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The Crack Of Don

Looks like another damn cold day here; when is it going to end? Maybe I should have gone to Florida with the guys. I just got back from the Steering Meeting; a whole 7 of us showed up for that. It looks as if PennDot was on vacation; I only saw 2 trucks the whole way into town. The back roads look like they where never plowed at all, but I know they where. Enough of my whining. The calendar looks to be just about filled, but there is always room for more. So if you still have an idea for an event give Gary or me a call. I know we are always looking to do new things.

The Holiday Party was a great time even though it was moved at the last minute. The original location got flooded by a water pipe break. Jim and Diane did a wonderful job getting us a place in the last minute, however two couples didn't get notified about the change of venue. Scott and Erin Permar eventually made it while John & Susan Borchert didn't. I am truly sorry for the mess up. Congratulations to Larry Ross for again winning the coveted WPTA 2013 Drivers Award, Larry has the distinction of 100% attendance at club events.

Next month is our run to one of Fred's and my favorite places and you could probably guess its Team Triumph. I know that I always call from my cell phone and Scott answers "Hi Don" seems like he has my number, both phone and card. My wife thinks I should do something about that, like quit calling him so much. Well that will have to wait till I am done with the TR250. Of course there is always something else to buy.

Don

Membership Drive

by Richard Dick

We are getting down to the last minute for renewals. We still have 41 members who have not yet paid their dues and I highlighted the labels of those who still need to pay. If your address label has "Expires Dec. '13" highlighted, then you are among those 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 good and also very acceptable.

Make the check or money order payable to "WPTA" in the amount of \$20.00 and 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, cars, etc that you have changed during the past year. 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.

Run to Team Triumph

by Don Harkus

We will meet at Perkins Restaurant on Rt 19 in Cranberry for breakfast at 8:00 AM on **Saturday, Feb 8** and plan to leave Perkins around 9:00 AM to head to Team Triumph. So get your parts list together and let Scott know what you need. It's always best to call Scott ahead of time with your order so he can have it ready when you get there. Just let him know that you are coming up with WPTA on the 8th. Team Triumph is a great place to visit. There is always interesting stuff around. Personally, I enjoy checking out the latest acquisitions that are usually lined up in the middle of the warehouse. Some of the cars that he gets are in pretty decent shape and have titles. Can you say project car! And, as always, there are tons of parts to check out all over the place. There is a second building full of larger parts including body tubs. The second building isn't heated so we will have to see if anyone is willing to tough it out and go check out that building. After hanging out at Scott's for a while, we will head to a local establishment for some lunch and refreshments. I will be making a side trip to TP Tools on the way up since I need some blasting material. Anyone that wants to join me is welcome. We will still get to Scott's early enough to check out his place before heading out to lunch.

Slot Cars

by Jim Keenan

The third annual WPTA slot car event will be **Saturday, March 1, 2014**. The plan is to meet at the Perkins in Cranberry, PA at 9:00 am for breakfast. Depart at 10:00 am to Jim Keenan's magnificent slot car raceway at 7921 Cliffview Drive, Poland, Oh 44514. This is about a 50 minute drive to historic Poland, Ohio. We should arrive around 11:00 am and begin playing with slot cars. We will continue racing until everyone's competitive juices have been drained.

If you have not attended this event in the past, you are missing out on a lot of fun. The track is a four (4) lane hand built beauty. Also, it features computerized track management, adjustable DC power supply, and controllers that feature adjustable sensitivity and braking. We will be racing a variety of highly detailed 1/24 and 1/32 scale slot cars.

Sandwiches and pizza will be purchased from a local eatery if appetites permit. Adult beverages are encouraged. Beer and talking smack to the other racers add to the overall experience.

If you wish to skip breakfast, just arrive no earlier than 11:00 am at the above address. Any questions, please call Jim Keenan at (330) 402-0707.



Holiday Party

by Jim Bastone

I want to thank all who attended the WPTA Holiday party and helped to make it a success. Thanks to everyone who donated door prizes and at the risk of leaving someone out I apologize for that. Besides the attendees at the party who

Photos by Chuck Chappas



Jim and Diane Bastone

brought door prizes I want to recognize, Linda Schweitzer, The Roadster Factory, Grass Roots Motor Sports, and Ryan's Auto Glass for their generous donations. That coupled with the many door prizes brought by WPTA members we had more door prizes than attendees. Everyone was a winner.

As many know, Monte Cello's, where we were to have the party, experienced a

water line burst over the weekend before the party. I received a call on the Monday morning before our party explaining that the banquet room had major damage and would not be available for our party. This was not good! Through the work of the owners of Monte Cello's they helped secure another venue for the party. Diane and I met with Judy Seibert, the owner of Seib's Pub on Babcock Blvd. She agreed to host the party at the same price that we were paying Monte Cello's. Without the help of the people from Monte Cello's and the co-operation of Judy Seibert we may not have been able to have the party as planned. If you have the opportunity to go to either of these establishments, thank them for their efforts.

