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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 guys & gals, I had a rough run to Import Carlisle. First, the night before I was to leave; had all my bags packed thanks to Sandy. My TR3's battery was a little weak on charge because I was working on the overdrive; it was slipping out when in 4th gear. I worked on it all week; took it for a drive Thursday and the overdrive ran great in 3rd gear. Not being able to get it in 4th I thought it was fixed, there was my first mistake. So I washed it and put the new battery charger on, second mistake. Got up Friday thinking I was all ready to go. I was meeting Bruce, Gary, Bernie, Bob, and Ken in New Stanton at the Eat & Park at 8:00 for breakfast. Go in the garage, disconnect the battery charger, close the bonnet on the car, turn the key . . . battery dead. No problem - get the jumpers from the other garage, start the TR3 and I am off 10 minutes late.

I get on the turnpike, pull out the Easy Pass I bought for the 3, it doesn't work . . . grab a ticket. Driving on the pike I shift the overdrive in 4th; nothing happens, no overdrive. So I put my hand on the shifter and the overdrive engages. Turns out that the shift cap switch was not set right, but with my hand on the shifter it stays in.

Get to Eat & Park and get breakfast, Bruce in his TR4 and Gary in his Ford pick-up go straight out the turnpike.

I get a bungee from Bob to hold my shifter back so my overdrive works and gas up. With me leading Bob, Ken, and Bernie; we are driving the back roads out routes 31 and 30 to 11. We had to stop to recycle some of the coffee we drank earlier, having a good time coming off the mountain on 30 heading to Chambersburg, I got a flat left rear. No problem I have a spare new 48 spoke chrome wire wheel and new 155R-15 just so it would fit in the spare tire holder. But no jack, left it at the sand blast cabinet, third mistake. Not to worry, Ken to the rescue with his jack. Ten minutes later my new spare tire is flat. I was the only one with wire wheels. Take the tire off and grab the other flat; tie it to Bob's rack. Just one block there is a tire shop, but no tubes for tires, next, shop 2 miles down the road, no tubes, 10 miles down the road and with the aid of Bob's smart phone, they have tubes. Fixed tires, new tubes, one defective and one that was the wrong size in the first place. Now you can bet that I will buy some tubes that fit and put them in the trunk. Finally, two & half hours later, I'm driving through a college graduation in Chambersburg, and a lot of red lights. We arrived at Carlisle just in time for most of the vendors to be closing down. Thanks to friends that stay and help, this is how a club works.

Next month is Mini Golf and Ice Cream with Rich and Judy on **June 9th**. Then Larry Ross would like your company on a run to Deep Creek Maryland on the **16th**; then Don is doing his Summer Solstice tour on the **23rd**. So let's all get out and go for a run.

Don

Mini Golf And Ice Cream

by Richard Dick

Yes, we are continuing to have the mini golf for the third straight year. The last two years it was held later in the summer and was it ever hot those days! This year we moved it to **June 9th**, so mark those calendars. Hopefully the weather gods will be kind to us. Copperhead Canyon Miniature Golf is located on Hutchinson Road and is easily seen from Route 51 south going up the hill from Elizabeth, PA. There are signs for it along the road. It is also across Rt. 51 from Roundhill Rd. intersection and about a mile north of the Route 48 and 51 intersection. We will meet at 1pm to start our round of golf. Following the golf outing, we will head south on 51 to the Dairy Queen for some refreshments. Now for your part, map out some triumph roads to get here and back home either by yourself or with someone else and above all, HAVE FUN!

Run To Deep Creek

by Larry Ross

On Saturday **June 16th**, Kim and I will host the Run to Deep Creek Lake MD. We will meet at the Blue Flame Restaurant on Rt 51 in Jefferson Hills for a leisurely breakfast. The Blue Flame Restaurant is located at: 360 Rt 51, Jefferson Hills, Pa. 15025, (412) 384-7861

We will leave the Blue Flame at approximately 10:30 AM to begin our back road jaunt until we reach Uniontown, Pa. Once we reach Uniontown, we will attack the Summit (Rt 40) before our first "mystery stop".

After that we will proceed to Deep Creek, MD for a late lunch. After lunch, some of us just might want to try out the Go Cart Track (Ed, Bruce, Ken, Gary this means YOU).

Hope to see you at the Blue Flame !

