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The Crack Of Don

Hi all! Ok, are we all tired of turkey? I had two full meals of the bird and now a lot of left-over's. One meal dining with the in-laws and one with my family. All I could find was a 20# bird for four of us. Now that was a lot of bird. So what was everybody doing on such a warm Thanksgiving Day? Maybe you had your cars out, or maybe you put them away for the cold spell that is surely coming soon. I was talking to Larry Learn & he told me that we should all put our tops up on our cars to keep the top stretched for the cold months. I think that is a good thing to know & do.

Last month was busy for me. I was working on painting a car for Ed Major. It sure did come out nice, pale yellow, and so is my garage. It was nice working with someone that is more than willing to learn. I am sure there will be pics in the letter.

I missed both the Election meeting and the run to The Roadster Factory. I heard that both where not high in attendance. We have a new Vice President that I appointed, Jim Keenan. I hope we don't see less of Gary.

I had to work, or should I say that I had to help with work again. So the run to the Roadster Factory was held back by the Parkway being closed for the removal of the Greenfield bridge. I would have had to leave extra early to get around it. I would have liked to have gone to see how there are getting by without our friend Uncle Dave. It looks as though Dan is stepping up. Good Luck to Dave!

I don't have much to do to my cars over this winter. Maybe I just might have to think about getting another car (Don't tell Sandy). Of course I don't know where I would put it.

Next month is the No Meeting Meeting at the Quaker Steak & Lube. I hope to see most of you guys there.

Don't be the last one to send in your RSVP for the Holiday Party. That is me most of the time.

Hope All had a Happy Thanksgiving

Don

No Meeting, Meeting

by Gary Fredo

By the time you read this it will be December and once more time for the No Meeting Meeting. It will be at the Cranberry Quaker Steak & Lube on **December 12th** again. Why change something that works? We will meet at the Handle Bar which is the room to the right as you come in the door. We have the room from 1:00 – 4:00 so arrive at the time that best suits you. You can expect plenty of wings, cold beer and bench racing. Not always in that order. This is a great event for meeting other members of the club so if you don't know many of the members, then just walk up to someone and introduce yourself. I've always found "What Triumph do you own?" as a great ice breaker. We're a friendly bunch. Likewise if you see a new face in the crowd, then walk over and introduce yourself. It's always fun to meet new Triumph enthusiasts and hear the stories about their cars. Let's hope we have some decent weather and maybe a few Triumphs will show up.

The Holiday Party

The Christmas Spirit will still be in season for the WPTA Holiday Party, **Saturday January 23rd!** Plan to attend our annual event for a great time, delicious food and fun car talk with your Triumph Club friends. The party starts at 6 pm.

This year, we'll be at: Three Olde Place Inn, (just off Route 51 in Pleasant Hills). 1209 Streets Run Road, Pittsburgh, PA 15236.

Cost is \$35 per guest, which will include appetizers, a buffet dinner of chicken, pork and fish, sides, salads, and a dessert selection. Cash bar. Santa will also be dropping off a bag of treats for all good Triumph owners! No coal, we promise!!

Please send in your check (payable to W.P.T.A.) RSVP today to: Kim Ross. 129 Crestview Dr., Pittsburgh, PA 15236.



Planning Meeting

by Jim Keenan

Gary no longer wanted to be the Vice President of the club. There was one small detail that was preventing him from abandoning his post-he had to find some fool to take his place. Well, I am that fool. In my defense you don't have to look very hard to find a fool in a club that consists of British car owners. So, as your new Vice President, my first official duty is to conduct the Steering/Planning Meeting for next year's events.

The planning meeting for 2016 will be on **January 16** at the QS&L in Robinson Township. This is the same location as last year's meeting. We will start at 11:00 am. It should take about an hour to set the calendar of events then we can socialize for a while. If you have an idea for an event come to the meeting and get your event on the calendar. Or you can just come and hang out while enjoying some refreshments with your fellow enthusiasts. If you want to coordinate an event but can't attend the meeting give me a call at (330- 402- 0707) or send me an email (mij57@msn.com) and I will get your event on the calendar.

I would also like to thank everyone who hosted an event this year. Without the effort required to plan an event the rest of us would have nothing to do with our Triumph's. So if you have never thought of planning an event consider doing so, and those of you who have done events-keep it up. What separates a good club from a not so good club is the level of participation by the members. If your only involvement in the club is receiving the newsletter why not make a New Year's Resolution to be more involved in 2016.

