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## The Crack Of Don

Happy St Patty's Day all. This means spring is right around the bend. I have been working on getting my 250 done on these cold and snowy days.



As you can see I have had a lot of time to work on it. I built the disc brake on the rear of the car. I have reworked the front calipers, so it now has Willwood brakes front and rear. Just like my TR6 and TR3a. Why anyone would do this, I guess as my boy once said "because I can".

I also got back the pistons and the head from the machine shop. So I have the engine as far as it can go before it goes in the frame.

Now Fred rebuilt his TR3 engine, and is working on his TR4, he wants to freshen up the engine compartment. We redid the outside two years ago now it needs done.

A few weeks ago, a bunch of us braved the cold elements and headed out for breakfast and the Run to Team Triumph. Luckily the weather was with us that day. To my wifes surprise I didn't spend any money at Scott's. I was proud of that fact, but she reminded me that I was just there last month and had made up for it. Also the week before Fred and I bought a TR250 parts car. I told her we just couldn't pass it up.

Next month is Track Day at Jim's race track. Then the Pittsburgh home & garden show, I will be busy for most of the month. It is also the Church Brewery time, this means spring is near. THINK SUN and WARMTH!!

Don

## 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.

## Let's Go to Church

by Dexter Stoltz

Saturday, **March 8** at noon will be the time to meet at Church Brew Works in Lawrenceville this year. Please congregate on the bar side of the restaurant, and the managers have been notified that we'll be there so that there is adequate staffing (Patti, the person at CBW who schedules events, said her husband regrets selling his Triumph, so maybe Rich can get us another new member)! At the rate we have been going, there may still be snow on the ground, but hopefully some people will come for a sandwich and locally-crafted beer in their Triumph (or feel free to bring a Mini, MG, Porsche, Lotus, Austin-Healey, etc...). 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 4th** for breakfast before heading 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. Hopefully by then the snow will be gone and we can get lots of Triumphs and MGs at this event. This year's hosts will be Albert and Dan. They do a really nice job of giving us a personal tour of the operations. The group always seems to linger the longest in the "dash building room". I guess we all become mesmerized by the beautiful British dashes hanging on the walls. So come on out and check out the Roadster Factory for yourself.

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 4th. 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.

We will head to Griffith's for lunch after visiting The Roadster Factory which is just off rt 22 on rt 56. We've been going there since we started this event and everyone seems to really enjoy it. The food is great and inexpensive and the beer is always cold. One last 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.

**Editors Note:** And if you would like an even more challenging drive you could take rt 259 north or south and end up at the same west routes (rt 259 is 4 miles west of Griffith's on route 22).

**Editor's note:** If you're a reader of Grassroots Motorsports or Classic Motorsports magazines you have probably seen ads for their annual (March of each year) Orange Blossom tour of Northern Florida. Our own Jim Underwood put together an alternate tour which has the benefits of being closer to home and considerably less expensive. Jim's tour provides added benefits not available to participants of the Orange Blossom tour (pot holes and psychotic barmaids for example).

## The Mon Valley Dive Tour '14

by Jim Underwood

Orange Blossom Tour 2014: "The cost is \$4995 per couple and includes virtually everything." What does "virtually everything" mean?

So, I would like to offer a very special tour of SW PA. to all my friends and fellow WPTA members. The Monongahela Valley Dive Tour '14. It will include stops at some of my favorite bars and greasy spoons. Over the years I have discovered some real gems with cheap food, cold beer and smoking hot although psychotic barmaids. Accommodations will be arranged at only the cheapest of motels...bring bug spray. We will be exploring some of the most uneven, patched up roads in the nation. Only in Western PA can you find roads to test the limits of your suspension to this level.

How much for all this fun? I figure I can undercut that FL dude and do this for \$2500 a couple . . . and that can be a couple of whatever's. Exactly what that includes will be determined by how much is left after I buy the rest of the stuff for my race truck. Cutoff date is March 9, 2014, since that is when the next Visa bill is due. Due to the anticipated demand, I'm not setting any limit to the number of attendees. For the first 10 responders a restoration project of your choice will be included. Guaranteed to be worth \$500 or more. Cost of restoration to be determined. Or, if you're one of the first 10 responders, you can pay an extra \$2000 and tell them to keep the restoration project saving you a bundle.

