candids



Photos by Larry Ross

## ~ Calendar of Events ~

- Apr 7 Slot Car Racing**  
Jim Keenan 330-318-8279
- Apr 9 Cars & Coffee** at Kings McMurray Rd  
Rick Brown 724-969-0118
- Apr 14 MG Club start up meeting**  
Quaker Steak & Lube, W Mifflin
- Apr 17 Bud's Beer & Bull**  
6 pm at Iron Creek Grill, Cuddy, PA  
Bud Osbourne 724-356-4464
- Apr 21 Tune-up Clinic – Don's Garage**  
Doug Foyle 724-452-5218
- Apr ?? Dzus Dnuz Meeting, 6:00 PM**  
Primanti's I-79 Exit 60
- May 17-20 WPTA at Import Carlisle**  
Mike Yurko for rooms 412-795-8381  
Jim Shaw to sell parts 412-262-3878
- Jun 9 Mini Golf & Ice Cream**  
Richard Dick 724-379-5172
- Jun 16 Run to Deep Creek**  
Larry Ross 412-780-8495
- Jun 23 Summer Solstice Tour**  
Don Stewart 412-963-1893
- Jul 21 British Car Day at the PVGP**  
Schenley Park, Pittsburgh
- Jul 28 Johnstown Run**  
Richard Dick 724-379-5172
- Aug 11 Quaker Steak & Lube Tour**  
Don Harkus 724-486-2023
- Aug 18 Night Owl,**  
Doug Foyle 724-452-5218
- Aug 25 Half Day Run,**  
PJ Wright 412-833-4142
- Sep 22 Anniversary Run,**  
Rick Brown 412-969-0118
- Oct 6 Run to Amish Village near Youngstown**  
Larry Ross 412-780-8495
- Oct 27 Meander to Marrietta**  
Bud Osbourne 724-356-4464
- Nov 10 Election Meeting,**  
King's at I79 Wexford exit
- Dec 8 No Meeting, Meeting,**  
Gary Fredo 724-378-9610

## ~ Events Of Other Interest ~

- Apr 27-29 The FOT Gathering at Road Atlanta**  
Bruce Stutzman 412-600-7275
- Jun 2 Cars and Motorcycles of England**  
Oakbourne Mansion in SE PA  
Steve Klein, Delaware Valley Triumphs  
klassiccar@aol.com - 610-825-2617
- Jun 29 Great Race Visits Franklin Pa.**
- Jun 20-23 Triumph Register of America**  
National Convention, Little Switzerland NC  
[www.triumphregister.com](http://www.triumphregister.com)
- Jul 14-15 Vintage Races, Beaverun**
- Jul 21-22 Pittsburgh Vintage Gran Prix**
- Aug 2-4 The Roadster Factory Summer Party**  
[www.the-roadster-factory.com](http://www.the-roadster-factory.com)
- Sep 7-9 Vintage Races, Watkins Glen**
- Sep 7-9 British Car Festival at Degrosso Park**  
Altoona, PA
- Sep 30 British Cars at Hartwood**  
<http://www.jaguarclubofpittsburgh.com/>
- Oct 28-2 Vintage Triumph Register**

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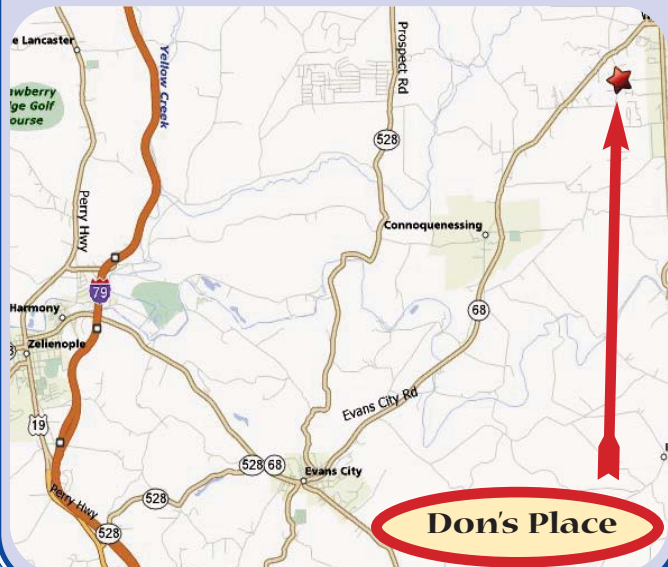
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**Apr 9, Cars & Coffee -- Apr 17, Beer & Bull**  
**April 21 -- Tune Up Clinic - Free Oil**  
**April 7 -- Slot Car Racing**

## April 21 Tune Up Clinic

From 8AM - ?? This year's Tune Up Clinic is located at Decile, 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,



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