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Dusk Till Don

Hi there, I am sitting here looking out my window thinking that if this snow was white sand I would be out driving my cars around. Instead I am freezing my butt off thinking of the guys who are in Florida. Last month was the Steering Meeting and as always Gary took charge of it and has a lot of events for this coming year. I would also like to thank everyone who did events last year. The club runs smooth when we have so many events. This year we have a lot of the same ones and a few of new ones. The calendar is pretty full, but there is always room for more.

The Holiday Party was a huge success. We need to thank Todd, Jan, Larry and Kim. Without the girls, who probably did most of the work and wrapping most of the gifts; I know who wraps them in our household. Yes, Richard Dick did finally get to keep one of his gifts. It was a nice blanket.

The Drivers award was a close race between three people Larry Ross, Pat Ledford and, would you believe, Gary Fredo's car made it to most of the events without breaking down. The winner was Larry Ross by 2 events, so better luck next time guys and to Larry good job.

Next month is the Run to Team Triumph and I know Scott loves to see all of us even if you don't spend a lot of money. So come on along and spend the day with a bunch of good old guys looking at a bunch of good old parts.

Don

Dzus Dues Due

by Richard Dick

We are getting down to the last minute for renewals. I have highlighted the labels of those who still need to pay their dues. If your address label has "Expires Dec. '12" highlighted, then you are among the 41 who still need to send me \$20.00. PLEASE make checks/mo. Payable to "WPTA". Cash is also accepted but no credit cards. Payment for multiple years is very good and also very acceptable. Send it to Richard Dick, 106 Cypress Ave., Monongahela, PA 15063. If you 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, cars, etc that you have made during the past year. We want your email address so we can update you on events and changes on a timely basis. I don't mind getting repeat information. I try my best to keep accurate information for the club. Lastly, if you wish to NOT receive a printed copy of the newsletter and use only the web, let me know this as well. We already have several who wish to go online for the information.

Rich

Got skills?

by Jim Keenan

Saturday, March 2nd is the day to impress your fellow club members with your driving skills. The WPTA is having our second annual slot car racing extravaganza. The racing will be held at the world class MVSCC (Mahoning Valley Slot Car Club) Raceway in beautiful Poland, Ohio.

This venue is a serious race track. The track is over 110 feet of routed MDF (medium density fiberboard) with computer track management recording lap times to the 1000th of a second. The high tech set up also includes: an adjustable (0-20 volts) DC power supply, hand controls with adjustable sensitivity/ dynamic braking, highly detailed 1/32 and 1/24 slot cars, and a computer tabulated race results.

The plan is to meet at Perkin's in Cranberry. If you plan to eat breakfast be sure you are done and ready to leave by 10:30. Keep in mind that I do plan on providing lunch. Last year everyone passed on lunch due to the size of their breakfast. My suggestion is a small breakfast so that you actually have an appetite for lunch. The drive from Cranberry to Poland is 45/50 minutes.

Once at the "track" I will explain the finer points of slot car racing, and everyone will get a chance to play/practice with the cars. Actual green flag racing will commence and we shall see who the "Top Dog" on the track is. We will continue to race until everyone has had their fill.

General notes: adult beverages are encouraged, there is no official ending time- we will race till everyone has had enough, if you want to come directly to my house rather than meet a Perkin's see below.

Contact Information: March 2,2013 Slot Car Racing
Jim Keenan: home 330- 318- 8279 or cell 330-402-0707
7921 Cliffview Dr. Poland, OH 44514

Run to Team Triumph

Our annual trip to Team Triumph will be on Saturday, February 9, 2013. As usual we will meet at Perkin's restaurant on Route 19 in Cranberry for breakfast at 8AM and caravan from there at about 9:00 am to Team Triumph in Warren Ohio. We usually spend several hours at Team Triumph looking through parts, buying stuff and generally BSing before heading to a local establishment for a late lunch.

All New Calendar For 2013

See Page Three



Larry Ross, 2012, Driver of the year award winner

Holiday Party Wrap-Up

by Larry Ross

Well, what a great time we all had at the annual Holiday Party at McCormick's, from the food, drink and the stories (some manufactured I assume)...But we all know what the Holiday Party really means...another Driving Season is right around the corner.

I would personally like to thank the following parties involved:

Todd & Jan Bulebush for organizing the dinner portion of the event (It was really stressful deciding on the menu). Jan for her "present wrapping" expertise.

Kim Ross for putting up with me, when I agreed to once again be co-chair for this event. Also, the above named "present wrapping" expertise. I would also like to thank Kim for allowing me to plan runs and in general "put up with my crap".

Pittstop International – Linn at Pittstop International for donating a box of car care products that pertain to our "slightly used but loved" vehicles. Please visit their website:

www.PittstopInternational.com

Mario Marinelli & WD40 – Mario was kind enough to donate a box of products that he represents thru his position with WD40.

