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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

Hi there. I am sitting here after eating my roast beast. I hope Santa was good to you and your family this year. He was good to our family with good health and even a few presents to open under the tree. Not too many car parts just cleaners and wax. I guess I will have to buy them myself, when I go to Team Triumph, sometime in February. Gary has an article about and it looks to be a great time.

I went to the No Meeting Meeting at the Quaker Steak & Lube. What a great time we had. I enjoy all the get-togethers around this time of the year. The steering meeting is next month. This is where we set our calendar for the year's events. If you would like to host an event this year, plan to attend the steering meeting. If unable to attend give myself or Gary a call and let us know what event you would like to plan and run.

I hope all of you sent in your reservation for the Holiday Party. Ken has tried a new place sound as if it will be wonderful. I hope that everyone will have a better year than last, and may you all win first place in your class.

Happy New Year!

Don

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.

Planning Meeting (Steering Committee)

by Gary Fredo

The planning meeting will be held on January 14, 2012 at 10:00AM at Excuses on South Side. There will be a slight change this year. Excuses no longer serves breakfast but they do serve lunch starting at 10:00. Eat your Wheaties early so you will be ready for lunch at 10:00. Or we could take care of the planning first at eat lunch afterwards. Either way, we'll figure it out that morning. If you have an idea for an event, this is where you want to be. As always, if you can't make the meeting but want to plan an event then drop me an email at: garyfredo@yahoo.com or call 724-378-9610. Events can be anything from a fairly simple country drive to more complex rally type drives incorporating trick questions, etc. Both types of events are welcome and needed to keep a nicely balance calendar of events throughout the year. I will have copies of the Event Guidelines at the planning meeting and they are also available on the website in the member's only section. It would be great to see some new faces at the Planning Meeting this year. We have plenty of room on the calendar for the annual events that everyone enjoys as well as new ideas.

I also want to take a minute to thank everyone who planned events in 2010. I attended many of the events are they were all great. I also heard great things about the events that I didn't attend so I would say that we had another great year. It's the hard work of everyone that plans these events that make them so enjoyable. Please remember to thank the people that put together these events since your attendance and appreciation are the only form of compensation that they receive! If you are one of the members that haven't attended an event lately then what are you waiting for? The best way to enjoy your Triumph is to get out and drive it so come on out to an event in 2012.

Gary

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
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NOTE: Please respond no later than January 3rd

Run to Team Triumph

We will be making a parts run to Team Triumph again this year on February 18. We will meet again at Perkin's restaurant in Cranberry at 8 am for breakfast and head to Team Triumph shortly thereafter. More details in next month's newsletter.

No Meeting Follow-up

by Gary Fredo

We had another great turnout for the No Meeting Meeting last month. There were even several British cars in the parking and one up on the rack! I spotted Tom Stricker's TR3, Mike Yurko's TR8, Jay Gilbreath's MGB-GT and Ed Major's TR250. Hopefully I didn't miss anyone. Of course, the car on the rack was the MGA that is always on the rack at the Cranberry QS&L. Are they ever going to get that fixed and back on the road? The food was great, the beer was cold and the waitress really busted butt to get everything to us quickly. Ed Woods brought a collection of various club magazines and newsletters. He was giving them away to anyone that was interested. I enjoyed flipping through a couple of the early WPTA newsletters and reading about some of our members back when they were a lot younger, had more hair and smaller guts! As always, a good time was had by all.



a Dzus Dnuz reprint

On Getting Published

by the Editor

Mission #1 for the DZUS DNUZ is informing the members about club activities. In doing so we print the club calendar, maintained by Gary Fredo; print pre-

event information articles written by the event chairmen and print their post-event articles (hopefully with photos). Now that we are doing a 5th page on our club website, just for photos, we are able to use more of the photos sent to us.

As space permits within our usual 4 pages we then print technical articles and articles of general interest to the members. The subject, of course, always being about us and our TRs. We on occasion expand to 6 and even 8 pages when the need arises; the BCD issue is an example.

A few basic guidelines for submitting your articles and photos.

1. Type it on MSWord (preferred!) or Word Perfect and send it as an email attachment. Don't just type it in the body of an email unless it is only 1 or 2 lines.

2. Send photos digitally (jpeg preferred); minimum 300kb file size, attached to an email (for you Techo's this is min. 300dpi @ 4' wide).

3. The most interesting photos are of members with their cars and of members at club events doing something. Lines of parked cars, a bunch of people sitting at a table or the backs of peoples' heads and butts make boring photos. Hopefully, the photo presents a flattering likeness of the photoee.

4. Limit it to 1/2 to 3/4 of a DZUS DNUZ page if possible, approximately 600 words (Tech Tip: in MSWord, >file, >properties, >statistics, will give you number of words in your file).

5. Email them to Ed Major at ejmajortr3a@comcast.net and to me at stutzmans@comcast.net

How to read a Haynes manual

Haynes: Rotate anticlockwise.

Translation: Clamp with molegrips then beat repeatedly with hammer anticlockwise.

Haynes: This is a snug fit.

Translation: Clamp with molegrips then beat repeatedly with hammer.

Haynes: This is a tight fit.

Translation: Clamp with molegrips then beat repeatedly with a hammer.

Haynes: As described in Chapter 7...

Translation: That'll teach you not to read through before you start. Now you are looking at scary photos of the inside of a gearbox.

Haynes: Pry...

Translation: Hammer a screwdriver into...

Haynes: Undo...

Translation: Go buy a tin of WD40 (giant economy size).

Haynes: Retain tiny spring...

