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Dusk Till Don

Happy New Year! I hope all had a great Christmas, or should I say a great holiday. Another year has gone by and it was a good year. I am hoping for an even better one in 2015. I got a few presents under the tree. A new camera. Which by itself was more than enough, and a fancy Bose thing that I don't understand yet. No, I didn't get any car parts, that's for my birthday. At least that is what I was told, I did give Sandy my list.

So, last month was the No Meeting Meeting at the Lube. Some of us had plenty of lube to keep the bull going. I don't need any lube to do this, and I was there close to 5 hours.

Next month (January) we will have our Planning Meeting on **Jan 10** at the QSt&L in Robinson Twp. I would like to included GPS addresses with all our runs. As most of us use a GPS device as a back-up to get where we are going, this is now 2015.

Holiday Party, Jim and Diane are doing it again. **Jan. 17** at Bravo's on McKnight Rd. Jim and Diane did such a fine job last year, that we recruited them again this year. So get you RSVP in, don't wait till the last minute like I do.

Then, on **Feb 21** we are going to Team Triumph; as always check Gary's article on page 3.

LET'S THINK SUN, Happy New Year;
PS -- PAY YOUR DUES!

Don

Planning Meeting

by Gary Fredo

Well, the establishment where we had our planning meeting last year now has a disconnected number. I don't know if the place is closed or what happened to their number. I've been trying to find another suitable location that serves both beer and breakfast. No luck. So I decided to try something different. I had several suggestions at the QS&L event that we should have the election meeting at the QS&L so we can get a larger turnout. So let's try having the planning meeting at the Robinson Township QS&L and see what kind of turnout we get. I figured we should go to Robinson Township QS&L for a slight change of pace. We have a room reserved at the Robinson Township QS&L on **January 10th** from **11 am until 2 pm**. We will work on the calendar for about an hour, until 12:00, and then socialize afterwards. So, if you have an idea for an event then come on out to the planning meeting and I'll get the date on the calendar for you. Or come on out to socialize and have some wings and refreshments. We'll be there for a while. As always, if you can't make the meeting but want to put on an event then call me at 724-378-9601 or send me an email at garyfredo@yahoo.com and I'll get your event on the calendar.

I also want to take a minute and thank everyone that put together events last year. These members are the ones that keep the club fun by providing great events for all of us to enjoy. Please remember to thank the people that put together these events since your attendance and appreciation are the only form of compensation that they receive! If you are one of the members that hasn't attended an event lately then what are you waiting for? They best way to enjoy your Triumph is to get out and drive it so come on out to an event in 2015.

Holiday Party

by Jim and Diane Bastone

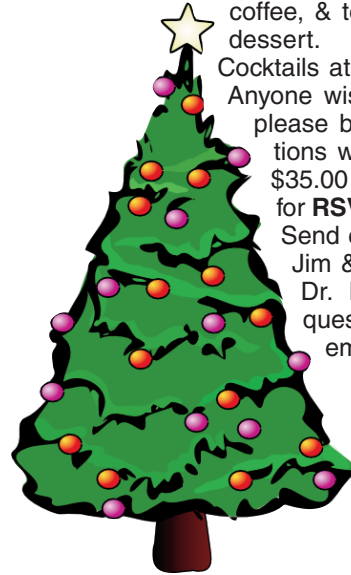
Holiday Party on **January 17th at 6:00 PM**. Location is Bravo's Restaurant, 4976 McKnight Rd, (corner of McKnight and Seibert Rd's) Pgh, PA 15237. If you get lost, their phone # is 412-366-3556.

Yes, Virginia there will be a Holiday Party this year. Thanks to Jim & Diane Bastone for picking up the banner and volunteering to put the Holiday Party together for us. This year, like last year, we are going to have a buffet dinner as well as hot and cold appetizers, salad, soft drinks,

coffee, & tea. Cake will be served for dessert. There will be a cash bar. Cocktails at 6:00, Dinner served at 7:00.

