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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

Hi everyone, I am sitting here looking out my window and that damn white stuff is falling. I don't know if I am just getting older, but when I was in my twenties I really liked snow. Now that I am a little older, I don't seem to like snow as much. No that's not it, I just want to play with my cars more. I think we should all just stay young forever.

I hope you all went out shopping on Black Friday and enjoyed the rush. I know, I went to Lowe's and bought some tools that were on sale. I don't think I would have gone any other place, but I did. Fred and I went to Warren Ohio to see an old friend Scott Harper at Team Triumph. Just want to say, as always we spent MONEY. When I was there we talked to Scott about driving to Team Triumph on February 9, so mark your calendars now.

Last month was the election, and the fix was in. The same guys are back in. The Treasurer's report was the same "We got money", but dues are due.

Next month is the No Meeting Meeting at Steak & Lube on **December 8**. Then on **January 12** we are having the Planning meeting so let's start thinking about all the runs that we would like to do. Last but not least is our Holiday Party on the **January 19**, so get your reservations in.

As always, Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Don

Planning Meeting (Steering Committee)

January 12, 2013 10:00AM

Excuses on the Southside, 2526 E Carson Street

I want to thank everyone who helped out with events this year. It was another great year which was due to the hard work of the many members who coordinated events. If you were at an event that you enjoyed this year please mention it to the person who put the event together and thank them. And don't forget that there are still several events on the calendar so come on out to one of the cold weather club events. It's the sure cure for the winter blahs.

Speaking of events, the Planning Meeting is scheduled for **10:00 AM January 12** at Excuses in Southside. They no longer serve breakfast so this will be more of an early lunch/brunch Planning Meeting. On the bright side, beer goes better with hoagies than eggs. So if you want to coordinate an event next year then come on out to the Planning Meeting. Or, if you just want to hang out, then come on out to the Planning Meeting. As always, if you want to plan an event but can't make the meeting then give me a call at 724-378-9610 or drop me an email at garyfredo@yahoo.com and let me know what you want to do.

Gary

No Meeting, Meeting

The reservations have been made. We will meet at the Cranberry Quaker Steak & Lube again this year on **December 8th** at 1:00 for the No Meeting Meeting. We will be in the room to the right when you first come in the door. Same as last year. The weather has been kind of nice the past couple of days and it's supposed to continue for a little while. Hopefully I'm not jinxing us but it would be nice if the cold and snow would hold off for just a few more weeks and maybe we'll see some Triumphs at the Lube on December 8th. Either way, this is always a fun event with lots of great bench racing, great food and cold refreshments. Does it get any better than that? This is a great event for new members to meet everyone else and for the members that have been around for a while to meet some of the newer members. We're a friendly bunch so if you are new to the club come on out and say hi. Also, when I was talking to Fred and Cathy last year, they buy a Quaker Steak & Lube gift card at Giant Eagle before coming out to this event. That way, they also get money off their next GetGo fill-up. Brilliant! Great food, cold refreshments and you get to knock a little off the price of your gas to get to the event. Why would you want to stay home?

Gary

Dues Are Due

by Richard Dick

Thanksgiving day has past and now it's time for more holiday celebrations. But before you do too much celebrating, a friendly reminder that your dues are due if your address label has "Expires Dec. '12". You need to send me \$20.00. PLEASE make checks/mo. Payable to "WPTA". Cash is also accepted but no credit cards. Payment for multiple years is very good and also very acceptable. If you send your \$20.00 to me now, I give you permission to ignore my pleas for the next 3 months.

Make the check or money order payable to "WPTA" in the amount of \$20.00 and send it to Richard Dick, 106 Cypress Ave., Monongahela, PA 15063. If you do have a question or comment, give me a call at 724.379.5172 or better yet email me at britcarnuts@comcast.net. Do it now so you don't forget!

Please include any and all updates in physical address, email address, phone numbers, cars, etc that you have made during the past year. I don't mind getting repeat information. I try my best to keep accurate information for the club. Lastly, if you wish to not receive a printed copy of the newsletter and use only the web, let me know this as well. We already have several who wish to go online for the information. Someone who needed a reminder in print still has not remitted their dues.

Rich

**Mail your Holiday Party Reservations
in today, see details inside**



Photos by Jim Shaw

Somewhere in the Adirondacks



The "Bobbies" at Stowe didn't like the sound of Ed's TR250!

Northern Exposure

by Ed Major

This year's big TR adventure for me was twofold; starting with our annual trek to Watkins Glen and then spending another week in New England. You read about our adventures at The Glen and all its glory in the last issue of the *Dzus Dnuz*; here is the rest of the story. Leaving the Glen on Monday morning we headed upstate into the Adirondacks. These mountains at this time of the year are just fabulous; with school open and vacationers gone there was no traffic, just four little Triumphs and some of the best sports car roads available. Jim Shaw, Dan Greene, Bruce Stutzman and myself, the only thing missing was my TR3. I was driving my TR250 when I would rather be doing these longer runs in my TR3; it just "feels" right. Watching Jim in his "3" up front and Dan's "3" in my rear view mirror had me longing for mine.

