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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

Wow this year is off to a good start. Last month was The Slot Car Racing at Jim Keenan's house. There were a few of us that went and we even had a race. I was afraid of crash and burn but we did have a winner. As you can guess it wasn't Ken. It is a good thing because Ken would have bugged me into building a track. So I would like to thank Jim for having us over to play on his raceway.

Then we went to The MG's Start Up Meeting at the Quaker Steak & Lube. This was also a great time. Except for one casualty on the way home, thank God that he protects drunks and Triumph owners. It is a good thing for Ebay to.

This year's Tune-Up went off with a minor fooled plug. I pulled a ham string in my left leg on Thursday and was limping around the shop so I couldn't help the way I would have liked to. Larry Ross was changing his carb to a Weber; there were some set backs. With the help of a bunch of the guys who worked on it Larry was on his way at 7:15. He even made it home with out the AAA card in his wallet. Yes we still have oil left @ \$53 a case. So Thanks to all that helped, and Dan & his girl for coming from The Roadster Factory also.

Next month there is Import Carlisle, **May 18-20**, so get your rooms now, so you can be with all the guys.

Two Things on the Calendar of Events the Quaker Steak & Lube will be on **Aug 25** and will be hosted by Pat Ledford. Second PJ Wright's Half Day Run will be on **Aug 11**.

Don

British Car Day

The BCD registration brochure will be included with next month's issue of the Dzus. The date is July 21. Get your volunteer hat ready. This is the very best car day of the year.

Run To Deep Creek

by Larry Ross

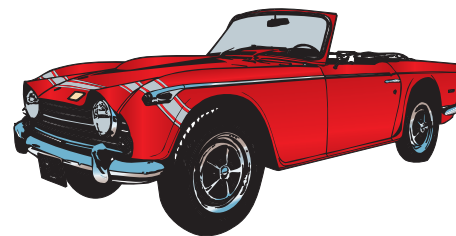
On Saturday June 16th, Kim and I will host the Run to Deep Creek. We will meet at the Blue Flame Restaurant on Rt 51 in Jefferson Hills for a leisurely breakfast. The Blue Flame Restaurant is located at:

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 !



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!



MAY 18-20
CARLISLE
IMPORT & KIT
NATIONALS

Carlisle 2012

by Mike Yurko

The driving season is here. 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 3 vendor spaces (C66, 67 & 68) for use by club members. So bring some parts to sell or just come and hang around. Bring your folding chair and beer cooler. Also bring some money; you may just find something you can't resist. Or just come to enjoy the car show.

Hope to see more of you there this year.

An Invite from the MG club

Bedford County Weekend

May 19-20

Come join us for a weekend of fun-filled activities at Bedford County, PA. We'll meet up at the Cracker Barrel in New Stanton at 10:00 a.m. and leave shortly thereafter for a stop at the Flight 93 National Memorial at Shanksville, PA. After another stop for lunch, we'll have time to check into the Fairfield Inn in Bedford to freshen up before meeting with members of the Central PA British Car Club to take a scenic 90-minute tour of eight of the 14 covered bridges that still exist in Bedford County. This tour will also include the famous Gravity Hill, where we can defy gravity with our little British cars!

What better place to have dinner than the historic Jean Bonnet Tavern — where good food and choosing from dozens of beer, microbrews and wine is half the fun. Capping the day is a live theater show, "Aaron Slick from Punkin Crick" at the Harrison Township Community Center.

After our free continental breakfast at the hotel Sunday morning, we have several different activities to choose from: a 90-minute Morrison Cove driving tour, a visit to Old Bedford Village, shopping at five Bedford County Antique dealers, or visiting one of seven Bedford County Orchards and Wineries. After an early afternoon lunch, it's time to head home.

Most of the activities for the weekend are free, except for the theatre show (\$10.00/person) and touring Old Bedford Village is (\$10.00/person). The cost for the Fairfield Inn is \$119.00/night. If you are interested in going, please call or email Sandy Keller (724-863-5860, sanj256@yahoo.com) by April 30, and we may be able to get a discount depending on the amount of rooms we reserve.

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.



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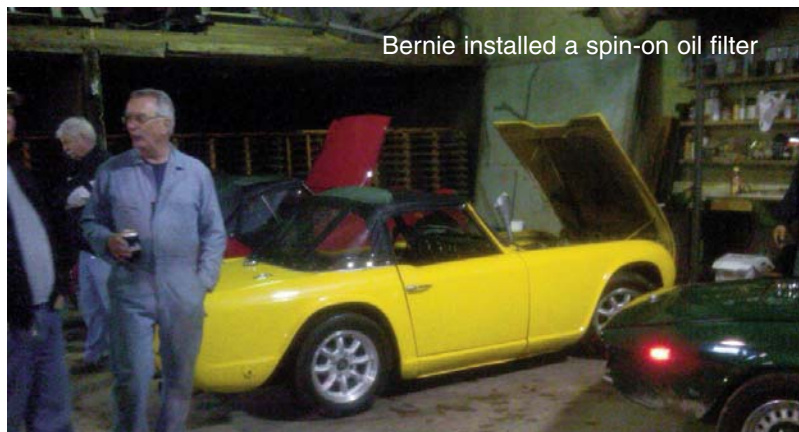
Tune Up Thanks