Anyone wishing to donate a door prize please bring it to the party. All donations will be welcome. Cost will be \$35.00 per person. Drop dead date for **RSVP is Monday, January 12th**.

Send check made out to WPTA. To, Jim & Diane Bastone, 138 Sunset Dr. Pgh, PA 15237-3741. Any questions call 412-486-7335. Or email, j.bastone2@verizon.net



Jim & Diane

Membership

by Richard Dick

We are ending the year with 186 members in our club. I have highlighted the labels of those who still need to pay their dues. If your address label has "Expires Dec. '14" highlighted, then you are among those who still need to send me \$20.00. 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.

Make the check or money order payable to "WPTA" in the amount of \$20.00 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. The list is growing of those who are willing to get the newsletter online.

A Christmas Story "SORTA"

Submitted by Hershey Dugan

As some of you may know, I've had a myriad of issues with my TR-3. One in particular has cost me several breakdowns and long distance tows. It seems that the car overheats when not in full throttle. I can tell because I see steam coming from the engine compartment - usually a "good indication". Costs keep increasing at the foreign auto mechanics garage....with little results.

My friend, Dick Gaier, discussed these issues and my frustrations with PJ Wright. PJ springs into "action". A newly designed fan by Macy's Garage out of Ohio has developed the solution. Not an electronic fan, but one that replaces the old one - "The Hurricane Fan" - only \$175.00 - Problem solved.. "Sorta". . .

CHAPTER TWO

After getting my new fan and excited to slap it on, I diligently read the single page instructions. Remove bumper, remove front apron, remove radiator. I think entering from the trunk might have been easier. P.J. advises "not to worry". Members from a distant county will come by for a "look see".

CHAPTER THREE

P.J., Bruce Stutzman and Jay Galbreath arrive early at my Edgewood garage and are somewhat disappointed that Dick had not yet arrived with the supply of doughnuts. Dick lives 3 minutes away from the garage. After several doughnuts and a quick diagnosis, it is determined the car must travel to the distant county. A tucked away garage hiding amongst the cows, horses and chickens where busy Elves and men restore Old English cars. Soon they are accompanied by Bud Osbourne and guru Ed Major. Ed is back to enjoy some cold, rainy and chilly weather before returning to the land of sun and sand.

Having grown up in a Jewish home, I mistakenly thought Elves love eggnog and chocolate chip cookies. Not necessarily true....Doughnuts and Beer are the Blue Plate Special here.

Bruce meticulously rebuilds the carburetors, ignition and the radiator. Master mechanic Jay gently puts everything in order and back together. P.J. and Dick share keeping the light on the busy hands at work. I get to push the starter button and hear the TR-3 begin to purr as it once did when it first left the Ye Olde Factory. What a great feeling.

CHAPTER FOUR

A week later, Bruce and Jay deliver the TR-3 back to my city garage. More doughnuts and beer and the story should read "The End" . . . "sorta"

CHAPTER FIVE

I'm not sure who said "How's the TR6 running".

CHAPTER SIX

Well, the back-up lights are not working on the TR-6 and the engine light is on. Otherwise, I think, it is fine. But the decision is made! With the crank of the engine, the roar of the exhaust and a honk of the horn, off go Bruce and Jay in the TR6. Through the tunnels, across the rivers and into the woods they fly to Jay's hidden treasure magical workshop.

CHAPTER SEVEN

I'm advised the grill and radiator had to come out in order to remove the wiped out camshaft. The head was taken out for rebuilding. Bearings, rings, valves were crying out for help . . . they say . . . As a famous English man once said "It was the best of times . . . It was the worst of times" Is it possible that he owned a Triumph? (Charles Dickens 1812 - 1870)

THE CHRISTMAS STORY CONTINUES . . . "SORTA"



Photos by Don Harkus

I think Don Harkus just might have the "hot" setup this year!

