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The Crack Of Don



It's my birthday at the end of January. My lovely wife gave me some presents for my birthday that I didn't expect; she paid for car parts

for the TR250, what a gift. Hopefully I will start the engine for my Birthday. Well enough of my BS.

Last month at the Planning meeting we got together the 2015 schedule of events. The whole year's schedule is printed on page 3, make sure to mark your private calendars. Maybe I can give Larry a run for the driving award this year.

I am planning a run to Moss Motors Mossfest on June 6. We will leave on June 5 and come back on the 7th since it is in Virginia. I don't know how many want to go? So I will need to know if you plan on going so I can save some rooms close by.

The Holiday Party was a great time; Jim and Diane Bastone did a fantastic job. In the past we haven't had as many people; it was good to see a crowd there. Thanks again Jim and Diane.

Larry Ross won the Driver Award again for 2014, this is getting old. We need to get a new name on the award. Of course Larry has a nice place for it to hang if no one can beat him in 2015. He just might get tired of looking at it though.

Next month we are going to Team Triumph on the 21st, because Gary wants to spend the 14th with his lovely wife. Honest that is what he told me, or that is how I took it.

Don

Run to Team Triumph

by Gary Fredo

Got the winter blues? Here's the solution. Go hang out with Scott Harper and your Triumph friends on **February 21st** at Team Triumph. We will start with breakfast at Perkin's Restaurant on Rt 19 in Cranberry for breakfast at **8:00 AM** and plan to leave Perkin's around **9:00 AM** to head to Team Triumph. This is always a well attended event as it is always fun to see what new/used Triumph treasures Scott has around his place. If you are planning to purchase parts than it's always best to call Scott in advance and place your order. Just let him know that you will be picking up the parts during the WPTA event on Feb 21st. So get that parts list together for all those winter projects that haven't been finished yet and get them called into Scott. As always we will go to a local establishment after Scott's for some food and refreshments. Team Triumph is located at 695 Summit Street, NW, Warren Ohio 44485 for those that want to go straight to Scott's.

Red Star Issue

by Richard Dick

I wish to thank all the members who paid in a timely manner and those who sent me updates on their information. It was appreciated.

May everyone have a safe and enjoyable driving year. There are many events to attend sponsored by both clubs. Make it a point to attend. We do this for the members of the clubs. We are always looking for a member to step up with something new and different.

Dues are still due for those who have a red star on the label and highlighted **"Expires Dec.'14"**. This is your last issue of Dzus Dnuz unless I receive your \$20.00 by February 19th. Send your check or MO made payable to "WPTA" to Richard Dick, 106 Cypress Avenue, Monongahela, PA 15063

Beer & Bull at The Rock

by Larry Ross

Well the month of February always seems to be focused on our Honeys (rightfully so), however some Man-Time is in order. With that in mind, it's time for a Beer & Bull session. I'm sure a ton of bull will be flying around. So let's meet on Saturday, **February 28TH** at 11:30 AM and see who has the most BULL.

Meeting Place: Rock Bottom Brewery, 171 Bridge St., Homestead, Pa. 15120. Hope to see you there for some quality Man-Time! Larry, larry@lrossagency.com

Church Bull Works

by Dexter Stoltz

Spring is around the corner, so you know what that means: local, craft brews from Pittsburgh's own Church Brew Works with WPTA. Since the group size is wildly different year-to-year, I just let the staff know we will be there on the left side, in the bar area. Show up around noon, have a buffalo burger or some pierogies and probably participate in some bar-side diagnostic conversation. It's going to be on **Saturday, 28 March**, a little later in the year than usual.

Church Brew Works, 3525 Liberty Avenue, Pixburgh PA 15201



Planning Meeting Follow-up

by Gary Fredo

The new location seems to have been a success since we had a decent turn out for the planning meeting. The only glitch was that the acoustics weren't very good. I can try to work on that for next year. Overall the calendar is in great shape. Thanks to everyone for volunteering to run events. The volunteers are what make our events so great so remember to thank them when you are on an event this year. We will need someone to run the holiday party in January 2016. After two years in the North Hills it's probably best to move to another location. Thanks to Jim and Diane for putting the event together the past two years. So if anyone is tired of driving to the North Hills for the holiday event then this is your chance to have it close to your home. Just give me a call or drop me an email to volunteer. My number is 724-378-9610 and email address is garyfredo@yahoo.com. Also let me know if anyone is interested in volunteering for any additional events beyond what is on the calendar and I'll find a date on the calendar for you. The complete 2015 club calendar is on page 3.



