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Dusk Till Don

Hi all! Another cold month has passed us by and it's about time. I am getting tired of all that snow. Last month Jim did the slot car racing. I was only at breakfast so I didn't see if Ken M. or Bob W. won. That is a rivalry that goes back a few years. Thanks to Jim for putting up with the kids, even though his track is for the big kid in all of us. The Run to Team Triumph was rescheduled; it was not snowing at least. Scott had soda and beer in a unique cooler, (see photo page 2). And the first mark of spring; the run to The Church Brew Works.

I drove my TR250 for the first long drive and it was a cold one. The heater works but not well at twenty degrees. Sandy said the heated seats work very well she even had to turn her's off, she said she was getting a hot a—in twenty degrees, that's something. Of course there are a few bugs to work out. I was surprised that there weren't more. Let me tell you guys, that supercharger just might be worth the money. The only thing I can say about it is . . . WOW!

Next month Bud is to do his MG tech session, but since he hurt his back he doesn't know if he will still have it so check the emails to be sure it will happen. Then on the 25th Doug is to doing the annual Tune-up Clinic at my place. He has asked the Roadster Factory to come again so if you want to order something let them know.

I still have rooms to go to Mossfest in **June 5-7**.

I know it will be an adventure that I will not forget. So if you wish to go let me know.

Let's all think WARM SUN.

Don

Get Tuned

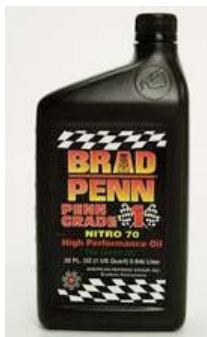
by Doug Foyle

8AM, April 25th is the time and day we can all look forward to meeting at Donald's garage for this year's Tune Up Clinic, 195 Kriess Road, Butler PA 16001. With snow on the ground and single digit temperatures, it's hard to believe the driving season is right around the corner.

The Roadster Factory will again be in attendance with lots of goodies including filters. If you want them to bring other parts for you, get your order in early and designate it for the WPTA clinic, and you will receive a discount and free shipping to the event. Large items that can't be transported in a car are not included. Items must be picked up at the clinic.

WPTA will again be supplying Brad Penn 20w-50 High Performance Oil free for oil changes performed at the event. Cases of oil can be purchased at our discounted cost. Break In Oil can also be purchased by the case, but by special request only.

Hope to see you there! Please call Doug Foyle (724) 452-5218 with any questions.



Quaker Steak & Lube

by Richard Dick

Judy and I invite all of you to join us, again this year, for a lunch, liquid refreshment, and much BS at the Quaker Steak & Lube on Route 51 in Pleasant Hills on **Saturday, May 2nd at 12:00 pm, noon**. We should be able to park together on the left side of the building. Hopefully they will again 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.

Slot Car Racing

by Jim Keenan

The diehard slot cars racers assembled at Perkins in Cranberry for breakfast on **Saturday March, 7**. Several members Don, Doug and Larry came to breakfast however they did not make the trip to Poland for the racing. The racers were: Pat, Dean (his friend), Russell, Bob, Ken, Mike (MG club member) Gary and of course myself.

We had some beverages, food and lots of racing/crashing. An official WPTA race was held. I am far too humble to mention how I crushed the racing souls of the other club members in this event. Ken took pictures of the final race data. The question is- will he share that information via the newsletter with the rest of the club? All in all it was a fine way to spend a gloomy winter day. Where else could you spend the first Saturday in March racing vintage Porsche IMSA/Group C race cars? Finally to end the day on a high note we raced classic British Roadsters.

Carlisle 2015

Carlisle - a sure sign of spring. **May 15 - 17** (3rd weekend in May) when WPTA performs the rites of spring.

Our vendor spaces, C66-67&68, have again been secured for club members. So, bring some "stuff" to sell; maybe you can sell enough to pay for your weekend or maybe pay for the other peoples' "stuff" that you buy.

A block of rooms has not been reserved this year; the regulars are staying at the Motel 6.

