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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

So another (not so) cold month has passed us by. I can't wait to get my cars out from under their covers and give them some needed exercise. The run to Team Triumph in the middle of the month had a great turn-out. There were even a few Triumphs that braved the roads. Over twenty guys had breakfast. Then after a lot of bull was spread and some money spent, we had a fantastic lunch. Scott even took the time to lunch with us.

This month it looks as if the cars will all be out at The Church Brew Works on **March 10th** and the run to The Roadster Factory on **March 17th**, so check with the articles on this page that have all of the pertinent information.

I forgot to thank Larry Ross for the gifts that he donated to the Holiday party. I don't know how I missed that. Thanks Larry!

To all the guys that are at the beach, don't get sunburned. "Seeya" at Church.

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 717-234-1717. 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.

Hope to see more of you there this year.

Red Star Issue

by Richard Dick

Dues are still due for those who have a red star on the label and highlighted "**Expires Dec:11**". This may be your last issue of Dzus Dnuz unless I receive your \$20.00 by March 22nd. Congratulations on procrastinating this long. Send your check or MO made payable to "WPTA" to Richard Dick, 106 Cypress Avenue, Monongahela, PA 15063. This is the 5th and final request for this season. I wish to thank all the members who paid in a timely manner and those who sent me updates on their information. It was appreciated.

May everyone have a safe and enjoyable driving season this year. There are many events to attend sponsored by both clubs. Make it a point to attend 1 more event than you did last year.

Church Brew Works

by Dexter Stoltz

Don't forget - stop by for lunch at The Church: Saturday around Noon, **10 March 2012** at the Church Brew Works, 3525 Liberty Ave, Pittsburgh, PA 15201. You won't regret it.



Yeah, yeah, yeah. It's not a real driving event, but that's all right. If the weather's right a lot of WPTA members see this as good a time as any to shake out some bugs before the Tune Up Clinic. Head over toward the bar side and look for someone you know. RSVP not necessary.

Run to The Roadster Factory

by Gary Fredo

Let's plan to meet at Dick's Diner at 4200 William Penn Highway in Murrysville at 8:30 on **March 17th** for breakfast before heading up to The Roadster Factory in Armagh. We will leave Dick's Diner around 9:30 and arrive at The Roadster Factory around 10:30 for anyone that wants to meet us after breakfast or at The Roadster Factory. We will be driving straight up rt 22 since the weather can't be counted on in the Middle of March. This was a lot of fun last year. Dave and Albert gave us a very interesting tour of their operations. They also threw in some interesting facts about the history of the building. I won't give any of those away in this article so if you want to know a lot more about TRF then you should come on this event. And let's not forget about TRS sitting in the front room. One of the most historically important Triumphs ever built...and raced!

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 17th. 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.

The Altoona British Car club will be joining us this year at The Roadster Factory and probably for lunch. Speaking of lunch, we will head to Griffith's for lunch after visiting The Roadster Factory which is just off rt 22 on rt 56. We went there last year and the food was great and inexpensive and the beer was cold. No wonder Ed and Bruce love the place!

Free Beer

by Doug Foyle

Ok, got your attention. **8AM Saturday, April 21** at Dectile, Donald Harkus' shop in Butler are the particulars for this year's Tune Up Clinic.

The Roadster Factory will be in attendance with an assortment of tune up parts. If you place an order in advance of the clinic, you will get an event discount and free shipping to Donald's shop.

WPTA will have Brad Penn oils free of charge for oil changes performed at the clinic, and TRF will have your oil filter. Can we make it any easier for you. Cases quantities can be purchased for home use. Although I don't have this year's pricing for this article, past year's pricing has proven to be excellent. Last year a case of Penn Grade One High Performance (formerly Racing Oil) was \$40.00 and the Premium Penn Grade 20w50 was \$25.00. Both of these oils are highly recommended for our flat tappet engines.

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 Doug Foyle at (724)452-5218.

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

The 2012 Mitty

By Bruce Stutzman

Plans are being made as we write this for our run to Road Atlanta for the April 27-29 weekend. So if you're not yet with it - get with it.