Election Meeting

by Gary Fredo

The election meeting was well attended. The room was quite full but we did have a few empty chairs left. The only complaint was the room was loud. I gotta agree. All hard surfaces with no sound absorption can make it a little tough to hear over all the chatter. Join me in congratulating your new officers. Jim Keenan as Vice President and Larry Ross as Membership Chair. I'm sure they will do great jobs. I do want to take a minute and thank everyone again for all the help in running events over the past 12 or so years. You guys and gals made the job very easy. I couldn't have done it without you. But it was time to let someone else take over the VP position. Naturally I'll still be around but now as a helper.

Run to The Roadster Factory

by Gary Fredo

Well, thank you Pittsburgh for deciding to close BOTH parkways on the morning of our run to the Roadster Factory. This was probably the lowest turnout for the event but considering it took me as long to get to Monroeville as it usually takes me to get to the Roadster Factory then I can understand why attendance was down. Since we had a smaller crowd the tour became more of a BS session. We still wandered around the place checking things out so nothing wrong with that. Lunch at Griffins was great as usual. And inexpensive. We were worried that the bartender may not be able to keep up but she did a great job. Dave and Niki joined us for lunch. They both recently retired from the Roadster Factory and will be heading South to Florida soon since that is where their children live. Dave promised to keep in touch and we are going to hold him to that. Good luck to both of them. They will be missed.

Dents Gone

by Bruce Stutzman

As many of you know, I bought a TR6 last month a very nice car. But it had 10 or 12 small dents, mostly in the hood. I took it to the Dent Connection located behind the Subaru dealer on West Liberty Avenue. About 3 hours later all the dents were gone. Cost me \$350 and was well worth it. Doug, the owner is a magician.



Run To Team Triumph 2016

In **February** on the **20th**, I hope that the snow will not be flying too badly. We will hope to head west to see our friend Scott Harper. I know that I always enjoy a drive to his place and see his great stuff. Sandy would say junk. We will meet at Perkins on route 19 just south of the entrance to the turnpike, at 9:00. Perkins Restaurant address is 20013 Perry Hwy, Cranberry Twp. Pa 16066 for the guys that use their GPS. We will leave Perkins at 10 and arrive at Team Triumph at 11:00 for the guys that don't want breakfast. So mark your calendar.

Winter Brew Tours

by Larry Ross

Well it seems as once the winter sets in, we all get a case of the BLAHS. What better way to relieve those Blahs then by having a Brew Tour!

Our first Brew Tour will be on Saturday, **January 9th, 2016** and our destination will be: The Penn Brewery, 800 Vinial St., Pittsburgh, Pa. 15212, (412) 237-9400 We can spend the afternoon chatting about the Triumph Universe. See you at High Noon.

RunTo Seven Springs



Indian Summer Runs

by Bruce

The first week in November brought us several great summer like days - like drive your Triumph days. Some of the impromptu excursions that I am aware of:

Bud, Jay, Ed, Larry, George and I drove into the Laurel Highlands with a necessary stop at OhioPyle then onto Seven Springs for lunch.

The Browns, Gaiers, PJs and Hersheys found themselves at the High Point restaurant in California, PA.

Pat and Jim drove to Atwell Lake in Ohio.

Tom Stricker, unaware of these happenings, did a solo run to somewhere in WV, then stopped at Jay's for a quick retune. Bud joined us and the 4 of us did some great Washington County roads to a friendly pub.

Run to Highpoint



Duez Are Due; Now! Red Star Issue!

If your address label has the "Red Star", your membership expires On December 2015. I am collecting dues money for next year's membership in our club.

PLEASE make checks/mo. payable to "WPTA" in the amount of \$25. Payment for multiple years is very good and also very acceptable. So make it a point to get it in the mail today. Send it to: Larry Ross, 129 Crestview Dr., Pittsburgh, Pa. 15236

If you do have a question or comment, give me a call at (412) 780-8495. Please include any and all updates in physical address, email address, phone numbers, cell phones, cars, etc. that you have made. I don't mind getting repeat information.

I will try my best to keep accurate information for our club. Also, if you wish to just receive your newsletter via the net, let me know that as well.

