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The Crack Of Don

Well it is almost summer! How many have had their car out on a long drive this year? I know of a few guys that have. Last month there was Richard Dick's run to the Quaker Steak & Lube. This was a nice drive to the Lube and then home for most of the guys. Then some guys went to Import Carlisle, this is getting smaller every year. I remember the first time I went the show field was packed. Back then the young Jap car guys walked around with their girls saying this is nothing but a bunch of old guys looking at a bunch of old parts, lets get out of here. How times have changed, we used to be the young guys looking at old parts.

Another bunch of guys went to the Kastner Cup race at Summit Point, WV. I was in that group; this gave me a new meaning of racing. You got to walk around the pits and meet the drivers. They would talk to you, if they where not wrenching on there cars. I had a great time, and would do it again. I drove the TR250 there; it was a good test for it. A few small bugs to work out but it ran better than I thought it would.

Rick Brown did his run on May 30th and I was hoping to see most of you there. Then it will be Larry Ross and crew and myself will be going to Mossfest on June 5-7.

Don Stewart is doing the Summer Solstice tour on the 21st, then Larry Ross and Jim Keenan are doing a run at the end of the month on the 27th. So check the articles for times and dates.

Last, but not forgotten, is the Registration for British Car Day is in this month's Dzus Dnuz; so when you get it, send it to Larry Ross or get one off the WPTA web site.

Don

PA/Ohio Tour

by Larry Ross

Jim Keenan and I invite you to join our PA/Ohio Tour on Saturday **June 27th**. On the Pa portion of the tour, we will leave from our starting point at approximately 10:00 AM.

Our starting point for the tour will be: Kings Family Restaurant, 500 Market Place Drive, Oakdale, Pa. 15071, (724) 695-3922. We will leave Kings promptly at 10 AM (drivers meeting 9:45 AM), so make sure that you arrive early enough for breakfast and/or a roll to go along with you coffee.

This will begin our Pa portion of the Tour. I was hoping to tour the facilities of Welsh Engineering in Steubenville, but the staff of Welsh Engineering will be headed off in different directions on that particular day (sigh).

The Ohio part of the journey will begin after a quick "pit stop" in the Steubenville area. We will then begin our cruise of the beautiful backroads of Columbiana County. In the back of our minds, we may think that Ohio is relatively "flat", but that is not the case.

At the end of our journey we will lunch at the Spread Eagle Tavern in Hanover. The Spread Eagle Tavern is located in the "canal area" of Hanover and is quite historic.

Both Jim & I hope to see you!

Summer Solstice Tour

Sunday June 21

by Don Sewart



We're actually having the tour this year on the longest day. Summer officially begins at 12:39 PM, just about the time we should be sitting down to a nice glass of wine. We will meet at the Sheetz just east of the PA Turnpike Irwin exit. Departure is at 11 AM. Our route will take us to the Southeast, through New Stanton, then

through Mount Pleasant and on to the Stone Villa Wine Cellars near Acme, PA. Entertainment this afternoon will be by The Elliotts. They are a Pittsburgh band and feature early British Invasion music, the perfect era to fit our MGs and Triumphs.

There is no food served by Stone Villa, but you are encouraged to bring a picnic lunch. Only Stone Villa wine can be consumed, and no other alcoholic beverages are permitted. You can bring your own non-alcoholic beverages. A wine purchase is required for admittance to the outdoor entertainment venue. Parties of 6 or more must make reservations, which requires a \$100 wine card purchase per 8 persons. That works out to \$12.50 per person to purchase a bottle, which is about the cost of one of their lower priced wines. I will be collecting the money before we leave Sheetz. Because of the reservation and pre-purchase requirement, you will need to RSVP by Friday June 12 at the latest. You can bring a lunch from home, or pick up something at the Sheetz before departure. Although the reservation requirements are a bit of a hassle, I think you will enjoy a pleasant afternoon by the lake listening to great music with fine friends. Please RSVP to Don Stewart by June 12 at 412-963-1893 or by email to; britcardon@verizon.net

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 do 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!



Photo by Wray Brady

Is this better or worse than mine?

Carlisle 2015

by Wray Brady

As always, Thursday was a bright and sunny day in Carlisle. It is an afternoon to hunt for hard to find parts or bargains and set up the cover for the space. We made a few sales but were mostly in an acquisition mode. Thursday saw Jim Shaw, Ed Woods, Dan Green, Hugh Elloitt and me with PJ making a guest appearance. Yes we did drink some beers. Thursday's highlight was watching Fog 1 start polishing what turned out to be a beautiful front TR3 bumper and suddenly returning it to his Honda as it was better than the bumper on his red 3. He announced this by declaring- it's making the trip to Vermont. Both Dan and I tried to buy it.