If you're driving your TR, MG or other classic car and registering for the show field, as many of us do, be sure to mark on your registration form that you are a member of WPTA. Carlisle recognizes us as a member club. It is easy to register in advance by going to www.carlisleevents.com. You will get your windshield sticker in the mail so you can drive right in when you arrive - no hassles.

For any additional info contact Wray Brady, 412-926-7098.

The Crossroads & Crosswords Tour

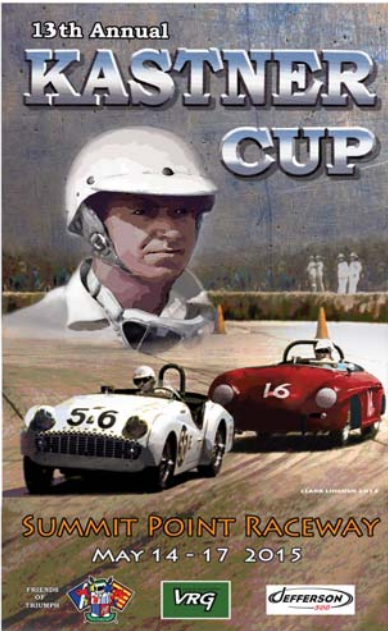
by Rick & Nancy Brown

Mark your calendars now for the first major run of the 2015 driving season. **Saturday, May 30** is the date for the "Crossroads & Crosswords Tour". Yes, it has become our custom to provide each navigator with some compelling, but meaningless task that will keep them busy during the tour. We do this in hopes of taking some pressure off the driver to either carry on a conversation, or to convince said navigator that they are really not driving too fast.

This year we will be providing navigators with a crossword puzzle. In addition to the normal crossword clues, each answer can be found as you drive along the tour route. Of course, we will be stopping for lunch at a nice pub before returning home again. I expect the route to be around 75 miles in length, and to take less than two and one-half hours including a pit stop along the way. Everyone should be home long before whatever Saturday evening event they may have scheduled. More details in the next newsletter but mark your calendars now.

The Kastner Cup 2015

We have not talked much in these pages over the years about the group Friends of Triumph (FOT). This is a loosely organized group of Triumph racers who sponsor an annual



all Triumph race called The Kastner Cup. A few of us in WPTA have been members of FOT for years. Over the years, I have attended over half of the Kastner Cup races.

The 13th annual Kastner Cup is being held at the Summit Point Motorsports Park just outside of Winchester, VA as part of their annual Jefferson 500 the weekend of **May 15, 16 & 17**. This is the closest venue to us that this event has ever been held and, consequently, many WPTA members are planning to attend.

For a Triumph racing enthusiast this is the holy grail. It is your opportunity to meet Kas Kastner in person, get his signature on your copy of his Competition Preparation Manual or other book he has written. Get his signature on your engine compartment or cubby box lid, etc.

You'll get complete access to the Triumph pits, race cars and drivers and enjoy the Friday night all Triumph barbeque.

Some of us will be spending the entire weekend there; others will split the weekend between Carlisle and Summit Point.

If you want in on the Friday night BBQ send \$20 to: Jim Hassall, 103 Airport Road, Blacksburg, VA 24060

There is also a Saturday car show and charity laps.

Go to www.fot-racing.com for more info on FOT and the event.



Run to Team Triumph

by Bruce Stutzman

With much improved weather, WPTA made our annual trek to Scott Harper's Team Triumph on **March 14**. By the time Jim Underwood and I arrived there was already a crowd including a group of NCTA members.

Scott had coffee and donuts for the early crowd (definitely not including me) and, check the photo, a TR6 with the trunk full of beer and snow. You know the old saying, "It's always 12:00 somewhere".

Scott reserved a room at the Sunrise Inn, our favorite Warren, OH bistro, for lunch at 1:00 PM. All in all a very good Triumph day.

As information, March 14 was also the date for the Amelia Island Concours. There was no snow on the ground there.



