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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

Holy Smoke, where did the summer go! Last month a bunch of the guys went to the Glen and the other group went to Altoona. I have heard from both groups and they both told me they had a lot of fun.

Next month there are a few runs, one with Larry Ross to the Amish Village on the 6th. Then there is the fall leaf tour on the 20th with me to Foxburg, so join us. Then on the 27th Bud has his Meander to Marietta. Then we need to have our Election meeting and I hope that we will get enough people to have a meeting. So let's us get out there and drive our cars before it gets too cold.

# Don

## Fall Leaf Tour

by Don Harkus

This year for the Fall Leaf Tour we will head back to the Allegheny Grill (Foxburg Restaurant) on the **20th of October**. We are going to meet at the Get Go in Harmarville just off the turnpike, & old Rt 28 and Rt 910. We should meet at 10:00 and be ready to depart at 10:30 and arrive at the Grill at 1:30 give or take. I am going to try for a more interesting route. We may even see a Bald Eagle along the river. So get your car ready for some nice back roads. I hope they will stop tar & chipping all the roads around here.

## Run to Sugarcreek

by Larry Ross

On Saturday **October 8th**, join Kim and me for a travel back into time. Our time travel will begin at the Kings Family Restaurant in Oakdale, Pa. Kings is located at: 500 Market Place Dr, Oakdale, Pa. 15071, (724) 695-3922

We will leave Kings promptly at 10 AM (drivers meeting @ 9:45 AM), so make sure you get there early enough for breakfast and/or a roll to go along with your coffee (we all know Triumphs are equipped with cup holders).

From there we will travel on a plethora of back roads as we wind our way back thru time to the Amish Country located between Sugarcreek and Berlin Ohio.

<http://www.dutchhostinn.com/home.html>  
<http://www.berlinohio.com/>

This is approximately a 3+ hour drive over hill & dale till we reach our final destination which will include shopping and a late lunch in this beautiful Amish countryside.

"I have also invited the Miami Valley Triumph Club to meet us for lunch". Hope to see everyone at the Kings.

Larry: (412) 780-8495 - cell

## Let's Meander to Marietta!

by Bud Osbourne

For about two weeks after the leaves in our area have fallen to earth, the trees on the hills bordering the Ohio River Valley are still colorful and plentiful. Also, those same hills offer some of the nicest back-roads driving experiences that can be found west of the Laurel Highlands. What better way to experience the colorful scenery and great "driving roads" than in our MGs or Triumphs?

Instead of everybody having to meet at a specific starting location, we're going to try something a bit different: route instructions will be provided to all interested members well ahead of the **10/27** departure date, so that they can either link-up with club members from their part of town, for the run to Marietta, or they can do the "traditional" meeting at the starting point and travel with other club members, from that point. In addition to two outstanding museums (Campus Maritus Museum and The Ohio River Museum), there are numerous antique, craft and "misc." stores in the historic downtown section adjacent to our hotel. There are coffee shops, at least one ice cream shop and...wait for it...a micro-brewery and restaurant!

In keeping with the "meandering" theme of this event, we are keeping everything as unstructured as possible, to encourage all to do whatever sounds interesting to them at whatever time that happens to be. We can meet as a group for dinner at the micro-brewery at around 5, if you like and we'll compile a list of names during the day to determine how big a table to reserve. Bud will lead a group through the Ohio River Museum in the early afternoon, for those interested.

In addition to the wonderful back-roads route we have in store for you, there will be a shorter, quicker route option utilizing a direct-yet-still –scenic route for those not into G-forces.

After a restful night in the beautiful, old, historic Lafayette Hotel, Sunday options include a good breakfast in the hotel's dining room, a walk around town, including the beautiful old residential section adjacent to the historic downtown area and perhaps attending service at one of the many churches in town. Note: reservations will have to be made on the day of the tour, as the hotel is only accepting two night reservations right up to Saturday. Other lodging is available just north of town on Ohio Route 7.

Return to Pittsburgh is a matter of 2.5 to 3 hours driving time, depending on what part you hail from. Departure time is up to the individuals. Some may want to leave fairly early, while others may choose to spend all day wandering around Marietta and Harmar (opposite side of the Muskingum River from Marietta) or perhaps taking a drive up along the Muskingum River to Zanesville, before heading for home.

