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British Car Day 2015

It's July! That means the PVGP and WPTA's British Car Day. To a car guy, it doesn't get any better than this!

This is what WPTA does. This defines us. It is a privilege to be such an important and integral part of the Pittsburgh Vintage Grand Prix.

Get your registration to Larry Ross pronto. Pre-registration ends July 3rd. If you can't be there consider an "in spirit" donation on the registration form. Forms are on our web site at: www.wptriumph.org.

You know, of course, that your BCD windshield card is a 2 day pass for your British car and as many passengers that it can hold onto the show field on both Saturday and Sunday. This is the perfect parking space for the whole weekend's activities. Like being able to park in the handicap space. This is a deal! As Bob Uecker once said in one of his great commercials, "I must be in the front row".

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Some of the PVGP events:

- July 11&12 – vintage races at Beaverun, now Pitt-Race Complex
- July 14 – Car cruise at the Waterfront
- July 16 – Countryside Tour
- July 17 – WPTA show field prep from 5:00 PM to ?
- July 18 – British Car Day
- July 19 – British car preferred parking on the show field
See ya there.

Dusk Till Don

Is it ever going to quit raining? Last month was Mossfest, I was going to go but there was only Larry and myself, I started to move instead so we cancelled. Yes that is right I'm now a Pittsburgher, my new address is 402 Wenzell Avenue Pittsburgh, Pa. 15216. Now this is something to see. I went from a 6 bedroom, a large den where I parked my TR3 and bike in for the winter, to a 2 bedroom apartment and more than enough room to work on all my cars at the same time. I am now learning to be more organized. All I have been doing is building shelves. I do still have a lot of room but it looks like it might be hard to buy too many more cars.

For the Pa Ohio Run I met Larry for breakfast. It was raining so hard that we canceled the run, I don't know if or when we will reschedule it. This is up to Larry and Jim, I hope they do as it sounded like a nice drive. Next month on the 14th is the Waterfront Cruise hope to see you there.

Then one of the best days of the year on the 18th, British Car Day. As always we need help with setting up on Friday and the show on Saturday. I would like to thank all for the time that you put into making this show happen, because without you we couldn't do it.

So let's all get the registration in.

Don



Johnstown Fun Run

by Curt Stroup

Yes indeed! Since the month of July is filled with the Vintage Grand Prix and British Car Day, it is time to actually go for a DRIVE !

The Johnstown Run is on again for this year. The date is Saturday **July 25th**. The meeting place is the Cracker Barrel (Exit 57 off IS 70) in New Stanton. Meeting time is around 10:30 am, driver meeting at 10:45 with all cars gone by 11:00 am.

We will travel some nice back roads with a pit stop at the Sheetz in Ligonier.

The Boulevard Grill in Johnstown again is our end point with their great food and cold beverages. This is a combined MG Club /Triumph Club run with the Altoona British Car Club joining us for lunch at 1 pm. Please don't miss this great event!



The Kastner Cup 2015

by Bruce Stutzman

What a great Triumph event! The venue was Summit Point Motorsports Park just outside of Winchester, VA. Kas Kastner himself with wife Peggy, 52 Triumph race cars from a Herald to a TR7, Triumph owners and enthusiasts from far and wide.

A wonderful Triumph barbeque at the track Friday night complete with kegs of beer. Four WPTA members were racing their cars:

Russ Moore - Spitfire
 John Styduhar - TR3
 Mike Moore - TR4
 Bill Emory's son Bill - TR7

A bunch of club members drove their cars to the event.

The Thursday group:

Don Harkus - TR250
 Jerry VanVlack - TR4A
 Ed Major - TR250

Bruce Stutzman - TR4

Jay Galbreath - TR4

The Friday group:

Larry Ross and entourage - TR6, Spitfire, Mustang

Pat Ledford and son - TR6

Curt Stroup and son - TR6

Bernie Clark - TR6

Ray Santini - TVR

Bob Wyner - TR8

Ken Mikos - TR6

Jim Keenan - TR8

Russ Fuhrer - Alfa

Car problems? NAH. Minor coolant issues. The biggest issue; Don's TR250 had a vibration at 75 MPH. He rebalanced the front wheels when he got home. Were we really going 75 on RT50 thru the WV mountains? Pretty good cars, huh. And a very good weekend.

Dave and Niki Hagenbuch camped in the TR pits. It rained so hard Saturday afternoon that they floated away. I don't remember seeing them again.

Oh, and the motel had a decent complimentary breakfast.

This was the 13th Kastner Cup. Jerry and I have been to eight of them; Mid Ohio, Mosport, Road America GA, Watkins Glen NY, Elkart Lake WI, Tulsa OK, Topeka KS and Summit Point WV.



Summertime

by Bruce Stutzman

Ain't summertime great!

I wake up in the morning with the warm sun coming thru the window and find myself singing the George Gershwin lyrics; not quite as Ella Fitzgerald sang them:

"Summertime and the livin' is easy
 Fish are jumpin' and the cotton is high"

There is more to the song but that is all I can ever remember, so I just keep repeating them.

Summertime

by Ed Major

Summertime in Florida

I wake up before first light because it's 200% humidity outside down here in Florida and I have to get my hour long walk in before the sun comes up. I get back at sun up, soaked to my drawers!

