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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

Who would have thought that this damn winter would still be hanging on? It is like it won't let go; I know that the robins are on the back porch looking for food. It will probably just go into summer instead of spring. I just put the snow plow back on the truck because the weather person said snow. I wish I could be paid for being wrong. Well, enough of me bitching about the weather.

Last month was the meeting at the Church Brew Works. I heard there was not one Triumph there, but a lot of guys showed up. I had to work (sucks). Then Larry did a seat covering tech sessions. Bruce said it was a good turn out and the guy is into racing; just after Bruce's heart. Now that is a car guy.

Next month looks to be a busy month. At the beginning we are heading to the Roadster Factory on **April 13th**. On the **20th** Richard is taking us to the Quaker Steak & Lube in the South Hills on route 51. Then Doug is doing the annual Tune-up clinic at my place on **April 27th** with free oil. Who will change it there? Most of us will buy a case for the cars that leak it.

I have been busy with working and doing the TR4. The car that Fred and I are working on is a 64 TR4. Martin, the owner, would like it to be the original color, an off white with a red interior and gray carpets. It is going to be a wonderful car. Keep the sun shining, and the tops down!

*Don*

## Free Motor Oil

by Doug Foyle

8 AM, Saturday **April 27** at Don Harkus' Garage near Evans City, are the particulars for this year's WPTA Tune Up Clinic. And yes, there will be free motor oil for all in attendance who perform an oil change. We will also have cases of Brad Penn 20w-50 "Green" High Performance Oil available for purchase at \$55.00 per case. We are able to buy the oil at a nice discount from our supplier and pass that discount onto you. This oil is very highly recommended for our older engines.

The Roadster Factory will be in attendance with a variety of tune up bits for sale including your oil filter. Place your orders early and have them earmarked for the clinic, and you will get special show pricing. Free freight will be included to Donald's for pick up at the event.

All small jobs are welcome. If you have a large project ie front end rebuild, transmission swap, etc.; call Doug and please secure help if needed. All cars must go home at days end.

If you have never attended this opening event to the driving season, it is a great opportunity to get your car ready for Spring, observe or help with members projects, or ask questions about your project at home.

We will be ordering out for lunch. Please bring your own beverage. Any questions? Please call Doug Foyle at (724)452-5218. Hope to see you there!

## 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 **April 13th** 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. We will be driving straight up rt 22 to the Roadster Factory. We had a lot of Triumphs and MGs at this event last year which was in the middle of March. Since the event is a month later this year then maybe we can get an even bigger turnout. This year's hosts will be Albert and Dan. Last year the tour of The Roadster Factory operations turned into a question and answer session. So bring any questions on anything that you ever wanted to know about the Roadster factory and let's put Albert and Dan to the test. Currently The Roadster Factory has one TRS sitting in the front room and another one in the process of restoration. There are also several other Triumphs and MGs scattered about inside the building which always makes for interesting conversation as we tour the operations.

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 April 13th. 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.

The Altoona British Car club will be joining us again 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! One other note is that if you are looking for a fun drive home then you can take either rt 56 north or rt 56 south after lunch for a spirited drive. Rt 56 north will eventually put you onto 422. Head west on 422 and you will end up in Butler. Or, head south on rt 56 until you come to 711. Head south on 711 until you come to rt 30. West on rt 30 will lead you into Greensburg.

## Quaker Steak & Lube

by Richard Dick

Chuck and Sandy Keller and Judy and I invite all of you to join us for a noon lunch, liquid refreshment, and much BS at the Quaker Steak & Lube on Route 51 in Pleasant Hills on **Saturday April 20th**. We should be able to park together on the left side of the building. Hopefully they will block off that area for us. As a side note, check out the current Harbor Freight catalog and round up those coupons and discounts because its close by and you could shop before or after lunch. Have a great time planning your ride to and from Q S&L.

# Pete Brock Special Guest at Carlisle 2013

by Bruce Stutzman

## Pete Brock:

- Designer of the Triumph 250K that was later the impetus for the TR7.
- Designer of the Cobra Daytona Coupe.
- Penned the original sketch for the Sting Ray racecar that morphed into the 1963 Corvette Sting Ray.
- Columnist for Classic Motorsports magazine.
- Head of BRE (Brock Racing Enterprises) that put Datsun on the map by winning SCCA championships with the 2000 Roadster and the 240Z and 2 Trans Am championships with the 510 Sedan.

Yes, that Pete Brock will be at Carlisle this year. So, be there or be square.

Remember, WPTA rents 3 vending spots (C66,67&68) for use by club members. So, come and sell some of your old stuff, buy somebody else's old stuff, just hang around with the guys or a combination of all three.

