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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

The snow is flying, and the tops are up. I am looking for my next project to get started. As most of you know I have been working on a TR4 and it is almost done, Thank God. After having trouble with the engine missing plugs in the crankshaft, and with some help from a bunch of friends the car is running great. It seems the more cars we work on the better they get. I guess practice makes perfect or next to it.

I have a few things that I want to do on my TR3. I know Fred has been working on his TR3 rebuilding the engine, it had a knock in it. Since he never did anything major to it he thought it would be time to get it right. Then on to the TR250 project, I hope to have it done soon.

Last month was the Election Meeting. As we had the Meeting I noticed that the meetings are getting smaller. We need to find more people to show up at the next one. It was a little colder but I drove my TR6 there along with a few others. PJ even had his top down. The officers are still the same. The treasurer's report is the same and you could probable guess it "WE GOT MONEY". We even gave more money to the Grand Prix.

Next month is the No Meeting Meeting at Quaker Steak & Lube in Cranberry so check for time and date in Gary's article.

Jim & Diane Bastone are doing the Holiday Party in January, and I have to thank them in advance. I was also talking to Scott at Team Triumph and February is on, we just need a date from Gary. By the way, Gary is doing a wonderful job at keeping us all straight on event dates.

So, I hope all were good for Santa and he has your list in hand. To bring you all the toys you need. Happy Holidays.

Don

Holiday Party

On **January 18th at 6:00 PM.** Location is Monte Cello's Restaurant, 4655 William Flynn Highway, Route 8 near Wildwood Road. Allison Park, PA 15101.

Yes, Virginia there will be a Holiday Party this year. Thanks to Jim & Diane Bastone for picking up the banner and volunteering to put the Holiday Party together for us. This year we are going to have a buffet dinner as well as hot and cold appetizers, salad, soft drinks, coffee, & tea. The buffet will consist of Lasagna, Prime Rib, Broiled Cod English Style, Mixed vegetables, and Roasted Red Skin Potatoes. Cake will be served for dessert. There will be a cash bar.

Cocktails at 6:00, Dinner served at 7:00. Anyone wishing to donate a door prize please bring it to the party. Cost will be \$30 per person. Drop dead date for RSVP is Monday, January 13th. Send check made out to WPTA. To, Jim & Diane Bastone, 138 Sunset Dr. Pgh, PA 15237-3741.

Any questions call 412-486-7335. Or email, j.bastone2@verizon.net



Steering Committee Meeting

by Gary Fredo

The Planning meeting will be on **January 25, 2014 at 10:00 AM** in the 1889 Café located at 2017 East Carson Street in South Side. The last I checked, you can park a block or two off Carson in either direction for free. Several members wanted to go back somewhere that serves breakfast so after an extensive search I was able to find a place that serves beer and breakfast. Well, you don't have to have the beer with your breakfast but it is available for those early risers that are ready for a beer or two. Thanks again to everyone that helped out this past year with events. I was unable to attend many of the events because of Triumph troubles but everyone I talked to had a great time and really enjoyed the various events. If you were at an event that you enjoyed this year please mention it to the person that put the event together and thank them. As always, we need members to coordinate a multitude of events for next year so come on out to the planning meeting and volunteer to run an event. Not interested in planning an event but "keg n eggs" sounds like fun then come on out to the planning meeting. If anyone is interested in putting together an event for January, February or March then let me know before the planning meeting and we can get it on the calendar so everyone is aware of your event. And, as always, if you want to plan an event but can't make the planning meeting then give me a call at 724-378-9610 or drop me an email at garyfredo@yahoo.com and let me know what you want to do.

No Meeting, Meeting

by Gary Fredo

There are two things you can always count on in December. Crazy Christmas shoppers and the Triumph club eating wings and drinking some beer in Cranberry. Personally I prefer the latter over the former so let's all go to the Cranberry Quaker Steak & Lube on **December 14th at 1:00 pm.** As the name implies, this is a very laid back event so you can arrive anytime between 1:00 and 3:00 and there will be someone hanging out. Maybe even later since we have the room until around 5:00. Don't forget to buy your Quaker Steak & Lube gift card at Giant Eagle before the event so you can get some money off your next fill up. We are a friendly bunch so this is a great event for new members and members that can't make many events to come out and meet everyone. If you don't know anyone there then just walk up to them and ask what kind of Triumph they drive. That's a guaranteed conversation starter in this club. There will be plenty of great bench racing, great food and cold refreshments so why would you want to stay home? See you there.



PITTSBURGH VINTAGE GRAND PRIX ASSOCIATION

Benefiting the Autism Society of Pittsburgh and Allegheny Valley School

November 5, 2013

Mr. Bruce Stutzman
Western Pennsylvania Triumph Club
2348 Weston Drive
Pittsburgh, PA 15241

Dear Western Pennsylvania Triumph Club Members,

Last month the Pittsburgh Vintage Grand Prix Association was able to shatter the all-time record and set the bar high with a \$350,000 donation to our charities. This represents the 7th time in the last 9 years that we were able to set a new record. Car clubs play a key role in our success and we could not do this without your participation.