The only song going through my saturated brain and shorts is "please Mr. Custer, I don't wanna go"!

Night Owl Rally '15

by Doug Foyle

7 PM, August 1 we will be meeting at Sheetz on Freedom Rd. in Cranberry Twp. for a 7:30 start to this year's Night Owl Rally. Guaranteed nice roads and good food to follow this beautiful evening drive.

To get to Sheetz: Exit I79 at exit 78 (Rt. 228) and head west towards Cranberry. Continue straight at Rt.19 onto Freedom Rd. Sheetz is approx. 1/4 mile on the right.

Word has it, the rains will subside just in time for the 7:30 start!

Hope to see you there.



Our Editor in Chief made the men's room wall at Summit Point WV. Bruce considers Gary Hunter to be the chief suspect behind this connivery. Watch your back, Gary.

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FOR SALE: Most of a spitfire including engine, trans., body, top frame, and a bunch of buckets full of misc. parts, no title, asking \$500.00 or make an offer. Everything must go. Call Darrell Smith at 724 785 4785 or email:

thehorsebarn90@gmail.com

FOR SALE: 1958 Triumph TR3A interior: Red seats no rips, good door panels, extra material to cover dash, back seat covers good, for \$800. Selling because I changed my interior to black. I'm also looking for a windshield, please call for either. Contact for photos. Rob 724-719-7841.



Joe Richards, TRA founder and 1st president presents an award to Ed Woods WPTA co-founder and 1st President - fall 1981. Wife Teena looks on proudly



Sandy Gaier & Carol Wright at The Hershey Elegance



Dick Gaier rubbing elbows with Wayne Carini



John and Cathy Swauger photographed with WPTA members Dan Mabon, Bruce Stutzman, Eric Stoltz, Ed Woods and Jim Keenan at his Retirement party from TRF.

The Old Days

by Bruce Stutzman

I found a large portfolio of files from the early days of WPTA. One of the files was info from the 1980 TRA National that WPTA sponsored at the Mount Summit Inn just outside of Uniontown.

In that file were some of my notes regarding the auction that read as follows:

"Needless to say it wasn't a WPTA member who bought the 12 oz. can of Pabst for \$2.25 at the auction. Woody McVicker was ready to bid \$5.00 until he realized it wasn't Iron City Light. Actually Woody didn't need another can of Iron. I was in the parking lot when he and Diane arrived. The trunk was full of Iron, the area behind the seats was full of Iron, there was a cooler full of Iron on the luggage rack and an extra 6 pack At Diane's feet. Diane was allowed one change of clothes and she had to carry them on her lap."

~ Calendar of Events ~

- Jul 13** **Cars & Coffee** 9 am at the Beach House Restaurant
Rick Brown, 412-818-1433
- Jul 14** **PVGP Waterfront Cruise**
At Rock Bottom, Waterfront, Homestead
- Jul 18** **British Car Day at Schenley Park**
- Jul 17-19** **Pittsburgh Vintage Gran Prix**
- Jul 21** **Bud's Beer & Bull**
6 pm at Iron Creek Grill, Cuddy, PA
Bud Osbourne 412-855-9969
- Jul 25** **The Johnstown Fun Run**
Curt Stroup - cstroup@eastman.com
- Jul 27** **Dzus Dnuz Meeting, 6:00 PM**
Primanti's I-79 Exit 60 - Bruce 412-600-7275
- 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

~ Events Of Other Interest ~

- Jul 11-12** **Vintage Races, Beaverun**
- Jul 12** **British Invade Gettysburg, PA**
www.lancomgclub.com.
- Jul 14** **PVGP Waterfront Car Show**
- Jul 24-26** **Vintage Races, Watkins Glen**
- Aug 11-14** **VTR National Meet**
The Abbey on Geneva Lake, WI
<http://www.vtr2015.com/>
- Aug 28-30** **DelGrosso Car Show, Altoona**
- Sep 11** **GP Festival, Watkins Glen NY**
- Sep 19** **Stowe Vt, The British Invasion**
<http://www.britishinvasion.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/>

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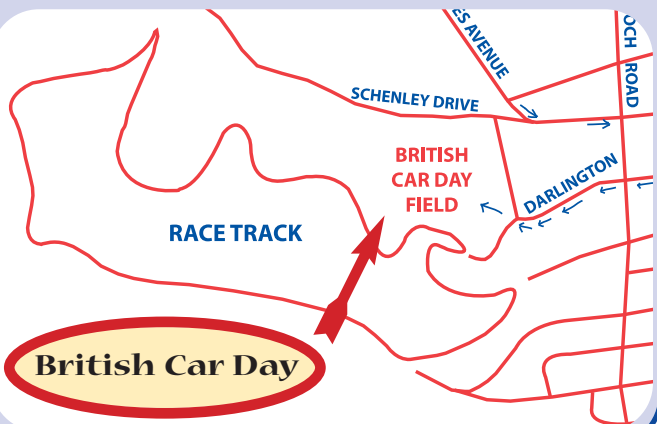
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July 14 -- PVGP Cruise & Not Bud's Beer & Bull at the Waterfront