Summer Solstice Tour

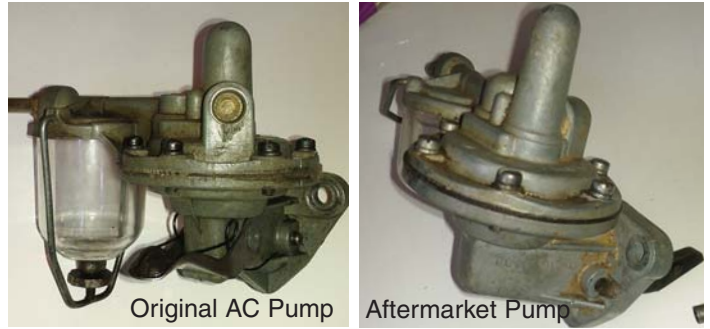
By Don Stewart

Saturday June 23

Meet just south of the Allegheny Valley exit of the Pennsylvania Turnpike in Harmerville at the Target parking lot at the end near the Giant Eagle Get Go Express. This is close to the intersection of Freeport Road and Route 910. Arrive by 10:30 AM. The driver and navigator meeting will be at 10:50 and first cars out at 11:00. We will drive some nice back roads up into Butler county. No gravel roads this time! Our first stop will be for a tour of the Hahn & Woodward restoration shop in Harmony, PA. After the tour we will head into the Harmony historic district for lunch at the fabled (haunted!) Harmony Inn.



Kas Kastner shaking hands with Bob Tullius.



Original AC Pump

Aftermarket Pump

Photos by Bruce Stutzman

Fuel Pump Woes

by Bruce Stutzman

The original fuel pump on TR2 thru TR6 was made by AC in England and is a very reliable unit. When necessary, it can be easily rebuilt with a readily available kit and kept in service indefinitely.

Until 10 years ago or so a line of replacement pumps were on the market that were made in Canada. These pumps were also reliable and could be rebuilt using the same rebuild kit. They are currently on a lot of TRs.

These Canadian built pumps can be easily identified by the lack of a primer lever. Also on the TR2 thru TR4A the sediment bowl is only about 2/3 the size of the one on the AC pump. TR6 pumps don't have sediment bowls. These changes were made to reduce costs and had no detrimental impact on performance.

A third cost saving measure, however, can and has for some hapless owners rendered the pump (and car) inoperable. On AC pumps the pin that holds the rocker (activating) arm in place is securely held in place by circlips on both sides. On the Canadian pumps this pin is only a press fit and can work its way loose.

A recent example – As we were driving home from Carlisle the other day, Bernie's TR4 abruptly stopped running. We quickly identified the fuel pump as the problem. No problem, I said, I have a rebuild kit. We'll take the pump off, rebuild it and we'll be good to go. But, when Bernie removed the pump, the rocker arm was missing. It was a Canadian pump and the rocker arm pin had come loose. The rocker arm had fallen into the engine! BUMMER!!!

Fortunately we located a mirror and magnet and Bernie was able to fish it out of the engine. We put the pump back together, peened the pin in place and were back on the road.

These replacement pumps were also available for Spitfires and TR7s. So, if one is on your car, make sure that pin stays in place.



Photos by Bud Osbourne

Ed Woods & Jay Galbreath make a minor adjustment to Ed's TR3

The Mitty 2012

by Bruce Stutzman

What a great Triumph event! The Walter Mitty is Road Atlanta's annual vintage sports car event. This year it was also the venue of The Friends of Triumph (FOT) annual Kastner Cup race. It also was the venue of a VTR Regional event hosted by the GA Triumph Club.

Maybe you should have been there, huh? Those of us who were are:

- Ed Woods in his TR3A, Bernie Clark riding shotgun
- Harvey Woods in his TR6
- Jerry Van Vlack in his TR4
- Jay Galbreath in his TR4
- Bud Osbourne in his MG Midget
- Me in my TR4
- Rich Roenigh in his TR4A
- Ed Major met us there from FL

It took us 3 days of driving mountain roads to get there including North Carolina's Blue Ridge Parkway, the infamous Tail of the Dragon and GA Route 60 thru the North GA mountains. Quite a test for the TRs; they were all well up to the task, thank you.

Many of our heroes from the Triumph glory days were there with us including Kas Kastner, Bob Tullius, Bob Johns and Mike Cook.

The all Triumph race was spectacular; won as usual by Tony Garmey in the beautiful one off Pete Brock designed Triumph TR250K.

A great week of Triumph driving.



FOG Bros in the FOG on the Blue Ridge Parkway



Lots of Good Stuff at the WPTA Store

Carlisle 2012

by Bruce Stutzman

The weather was smashing! Sunny and warm the whole weekend. Most unusual for Carlisle but very much appreciated by all of us who were there.