## Import Carlisle 2013

by Mike Yurko

Spring is here and it's time to get the cars out for a great time at Import weekend at Carlisle. This is probably the largest car show outside of the PVGP that you will go to this year.

The dates are **May 17, 18 & 19** and WPTA has reserved a block of rooms at the Hotel Carlisle. This is the same place we have stayed the past few years. This year we will have our rooms in the 500 building where we have been in the past.

For room reservations the phone number is: 1-717-243-1717 or 1-800-692-7315. The rate is \$99 a night. When you call make sure that you let them know that you are with the WPTA (Western PA Triumph Association) to get the discount and in the same block of rooms.

Hope to see you there.



Jim Keenan's impressive slot car layout.



George shows us how to do it on Larry's Spitfire seats



## Seat Rebuild Tech Wrap-up

by Larry Ross

On Saturday March 16th, we had our Tech Session (seat rebuilding) compliments of the George Yago Auto Trim Shop.

The seats in my 1977 Triumph Spitfire were original seats straight from the factory which George confirmed based upon the following:

The seat covers were "glued on" using a brush. You could clearly see the "brush strokes" on the original seat foams. Today, the technique is to "spray on" the glue.

Since my seat covers are still in outstanding condition, the idea was to reuse the original covers. This is accomplished by "rolling back" the seat covers off of the foams. The seat foams that I purchased were Made in England. According to George, the seat foams that are imported from China do not have the "protective layer" on the backs and bottoms to protect the foam from the metal. Hence, if you do not add the "protective layer" the metal on the seats will cut right thru the foams.

For the Club members who attended, not only did they learn the technique of seat rebuilding, they also received lunch and BEER !!!

So this was a Win, Win for the attendees.

If you would like to utilize the services of the Auto Trim Shop: George Yago Trim Shop, 674 Cochran Mill Rd., Jefferson Hills, Pa. 15025, (412) 653-3902

<http://www.georgeyagoautotrim.com/>

I would like to thank George for opening up the Trim Shop on a Saturday morning to accommodate the club.



# New Members This Month

A warm welcome goes to our new members Richard and Paula Parker of Duncansville and their '67 TR4 and also their '72 TR6; George and Kathy Yonker of McDonald and their 69 Jaguar e-type; and Barry and Susan Brooks and their '70 TR6. We look forward to seeing all of you at our events.



Jacksonville, FL January 25, 2013

## Franklin PA Tour

by Pat Ledford

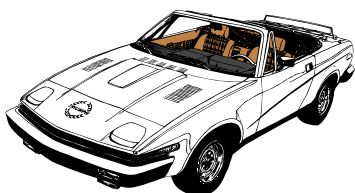
Although there is snow on the grass, I have started a preliminary route through the countryside for an early spring run north to Franklin PA. By **May 4th** I hope the weather cooperates and the temp will allow the top down but not scorching like August. Hopefully by the first of May every one has all their winter car projects completed and the Triumphs are well tuned for summer driving.

We will meet in the lower lot at the Target Store in Cranberry Twp located on route 28. We will travel to Slippery Rock for a rest stop, on over to Mercer PA, and then continuing north on a scenic two lane highway to downtown Franklin PA. We will have lunch at McGinnis' Irish Pub and Grille located in the Commons. There is parking behind the Pub and across the street at the Bank.

There are a lot of unique shops in this oil Boomtown and there is a Garden Mart on the other side of town on this weekend. Just do not let your wife talk you into taking the daily driver SUV to haul flowers home.

Drivers meeting will be at 9:45AM and the first group off at 10:00AM.

Going home there is just as nice scenic run down Route 8, starts on a lightly traveled four lane through the mountains, then a two lane hwy to Butler or travel 108 west to 79 or 19.



### FOR SALE:

1961 MGA,  
Condition: Good. All systems are functioning. Paint and interior need work.  
Mileage: 52848,  
Extras not Installed:  
New items - Soft top, Side curtains, Rear luggage rack,

Side mirrors. Extras not Installed: Used items- Hard top, Spare wheel with tire. Asking price: \$15,000.