The Roadster Factory – for their continued support of the club, and their Christmas goodies.

Team Triumph – for their continued support of the club and their Christmas goodies.

Bryan Dille & Pro Tech Glass – for the case of glass cleaner that was donated to the club.

Don Harkus for his continued guidance and support of the club and all members.

Bruce "we got money" Stutzman for allowing me to go shopping on the club dime.

Gary Fredo for always being around when needed, and his Spitfire knowledge, which is a huge plus for any Spitfire owner.

Ken Mikos (Bicycle Event Chairman) for conning me into doing this for another year, and for his technical expertise when I broke down on the way home from Watkins Glen. Please remember that Ken wants you to spend money.

I hope everyone had a Great Time, now Let's Drive

Church Brew Works

by Dexter

So if you find yourselves around the 3500 block of Liberty Avenue around, say, noon on 9 March, why don't you stop in to the Church Brew Works for a bite to eat? Or perhaps just a drink? Even though this isn't a driving event, per se, the back parking lot will surely have some British Steel; likely the first time out for the year. Look forward to seeing you there!

Import Carlisle 2013

by Mike Yurko

Spring is not far away and soon time to get the cars out for a great time at Import weekend at Carlisle

This year the dates are May 17-19 and we have 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.

Tech Session

by Larry Ross

Please be advised that this is a "Tentative Tech Session" it is based around the work schedule of the Trim Shop and could be cancelled.

Well, here we are thinking of Spring and once again looking at our vehicles with that loving look (mostly glazed over). So in anticipation of the upcoming driving season, what better way to start then by having a Tech Session.

During this tech session, we will be replacing the seat foams in my 1977 Spitfire. The tech session will be held at the George Yago Trim Shop. George has been doing interior trim work for over 30 years, and is extremely well know in the South Hills area.

So here are the details: Date: March 16th, Time: 10:00 AM
Place: George Yago Trim Shop, 674 Cochran Mill Rd.
Pittsburgh, Pa. 15025, (412) 653-3902

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

The rumor is that beer will be served.

Planning Meeting Follow-up

We had great weather (for January) and a great turnout for the Planning meeting. The weather was nice enough for shorts but not nice enough to bring out the Triumphs. Mostly because of all the slop still on the roads. Hopefully the nice weather was a precursor to what we can expect for our events this year. Thanks to everyone for coming out and volunteering to run events. The volunteers are who make our events so great so remember to thank them when you are on an event this year. The calendar is pretty full but there are still several open weekends so if you wanted to plan an event in 2013 then drop me an email at garyfredo@yahoo.com and we can get your event on the calendar. Currently I still need someone to volunteer for the Holiday party in January of 2014. On a side note, there are no bicycle events listed on the calendar since the Bicycle Events Chairman hasn't held his much anticipated 1st annual Bicycle Events Planning Meeting but I'm sure that is in the works.



Bicycle Events

After having done a great job for several years, Kenny Mikos is giving up his duties as holiday party coordinator. Kenny is now serving in the new role of bicycle events chairman. However, since no self-respecting Triumph or MG owner would miss a club driving event for a bicycle ride, we won't bother listing his events in the Dzus.

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FOR SALE: Triumph TR-6 parts for sale/trade. Parts include: ODM Steelhard top, OEM bonnet/hood for 74 TR-6, Steel Wheels, Aluminum wheel trim rings, Center wheel trim with insignia, Assorted tail and signal fixture assemblies, Interior door hardware, Side window glass with plastic, Windscreens frames with glass, Convertible top frames, Speedometer, Tachometer and other gauges, Radiator grille, Fiberglass rocker panels, Various miscellaneous parts. Please contact me with your needs. Lehigh Valley, PA area. Contact: chastelese@yahoo.com for photographs or to arrange a personal visit to view parts.

A Nice Note From our Friend Gary Hunter at Classic Motorsports Magazine.

Hi Bruce,

I enjoyed the TR6 choke article, super job. I have been preaching the same message about the choke springs for years. I just put a set on last weekend for a friend's 74 TR6. She was complaining about a fast idle and poor running. Such an easy fix.

TRF has the parts # listed in their TR250 red catalog, but I have not seen it in their blue volume 1 TR6 catalog. I'll bring in the part # off the little parts bag and email you the part # in case you want it for the newsletter.

See you at the Rolex 24.