Plan on making the run with us. It will be a TR (MG) event to remember. For ticketing information go to:

www.gatriumph.com/walter_mitty.htm (Georiga Triumph Asso. and VTR or GRMSpeedfest.com (Grassroots Motorsport Magazine).

Run to Team Triumph

by Gary Fredo

The weather really cooperated for the run to Team Triumph this year. Jay Galbreath brought his MGBGT, John Collins brought his Spitfire and Jim Underwood brought his TR8. Pretty good turnout of British cars for a mid-February event. We also had many members that showed up in their daily drivers. As usual, Scott had lots of interesting stuff to look through and I saw many of the members leaving with newly acquired parts, etc. Scott was kind enough to provide beverages, which was appreciated by many. Several members took the side trip to TP Tools. The museum has actually expanded and now includes two buildings and probably around 20 or so cars. Unfortunately nothing British as everything in there was American but still some pretty cool cars. Scott joined us for lunch this year so we went to the Sunrise Inn that is located in Warren Ohio. Good food and a decent selection of beverages. After lunch everyone headed off in various directions to go home. A fun event that is starting to become a winter tradition.



Photos by Jim Underwood

Radiator Hoses & Swamp Water Or 'Broke Down' in the Everglades

by Ed Major

After this year's annual run to the 24 Hours of Daytona, Bruce and I headed south in my TR3A down Florida's east coast to Ft. Lauderdale. Then west across the Everglades (Big Cypress Swamp) and onto back roads through the Seminole Indian Reservation. Great run - warm sunny day, gators laying out in the sun and practically nobody on the road but us.

One thing about driving a 54 year old car, however, occasionally you may have a problem and usually at a very inopportune time and place. I replaced the radiator hoses when I restored the TR3, but that was over 25 years and 50,000 miles ago.

Well, you guessed it. All of a sudden the windshield was covered with antifreeze and the temperature gauge was pegged, so we pulled off onto a dirt side road and stopped. The radiator was empty; we needed water so we could locate the leak. No problem in the country's biggest swamp - right? Wrong! We must have picked the only spot in the Everglades without water to break down.

As we pondered the situation, also we had no beer (*Associate Ed Note: you dummies*) a tractor came by. I flagged it down and asked the driver where we could find water. Would you believe he was Mexican and didn't speak English. But he recognized the word "water" saying "aqua Si". So I jumped on the tractor and up the dirt road we went leaving Bruce with the TR. We went about 300 yards to an irrigation ditch filled with swamp water. So I jumped off the tractor and the driver continued up the dirt road.

I walked back to Bruce and the TR (no cell phone service either - naturally). We drove back to the irrigation ditch, filled the radiator with swamp water and started the car. It was the top hose. So we changed it using Donny Harkus' very handy Dectile stubby screw driver, refilled the rad with swamp water and were back on the road.

After a while the gauge pegged again. We hadn't tightened the front hose clamp enough, you know the one you can't reach under the front apron, and again needed water. Bruce started walking along the brush line where he found an old empty plastic bottle and eventually an irrigation tank. After we figured out how to tap the tank we had all the swamp water we needed and a bottle to catch it in. We tightened the clamp, filled the rad and were again off.

Man - after all this we were thirsty. Like an oasis in the desert, we spotted a Mexican bar and they had Yuengling on tap! All's well that ends well. I think I will call The Roadster Factory to see if their radiator hose warranty is still good.

Editors Note: The Dzus Dnuz is always looking for members stories for publication, if you have what you believe to be an interesting tale, please send it to me.

"Mad Man"

by Ed Major

Many of you have seen the reference to our honorable Dzus Dnuz editor and drivers awardee for 2012 as Bruce "Mad Man" Stutzman, but have you ever been told as to how he got that name? We have to go way back to the early 1980's when Bruce was on the auto cross course at the Vintage Triumph Register National Convention on Long Island. After two nondescript runs through the course, which included the back straightaway of a half mile oval track, our hero "went for it". Power sliding through the turn before the final chicane that slows you at the finish; he managed to take out all of the cones in the chicane. And one of them had to be surgically (cut) removed from the undercarriage of his TR4A. And maybe ask Jerry Van Vlack about his "other" power slide going back to the hotel the next night! Pictured at left, he repeats this event at last year's TRF summer party.