## New Members This Month

A warm welcome goes to our new members Stephen and Sharon Jeffrey of New Rochelle, N.Y. and their 76 TR6 and also to Nick and Sally Gaten of Greensburg PA. We hope to see you at some of the events of our club this coming year.

## TRA 2014

The 2014 TRA National Meeting will be at Deer Creek State Park near Mt. Sterling, OH – just a bit southwest of Columbus **11-15 Jun 2014**. Miami Valley Triumphs is excited to be hosting this on TRA's 40th Anniversary and has brought it back to Ohio for a wonderful birthday celebration. We have set up a website:

[www.miamivalleytriumphs.org/tra2014](http://www.miamivalleytriumphs.org/tra2014), which has Meeting information such as agenda, hotel details and will also have on-line registration and payment available.

Deer Creek is a wonderful park and lodge nestled in rolling farm country with an excellent road network which we plan on taking full advantage of. Our motto for the 40th Anniversary TRA Meet is "Drive, shine, & drive!" - with a plethora of moving events before and after the Concourse, so you'd better polish up on your rally skills as well as make room in the boot to bring things back!

## QS & L Route 51

by Richard Dick

Judy and I invite all of you to join us and the MG guys for a lunch, liquid refreshment, and much BS at the Quaker Steak & Lube on Route 51 in Pleasant Hills on Saturday, **April 26th** at 12:00 pm, noon. 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. Also Century III Mall is in the area. Have a great time planning your ride to and from Q S&L.

## Final Dues Notice

by Richard Dick

This is the red star edition of your favorite newsletter. If your address label has "Expires Dec. '13" highlighted in pink and has a red star, then you are among the 26 who still need to send me \$20.00. If I don't receive it by **March 14th** (this is the drop dead date), you will be dropped from the club membership. 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 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 made 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 some members who wish to go online for the information.

Wishing all an enjoyable and safe driving season.  
See you on the road!

## In Tune

by Doug Foyle

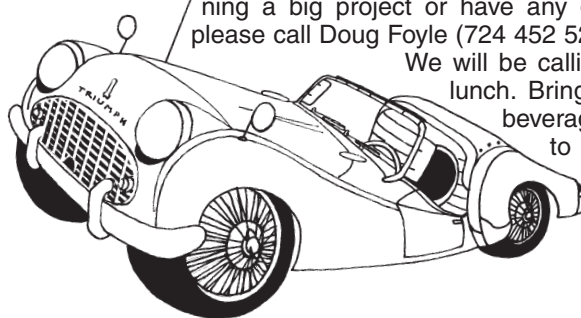
8AM, Saturday **May 3rd** at Donald Harkus' garage in Butler are the particulars for this year's Tune-Up Clinic.

The Roadster Factory will be on hand with miscellaneous parts for sale at discount prices along with free freight makes for nice savings. If you need specific parts, please order in advance to take advantage of these savings.

WPTA will again be supplying Brad Penn Oil that can be purchased at the clinic at great savings. The price on the oil is \$55.00/case. The 20W-50 High Performance Oil, formerly Racing Oil, has the proper lubricants our older engines need. WPTA will furnish the oil **FREE** for all oil changes performed at the clinic.

Come on out and prep your car for the upcoming driving season, lend a hand, watch, or just come out and get to know your fellow club members. If you are planning a big project or have any questions, please call Doug Foyle (724 452 5218).

We will be calling out for lunch. Bring your own beverages. Hope to see you there!



# An Invitation From The Jaguar Club

Hello Western Pennsylvania Triumph Association Members:

**The Jaguar Club of Pittsburgh** would like to invite the Triumph Club members to join us at a dinner meeting at the Echo Restaurant in Cranberry, Pa. where Bobby Rahal has agreed to be guest speaker at our **March 22, 2014** dinner meeting and we thought that some of your membership, who may have followed Bobby's racing career, may want to hear him speak. We have a large room reserved at the ECHO Restaurant which will hold up to 130 people so we thought that with that amount of space available it would be nice to extend this invite.