Whatever you decide, there's certainly a lot to choose from, so we'll see you on **10/27**. Bud: abcoz@hky.com or Cell; 412-855-9969.

## **Editor's Note:**

Now that, alas, summer has waned and most of our driving events are memories, we have space in the Dzus for a couple longer pieces submitted by members over the last few months.

Jerry VanVlack tells us about our drive to the Mitty at Road Atlanta in April. This was a great run. Clearly, to Jerry, the drive there in our TRs was even more memorable than the event itself, which was outstanding. I wrote a short piece with photos about the Mitty in the June issue.

Walt Peterson, who I suspect only a few of us know, writes about his recent adventure running the Polish Mountain Hillclimb in Maryland. After getting his 3 litre Healey back into running shape, with Mike Yurko's help, Walt added the necessary safety equipment and went for it. Who knows what will be next.

## **The Mitty Adventure**

by Jerry VanVlack

Several of the WPTA faithful spent a week traveling to and from The Mitty, a Vintage Sports Car Race @ Road Atlanta sponsored by Grassroots Motorsports magazine. For those who missed the trip I'll do a recap of the adventure in our Little British Cars.

We met in Galax, VA on Tuesday the 24th of April as there were different desires on routes to that point. Unfortunately, a late spring snowstorm messed up plans to drive the WV and VA mountains for a few of the folks and there was a no ending amount of complaining as a result. So, all but a few took the slab from Pittsburgh to Galax. But, that didn't slow anyone down as a speedy pace was maintained by none other than Mad Man Stutzman. If you have an opportunity; ask Bernie about his introduction to one of VA finest. No surprises there, more to follow! Dinner at a great pub in an old Post Office building and the Blue Ridge Parkway awaited us on Wednesday.

Wednesday started slowly as some wanted to sleep in, others wanted to wait out the rain and a certain small MG was having trouble getting its vital fluids from its bottle. Geez, an MG with the Triumphs, what's next Miata's? So we waited while it was burped and off we went with a flash following Stutzman's rat rod TR4. Once on the Blue Ridge the pace quickened. Our intrepid leader even intimidated a Honda SUV to dive off into the grass at one point. The rest of us blasted by waving a thankful hand. Nice drive and did I mention a fast drive, more to come! After some driving thru fog by a group of Fog's we had lunch at Little Switzerland along the Parkway. Leaving Little Switzerland we soon were confronted with the closing of the Parkway (we later determined it was due to ice on the road due to the elevation of the Parkway) and a detour down the mountain and into Asheville. NC. I think we dropped 3000 ft in a few miles and our leader was up to the challenge. So was the MG and off they went. Jay showed he was up to the challenge too and kept a nice pace. This was just a preview of what awaited us on Thursday. Did I mention that our Leader likes to go fast? Well he does and he doesn't look in his mirror very often (how could he?) so once on I-40 into Asheville things got strung out. Fortunately everyone got gathered up and we did a gas stop. The temperature difference between the Parkway and Asheville must have been 40 degrees. We got back on the Parkway in Asheville and followed it to the end. Try it sometime, it's a beautiful drive so I'm told, we were going too fast to enjoy the sights!

We stayed overnight in Bryson City, NC a nice little town at the base of the Smoky Mountains. Our Motel cost \$45.00 for a double; you can fill in the blanks. Some complained.

Thursday also started slowly due the continued feeding problems of the MG. There was also this little issue of a Thunder Storm that dumped a lot of water in a few minutes.

The MG was pulled up under the Motel room's awning and a major overhaul was begun on the fuel pump. Bruce and I went to Breakfast while the rest stood around giving advice. Once the diaper was changed on the MG we were off to the Tail of the Dragon. The roads in and around the Smoky Mountains are some of the finest sports car roads in the east and we did them at speed. Have I mentioned that Bruce likes to drive fast? Bruce, Bud and Jay really enjoyed themselves on those roads. The rest of us tried to enjoy the drive. Surprisingly, once we arrived at the Tail, Bruce sat it out while the others drove it both ways. I don't think he was running a fever. Leaving the Tail we saw the results of the morning storm where some major power lines were down and crews were out fixing the mess. That didn't deter us and off we went again at a fast pace. The last of the twisty roads was GA 60 where Bud took a turn wide and scared an old woman in an F150 off the road much to her dismay. By the time I passed her she was blowing the horn and shaking her fist at me as if I should do something about it. I just grinned and waved back. Bud note: not exactly accurate, but lets just say we enjoyed her over-reaction.