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.

Planning Meeting Follow-up

by Gary Fredo

We had a great turn out for the Planning Meeting again this year. Thanks to everyone that came out and volunteered to coordinate an event. We have a lot of great events planned this year. Some are the favorites that everyone enjoys attending every year and some are new events that should be a lot of fun and also keeps things fresh. As always, there is still room on the calendar for more events so if anyone is interested in planning something then you can drop me an email at garyfredo@yahoo.com or give me a call at 724-378-9610. Currently I still need someone to plan the Fall Leaf Tour and the Holiday Party. I've heard a lot of names thrown out as volunteers for the Holiday Party but, so far, no one has stepped up.

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FOR SALE: 1980 TR7 Roadster. 29,222 miles, carmine red, antique title, garage kept, original owner. Many extras and spares. \$12,750. Gibsonia, PA. Photos available upon request. Call Jim at 724-444-3455 or email jarmstr@consolidated.net.

FOR SALE: I have many used parts. Mostly for MG, some Triumph. MG, complete front suspensions and rear differentials. Five wire wheels, 75 splines. Call Jim Bastone, 412-551-5313 for parts and prices. Negotiable.

~ Calendar of Events ~

- Mar 10 Church Brew Works,**
Dexter Stoltz 412-865-1201
- Mar 12 Cars & Coffee** at Kings McMurray Rd
Rick Brown 724-969-0118
- Mar 17 Run to The Roadster Factory**
Breakfast in Monroeville, location & time TBD
- Mar 20 Bud's Beer & Bull**
6 pm at Iron Creek Grill, Cuddy, PA
Bud Osbourne 724-356-4464
- Mar 26 Dzus Dnuz Meeting,** 6:00 PM
Primanti's I-79 Exit 60
- Mar 31 MG Club Tech Session**
George Kress 724-625-7264
- Apr 7 Slot Car Racing**
Jim Keenan 330-318-8279
- Apr 21 Tune-up Clinic – Don's Garage**
Doug Foyle 724-452-5218
- 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
- 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 Degrosso Park**

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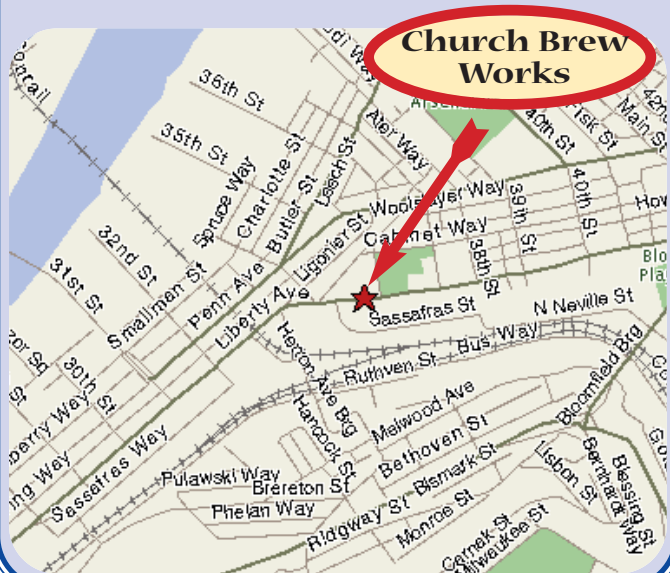
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Mar 12, Cars & Coffee -- Mar 20, Beer & Bull
March 10 -- Church Brew Works
March 17 -- Run to The Roadster Factory

March 10 Church Brew Works

3525 Liberty Ave, Pittsburgh, PA 15201, "around noon,"
10 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.



March 17 -- Run to The Roadster Factory

Meet at Dick's Diner at 4200 William Penn Highway
in Murrysville at 8:30 on March 17th for breakfast
before heading up to The Roadster Factory in
Armagh. We will leave Dick's Diner around 9:30