I would like to thank the following club members for assisting in the Weber Carb Conversion on my 77 Triumph Spitfire. Dexter & Eric Stoltz for getting greasy (especially Dexter for having the foresight to take pictures of the original Stromburg set-up). Gary Fredo for constantly checking in and grabbing a wrench when needed. Cathy Fisher for "holding the spotlight" when needed. Don Harkus, Ed Major, Bruce Stutzman for their invaluable knowledge of Triumph mechanical's. (Don for calling me on Sunday to make sure I made it home Saturday night). My daughters' boyfriend (Greg Snyder) who not only got dirty but drove the "support vehicle". (I think we have a future member here).

Lastly, how can I not thank Jim Keenan, who drove all the way from Ohio to lend the "wisecracks"....

Larry Ross

Larry hard at work on his Spitfire



Bernie installed a spin-on oil filter



Consultation

Tune Up Wrap Up

by Doug Foyle

Thank you to everyone who participated in this year's edition of the WPTA Tune Up Clinic. Though the cold and rainy weather did not cooperate, we still had about 15 cars in attendance.

Oil was changed and several projects were completed, both large and small. Larry Ross installed a new set of wheels and a Weber on his Spitfire. He wins the Most Expensive Projects Award. He'll have to buy his own trophy as we didn't have it budgeted.

Thank you to The Roadster Factory for helping to make the clinic a yearly event that many of us look forward to.

Thank you to Donald for supplying his facility and a floor on which we could spill our oil.

Anybody wishing to buy a case of Brad Penn 20w-50 "Green" Motor Oil, please contact Doug Foyle (724)452-5218 or Donald Harkus (724)822-5447. The \$53.00/cs. selling price may sound steep, but it is a \$20.00+ savings over retail and a considerable savings over a new camshaft and tappets.

Pennsylvania Bill to Provide for Year-of-Manufacture Plates Signed Into Law

Pennsylvania legislation to provide vehicle owners the option of using vintage, original model-year license plates on antique and classic vehicles was signed into law by Governor Tom Corbett. Under the new law, an application fee of \$75 would be charged to use year-of-manufacture plates. The law provides that vintage plates must have been issued by the state of Pennsylvania between the years 1906 and 1975, must be provided by the vehicle owner & legible from a reasonable distance. There is no obligation to pay the fee for model year license plates. Antique vehicle owners may still apply for special antique, classic or collectible plates that bear the designation 'antique vehicle.'

Photos by Larry Ross



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Slot Car Racing

By Jim Keenan

Saturday April 7, started out as a cool sunny day. It was so nice that some of the guys broke out their TRs to attend this event. After a substantial breakfast at the Perkin's in Cranberry the crew: Larry Ross and future son-in-law Greg (Spitfire), Ken Mikos (TR6), Bob Weimer (TR6), Don Harkus (TR3), Pat Ledford (TR7), Ed Woods (Honda), Dan McGowen (Dodge P/U), and I (Porsche 944), headed towards the Buckeye state. Jerry Van Vlack (TR4a) arrived at the house later as his Navigation system was trying to steer him to Canfield rather than Poland, Ohio. After the required car talk in the driveway, the gang headed into the Man Cave. It can be rather comical watching a bunch of newbees play with slot cars. Keeping the car in the slot can be quite a challenge. After some practice and varying degrees of success we had an official race. Of course the youngest driver (don't you hate people with quick reflexes and good hand-eye coordination) Greg was the winner. Some of the guys hung around till close to 4:00 pm racing classic British sports cars. There is talk of doing this next year in the dead of winter. All in all in was a fine day.

New Members

WPTA welcomes the following new member in April. Daryl and Patricia Wagner from Hudson, Ohio

~ Calendar of Events ~

- May 14** **Cars & Coffee** at Kings McMurray Rd
Rick Brown 724-969-0118
- May 15** **Bud's Beer & Bull**
6 pm at Iron Creek Grill, Cuddy, PA
Bud Osbourne 724-356-4464
- May 17-20** **WPTA at Import Carlisle**
Mike Yurko for rooms 412-795-8381
Jim Shaw to sell parts 412-262-3878
- May 28** **Dzus Dnuz Meeting**, 6:00 PM
Primanti's I-79 Exit 60
- 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** **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
- Nov 10** **Election Meeting**,
King's at I79 Wexford exit
- Dec 8** **No Meeting, Meeting**,
Gary Fredo 724-378-9610
- Jan ?** **2013 Holiday Party**,

~ Events Of Other Interest ~

- May 19-20** **MG Bedford County Weekend**
Sandy Keller 724-863-5860,
sanj256@yahoo.com
- 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/>

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Slot Car Racing Photos



Start Up Meet Photos



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