Cheers,

Gary

Ed. Note – TRF part # ZEB16934

~ Events Of Other Interest ~

- 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**
- Sep 6-8** **Friends of Triumph - Kastner Cup**
Road America, Elkart Lake WI
Special WPTA Club meeting Friday at 12
midnight at Siebkens
- Sep 6-8** **Vintage Races, Watkins Glen**
- Sep 6-8** **Degrosso Car Show, Altoona**
- Sep 29** **British Cars at Hartwood**
- Oct 2-6** **Vintage Triumph Register**
San Rafael, CA

~ Calendar of Events ~

- Feb 9** **Run to Team Triumph**
Don Harkus 724-822-5447 dharkus@aol.com
- Feb 11** **Cars & Coffee** at Kings McMurray Rd
Rick Brown, 412-818-1433
- Feb 19** **Bud's Beer & Bull**
6 pm at Iron Creek Grill, Cuddy, PA
Bud Osbourne 724-356-4464
- Feb 25** **Dzus Dnuz Meeting, 6:00 PM**
Primanti's I-79 Exit 60
- Mar 2** **Slot Car Racing**
Jim Keenan 330-318-8279
- Mar 9** **Church Brew Works,**
Dexter Stoltz 412-865-1201
- Mar 16** **Tech Session Seat Rebuilding**
Tentative event Larry Ross 412-780-8495
- Mar 23** **MG Club Tech Session**
George Kress 724-625-7264
- Apr 6 or 13** **Run to The Roadster Factory**
Meet for breakfast, location & time TBD
- Apr 20** **Quaker Steak & Lube Tour – Pleasant Hills**
Richard Dick 724-379-5172
- Apr 27** **Tune-up Clinic – Don's Garage**
Doug Foyle 724-452-5218
- 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
- Aug 24** **Half Day Run,**
PJ Wright 412-833-4142
- Sep 14** **Drive, Name TBD**
Rick Brown 412-818-1433
- Sep 22** **Anniversary Run to St Mary's,**
Larry Ross 412-780-8495
- Oct 5** **Run to Apple Butter Festival**
Tentative event Larry Ross 412-780-8495
- Oct 12** **MG Fall Leaf Tour**
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- Oct 26** **Meander to Marrietta – Fall Leaf Tour**
Bud Osbourne 724-356-4464
- Nov 16** **Election Meeting,**
King's at I79 Wexford exit
- Dec 14** **No Meeting, Meeting,**
Gary Fredo 724-378-9610
- Jan ?, 2014** **Holiday Party,**
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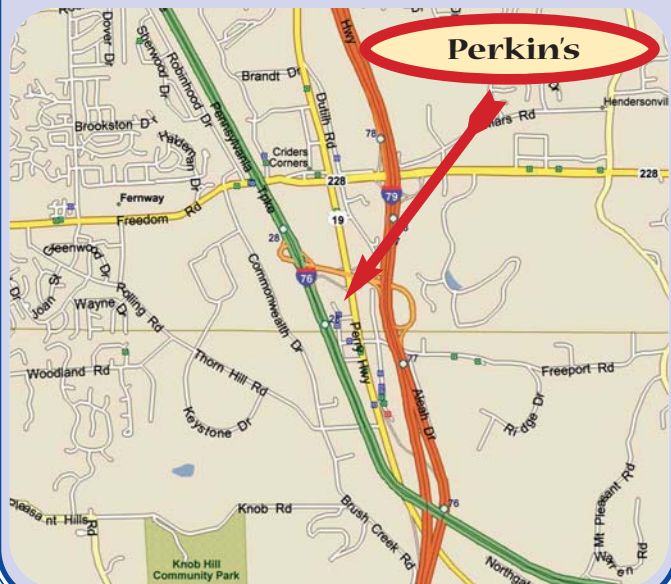
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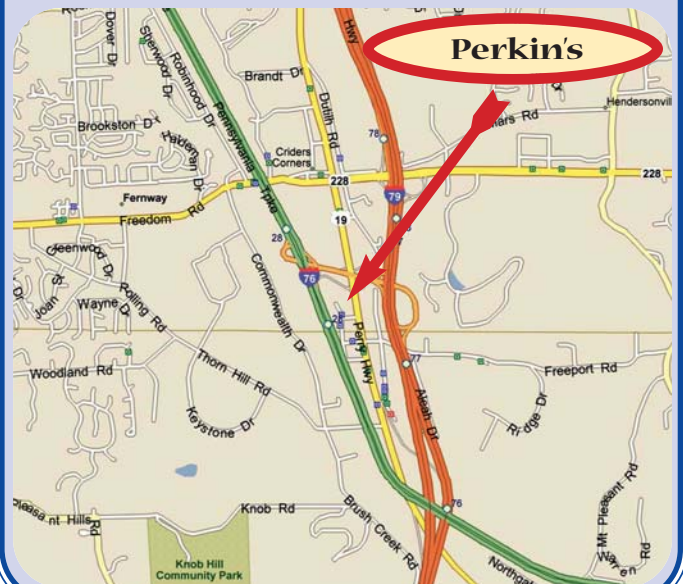
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March 2 Slot Car Racing

We will meet at the Perkins in Cranberry at 10:30 am. From there Jim Keenan will lead the group back to his house.



Holiday Party Photos



Photos by Chuck Chappas



Photos by Larry Ross



More Holiday Party Photos