On the down side, two couples did not get the email or phone call letting them know that the venue had been changed. I apologize for the confusion. I suggest that in the future, when an event takes place that requires reservations that the phone numbers and email addresses be provided in case something unforeseen should happen so that all can be contacted and no one is disappointed.

Again, Diane and I thank all who attended and enjoyed the evening.



Marlene and Ray Santini at the Holiday Party

Email Notifications

by Ed Major

Are you receiving monthly email notifications of posting the latest Dzus Dnuz? If not we need you to speak up. Each month the club sends out Dzus notifications and event notifications. Please send an email to Richard Dick (britcarsnuts@comcast.net) and to Ed Major (ejmajortr3a@comcast.net) to enroll you in the system.

Another thing we need you to do is sign up on the web page (www.wptriumph.org), this ensures that you get the emails. To do this you must go to the "members only" section of the web page, after signing in click on the "WPTA Subscription Sign Up Form" and sign up, after successfully signing up you will receive a confirmation email. Actually all active members should go through this function.

The electronic part of the club is becoming more and more important every day. As we move forward into the 21st century we need to communicate faster with our members, especially when we have sudden changes to an event, like the Holiday Party being flooded out and the venue changed. Even though I am "married to print", I envision the day when we only have an electronic newsletter. Most clubs do now.

Planning Meeting Follow-up

by Gary Fredo

The weather outside was frightful....again. I think I'm starting to sound like a broken record. Despite the really bad weather, seven of us showed up to set the calendar for 2014. Between those who gathered and a few phone calls we were able to get the calendar in pretty good shape. 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. We still need someone to organize the Anniversary Run in September. And there is always room for a few more events if anyone has ideas for any other events. If anyone wants to get an event on the calendar then call me at 724-378-9610 or drop me an email at garyfredo@yahoo.com. The Planning meeting was moved to the 1889 Café this year. The breakfast was very good and fairly inexpensive. The only complaint that I can think of was that the beer selection was very limited.



Sherry and Bill Rhoads at the Holiday Party

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Carlisle 2014

by Mike Yurko

The time is getting close for the Import Kitcar weekend at Carlisle.

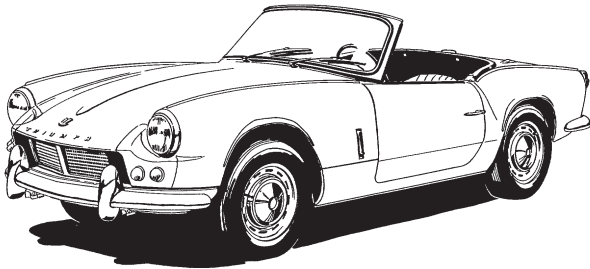
This year the dates are **May 16-18** and we have reserved a block of rooms at the Hotel Carlisle. This is the same place we stayed the past few years. This year we are hoping to have our rooms in the 500 building where we have been in the past.

For room reservations the phone number is 717-243-1717 OR 1-800-692-7315. The rate is \$97 a night, When you call make sure that you let them know that you are with the WPTA to get the discount rate and in the same block of room.

Hope to see you there.

Another Beer & Bull

Larry Ross is putting together a Beer & Bull at the Rock Bottom Cafe at the Waterfront. It will be around noonish on Saturday February 22nd. For more information call Larry at 412-653-2716.



New Members

A warm welcome goes to our new members Curt and Janet Stroup of Pittsburgh and their '74 Mimosa TR6 and Tom and Kathy Bell of McMurray. The Bell's are looking for a nice TR6 to purchase to go on our many events. So any help out there? Tom is also a friend of our member Jim Shaw. We hope to see you at the events of our club this coming year.

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FOR SALE: Bug Eye Bonnet for sale and it is in poor shape. Asking \$400 or best offer. George Yonker, home phone 724.356.2230 or cell 412.780.4265

~ 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
And Triumph MG Challenge Race**
Mosport Park, Bowmanville Ont
- July 12-13 Vintage Races, Beaverun**
- Jul 18-20 Pittsburgh Vintage Gran Prix**
- Jul 24-26 The Roadster Factory**
Summer Party - www.the-roadster-factory.com
- Sep 5-7 Vintage Races, Watkins Glen**
- Sep 9-14 VTR National Meet**
Dobson, NC
- Sep 12-14 Degrosso Car Show, Altoona**
- Sep 28 British Cars at Hartwood**
<http://www.jaguarclubofpittsburgh.com/>

