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The Crack Of Don

Happy New Year! So that said, what is everybody doing to their car, if anything? Are you driving it with the weather as warm as it is, or was? This weather is crazy.

Last month I drove my TR6 to the No Meeting Meeting with the top down. There was a good turn out for the meeting; a lot of bull and beer was flowing. There were a bunch of Triumphs, a Jag, a few MGs and one orange Volkswagen.

Now, I hope your holidays all where great. Mine was good, we spent time with family. This is always a present by it self. I am working on a few things not as much as in the past. Bruce and I tuned Mike Bongart's TR6. We could not get it running right at first, checked the carbs, they where too lean, changed the distributor with one Bruce rebuilt.

Still nothing finally Bruce richend the carbs, I by passed the ballast wire to the coil and changed the plugs. We should have done just one thing at a time so we know what the problem was. As Michael left with a big smile on his face, we could tell . . . another satisfied customer.

This month Larry is starting a brewery tour and he has picked out some good places as always. Check for time and places so you can show up. Then the holiday party. We also have the Planning meeting. If you have an event that you would like to do call Jim Keenan, our new VP, and come to the meeting.

Don

Planning Meeting

by Jim Keenan

As your new Vice President, my first official duty is to conduct the Steering/Planning Meeting for next year's events.

The planning meeting for 2016 will be on **January 16** at the QS&L in Robinson Township. This is the same location as last year's meeting. We will start at 11:00 am. It should take about an hour to set the calendar of events then we can socialize for a while. If you have an idea for an event come to the meeting and get your event on the calendar. Or you can just come and hang out while enjoying some refreshments with your fellow enthusiasts. If you want to coordinate an event but can't attend the meeting give me a call at (330- 402- 0707) or send me an email (mij57@msn.com) and I will get your event on the calendar.

I would also like to thank everyone who hosted an event this year. Without the effort required to plan an event the rest of us would have nothing to do with our Triumph's. So if you have never thought of planning an event consider doing so, and those of you who have done events-keep it up. What separates a good club from a not so good club is the level of participation by the members. If your only involvement in the club is receiving the newsletter why not make a New Year's Resolution to be more involved in 2016.



The Holiday Party

The Christmas Spirit will still be in season for the WPTA Holiday Party, Saturday **January 23rd at 6 PM!**

Plan to attend our annual event for a great time, delicious food and fun car talk with your Triumph Club friends. The party starts at 6 pm.

This year, we'll be at: **Thee Olde Place Inn**, (just off Route 51 in Pleasant Hills), 1209 Streets Run Road, Pittsburgh, PA 15236. Cost is \$35 per person, which will include appetizers, a buffet dinner of chicken, pork and fish, sides, salads, and a dessert selection. Cash bar.

Santa Mikos will also be dropping off a bag of treats for all good Triumph owners! No coal, we promise!!

Please send in your check (payable to W.P.T.A.) RSVP today to: Kim Ross, 129 Crestview Dr., Pittsburgh, PA 15236. The deadline to reserve your place on Santa's lap is January 16th, 2016

January Winter Brew Tour

by Larry Ross

Well it seems as once the winter sets in, we all get a case of the BLAHS. What better way to relieve those Blahs then by having a Brew Tour!

Our first Brew Tour will be on Saturday, January 9th, 2016 and our destination will be: The Penn Brewery, 800 Vinial St., Pittsburgh, Pa. 15212, (412) 237-9400

We can spend the afternoon chatting about the Triumph Universe. See you at High Noon.



Slot Car Racing

by Jim Keenan
Saturday, March 5, 2016

Mark your calendars. Saturday, March 5, 2016 will be our 4th annual slot car event.

There are several diehard club members that insist we race slot cars on the first Saturday in March. Those of you who have participated in the past know the drill. If you have never attended this event, here is the lowdown.

We will meet at Perkins in Cranberry at 9:00 am for breakfast. We will then depart (caravan) for my house in Poland, Ohio. The drive will take about 45 minutes so we will arrive at approximately 11 am. If you want to skip breakfast just arrive at my place (7921 Cliffview Dr. Poland, OH 44514) around 11 am prepared to get your "race face" on.

The track is a 115 foot, hand routed MDF (medium density fiberboard), 4 lane circuit. The hand controllers have adjustable throttle and brake sensitivity. This year I have specially constructed four 1/24 scale, 1970 Camaros for this event. These cars meet the most important criteria for the event—they are indestructible. Unskilled slot racers crash—a lot. In past years the cars we raced took a real beating. The Camaros' will be perfect cars for this event, fun and almost unbreakable. I say almost because based on what I have witnessed in past years some drivers can break an unbreakable car. The track also has computer management that gives lap times to the thousandth of a second.