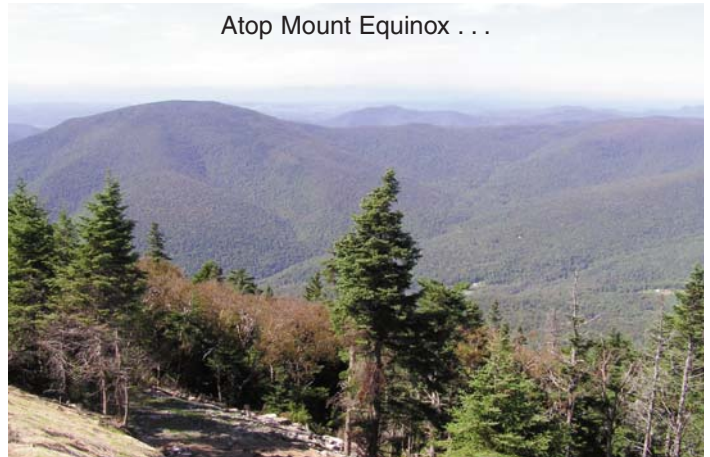
Our first stop was Lake Placid, NY, a beautiful little mountain village with Mirror Lake in the middle. We did the walk around the lake and ended up at the Lake Placid Micro Brewery, imagine that. The next day, a great drive along Lake George and on to Vermont and Mt Equinox. The Mount Equinox Skyline Drive is the longest privately owned paved toll road in the USA (5.2 miles) with elevation increase of 3,235 ft. Privately owned means no police, so we did a very spirited all out run to the top. What a great drive and a view of about 5 or 6 states from up there.

That night we stayed at a little motel right across the street from Hemming's Motor News Sunoco gas station and museum. The next morning we did a private tour of the museum, filled our tanks with Ultra93, then headed through Vermont's Green Mountains into New Hampshire's White Mountains and the little village of Jackson. Once at Jackson, Jim, Dan and I drove up Mount Washington. It is the highest peak in Northeastern United States at 6,288 ft. and famous for dangerously erratic weather, the highest wind gust being 231 mph. Talk about driving on the edge, literally on the edge of a cliff! That night we stayed at the historic Eagle Mountain House.

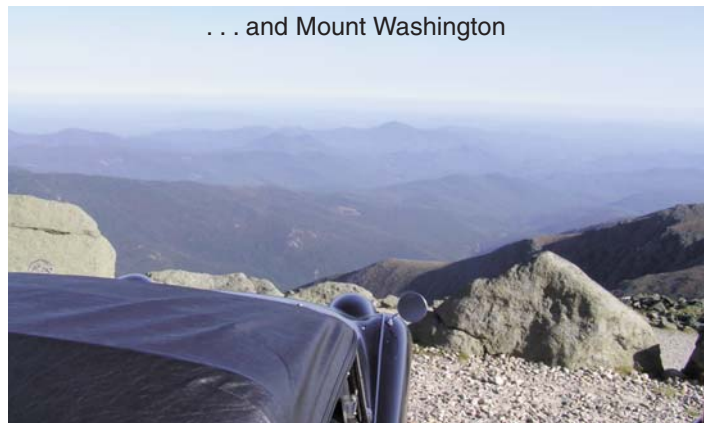
Thursday on to our ultimate destination, Stowe, VT and the annual British Invasion car show. We stayed at a ski resort on Mt Mansfield for the next three days and enjoyed a great car show of about 700 British cars; a great event in a quaint New England mountain resort town. British cars everywhere and car guys should have this one on their bucket list along with the PVGP, of course. Sunday we headed back to Watkins Glen and spent the night at the Seneca Lodge, then back to the 'burgh on Monday. Need I say it? **It doesn't get any better than this!** Could next year's trip to Elkhart Lake, WI be any better!

Ed

Atop Mount Equinox . . .



. . . and Mount Washington



Hemming's Gasoline

Holiday Party

Ho, ho, ho! Santa is still bringing Christmas cheer even after December, so please join us for our annual Holiday Party in January! This year we'll be at McCormick & Schmick's in the Southside Works. Our menu will include appetizers, a dinner choice of salmon, chicken or steak, and a luscious dessert. Cash bar. The cost per guest is \$40.

Saturday, January 19th, 6pm

McCormick & Schmick's

2667 Sidney Street, Pittsburgh PA, 15203

Covered parking is available in the garage across the street, \$4

The big guy in the red suit has already promised some great presents for all the good British car fans! Lump of coal for those of you who left your Triumph out in the rain...

Do you have some great pictures of you and your car this year? Send them on over to tbulebush@comcast.net.