No Meeting Meeting Follow-up

by Gary Fredo

Another cold day in Pittsburgh but a hearty crew still showed up for the December No Meeting Meeting at the Cranberry Quaker Steak & Lube. I didn't see any collector cars coming into the parking lot which was understandable since it was pretty cold. Fortunately the only cold thing inside was the beer. The wait staff was great and the food was fantastic, as always. There was a slight mishap with Bruce and Jim's order but they seemed quite happy after the manager came out and told them there would be an adjustment on their bill. All in all a great time was had by all.



So who brought a Corvette jacket to a Triumph Meet?

Slot Car Races

by Jim Keenan

Mark your calendars. **Saturday, March 7** will be our annual slot car racing extravaganza. Those who have participated in the past have always had a good time. If you have never attended this event come out and join us. We will meet for breakfast at Perkins in Cranberry then make a short drive (about 45 minutes) to my house in Poland, Ohio for a day of racing, beverages, and lunch. More details in next month's newsletter.



Personalized Illustrations

by Jerry Van Vlack

I ran across this man doing Illustrations detailed to your individual car and asked that he do one for me. I've attached it so you can see the detail that goes into his Illustrations. No financial interest on my part. I thought I'd pass this on to WPTA in case anyone wants to have one done for their car. Check out his web site, www.planbillustration.com. He was very accommodating towards details on my car like the little K&N filter on my Valve Cover, my back up light and a few others. His e-mail address is David Townsend (david@planbillustration.com). I found him to be very accommodating and great attention to detail. His work is very reasonable.

Run to Team Triumph

by Gary Fredo

Mark your calendars for **February 21**. That is the day we will have our annual 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 after breakfast for a day of scrounging through parts and BSing about cars in general and Triumphs in particular. As always, we will head to a local establishment afterwards for a late lunch. Additional details in next month's newsletter.



Hershey's wiped out cam shaft

FOR SALE: TR6 seats Like new foam. Like new vinyl skins & backer panels. Look new from 3 feet away. Nice clean chrome recline levers, includes 2 brand new bottom rubber diaphragms. Includes 2 rails in excellent rust-free condition "New Tan" color Over \$1,000 if bought new + shipping + hire an upholsterer to install. \$750. or best offer. Also have a Honey Tan carpet set. \$350. OBOContact: James (graph.unltd@gmail.com)

~ Classified ~



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

WANTED: to buy, TR-6, good car or project car. Call Joe Turek at 724-628-0999 or Email jturek@zoominternet.net



FOR SALE: Four original 14" Triumph TR8 wheels in very nice condition with 4 newer Bridgestone tires installed. Taken from my 1980 TR8 when the Minilites were installed. \$625.00 OBO. Call Dan 412-680-1639.



FOR SALE: TR4 overdrive tranny. Came out of a TR4 with 50k miles. Appears to be very sound. O/d works and passed Fog1's pressure test. 2 syncros should probably be renewed. Asking \$1300. Stutztr4@gmail.com

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January 10 -- Planning Meeting

January 17

WPTA Holiday Party

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~ Calendar of Events ~

- Jan 10 Planning Meeting, 11 am**
Quaker Steak & Lube, Robinson
Gary Fredo, 724-378-9610
- Jan 12 Cars & Coffee 9 am** at the Beach House Restaurant
Rick Brown, 412-818-1433
- Jan 17 2015 Holiday Party,**
Jim & Diane Bastone
- Jan 20 Bud's Beer & Bull**
6 pm at Iron Creek Grill, Cuddy, PA
Bud Osbourne 412-855-9969
- Jan 26 Dzus Dnuz Meeting, 6:00 PM**
Primanti's I-79 Exit 60 - Bruce 412-600-7275
- Feb 21 Run To Team Triumph, Wren OH**
Don Harkus, 724-822-5447
- Mar 7 Slot Car Racing**
Jim Keenan 330-402-0707

