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## British Car Day Coming Soon – July 19th Is Your Registration In?

### The Crack Of Don

Another month has gone bye. We had the Tune-Up Clinic last month at my place. For those that couldn't come, you guys missed a fantastic time. It didn't rain until late in the day and only for a short time which made a few guys hang out longer. A lot of free oil changes. A special thanks to Dan Mabon and his friend from The Roadster Factory for coming out.

Next was Carlisle; seemed like it was going to be a wash out. A bunch of us met at Eat'n Park in New Stanton for breakfast, we chased the rain all the way out. It stopped before we got there and was sunny most of the weekend. I left on Saturday and hit some rain on the way home. All and all it was a great trip, but aren't they all if no one breaks down. By the way, Fredo drove his Spitfire there with us. Way to go Gary.

Next month is a busy month; first Rick Brown is doing his Mystery Tour on **May 31**. I know that it will be a good run, as Rick's runs always are. Then on **June 8th** Richard is doing his annual Golf and Ice cream outing, 'four anybody'? On **June 21st**, Don is doing his annual Summer Solstice Tour; great time also. Last but not least, **June 28th** Great Caesar's Ghost Larry is doing the Ghost Tour; looks to be a fun time so don't miss it.

One final note to all is send in your registrations for British Car Day to Rick Brown. And, as always, volunteer your help on Friday evening and Saturday morning.

A word of wisdom -- If it's not broke don't piss with it!

# Don



### Mini Golf and Ice Cream

by Richard Dick

The fifth annual Mini Golf and Ice Cream event will be Sunday,

**June 8th** at 6:30 pm. Copperhead Canyon Miniature Golf is located on Hutchinson Road and is easily seen from Route 51 South of Elizabeth, PA. There are signs along Route 51. It is across from Roundhill Road and about a mile North of Routes 48 and 51 intersection. Following the Golf, we will travel 3 miles South to the Dairy Queen for the Ice Cream. Hope to see you there! If you have any questions, please contact me at britcarnuts@comcast.net or 724.379.5172.



### The Ghost Tour

by Larry Ross

While, I'm sure that all of you are now wondering exactly what is the Ghost Tour? So, now it is time for some enlightenment.

Mark your calendar for **June 28th**. On that date we will have a drive that encompasses... zombies, scenic waterways, rolling hills and horse farms before finally ending with lunch in a "haunted" restaurant deep in the hills of Western Pa.

Our meeting spot will be the parking lot at the "old" Sam's Club in West Mifflin. This is the empty parking lot behind Anthony Arms. Anthony Arms is located at: 2980 Lebanon Church Rd, West Mifflin, Pa. 15122

Meeting time: 9:30 AM, Drivers Meeting: 9:45 AM, Drivers Off: 10:00 AM. Our luncheon location will be the Jean Bonnet Tavern in Bedford, Pa., 6048 Lincoln Highway, Bedford, Pa. 15522, (814) 623-2250.

The Jean Bonnet is not only filled with "ghosts", but was placed on the National Register of Historic Places in 1979. If anyone has additional questions, my cell # (412) 780-8495

Hope to see you on June 28th.



### Classic Car Show

by Jack Sutherland

The Pennsylvania Trolley Museum will hold its annual Classic Car Show on **Sunday, June 29**, from 10AM to 4PM. Along with the car show, the museum's collection of 50 vintage trolleys will be on display with many in operation.

Entry to the car show is free with two complimentary admissions per entry for unlimited trolley rides. Advanced registration is not required. Dash plaques will be given to the first 50 cars. Refreshments and picnic tables will be available.

The museum is located In Washington, just 10 minutes off Exit 41, Racetrack Road, of I-79. Follow the signs. Please contact Jack Sutherland, 412-563-1903 or sutherjd@aol.com, for additional information.

# Tune Up Wrap Up

by Doug Foyle

This year's Tune Up Clinic is a wrap. Thank yous to Donald for hosting the event and allowing us to come in and spill oil on his floors. And many thanks to The Roadster Factory and Dan Mabon for setting up the parts table, this is a luxury that we too often might take for granted and is much appreciated.