We arrived at our Hotel and met up with several other FOG's from IL, IA and TX and shared some pizza and beer in the hotel lobby. Ed Major had arrived earlier and I'm certain he missed the adventures of the 3 previous days. We missed having him along too as he would have added a lot to the trip.

Friday and Saturday we enjoyed the races and meeting old friends.

The return trip on Sunday and Monday via the slab was eventful. Harvey changed a fuel pump and Bruce changed a flat. We were all pretty tired by then. Bud and Jay left early on Sunday and drove straight through to Pittsburgh. Last I heard Bud had resorted to whacking the fuel pump mounting with a hammer every few miles and has ordered a new pump upon his arrival home.

I'd do this trip again with this group of men. We had more fun than should be allowed. And, most of what happens on these trips never gets told, you have to be there to experience it.



In the fog on the Blue Ridge Parkway

## **Election Meeting.**

November 10th is the date for this year's election meeting. We will be meeting at King's again this year. The exact location and time will be in next month's newsletter but anticipate that the time will be around 10am. Maybe we will have nice weather and some members will be able to get their Triumphs out for one last run before the snow flies!

## **New Member This Month**

A warm welcome goes to our new members Andrew and Sarah Allman from Beaver and their 1972 GT6. We hope to see you both at our events. Andrew stopped by Don Harhus' garage the other day in his GT6 for a beer and some Triumph talk.

# Polish Mountain Hillclimb

by Walt Peterson

Forget the sound of music! On the first weekend of August the hills near Flintstone, Maryland are alive with the sound of competition cars on a 1.2 mile, nine turn, rural road up Polish Mountain. Fred and Barney would love the deepthroated sound of the Yamaha powered D Sports Racers, the Mustangs and Camaros, the Mazdas and even a couple of Austin Healeys and Triumphs challenge gravity and a 500 foot elevation change on state Route 144.

This year was the sixth running of the revived hill. The first hillclimb was held in the early 50s. In 1955, Carroll Shelby drove a front-engined, ex-Grand Prix Ferrari. Back then the hill was called The Breakneck Hillclimb. The current Pope of Slope is George Bowland in the uber-engineered, two stroke BBR Shark. The hillclimb is sponsored by the Flintstone Volunteer Fire Department, the Steel Cities Region of SCCA, and the PHA (Pennsylvania Hillclimb Association) for their championship series.

This was the first year I had a chance to prep the '62, Tri Carb Healey 3000 that spoke to me three years ago at Import Carlisle. Beware of Colorado red Healeys that say shit like, "I ran when parked, plus there is absolutely no rust underneath me!" Beware, especially when the dude's lips beside her move during your mystic crystal revelation. Anyway, we finished the car Friday evening in back-yard racer fashion by numbering the doors in the dark before an early-morning tech session. The weeks before that were spent finishing the one-off roll bar, the safety kill switch, the harnesses and other things without destroying the streetable nature of the car. I'd like to run the PVGP next July and The Mountain forced me to get the car ready, like now.

For a slow car, it was pretty fast. I won the Vintage II class and lowered the class record, but against less than top-flight competition. Still, in racing you are never in control of who chooses to come & compete in your class. Richard Good in his TR 6 set a new record. Mark, in his class, did likewise in a Z06 as did Danny piloting his girlfriends souped-up Corvette. Poor Adrienne; she ended up behind her boyfriend. Don't feel too sorry. Two weeks later at Duryea, she became the first woman to go under the two minute mark at that storied venue. That's on a hill where the GT 1 cars have been radar-clocked at over 140 MPH on the down-hill section. Fast company for a vintage Healey? Perhaps, but Sterling Moss said, "You can always drive any car faster." Besides, vintage competition cars must run on era-correct tires. There is no feeling like the front end washing-out toward the guardrail and drop-off beyond Turn One.

Next year? Ditch the 3.54 rear gears in favor of the 4.10s. Throw some syncros in the tranny/mixer. Get Mikey Yurko to rebuild and magnaflux the front-end (remember the Turn One guardrail and 40 foot drop). Also, start thinking about a Kirkey aluminum racing seat. Oh, yeah, and get the numbers on the door Friday sometime before nightfall.

