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## The Crack Of Don

It's that time again. You know, driving time! After last month's warm days you should have had your car out by now. I know most of us guys already have. Then working on my TR6 doing some things to it. I was on my way to Dexter's Brewery run. Since the Brewery is on the other side of town, I had to go thru the Fort Pitt Tunnels. For some reason my 6 had a block in the fuel line on the way through the tunnels. It sputtered, but kept on running. When I got off on 28 it died. What a place to quit, but could have been worse, it wasn't in the tunnels. Since I was working on it I thought I took all the tools out of the car, but I left some under the hood by mistake. Lucky me. I realized that when one or two fell out going down Banksville Rd. So I took the fuel line off and shook it; some of the dirt fell out. So I put it back together and was on my way. I made it to the Church not too late. There were a few cars there and a bunch of guys. We had a good time, but I was in a Triumph what else would we have.

Also in March Jim Keenan did his slot car run to his house. Jim puts a lot of time into getting his track ready for us & I would like to thank him for doing this. I was not able to go but have been there in the past. I wish I could have gone.

Next month Larry is taking us north to Slippery Rock, Pa. to the North Country Brewery. I have been there before; the beer and food are exceptional, and I don't drink a lot of beer.

Then at the end of the month Doug is doing the annual Tune-Up Clinic at Jay's garage in Hickory. I don't know if the Roadster Factory is coming or not at this time, but hope so. Doug has done this event for so many years that I cannot remember a year without it. A little history, I believe it started at Woody McVicker's garage in Glenshaw, went to Fred Greenberg's in Greensburg, to Roy Miller's on Penn Avenue in Bloomfield and to Roy's in Sharpsburg, then it went to my place in Butler. Now it has passed on to Jay's place for I hope many more years.

Last month we lost another member, Bob King, of Prospect, Pa. he passed on Friday March 11. I hope to a better place, maybe taking a long drive somewhere. With that note let's make every day count. Enjoy everything that you can.

Don

## North Country Brewery

by Larry Ross

Well, the Brew Tours have been a Big Hit over the past 2 months, so with the driving season just around the corner, it's time to have our FINAL Brew Tour before the driving season commences.

So, let's take a trip North on **April 2nd** to the North Country Brewery, 141 S. Main St., Slippery Rock, PA. 16057, (724) 794-2337

By moving up North, some of our Northern Tier members will hopefully attend. See you at High Noon.

## Tune Up Clinic '16

by Doug

**April 30**, 8 am at Jay Galbreath's garage in Hickory are the notables for this year's Tune Up Clinic. Although we suffered through a pleasantly mild winter, it seems like an eternity since our last driving season.

The Roadster Factory, though possibly not in attendance, will still have a presence. Charles Runyan will be offering a 15% discount off regular pricing, and free freight to the event. There will be size restrictions to these items, as there is a chance I will be bringing them in an already loaded TR6. Since there will be no parts table this year, make sure to order your necessities in advance of Friday, April 29.

WPTA will be supplying Brad Penn 20w-50 Green Performance Oil for free oil changes performed at the clinic. Cases will be available for purchase at \$55.00/case, a nice discount over retail. If you wish to get a case of Break-In Oil or any other Brad Penn Product, please contact Don Harkus (724)487-4282 or Doug Foyle (724) 452-5218 by April 15 with your needs.

We will be ordering out for lunch, but bring your own beverage. If you have never attended this event, 2016 presents a great opportunity for your first visit.

Mark your calendars. See you there!

## North to Alaska?

by Pat Ledford

Save the date of **May 7th**, as this will be the first driving tour of the summer season & yes, we will be heading north. Fortunately we will not be going as far as Alaska, only to Hermitage PA. We will be driving through some nice country roads some of which we have traveled before. Our starting point will be the Sheetz at 1329 Freedom Road Cranberry Twp. PA, 16066. Larry Ross had set up a great brew tour for the winter months and we will be visiting another new local brewery at the end of the run, the Stone Church Brew Pub, 600 South Hermitage Road Hermitage PA. Check out their web site at <http://www.stonechurchbrewpub.com>

Drivers Meeting will be at 10:30AM and First group of cars will be off at 10:45Am

As this is an early drive, maybe the first time some us have their Triumphs out for a good stretch of the legs and if the weather cooperates we may not be content to drive back home after lunch and may wish to drive some more country roads and visit other attractions. There are probably some spouses who would prefer the grape to hops, I have included some directions to five wineries that may be visited after leaving the Brew Pub.

I am going to try something new, which will help those who do not like to be a navigator. I developed the route in Google maps and if you send me your email address I will share the map I developed with you. Then if you are more computer savvy than I am you can download to your GPS or smart phone and have turn by turn voice directions.

My email is [dpdledford@gmail.com](mailto:dpdledford@gmail.com), my home phone is 724-901-7005, cell phone during the run is 724-977-0938.



# CARLISLE® IMPORT & PERFORMANCE NATIONALS

## aka, Import Carlisle

by Mike Yurko

The time is close for Import Performance Nationals Weekend at Carlisle. This year the dates are **May 19-22** and we have reserved a block of rooms at the Motel 6 just off the turnpike exit. This is a place some of the guys stayed at last year. I have requested all non-smoking rooms.