Mike Yurko's TR6 won a highly coveted Elite Car award in the car show. Would you believe Mike's TR8 won the award two years ago. While we're on the subject, Ed Major's TR250 won the award a couple years ago. All are outstanding TRs.

Lots of club members hanging around the WPTA tent – great fun. There was a big crowd for our traditional Friday night pizza party.

No real big purchases this year but we all found some bits and pieces that we couldn't do without. And a few parts even got sold. All and all a most excellent weekend.



PJ hoping no customers show up

Photos by PJ Wright

Johnstown Fun Run

by Richard Dick

Yes, the fun run is back to the last **Saturday in July, the 28th**. The meeting time is 10:30 with the first group off around 10:45. We will be joining some of the members of the Central Pennsylvania British Car Club out of Altoona. This has always been a fun time for all!!

We will again meet at the Cracker Barrel restaurant on the south side of I.S.70 (exit 57) which is the New Stanton exit and very near the New Stanton exit for the turnpike. The last group will leave by 11 a.m. and the trip over will be about 1 hour and 45 minutes long through some very scenic countryside. We should arrive at the Boulevard Grill in Johnstown around 1 pm for lunch.

If you are so inclined breakfast at Cracker Barrel is a good choice but I know Judy will be shopping there so we will be there early!!!

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

British Car Day

Saturday July 21, 2012

British Car Day is coming fast and we need volunteers and cars to make it a Triumphant day. You don't have to have a concours vehicle to participate and you get a perfect parking spot for the races on Sunday. All you need to do is drive your Triumph!

So get your Registration form in today. And in the immortal words of Adam Lynch: "BCD is a great day in the park"

~ Calendar of Events ~

- Jun 9 Mini Golf & Ice Cream**
Richard Dick 724-379-5172
- Jun 11 Cars & Coffee at Kings McMurray Rd**
Rick Brown 724-969-0118
- Jun 16 Run to Deep Creek**
Larry Ross 412-780-8495
- Jun 19 Bud's Beer & Bull**
6 pm at Iron Creek Grill, Cuddy, PA
Bud Osbourne 724-356-4464
- Jun 23 Summer Solstice Tour**
Don Stewart 412-963-1893
- Jun 25 Dzus Dnuz Meeting, 6:00 PM**
Primanti's I-79 Exit 60
- Jul 21 British Car Day at the PVGP**
Schenley Park, Pittsburgh
- Jul 28 Johnstown Run**
Richard Dick 724-379-5172
- Aug 11 Half Day Run,**
PJ Wright 412-833-4142
- Aug 18 Night Owl,**
Doug Foyle 724-452-5218
- Aug 25 Quaker Steak & Lube Tour**
Pat Ledford
- 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

~ Events Of Other Interest ~

- 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
- 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
- Sep 7-9 Vintage Races, Watkins Glen**
- Sep 7-9 British Car Festival at Delgrosso Park**
Altoona, PA
- Sep 30 British Cars at Hartwood**
<http://www.jaguarclubofpittsburgh.com/>
- Oct 28-2 Vintage Triumph Register**
National Convention. Galveston Texas
<http://www.vtr.org/>

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Carlisle Photos



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Mitty/Atlanta Photos

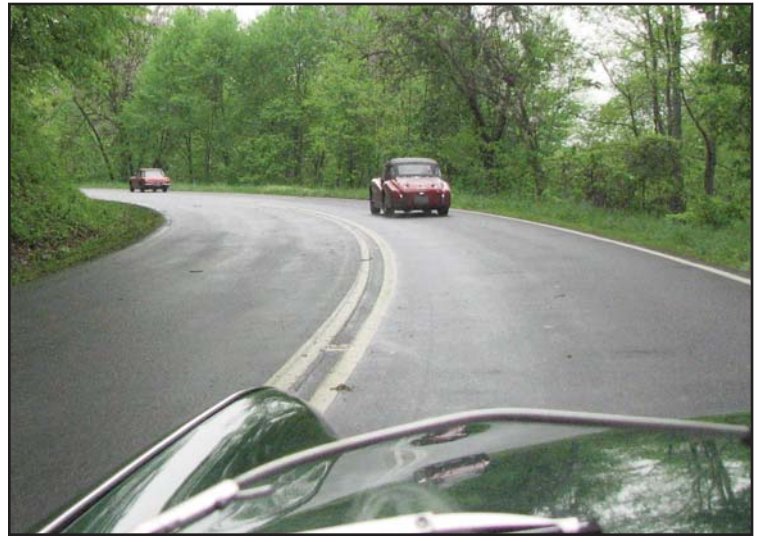


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