Larry

A Kind Gesture

by John Graff

It was one of those unseasonably warm afternoons we had this past early November. My wife and I were just heading home after a nice ride in my Tr4. As we approached the Chippewa exit off the interstate, I hand signaled a right turn to exit, because I don't always trust my brake lights and turn signals. It was just about then that a car behind me started honking frantically, trying to signal me.

My car was driving OK, but I thought maybe my trunk had come open, or my bumper was falling off. I pulled over on the exit ramp and the car that I thought was honking drove past me. Since I was almost home, I just continued on, thinking that I'd find out what was wrong when I got home.

A couple red lights later I was able to catch up with the car that had signaled me. Pulling up on the right hand side, I motioned to roll down the window. The window opened to a woman who is just livid. She shouted "You can't flip me off; I'll flip you off" the whole time gesturing with her hands. F.U. she said and sped away. My wife and I were dumbfounded until we both started to laugh realizing she had taken my right hand turn signal the wrong way.

Don painting Ed Major's TR6



Classified

FOR SALE: I just purchased a 68 TR-250 and I replaced the tires and wheels that came on the car to a set of wires. I want to sell these tires and wheels at a very reasonable offer. The tires are almost new Goodyear Assurance 205/70/15. The wheels are Moss Motor wheels with a Triumph cap in the center. Both the tires and wheels are in excellent condition. One center cap has a scratch on it. I can be reached at 412-657-8420 or email at richardwojnar@yahoo.com.

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. \$7,500. Call Woody McVicker for details at 412-487-3065 or email woodymcv@verizon.net



~ Calendar of Events ~

- Dec 12 No Meeting, Meeting,**
Gary Fredo 724-378-9610
- Dec 14 Cars & Coffee** 9 am at the Beach House Restaurant
Rick Brown, 412-818-1433
- Dec 15 Bud's Beer & Bull**
6 pm at Iron Creek Grill, Cuddy, PA
Bud Osbourne 412-855-9969
- Dec 29 Dzus Dnuz Meeting,** 6:00 PM
Riley's Pour House, Carnegie
- Bruce 412-600-7275
- Jan 9 Larry's Brew Tours--Penn Brewery at Noon**
Larry Ross 412-780-8495
- Jan 16 Steering/Planning Meeting**
QS&L in Robinson Township.
Jim Keenan 330-402-0707
- Jan 23 2016 Holiday Party, Thee Olde Place Inn**
Jan Bulebush - 412-461-5599
Kim Ross - 412-653-2716
- Feb 20 Run To Team Triumph**
Don Harkus dharkus@aol.com, 724-822-5447

~ Events Of Other Interest ~

- Apr 1-3 Kastner Cup 2016**
Sonoma Raceway, CA
- Jun 15-19 TRA National Meet - Painesville OH**
<http://triumphregister.com/tra-national-meet/>
- Sep 9-11 Watkins Glen, NY**
Vintage Car Festival
- Oct 3-7 VTR National Meet**
Pottsboro TX -- <http://vtr2016.org>

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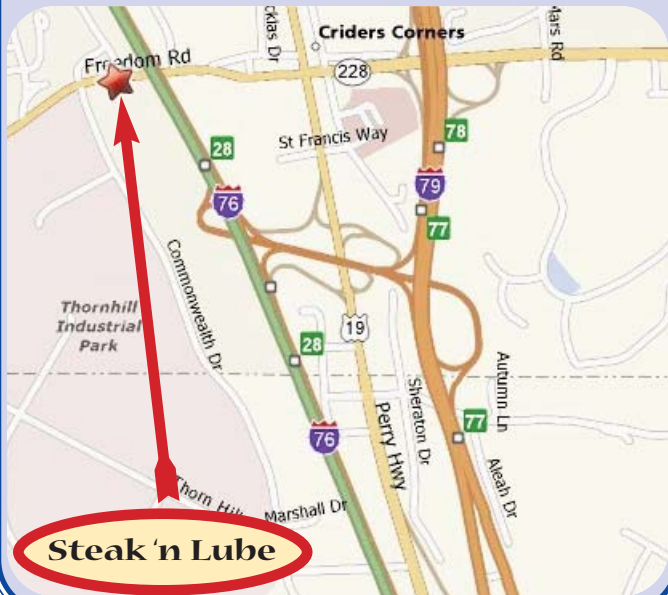
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