On behalf of the Pittsburgh Vintage Grand Prix Association, our Board of Directors and over 1,200 volunteers we want to thank the members of the Western Pennsylvania Triumph Club for your incredibly kind donation of \$7,000.00. This also represents an all-time record for the WPTA's donation! Your club's participation helps make our International Car Show, and our entire event, more special.

These funds will help provide residential care, treatment and support for autistic and developmentally disabled individual's right here in Western Pennsylvania through the Autism Society of Pittsburgh and Allegheny Valley School.

Once again, thank you for your incredibly kind support of our event and our cause. We look forward to your participation again in 2014.

Sincerely,

Daniel E. DelBianco
Executive Director

Robert Speer
Car Show Chairman

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DUES ARE DUE Now!

by Richard Dick

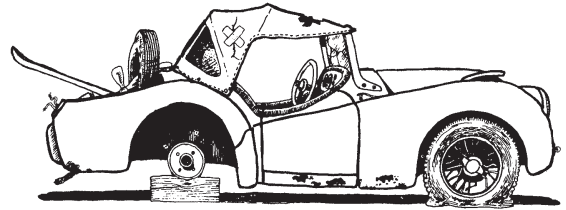
If your address label has "**Expires Dec. '13**", I am collecting dues money for next year's membership in our club. PLEASE make checks/mo. payable to "WPTA" in the amount of \$20. Cash is also accepted but no credit cards. Payment for multiple years is very good and also very acceptable. So make it a point to get it in the mail today.

Send it to Richard Dick, 106 Cypress Ave., Monongahela, PA 15063. If you do have a question or comment, give me a call at 724.379.5172 or better yet email me at britcarnuts@comcast.net. Do it now so you don't forget!

Please include any and all updates in physical address, email address, phone numbers, cell phones, cars, etc that you have made. I don't mind getting repeat information. I try my best to keep accurate information for our club. Response from my plea last month was good and I thank all of you who sent in your dues. Also, if you wish to just receive your newsletter via the net, let me know that as well.

Thank you and have a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Rich and Judy



Around the Club

by Bruce Stutzman

Here are some of the car projects in progress, not necessarily quickly, and recent car purchases by club members. I'm sure there are more; I just don't know about them. Let me know what you're up to and I'll report it in these hallowed pages.

- Jim Underwood's rebuild of Richard Dick's TR7 engine is in the reassembly stage.
- Jay Galbreath bought Paul Cronin's 1500 Midget. After we got it running Jay just couldn't resist.
- Bud Osbourne bought Paul's Midget tub and numerous spare parts. Willa can now put her daily driver in the garage just in time for winter.
- Wray and I finished the rebuild of Wray's MGA engine – installation next.
- Larry Ross' friend Curt bought a very nice yellow TR6. Presumably Curt will join the club; maybe we'll meet him at the No Meeting Meeting.
- Bob Wyner bought Toby Yurko's TR8 with its much modified engine. Hopefully it doesn't get away from him.
- Bud just picked up a 1500 Spitfire from Russ Moore for son Alec.
- Don Harkus is back on track after unexpected engine issues with his TR4 project.
- Don and Jim Shaw are both building TR250s, albeit slowly. Don plans to install a supercharger in his; Jim plans to install TR5 fuel injection in his.
- Bob Pokrywka is neck deep in his TR3 project. I'm not up on his progress though.
- Russ Moore just finished the front suspension on his TR6, maybe we will see Russ at British Car Day this year.
- Gary Fredo's Spitfire is still motigating on its own 4 wheels. You might wonder what motigate means. The only time I heard it used was by my drill sergeant in basic training. In this context – Get off your ass and start motigating! I knew what he meant and haven't forgotten to this day.



Cars & Coffee was well attended in November.



All those in favor of Don's re-election please remain seated.



Don would make a great Santa Claus!

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Dec 14 -- No Meeting Meeting -- Cranbury
Dec 9, Cars & Coffee -- Dec 17, Beer & Bull

Dec 14 -- No Meeting Meeting -- Cranbury

We will meet around 1:00 again this year but some of us hang out for a while so come on out even if you can't make it until a little later.



~ Calendar of Events ~

- Dec 9 Cars & Coffee** 9 am at Kings McMurray Rd
Rick Brown, 412-818-1433
- Dec 14 No Meeting Meeting**
1 PM at the Cranberry Steak & Lube
- Dec 17 Bud's Beer & Bull**
6 pm at Iron Creek Grill, Cuddy, PA
Bud Osbourne 412-855-9969
- Dec 30 Dzus Dnuz Meeting, 6:00 PM**
Primanti's I-79 Exit 60 - Bruce 412-600-7275

~ 2014 ~

- Jan 11 MG Pub Night**, Bill Kirk
wakirk@live.com or 412-366-7824.
- Jan 18 WPTA Holiday Party**,
Jim & Diane Bastone j.bastone2@verizon.net
- Jan 25 Steering Committee Meeting**
1889 Café, 2017 East Carson Street
Gary Fredo 724-378-9610
- Jul 19 British Car Day**
Schenley Park

~ Events Of Other Interest ~

- Jun 11-15 Triumph Register of America**
Deer Creek State Park near Mt Sterling OH
Bruce Clough 937-238-4962
- Jun 13-15 Canadian Historic Grand Prix**