Jay Galbreath has installed a lift in his garage, congratulations Jay, we are all envious.



Photos by Chuck Chapas

Larry Ross poses with President Don after winning the 2014 WPTA Drivers Award (again).



Photo by Chuck Chapas

Fogbro 2 and Fogbro 1 at the Holiday Party.



Photo by Chuck Chapas

A very big WPTA thanks to Diane and Jim Bastone who coordinated the Holiday Party this year. Thanks for all the hard work that made this years party so successful. How about that cake!

MEMBERSHIP SPECIAL

JOIN VTR BEFORE
FEBRUARY 28, 2015
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YEARS FOR THE
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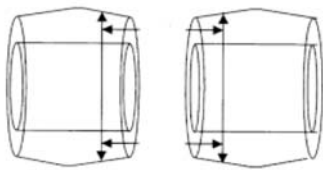
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Gas Line Compression Fittings

by Scott Suhring

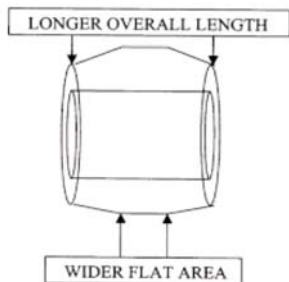
A common problem when replacing fuel lines on TR3s and 4s is that you cannot get a good seal since the original compression fittings are no longer available. The original brass gas line compression fitting was longer than today's replacements. Look closely at your original brass ferrule and compare the extra wide flat area in the center and the total overall length against the replacement fitting. This is what is needed to keep the brass nut from hitting bottom before making a gasoline tight crimp on the fuel line.

To correct this problem, take two new compression fittings and grind away part of one end on each of the fittings. Put the



ground ends together on the gas line to make the overall length about the same as the original. When you tighten the brass nut, both ferrules will squeeze onto the gas line and will not leak.

An easy way to grind away one end of each compression fitting to assure that the ends remain level is by taking a medium to fine cut file, laying the file on the work bench or table and then placing the end of the fitting on the file and running it back and forth until the desired length is left in that side. Do the same to the second compression fitting so that the remaining



length on the filed side is the same as the first fitting. This will give the two new filed ends a level connection.

~ 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 14 PVGP Waterfront Car Show

Jul 24-26 Vintage Races, Watkins Glen

Aug 7-9 The Roadster Factory Summer Party

Aug 28-30 Degrosso Car Show, Altoona

Sep 11 GP Festival, Watkins Glen NY

Sep 19 Stowe Vt, British Invasion

<http://www.britishinvasion.com/>

Sep 11-14 VTR National Meet

The Abbey on Geneva Lake, WI

<http://www.vtr2015.com/>

Sep 27 British Cars at Hartwood

<http://www.jaguarclubofpittsburgh.com/>

Oct 16-18 British Reliability Run

SE PA to NY & Return

<http://www.britishreliability.org/>

~ Calendar of Events ~

- Feb 9 **Cars & Coffee** 9 am at the Beach House Restaurant
Rick Brown, 412-818-1433
- Feb 17 **Bud's Beer & Bull**
6 pm at Iron Creek Grill, Cuddy, PA
Bud Osbourne 412-855-9969
- Feb 21 **Run To Team Triumph, Waren OH**
Don Harkus, 724-822-5447
Breakfast at Perkin's at 8 am, depart at 9
- Feb 23 **Dzus Dnuz Meeting**, 6:00 PM
Primanti's I-79 Exit 60 - Bruce 412-600-7275
- Feb 28 **Beer & Bull Rock Bottom**
Larry Ross 412-780-8495
- Mar 7 **Slot Car Racing**
Jim Keenan 330-402-0707
- Mar 21 **MG Club Tech Session**
George Kress 724-625-7264
- Mar 28 **Church Brew Works**,
Dexter Stoltz 412-865-1201
- Apr 18 **MG Club Tech Session**
Bud Osbourne 724-356-4464
- Apr 25 **Tune-up Clinic – Don's Garage**
Doug Foyle 724-452-5218
- May 2 **Quaker Steak & Lube – Pleasant Hills**
Richard Dick 724-379-5172
- May 9 **MG club Spring Run to Indiana**
- May 16-19 **WPTA at Import Carlisle**
Jim Shaw to sell parts 412-262-3878
- May 30 **Run/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**
Larry Ross 412-780-8495
- Oct 10 **Fall Leaf Tour**
Don Harkus 724-822-5447
- Oct 17 **MG Club Fall Leaf Tour**
- Nov 14 **Election Meeting**,
King's Restaurant at I-79 Wexford exit
- Nov ?? **Run to The Roadster Factory**
Gary Fredo 724-378-9610
- Dec 12 **No Meeting, Meeting**,
Gary Fredo 724-378-9610
- Jan ?? **2016 Holiday Party**,