Scott & Son

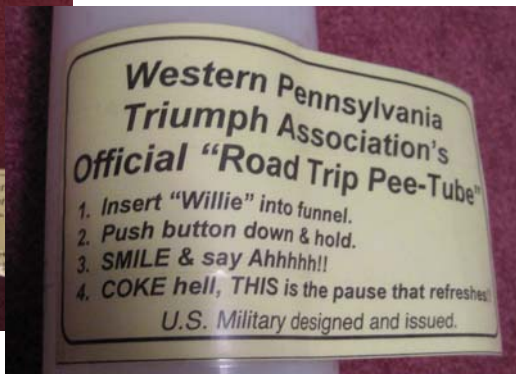


Beer & Bull at the Rock!



Words Escape Me!

From Mike Yurko



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FOR SALE: 1979 MGB, beautiful dark green car with tan seats, new black top, working overdrive, new tires and black & tan carpets installed. Actual miles 39,570. Call Woody McVicker for details at 412-487-3065 or email woodymcv@verizon.net

~ Calendar of Events ~

- Apr 13** **Cars & Coffee** 9 am at the Beach House Restaurant
Rick Brown, 412-818-1433
- Apr 21** **Bud's Beer & Bull**
6 pm at Iron Creek Grill, Cuddy, PA
Bud Osbourne 412-855-9969
- Apr 25** **Tune-up Clinic – Don's Garage**
Doug Foyle 724-452-5218
- Apr 27** **Dzus Dnuz Meeting, 6:00 PM**
Primanti's I-79 Exit 60 - Bruce 412-600-7275
- May 2** **Quaker Steak & Lube – Pleasant Hills**
Richard Dick 724-379-5172
- May 15-17** **WPTA at Import Carlisle**
Jim Shaw to sell parts 412-262-3878
- May 30** **Crossroads & Crosswords Tour**
Rick Brown 412-818-1433
- Jun 5-7** **Mossfest in Virginia**
Don Harkus 724-822-5447
- Jun 20** **Summer Solstice Tour**
Don Stewart 412-963-1893
- Jun 27** **Ohio/Pa Run**
Larry Ross 412-780-8495 &
Jim Keenan 330-402-0707
- Jul 16** **PVGP Country Side Tour**
Bud Osbourne 724-356-4464
- Jul 18** **British Car Day at Schenley Park**
- Jul 17-19** **Pittsburgh Vintage Gran Prix**
- Jul 25** **Johnstown Run**
Richard Dick 724-379-5172
- Aug 1** **Night Owl,**
Doug Foyle 724-452-5218
- Aug 22** **Half Day Run,**
PJ Wright 412-833-4142
- Sep 12** **Anniversary Run/QS&L Tour - Sharon PA**
Pat Ledford 724-901-7005
- Sep 27** **WPTA Picnic at British Cars at Hartwood**
- Oct 3** **Run**

~ Events Of Other Interest ~

- May 15-17** **Kastner Cup, Summit Point, WV**
- May 15-17** **MG club Put-In-Bay**
- Jun 8** **MG club national, Niagara Falls**
- Jun 16-19** **TRA National Meet**
Solomon's Island MD
www.triumphregister.wordpress.com/
- Jun 12-14** **The Elegance at Hershey"**
- Jun 12-14** **Vintage Races, Mosport**
- Jul 11-12** **Vintage Races, Beaverun**
- Jul 12** **British Invade Gettysburg**
www.lancomgclub.com.
- Jul 14** **PVGP Waterfront Car Show**
- Jul 24-26** **Vintage Races, Watkins Glen**
- Aug 7-9** **The Roadster Factory Summer Party**
- Aug 11-14** **VTR National Meet**
The Abbey on Geneva Lake, WI
<http://www.vtr2015.com/>

FOR SALE: 1976 TR6, Palmetto Red, Monza exhaust, Roll Bar, Engine rebuilt with hardened seats for use with regular gas and 44059 original miles. Asking \$14,900. Contact Richard or Judy Dick at 724.379.5172 or email: britcarnuts@comcast.net

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