For room reservations the phone number is 717-249-7622. The rate is \$69 a night. When you call make sure that you let them know that you are with the WPTA or Mike Yurko to get the discount and in the same block of rooms (unless you are ashamed of us).

Hope to see you there.

## Spring Things to do and Places to go

by Bruce

Man - has Spring sprung! For those of us itching to get out there in our cars - here are some happenings.

1. Larry's Brew Tour to Slippery Rock on April 2. See Larry's article.
2. Vintage races at Virginia International Raceway (VIR) in Danville VA on April 8-10. Lots of TR racers and the infamous Triumph Ghetto. And the mountain roads to VIR are great.
3. WPTA tune up clinic at Jay's garage in Hickory on April 30. See Duggie's article.
4. Pat Ledford's tour on May 7. See Pat's article.
5. Vintage races at Summit Point WV (the Jefferson Cup) on May 13-15. More great TR roads to a great venue just outside of Winchester.
6. Carlisle on May 20-22. Come and join the party. Shut out all your cares and woes. Immerse yourself in cars, parts, car guys and beer. See Mike's article.

## Slot Car Wrap-up

by Jim Keenan

Slot car racing is a novel event. Once you have done it most people really aren't that motivated to do it a second time. As a result the number of participants has decreased each year. I was not going to host the event this year. I figured it had run its course and it was time to move on. Certain members lobbied me to continue this event. Against my better judgement I gave in and scheduled another day of slot car racing. Well the members that insisted we have another day of racing toy cars failed to attend, confirming my initial thoughts to not schedule the event. I do not anticipate any future WPTA slot car events.

With that said here is the lowdown on the event. Meeting for breakfast at 9:00 am were: Michael Breskovich, Larry Ross, Pat Ledford, and myself. Ed Woods (a slot car racer dating back to the 1960's) arrived in time for a cup of coffee before we left for my house. Jay Galbreath met us at my residence. We played with the cars for several hours, had a few beverages, and discussed all things Triumph. We did manage to break lots of parts off the cars, however none of them actually stopped running. The specially constructed 1/24 scale Camaros proved to be unstoppable. Michael even got a chance to run his 1/32 scale MG slot car. Those in attendance had big fun playing with small toys.

## Team Triumph Run



Finally a use for MG's



Scott and George Yonker



## Classified

**FOR SALE:** '71 TR6 for sale. Body good. Frame good. Asking \$7500. Bill Dietrich, 412.720.9033, Franklin Park area."



## Holiday Party People



Photos by Chuck Chappas



### Photo Caption Contest

What part on a TR is Ed trying to fix?  
Send you entry to Newsletter Editor, Bruce Stutzman  
stutztr4@gmail.com

### ~ Other Events of Interest ~

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| Apr 1-3   | Kastner Cup @ Sonoma Raceway, CA            |
| Apr 8-10  | Vintage Races @ VIR                         |
| Apr 24    | Tech Session - George Kress (MG Club event) |
| May 13-15 | Jefferson 500 @ Summit Point                |
| Jun 15-19 | TRA National Meeting, Painesville OH        |
| Jun 24-26 | Vintage Races @ Mid-Ohio                    |
| Jul 8-10  | Vintage Races @ Beaverun                    |
| Jul 15-17 | PVGP  |
| Aug 4-6   | The Roadster Factory Summer Party           |
| Aug 17    | Sunset Run (MG Club event)                  |
| Aug 26-28 | Altoona British Car Festival                |

## WPTA 2016 Calendar of Events

### April

- 4-2 Brew Tour North County Brewery - Larry Ross 412-780-8495
- 4-11 Cars & Coffee - Rick Brown 412-818-1433
- 4-19 Bud's Beer & Bull - Bud Osbourne 412-855-99694
- 4-25 Dues Druz Meeting - Primanti's Exit 60 of I-79
- 4-30 Tune-up Clinic - Doug Foyle 724-452-5218

### May

- 5-7 Run/Tour - Pat Ledford 724-901-7005
- 5-19 to 22 WPTA at Import Carlisle

### June

- 6-4 Run/Tour - Rick Brown 412-818-1433
- 6-25 Run to Red Bandana Winery - Larry Ross 412-780-8495

### July

- 7-13 PVGP Water Front Car Show
- 7-14 PVGP Country Side Tour- Bud Osbourne
- 7-16 British Car Day at Schenley Park
- 7-30 Run/Tour- Curt Stroup 412-337-7764

### August

- 8-13 Night Owl Run - Doug Foyle 724-452-5218
- 8-27 Half Day Run - P J Wright 412-833-4142

### September

- 9-9 to 9-11 Watkins Glen Vintage Races/Festival
- 9-17 Anniversary Run / Atwood Lake OH - Jim Keenan 330-402-0707
- 9-25 British Cars at Hartwood (club picnic)

### October

- 10-1 Run-details TBA
- 10-15 Fall Leaf Tour- Don Harkus 724-822-5447

### November

- 11-5 Run to The Roadster Factory - Gary Fredo 724-378-9610
- 11-29 Dzus Druz Meeting

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## April 30 – Tune Up Clinic in Hickory

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