The Triumph Association always supports our Hartwood Acres show and the Jaguar Club always supports and enjoys the Triumph Club's BRITISH CAR DAY at the Grand Prix.

As a member of both the Triumph Club and of the Jaguar Club of Pittsburgh, I have been asked to forward this invitation to the Triumph Club Board of Directors. Please read the attachment (in the electronic Dzus Dnuz) and call Bill Cooper (JCOP vice president) at 412-496-3897, or Dan Meyers at 412-680-1639 for more information.

THANK YOU VERY MUCH,  
Dan Meyers



**FOR SALE:** 1960 green TR3, 88,000 miles, garage kept, runs well, good condition, driven 4-5 x per year to the park and back; for sale to a nice home. Moving this summer. \$9000, or best offer. Ben Martin, Highland Park, Pittsburgh. Email at: bmartin66np@hotmail.com

**WANTED:** 1969 TR6 Seats. Contact Matt at 440-334-6687 and leave a message.

## ~ Events Of Other Interest ~

- Mar 22 JCOP invitation Diner**  
Bobby Rahal guest speaker
- Jun 13-15 Elegance at Hershey**  
[www.TheEleganceAtHershey.com](http://www.TheEleganceAtHershey.com)
- 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](http://www.the-roadster-factory.com)
- Sep 5-7 Vintage Races, Watkins Glen**
- Sep 9-14 VTR National Meet**  
Dobson, NC - <http://www.vtr2014.com/>
- Sep 12-14 Degrosso Car Show, Altoona**
- Sep 28 British Cars at Hartwood**  
<http://www.jaguarclubofpittsburgh.com/>

# The Elegance at Hershey

The Elegance at Hershey will be held at the Hershey Hotel in Hershey Pa on **June 13-15, 2014**

This looks like a very classy event which includes a rare motor cars display on the spectacular garden landscape of the Hotel Hershey on Sunday the 15th.

While not a WPTA club event, anyone interested can locate additional details at: [www.TheEleganceAtHershey.com](http://www.TheEleganceAtHershey.com)

## ~ Calendar of Events ~

- Mar 1 Slot Car Racing**  
Jim Keenan 330-318-8279
- Mar 8 Church Brew Works,**  
Dexter Stoltz 412-865-1201
- Mar 10 Cars & Coffee** 9 am at Kings McMurray Rd  
Rick Brown, 412-818-1433
- Mar 18 Bud's Beer & Bull**  
6 pm at Iron Creek Grill, Cuddy, PA  
Bud Osbourne 412-855-9969
- Mar 31 Dzus Dnuz Meeting, 6:00 PM**  
Primanti's I-79 Exit 60 - Bruce 412-600-7275
- Mar 22 MG Club Tech Session**  
George Kress 724-625-7264
- Apr 4 Run to The Roadster Factory**  
Meet for breakfast, Dicks Diner at 8:30
- Apr 26 Quaker Steak & Lube Tour – Pleasant Hills**  
Richard Dick 724-379-5172
- May 3 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 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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- 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,**



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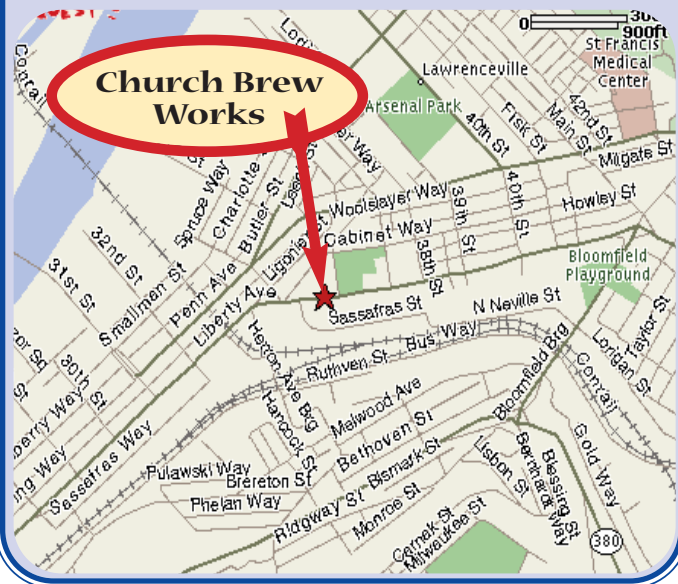
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**Mar 8 -- Church Brew Works, Liberty Ave.**  
**Mar 10, Cars & Coffee -- Mar 18 Beer & Bull**  
**March 1 -- Slot Car Racing**