We had a good showing of cars during the day. The weather left a little to be desired, but it didn't stop anyone from prepping their cars for the upcoming driving season.

The clinic, with the free oil for oil changes and the wealth of knowledge toward coaching and sorting out various problems, is the one club event that more than makes up for our annual dues. It must be true because our distinguished editor said so!

Thanks to all who attended.



Photos by Larry Ross

What am I doing here with all these FOG's?



Damn carburetors!

# Aftermarket Steering Racks

by Bruce Stutzman

FOT (Friends of Triumph) members are reporting serious problems with the Quick Rack. The Quick Rack is an aftermarket steering rack sold by Moss Motors and perhaps others; TRF does not sell it. It fits late TR4 thru TR6. I understand it is marked – Made in Argentina.

Several TR4 racers have experienced total steering failure while racing. Turns out the rack tube had pulled out of the pinion casting rendering it inoperable. Clearly a poor design.

So, if you have one . . . you might want to contact Moss.

# MacGyver "Revisited"

by Larry Ross

While after a nice trip out to Carlisle with the "Wolf Pack", of course there were issues on the way home.

While on the way home on Route 31 outside of Champion, I hear a loud thunk followed by scrapping noise. Now at the same time as the loud thunk, the engine noise increased dramatically.

So, after carefully negotiating about one mile looking for a safe place to pull off the side of the road, Greg & I pulled into the parking lot at Sarnelli's Market in Champion.

First things first, the top has to be raised since the skies are threatening.

After that, both Greg and I are peering under the Spitfire for damage. Low and behold the exhaust pipe is broken at the start of the run after the downpipe. After routing around the trunk the best I could come up with was electrical tape.

So, I send Greg into the market looking for "duct tape", with the thoughts that duct tape is wider than electrical tape and we can tape the pipes together in order to make it home. No duct tape.

However, Greg comes up with the idea that there are 2 "fly swatters" for sale that must be about 20 years old, and the handles are made from a stiff metal. Now the collective minds are rolling.

Greg makes a case for using the metal handles from the fly swatters as a backbone at the break in order to hold the exhaust pipes stationery. So, first we remove the plastic from the "swatter end" (didn't want any fire issues").

Now we slip the clamps over both sides of the "break" and position the handles of the fly swatters as the backbone, and tighten down the clamps (see picture).

We now have an exhaust system that is not dragging, and we can continue on our way home.

On Sunday, I took the Spitfire to the local Monroe Muffler location here in Pleasant Hills and put the vehicle up on a rack. Needless to say, there should have been a support clamp where the break occurred.

The technician at Monroe Muffler was kind enough to fashion a sleeve over the break and weld it back into place.

The cost \$ 40.

As I've heard Bruce Stutzman say: "Sometimes you just need to have a can do attitude."



Larry's fix

*Overheard at the tune up clinic . . . by Jim Underwood In the spirit of Jeff Foxworthy:*

**"If you have to work on your car before you can drive it to a place to work on it . . .**

**. . . you might have a British Car."**



At The Roadster Factory

## What is the ABRR?

by Pat Ledford

I was asked to write a more detailed article on the ABRR as the WPTA was mentioned in the Vintage Triumph Register. What is the ABRR? It is the America's British Reliability Run. Groups of British Car enthusiasts out to prove the mettle of their cars, have an excuse to get out and drive, and most importantly raise money for children.

The ABRR was first organized in 2002 by Blake Discher of Detroit with help from John McCartney, In the Shadow of My Father, Turn Left at the Pacific, and was based on similar events in the UK organized to raise money to help children.. Initially the first few ABRR's routes were run through the states of Michigan, Ohio, Indiana, and Wisconsin. America's British Reliability Run is a challenging, but fun, driving event that so far has raised more than \$160,000.00 for worthy children's charities. The routes cover approximately 500 to 750 miles of scenic byways and country roads over a two day period. Each two-person team pays their expenses out-of-pocket and has a goal of raising \$500 for the charity. The \$500.00 dollar amount is not a prerequisite and each team raises as much as it can. The charity is picked by each organizing group and is usually different each year.