~ Calendar of Events ~

- Feb 8 Run to Team Triumph**
Breakfast at Perkins at 8 am, depart at 9
Don Harkus 724-822-5447
- Feb 10 Cars & Coffee** 9 am at Kings McMurray Rd
Rick Brown, 412-818-1433
- Feb 18 Bud's Beer & Bull**
6 pm at Iron Creek Grill, Cuddy, PA
Bud Osbourne 412-855-9969
- Feb 22 Larry's Beer & Bull**
Noonish at Rock Bottom at the Waterfront
Larry Ross 412-653-2716
- Feb 24 Dzus Dnuz Meeting, 6:00 PM**
Primanti's I-79 Exit 60 - Bruce 412-600-7275
- Mar 1 Slot Car Racing**
Jim Keenan 330-318-8279
- Mar 8 Church Brew Works,**
Dexter Stoltz 412-865-1201
- Mar 22 MG Club Tech Session**
George Kress 724-625-7264
- Apr or May Run to The Roadster Factory**
Meet for breakfast, location, date & time TBD
- Apr 26 Quaker Steak & Lube Tour – Pleasant Hills**
Richard Dick 724-379-5172
- Apr or May Tune-up Clinic – Don's Garage**
Doug Foyle 724-452-5218
- May 16-18 WPTA at Import Carlisle**
Mike Yurko for rooms 412-795-8381
Jim Shaw to sell parts 412-262-3878
- May 24 Spring Run to Indiana**
George Kress 724-625-7264
- May 31 Run/Tour**
Rick Brown 412-818-1433
- Jun 21 Summer Solstice Tour**
Don Stewart 412-963-1893
- Jun 28 Run/Tour**
Larry Ross 412-780-8495
- Jul 12 Quaker Steak & Lube Tour - Sharon**
Pat Ledford 724-901-7005
- Jul 19 British Car Day at Schenley Park**
- Aug 2 Johnstown Run**
Richard Dick 724-379-5172
- Aug 9 Night Owl,**
Doug Foyle 724-452-5218
- Aug 23 Half Day Run,**
PJ Wright 412-833-4142
- Sep 20 Anniversary Run**
Need someone to organize
- Oct 5 Run to Apple Festival**
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- Oct 18 Run to Coventry Inn – Fall Leaf Tour**
Bud Osbourne 412-855-9969
- Nov 15 Election Meeting,**
King's at I79 Wexford exit
- Dec 13 No Meeting, Meeting,**
Gary Fredo 724-378-9610
- Jan ?? 2015 Holiday Party,**
Jim & Diane Bastone

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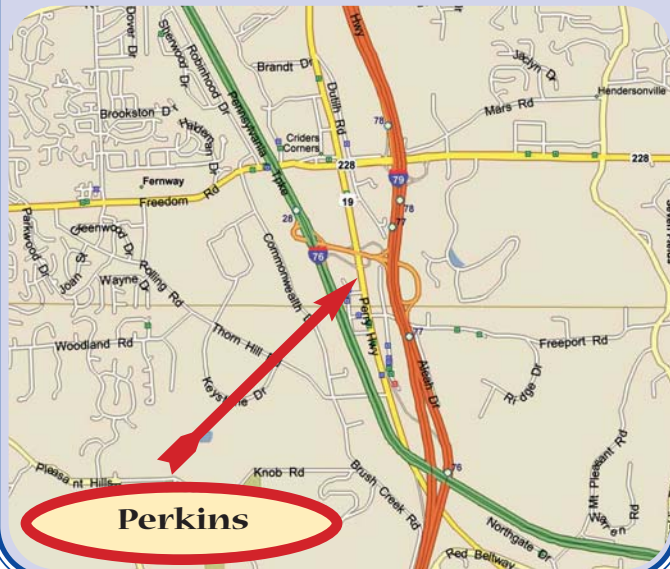
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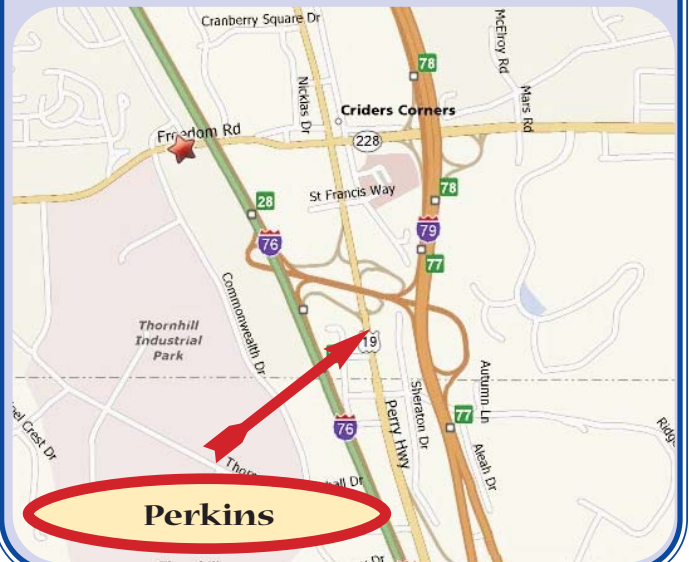
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Steering Committee Meeting