Friday was another beautiful day and folks poured in all morning- Joe Stout and a buddy, Toby Yurko and Ken, Gary Fredo, only showing the beginning of a magnificent sunburn at that point, George Yonker and Tom Schweitzer. Our Friday morning sales were very brisk between 9 and 11. We had right of first refusal on a nice batch of sheet metal, but finished second... The sale of the weekend was made by Dan (no surprise there) who pedaled a box of rusty tr3 trans guts for \$15. Significant in that Ed Woods had already sorted thru this box playing American Pickers and deemed the remains of no value. Tom organized pizza at days end. Yes we did drink some beers. Kenny Mikos, Bob Wyner and Russell Fuhrer also showed up on Friday, browsed for a while and then headed out to Summit Point for the races.

Saturday was sunny and hot till 2:30 or so. Mike Yurko arrived but without the beer cutout display. Sales were more difficult but still the group unloaded much of the inventory. The car show was terrific and George's excellent E-type won an award from the TVR club as their favorite other British car on display. George did the body work and paint and it is an award well deserved. Tom bought a tire and wheel for a vehicle he does not own yet which must make price negotiations more difficult as the seller was in attendance. We packed up and beat the rain with just a few minutes to spare around 3:30 and adjourned to the hotel. And yes before and after dinner, we did drink some beers. Don't miss next year's chance to buy parts you don't need.



Pee break somewhere in West Virginia

Prolog by Editor; Jim Antis has been putting together a TR4A that he bought from Bob Criss a while back, with help from his old pal Ed Woods. Issue -- new clutch that Bob installed wouldn't disengage.

TR4A Report

by Ed Woods

Well, Jim Antis' 4A now has a working clutch. We were unable to purchase a new Sachs pressure plate from TRF, but did manage to secure a new clutch disk. We used Bruce's old pressure plate and the throw out bearing that I'd installed on Jim's transmission when I built it, which, coincidentally, is a duplicate of the one Bruce gave to me Saturday with the pressure plate. The first thing I notice during the install by two old men, was that the clutch rod had to be shortened by over 1/2", indicating that the Sachs pressure plate had caused the throw out bearing to be pushed to the rear. Don't know where the "Made in England" pressure plate that Bob had installed came from, but it was obviously the culprit. Even at our pace, the whole thing was back together in less than 2 hours and tested, just in time for lunch. We spent the afternoon hunting electrical gremlins and soldering on bullet connectors. The oil line blew shortly after our clutch testing, so we didn't get to run the engine very long. TRF was out of stock on the oil pressure line.

My Honda ate its 27 year old alternator on route 28 on the way to Indiana. Fortunately, the battery held up for the next 30 or so miles. Since I'd made arrangements to have the timing belt replaced at an Indiana garage; recommended by Jim, we just added the alternator to the job. The car was back in service by 4:30 and I was \$500 poorer. So nice to have someone else do the work though.

Also stopped at a local muffler place and had the Bugeye's pipe shortened/expanded. This is a one man shop that Jim used last week to build his dual muffler TR4A exhaust for \$180. Jim knows his way around the good, and usually less expensive, car shops. What a surprise!

A very, very productive day. I arrived home around 8:30, tired but very happy with the days events; even the alternator failure, since I'd meant to take a look at that thing anyway.



Photos by Larry Ross

One of two rows of cars at the "Lube"



Photos by P.J. Wright

Out on the Patio at the QS & L on Rt 51

From the Membership Chair

With the retirement of Richard Dick as the Membership Chair (great 401K plan here), I have been elected as the new Membership Chair. According to Richard, I am now the 3rd Membership Chair in the Clubs history. Richard took over the position from Ed Woods.

With that in mind, I would like to say that the Club is only as good as the members. There are many reasons to be part of the WPTA:

- Our love of British Cars
- The camaraderie of the members
- Beer
- “Stories” from the drinking of said Beer

My plans are to personally contact every member of the Club before the end of the year to update the Club's information on YOU. However, this will have to wait until after British Car Day as I am also filling in for Rich Brown at this years at British Car Day.

At any point in time, you can reach out to me at: (412) 780-8495 – cell or email: Membership@wpTriumph.org

Over the past 2 weeks, I have also added a Facebook presence for the Club. You can add any British Car related photos and catch up on the Club's activities on our Facebook page. Here is the link:

<https://www.facebook.com/pages/Western-Pennsylvania-Triumph-Association/794107230638632>

Get out and DRIVE !!!

Larry

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For Sale in Western PA: At almost 92 years old, Dad has finally decided to sell one of his prized TRs. This is his 1954 TR2 Longdoor. Engine serial is

TS2660E. This car runs and drives well but Dad drove only about 100 miles each year. It had a full restoration in the late 80's. Has wire wheels, luggage rack and a few extras. Includes tonneau, soft top and win-dows. Interior is not leather but in perfect condition. No rust on car but it has paint chips and a few dings from 30 years. Undercarriage has no rust —just dirty. This car would be rated by Haggerty as a class 3 rating. Price is \$18,500. I have additional photos and Dad would be happy to talk about the car with you. My email is: jeff.george@seaturtleinc.org and you may call Dad (Dave) or my brother Tim between 8am and 7pm at (724) 652-7249. He would love to find it a good home in Western PA since we have been driving them for 48 years.