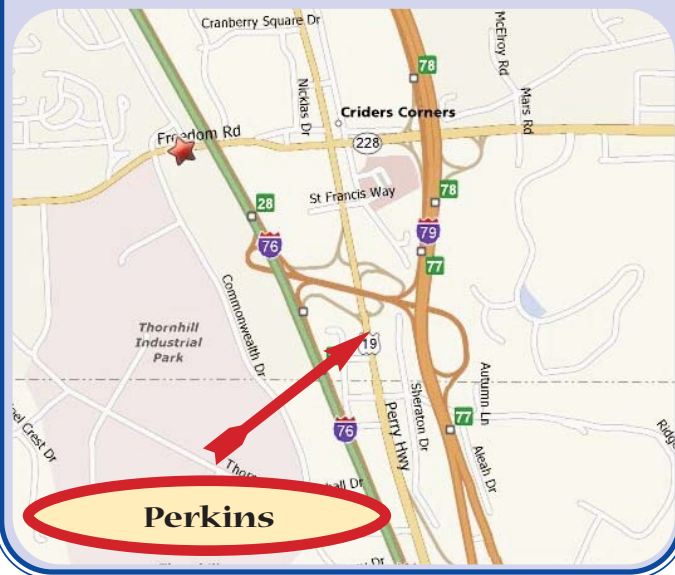
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## JAGUAR CLUB OF PITTSBURGH

Invites all Members and Guests to  
attend the March 2014 Dinner Party



Saturday, March 22, 2014  
ECHO Restaurant  
1740 ROUTE 228 | Cranberry Township PA 16066  
(724) 779-3248 | [www.restaurantecho.com](http://www.restaurantecho.com)



### With Celebrity Guest Speaker **MR. BOBBY RAHAL**

Winner of three championships and 24 races in the CART open-wheel series, including the 1986 Indianapolis 500. He also won the 2004 Indianapolis 500 as a team owner.

Cash Bar 6:30 PM with Hors d'oeuvres | Sit Down Dinner 7:00 PM

#### **ENTRÉE**

Choice of:

Filet of beef with Rossini sauce, truffle whipped potatoes, haricot verts  
\$43.00

Or

Crab cake with grapefruit butter sauce, asparagus risotto  
\$35.00

Or

Roasted chicken breast, tomato beurre blanc, orzo and grilled vegetable salad, basil oil  
\$33.00

Or

Handmade pappardelle pasta, roasted tomatoes, basil, squash  
\$28.00

#### **DESSERT**

Cake

#### **DINNER INCLUDES**

Homemade Rolls  
Coffee, Tea, Iced Tea or Soda

Tax & Tip Included

If you have any special dietary needs please contact the restaurant before March 14, 2014.  
Tell them you are with the Jaguar Club of Pittsburgh Dinner on March 22, 2014.



Please Return This Portion with your Check payable to JCOP

Member's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Spouse's/Guest's name: \_\_\_\_\_

Email optional: \_\_\_\_\_

Please Indicate Your Choice(s) of ENTRÉE

	Number	Total
Filet Mignon @ \$43 each	_____	_____
Crab Cakes @ \$35 each	_____	_____
Roasted Chicken @ \$33 each	_____	_____
Handmade Pasta @ \$28 each	_____	_____
Total Due		_____

If you have any special dietary needs please contact the restaurant before March 14, 2014.

Only paid dinner orders will be placed with the restaurant.  
Mail completed form and your check payable to Jaguar Club of Pittsburgh  
by March 14, 2014 to:

TERRY and DAN MEYERS  
40 LINSHAW AVE  
PITTSBURGH PA 15205-2000

NO reservations will be taken after March 14, 2014.