Contact: Dick Belisle, Phone-412-264-7020

## ~ Calendar of Events ~

- Apr 8 Cars & Coffee** at Kings McMurray Rd  
Rick Brown, 412-818-1433
- Apr 13 Run to The Roadster Factory**  
Meet for breakfast at Deans Diner
- Apr 16 Bud's Beer & Bull**  
6 pm at Iron Creek Grill, Cuddy, PA  
Bud Osbourne 724-356-4464
- Apr 20 Quaker Steak & Lube – Pleasant Hills**  
Richard Dick 724-379-5172
- Apr 27 Tune-up Clinic – Don's Garage**  
Doug Foyle 724-452-5218
- Apr 29 Dzus Dnuz Meeting, 6:00 PM**  
Primanti's I-79 Exit 60
- May 4 Run to Franklin**  
Pat Ledford 724-901-7005
- May 16-19 WPTA at Import Carlisle**  
Mike Yurko for rooms 412-795-8381  
Jim Shaw to sell parts 412-262-3878
- May 25 Tour of Lordstown Plant**  
Richard Dick 724-379-5172
- Jun 8 Mini Golf & Ice Cream**  
Richard Dick 724-379-5172
- Jun 15 North to Devil's Playground**  
Larry Ross 412-780-8495
- Jun 22 Summer Solstice Tour**  
Don Stewart 412-963-1893
- Jul 18 PVGP Countryside Tour – all cars invited**  
Bud Osbourne 724-356-4464
- Jul 20 British Car Day at Schenley Park**
- Jul 27 Johnstown Run**  
Richard Dick 724-379-5172
- Aug 10 Quaker Steak & Lube Tour - Sharon**  
Pat Ledford 724-901-7005
- Aug 17 Night Owl,**  
Doug Foyle 724-452-5218

## ~ Events Of Other Interest ~

- May 23 Trolley Fair & Classic Car Show**  
Washington PA, Jack Sutherland  
412-563-1903 or sutherjd@aol.com
- Jun 12-15 Triumph Register of America**  
National Convention. Aurora Kentucky  
Jeff & Libby Slaton j\_slaton@bellsouth.net  
270-978-6397
- Jun 28-29 Vintage Races, Mid-Ohio**
- Jul 13-14 Vintage Races, Beaverun**
- Jul 16 PVGP Car Cruise**
- Jul 20-21 Pittsburgh Vintage Gran Prix**
- Aug 2 - 3 The Roadster Factory Summer Party**

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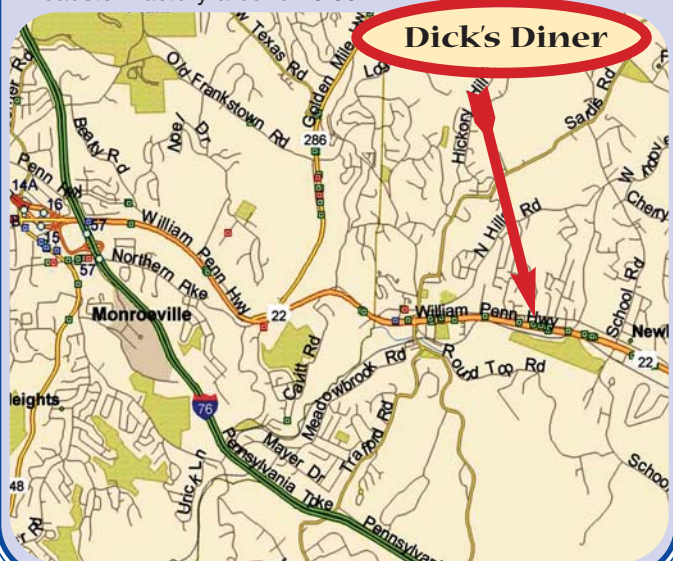
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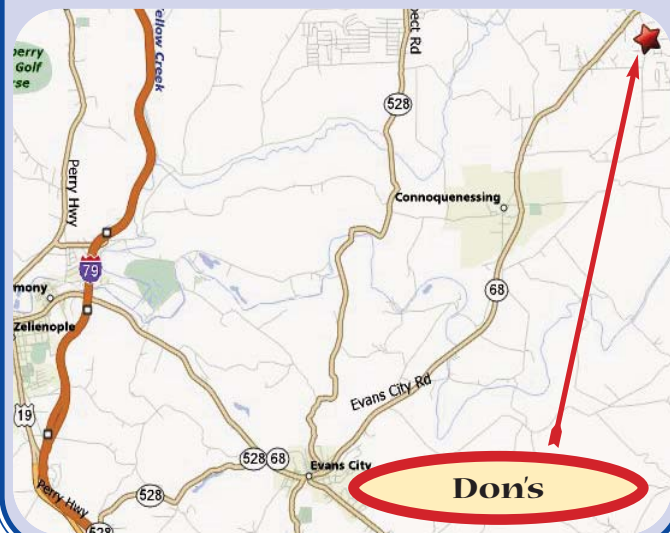
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## Apr 27 Tune Up Clinic

8 AM, Saturday April 27 at Donald Harkus' Garage in Butler, at 195 Kriess Road, Butler PA 16001, north of Evans City, just off Route 68. Turn right at the red light about 5 miles, out of Evans City, before the Honda North Dealer, right onto Kriess Road, Don is on the left. (Decile)





# Slot Car Racing Photos





# Tech Time Photos