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



FOR SALE: 1976 TR6, Palmetto Red, Monza exhaust, Roll Bar, Engine rebuilt with hardened seats for use with regular gas and 44,059 original miles. Asking \$13,500. Contact Richard or Judy Dick at 724-379-5172 or email: britcarnuts@comcast.net

FOR SALE: 1975 TR 6 in Carmine Red for sale. New Top, no rust, \$9,500k or best offer, Contact Dave Fisher at 412-221-6542.

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.

~ Calendar of Events ~

- Jun 5-7 Mossfest in Virginia**
Don Harkus 724-822-5447
- Jun 8 Cars & Coffee** 9 am at the Beach House Restaurant
Rick Brown, 412-818-1433
- Jun 16 Bud's Beer & Bull**
6 pm at Iron Creek Grill, Cuddy, PA
Bud Osbourne 412-855-9969
- Jun 21 Summer Solstice Tour, RSVP**
Stone Villa Wine Cellars near Acme, PA
Don Stewart 412-963-1893
- Jun 27 Ohio/Pa Run**
Larry Ross 412-780-8495 &
Jim Keenan 330-402-0707
- Jun 29 Dzus Dnuz Meeting, 6:00 PM**
Primanti's I-79 Exit 60 - Bruce 412-600-7275
- Jul 14 PVGP Waterfront Cruise & Beer & Bull**
At Rock Bottom, Waterfront, Homestead
- Jul 18 British Car Day at Schenley Park**
- Jul 17-19 Pittsburgh Vintage Gran Prix**

~ Events Of Other Interest ~

- Jun 8 MG club national, Niagara Falls, NY**
- Jun 16-19 TRA National Meet, Solomon's Island MD**
www.triumphregister.wordpress.com/
- Jun 12-14 The Elegance at Hershey, PA**
- Jun 12-14 Vintage Races, Mosport, Ontario**
- 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**

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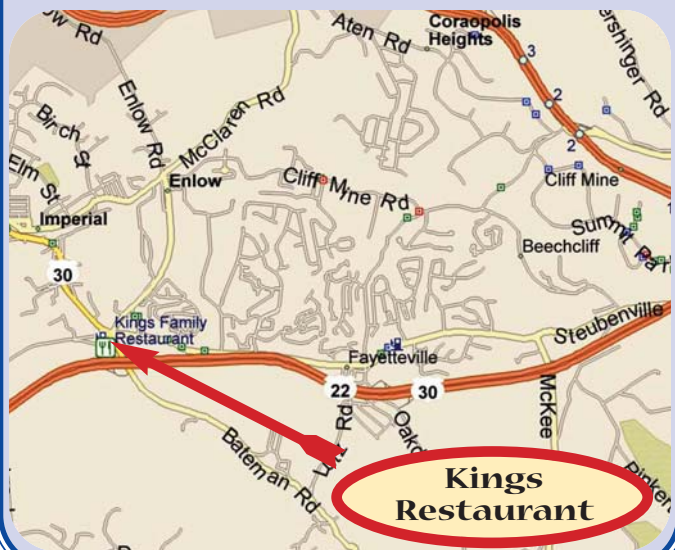
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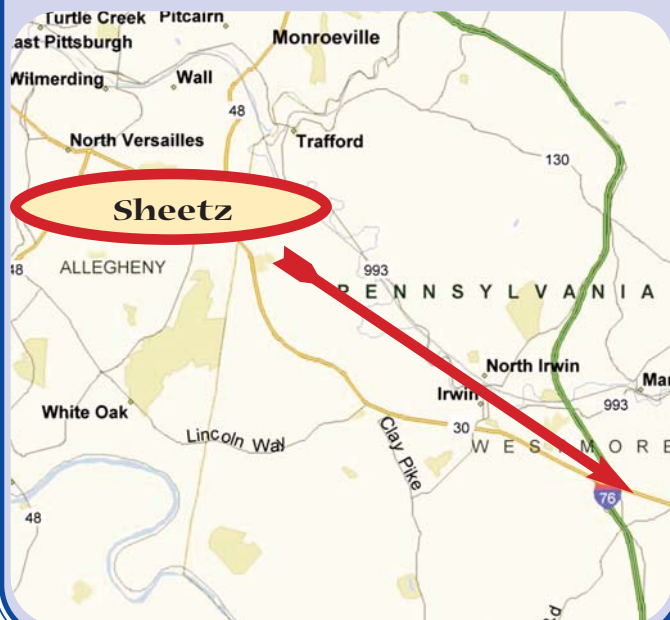
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More QS&L Candids

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Summet Point WV Photos

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