Translation: PINGGGG - "Where the hell did that go?"

Haynes: Press and rotate to remove bulb...

Translation: OK - that's the glass bit off, now fetch some good pliers to dig out the bayonet part (and maybe a plaster or two).

Haynes: Lightly...

Translation: Start off lightly and build up till the veins on your forehead are throbbing then clamp with molegrips then beat repeatedly with hammer.

Haynes: Weekly checks...

Translation: If it isn't broken don't fix it.

Haynes: Routine maintenance...

Translation: If it isn't broken, it's about to be. We warned you...

Haynes: One spanner rating.

Translation: An infant could do this... so how did you manage to **** it up?

Haynes: Two spanner rating.

Translation: Now you may think that you can do this because two is a low, teensy weensy number... but you also thought the wiring diagram was a map of the Tokyo underground (in fact that would have been more use to you).

Haynes: Three spanner rating.

Translation: Make sure you won't need your car for a couple of days.

Haynes: Four spanner rating.

Translation: You're not seriously considering this are you?

Haynes: Five spanner rating.

Translation: OK - but don't ever carry your loved ones in it again.

Haynes: If not, you can fabricate your own special tool like this...

Translation:

Haha.

Haynes: Compress...

Translation: Squeeze with all your might, jump up and down on it, throw it at the garage wall, then find some molegrips and a hammer...

Haynes: Inspect...

Translation: Squint at really hard and pretend you know what you are looking at, then declare in a loud knowing voice to your wife "Yep, as I thought, it's going to need a new one"

Haynes: Carefully...

Translation: You are about to suffer deep abrasions.

Haynes: Retaining nut...

Translation: Yes, that's it, that big spherical blob of rust.

Haynes: Get an assistant...

Translation: Prepare to humiliate yourself in front of someone you know.

Haynes: Turning the engine will be easier with the spark plugs removed.

Translation: However, starting the engine afterwards will be much harder. Once that sinking pit of your stomach feeling has subsided, you can start to feel deeply ashamed as you gingerly refit the spark plugs.

Haynes: Refitting is the reverse sequence to removal.

Translation: Yeah, right. But you swear in different places.

Haynes: Prise away plastic locating pegs...

Translation: Snap off...

Haynes: Using a suitable drift...

Translation: Clamp with molegrips then beat repeatedly with hammer.

Haynes: Everyday toolkit

Translation: AAA Card & Mobile Phone

Haynes: Apply moderate heat...

Translation: Unless you have a blast furnace, don't bother. Alternatively, clamp with molegrips then beat repeatedly with hammer.

Haynes: Index

Translation: List of all the things in the book, bar what you need to do.

Membership Report

by Richard Dick

Judy and I hope all your wishes came true this past holiday season. We still have a substantial number of members who have NOT yet paid their 2012 dues. If your address label has "Expires Dec. '11", then you are among the ones who 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.

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!

Last but certainly not least, please include any & all updates in physical address, email address, phone numbers, cars, etc that you have made recently. I don't mind getting repeat information. I try my best to keep accurate information for the club.

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An Auxiliary Power Source in Your TR

by Bruce Stutzman

Would you like to charge your cell phone or maybe use a GPS or radar detector in your TR? You can. An accessory plug is really easy to install. I put one in my TR4 last summer to charge my cell phone.

Buy NAPA part #782-1635 Auxiliary Power Source. It costs less than \$10 and includes the plug with lid and a mounting bracket. I mounted it under the cubby box where the support brace bolts to the dash. I put a ring terminal on the black ground wire and grounded it to the mounting bolt.

I then ran the red wire through an existing hole in the fire-wall that has a grommet and attached it to the battery positive terminal (I converted my car to negative ground years ago). I was done! By connecting it to the battery it is always hot; the ignition doesn't have to be on for it to operate. It is an independent circuit and has not been spliced to any other wire or switch. The best way to connect any wire to a battery post is with a ring terminal big enough to fit on the cable clamp bolt.

I didn't fuse it. It is not a cigarette lighter that uses 10 to 12 amps to heat the element. It uses less than an amp to charge a cell phone. Some other accessories may use a bit more. But if you must, fuse it close to the power source (battery).

If you don't want it to be hot when the ignition is off, put a female terminal on the red wire and run it to the fuse box. Connect it to the fuse with the green wires (A4). It is now also fused. TR6 has more fuses than a TR4 but still connect it at the green wires.

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FOR SALE: 1980 TR7 - 58900 miles. Convertible with 5-speed. Engine locked up. TR8 wheels with good body and floors, but the top and seats need replaced. Great car for a V8 transplant! Plum Boro PA, \$1200 OBO. Call Don 412-303-0844.

~ Calendar of Events ~

- Jan 16 Cars & Coffee** at Kings McMurray Rd
Rick Brown 724-969-0118
- Jan 17 Bud's Beer & Bull**
6 pm at Iron Creek Grill, Cuddy, PA
Bud Osbourne 724-356-4464
- Jan 30 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 Steering Committee Meeting**
Gary Fredo - Excuses on the South Side
- Feb 18 Run to Team Triumph**
- Jul 21 British Car Day at the PVGP**
Schenley Park, Pittsburgh

~ Events Of Other Interest ~

- Apr 27-29 The FOT Gathering at Road Atlanta**
Bruce Stutzman 412-600-7275
- Oct 28-2 Vintage Triumph Register**
National Convention
Galveston Texas
- Jun 20-23 Triumph Register of America**
National Convention, Little Switzerland NC

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Carlton Restaurant located at 500 Grant Street in the heart of downtown Pittsburgh.



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