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February 21 -- Run To Team Triumph
Feb 9, Cars & Coffee -- Feb 17, Beer & Bull
March 7 -- Slot Car Racing

February 1, Run To Team Triumph

Plan to meet at Perkins restaurant in Cranberry at 8:00 for breakfast. We will caravan to Team Triumph in Warren Ohio



Slot Car Racing: Saturday, March 7, 2015

by Jim Keenan

I hate winter more every year. My favorite activities are undoable due to the “awesome” weather. However, it is the time of year to indulge in another one of my hobbies – slot cars.

Like many of you I had various slot car sets as a child. Most of that experience was with HO scale cars. I last played with slot cars in 1972 when I was 14 years old. That long drought ended Christmas 1999 when my youngest son asked for a 1/32 scale slot car set for Christmas. That single event started a chain of events that has led to what you will witness first hand if you attend, “The Fourth Annual WPTA Slot Car Day”.

The track is: 4 lanes (120 feet) of smooth hand-routed MDF, computer timing/track management that gives lap times to 1/1000th of a second, hand controllers with adjustable sensitivity and braking all powered by a 10 amp adjustable DC power supply. This track is the host to highly detailed 1/32 and 1/24 scale slot cars.

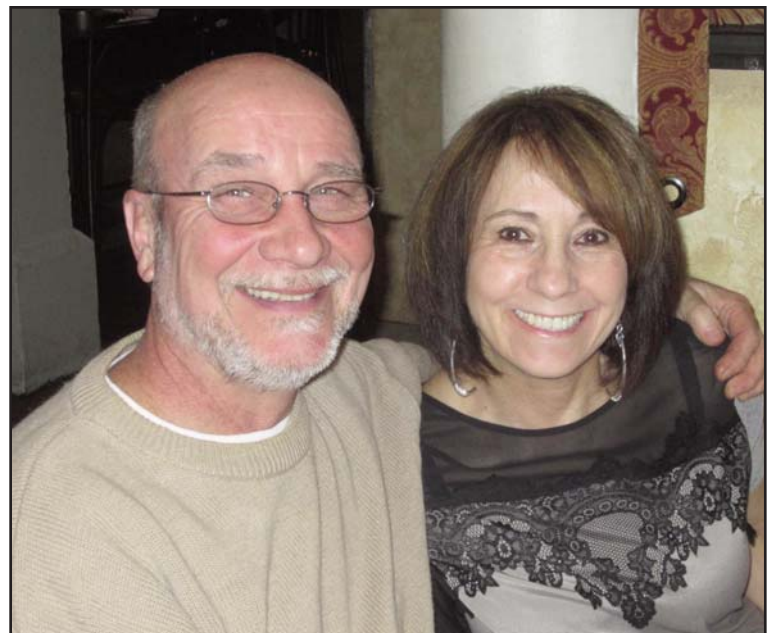
The plan is to meet at Perkin’s restaurant in Cranberry, PA at 9:00 am for breakfast. Depart at 10:00 am for my home at: 7921 Cliff View Drive, Poland, OH 44514. My cell phone is (330) 402-0707. After approximately a 45 minute drive we will arrive for an enjoyable day of adult beverages (BYOB), food, slot car “smack” talk (disparaging comments about one’s lack of skills).

The address for Perkin’s is: 20013 Route 19, Cranberry Township, PA 16066. For those who want to skip breakfast, please arrive at my house no earlier than 11:00 am.

We will race until the onset of slot car fatigue.

Holiday Party Candidals

Photos by Chuck Chapas



Holiday Party Photos



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