Please RSVP by January 12th with your check, made payable to "WPTA", to: Jan & Todd Bulebush, 1203 Snee Drive, Pittsburgh, PA 15236.

If you have any questions, please contact Jan and Todd at (412) 714-8339 or Kim and Larry Ross (412) 780-8495.



My Leaky TR4

By Bruce Stutzman

Truism – TR3s and TR4s all leak oil. But mine always leaked more than most.

Recently however, one of my oil leaks turned into a gusher. Some recent club members' comments – Jim Shaw, "Bruce is generous with his oil. He leaves some with everyone he visits". Jim Underwood, "Some cars have full flow oil systems. Bruce's has a flow through oil system".

Also, I was getting a nasty noise from the front of the engine. So, time to act. Jim Shaw and I pressure washed the engine so I could locate the source of the gusher. Turned out to also be at the front of the engine.

Wray Brady volunteered his garage and organized a work party. A great crew of guys showed up:

Ed Major	Jay Galbreath
Ed Woods	Don Harkus
Jerry VanVlack	Fred Williams

Don brought a case of Straub Dark that only lasted into the early afternoon.

And the work began. Out with the radiator and fan; off with the pulley and timing chain cover.

The source of both issues became very apparent. The timing chain tensioner pin had come adrift and the now flopping around tensioner wore a hole in the front cover. Donny welded the pin back in position and welded the hole closed. Then a new front cover, tensioner, gasket and front seal; everything buttoned up and no nasty noise or oil gusher. Success!

Now, if I could only deal with my many other lesser oil leaks as effectively.

THANKS GUYS!

Bruce



The Pittsburgh Vintage Grand Prix presented this plaque to WPTA in recognition of our \$6000.00 donation for their charities.

New Member

A warm welcome goes to our new members Keith and Michele Merlino of Oakdale and their 72 TR6. We look forward to seeing you at our events.

Classified

FOR SALE: 4 Coker Classic Redline tires 185/15RS with minimal treadwear. Mounted on 5" steel rims. Two are slightly bent. Asking \$200.00 plus shipping. Will dismount rims for an additional \$10. If interested, call Ray Stathers at 740 350-1170.

~ Events Of Other Interest ~

Jun 12-15 **Triumph Register of America**
National Convention. Aurora Kentucky
Jeff & Libby Slaton j_slaton@bellsouth.net
270-978-6397

Sep 5-8 **Friends of Triumph - Kastner Cup**
Road America, Elkart Lake WI

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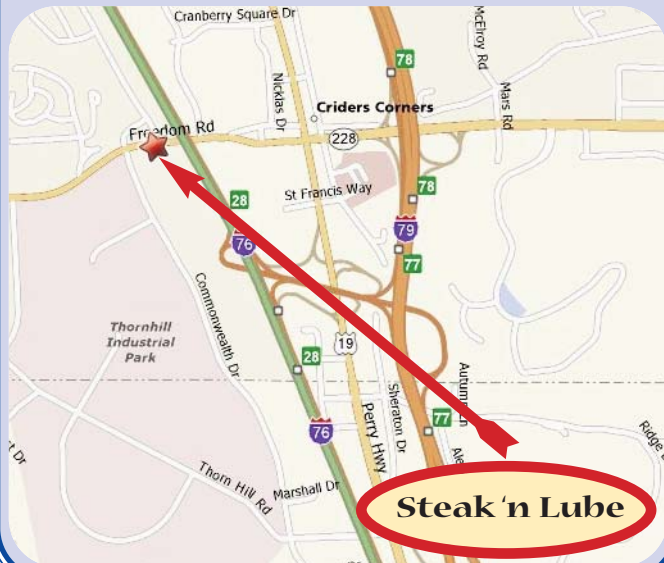
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This year's No Meeting Meeting will be **December 8th** and the location as always will be the Quaker Steak & Lube in Cranberry. We will meet around 1:00.



~ Calendar of Events ~

- Dec 8 No Meeting, Meeting**
Steak 'n Lube Cranberry
Gary Fredo 724-378-9610
- Dec 10 Cars & Coffee** at Kings McMurray Rd
Rick Brown, 412-818-1433
- Dec 18 Bud's Beer & Bull**
6 pm at Iron Creek Grill, Cuddy, PA
Bud Osbourne 724-356-4464
- Dec 26 Dzus Dnuuz Meeting, 6:00 PM**
Primanti's I-79 Exit 60
- Jan 12 Planning Meeting,**
Excuses on the South Side
Gary Fredo 724-378-9610
- Jan 19 2013 Holiday Party,**
McCormick & Schmick's
South Side Works, 2667 Sidney Street
Pittsburgh, PA. 15203
Larry Ross 412-780-8495
Todd Bulebush 412-461-5599
-  **Feb 9 Run to Team Triumph**
Don Harkus 724-822-5447
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- Mar 2 Slot Car Racing**
Jim Keenan 330-318-8279