Walt Peterson has been messin' with cars almost since Fred and Barney's time. He's instructed autocross and SCCA and NASA Performance Driving Schools and worked with E. Paul Dickinson at Watkins Glen. His short story "What He Remembers" deals with a near hillclimb tragedy of a friend and appears in the award-winning collection Depth of Field. He teaches a writing workshop with incarcerated men at SCI Pine Grove in Indiana County, Pennsylvania.



Walt Peterson and his Healey

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## ~ Calendar of Events ~

- Oct 3 Ken's Beer & Bull East**  
6 pm at River Town Pour House  
located in Monroeville.
- Oct 6 Run to Amish Village near Youngstown**  
Larry Ross 412-780-8495
- Oct 8 Cars & Coffee at Kings McMurray Rd**  
Rick Brown, 412-818-1433
- Oct 16 Bud's Beer & Bull**  
6 pm at Iron Creek Grill, Cuddy, PA  
Bud Osbourne 724-356-4464
- Oct 20 Fall Leaf Tour**  
Don Harkus 724-822-5447
- Oct 27-28 Meander to Marietta**  
**This is an overnight event**  
Bud Osbourne 724-356-4464
- Oct 29 Dzus Dnuz Meeting, 6:00 PM**  
Primanti's I-79 Exit 60
- Nov 10 Election Meeting,**  
King's at I79 Wexford exit
- Dec 8 No Meeting, Meeting,**  
Gary Fredo 724-378-9610
- Jan ?? 2013 Holiday Party,**  
Larry Ross 412-780-8495  
Todd Bulebush 412-461-5599

## ~ Events Of Other Interest ~

- Oct 28-2 Vintage Triumph Register**  
National Convention. Galveston Texas  
<http://www.vtr.org/>

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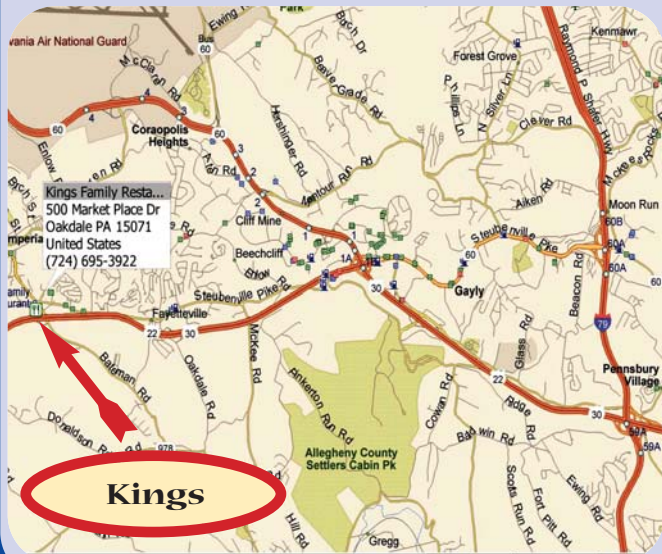
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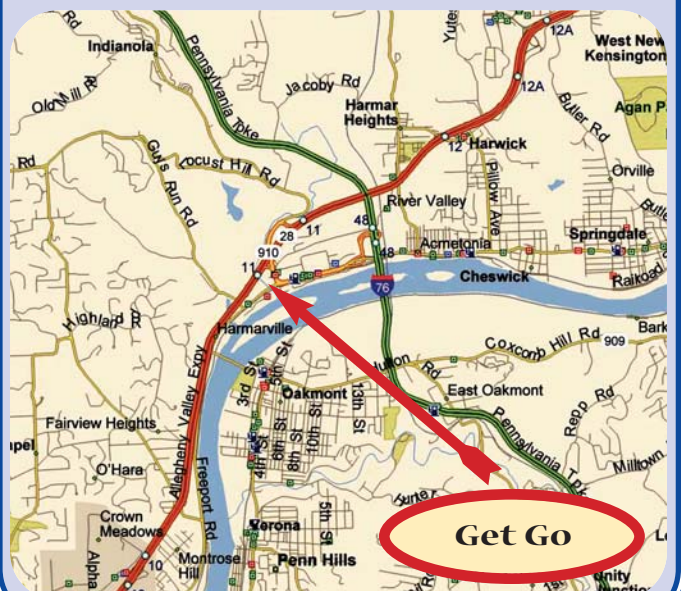
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# Don & Fred's Erie Photos



Photos by Don Harkus