The ABRR is not a race. The run is conducted on public roads at posted speeds. It is not exactly a rally either, in that there are no checkpoints or deliberately vague and misleading instructions. What it is, is a fun drive on great roads through beautiful countryside in the company of fellow British car hobbyists, and all for a good cause. The ABRR is open to up to 40 British cars of any marque and vintage.

If you are a subscriber of "Hemmings Sports and Exotic" magazine you may have read about the 2007, 2008, and 2012 Runs. In 2008 the Eastern version of the ABRR was initiated, the Delaware Valley Triumphs have organized several of these events with the latest being in 2013.

I wanted to attend the 2012 ABRR, but was not able to get time off from work. If you remember from a WPTA article I wrote I was able to make the ABRR for 2013 with my son Kevin.

The 2013 ABRR started Friday September 27th with a kick-off dinner at the Spinnerstown Inn in Quakertown PA. Aside from a great meal we received our windshield decals and car magnets which would identify us as participants in the fund raiser. A donation for \$8000.00, which later grew to over \$10,000.00, was given to a representative of Children's Specialized Hospitals, this years children's charity. Sunoco oil also gave a donation and to help the event gave each team a free tank of gas to start and supplied all the gas for the chase vehicle.

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# Summer Solstice Tour

by Don Stewart

Saturday **June 21**. Meet at the Perkins Restaurant on Route 19 South in Cranberry. We will depart at 11 AM. Our route will take us north into Butler County. We'll run up the eastern side I-79 past Zelenople, then cross over to a rest stop at McConnells Mill State Park. There are restrooms at the parking lot. After the rest, we'll drive through the park, going over the covered bridge and then heading Southwest to our destination, Shakespeare's Restaurant & Pub just South of Elwood City. We should be arriving for lunch about 2 PM. Let's hope for great top down weather, Don Stewart 412-952-1738

## ~ Calendar of Events ~

- Jun 8 Mini Golf and Ice Cream**  
Richard Dick 724-379-5172
- Jun 9 Cars & Coffee** 9 am at Kings McMurray Rd  
Rick Brown, 412-818-1433
- Jun 17 Bud's Beer & Bull**  
6 pm at Iron Creek Grill, Cuddy, PA  
Bud Osbourne 412-855-9969
- Jun 21 Summer Solstice Tour**  
Don Stewart 412-963-1893
- Jun 28 The Ghost Tour**  
Larry Ross 412-780-8495
- Jun 30 Dzus Dnuz Meeting, 6:00 PM**  
Primanti's I-79 Exit 60 - Bruce 412-600-7275
- 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 and  
Quaker Steak & Lube Tour - Sharon**  
Pat Ledford 724-901-7005
- Oct 5 Run to Apple Festival**  
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## ~ Events Of Other Interest ~

- Jun 11-15 Triumph Register of America**  
Deer Creek State Park near Mt Sterling Ohio  
Bruce Clough 937-238-4962
- Jun 13-15 Elegance at Hershey**  
[www.TheEleganceAtHershey.com](http://www.TheEleganceAtHershey.com)
- Jun 13-15 Canadian Historic Grand Prix  
And Triumph MG Challenge Race**  
Mosport Park, Bowmanville Ontario
- Jun 29 Classic Car Show at The Pennsylvania  
Trolley Museum** Jack Sutherland
- Jul 12-13 Vintage Races, Beaverun**
- Jul 17 PVGP Countryside Tour**  
Bud Osbourne 412-855-9969
- Jul 18-20 Pittsburgh Vintage Gran Prix**
- Jul 24-26 The Roadster Factory Summer Party**  
<http://www.the-roadster-factory.com>

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**"Old" Sam's  
Club Parking  
Lot**

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## Carlisle Photos Below