Most important is proper etiquette when racing slot cars. Do: sip your favorite beverage, question the manhood of your competitors, keep your car in the slot, have fun. Don't: expect to beat me (skills), just ask Ken about that, set your controller on the track, lay your hand on the track (ouch). It is that simple.

I will provide snacks. There is a large refrigerator by the track to keep your beverage (byob) ice cold. We will play until everyone has had their fill for another year. If we are still going strong at lunch we can order some food.

If you have any questions, call me at (330) 402-0707. If you have never attended this event come and play with the toy cars. It would be nice to have some "First Timers", this year.

February Winter Brew Tour

by Larry Ross

You want beer? The Rock Bottom has beer, not just traditional beers, either, but seasonal beers, specialty beers, light beers and dark beers.

Our February Brew Tour will be on Saturday, **February 27th, 2016** and our destination will be: Rock Bottom, 171 Bridge St., Homestead, Pa. 15120, (412) 462-2739

We can spend the afternoon chatting about the Triumph Universe. See you at High Noon.



Who's TR was parked here?



No Meeting Meeting Follow-up

by Gary Fredo

WOW! Talk about great weather in December for a Triumph event. I don't remember the high temperature but I think it was in the 60s. Lots of Triumphs, British cars and even a German car showed up for the event. We even had people congregating in the parking lot checking out cars. In December! As always the beer was cold the food was good and everyone had a great time. They had two waitresses this year and that really helped the flow of food and drinks getting to our hungry and thirsty bellies. Thanks to everyone that attended.



Run To Team Triumph 2016

In **February** on the **20th**, I hope that the snow will not be flying too much so. We will hope to head west to see our friend Scott Harper. I know that I always enjoy a drive to his place and see the great stuff. Sandy would say junk. We will meet at Perkins on route 19 just south of the entrance to the turnpike, at 9:00. Perkins Restaurant address is 20013 Perry Hwy, Cranberry Twp. Pa 16066 for the guys that use their GPS. We will leave Perkins at 10 and arrive at Team Triumph at 11:00 for the guys that don't want breakfast. So mark your calendar.

Two Beer & Bull Meetings, this month . . .

Yes, that's right. In January, we have two Beer & Bull Meetings to attend. The first is on the 19th (our regularly scheduled meeting) and the second one is on Sunday, the 31st.

The Sunday the 31st meeting is actually a fund raiser for Tiffany Davis, our lovely and efficient waitress, at Iron Creek. Last month, she lost her home and virtually everything in it to a fire. The good news is that she had insurance. But, of course, insurance only covers so much. That's where we and her other loyal customers come in. Tiffany needs our support, so let's all try to be there for her on the 31st.



To The Editor . . .

A while back I sent you a pic of my TR-6 broken down on the Parkway West . . . Now thanks to you, Don and Jim it's running great...much better than when I purchased it in 1981. Attached is a pic of you and Don working on my "6". If you're looking for a news item for the newsletter, You can tell our members how much I appreciate your and Don's expertise in getting my "6" on the road again. Had it out today and it's running great. THANK YOU! . . . Mike Bongart.



Jay and Bruce attempting to start Roy Miller's TR250 engine

Duez Are Due; Now! Red Star Issue!

Well, here we are into 2016 and this is the best time to renew your Club Membership! This is the best present that your loved one can buy for you, or just plain treat yourself (I know I have).

If your address label has the "Red Star", your membership expired in December 2015. I am collecting dues money for next year's membership in our club.

PLEASE make checks/mo. payable to "WPTA" in the amount of \$25. Payment for multiple years is very good and also very fashionable (wink, wink).

So make it a point to get it in the mail today. Send it to: Larry Ross, 129 Crestview Dr., Pittsburgh, Pa. 15236

If you do have a question or comment, give me a call at (412) 780-8495.

Please include any and all updates in physical address, email address, phone numbers, cell phones, cars, etc. that you have made. I don't mind getting repeat information.

I will try my best to keep accurate information for our club.

Also, if you wish to just receive your newsletter via the net, let me know that as well.

Larry

Classified

FOR SALE: I just purchased a 68 TR-250 and I replaced the tires and wheels that came on the car to a set of wires. I want to sell these tires and wheels at a very reasonable offer. The tires are almost new Goodyear Assurance 205/70/15. The wheels are Moss Motor wheels with a Triumph cap in the center. Both the tires and wheels are in excellent condition. One center cap has a scratch on it. I can be reached at 412-657-8420 or email at richardwojnar@yahoo.com.

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. \$7,500. Call Woody McVicker for details at 412-487-3065 or email woodymcv@verizon.net



~ Calendar of Events ~

- Jan 9** **Larry's Brew Tours**
The Penn Brewery - Larry Ross 412-780-8495
- Jan 11** **Cars & Coffee** 9 am at the Beach House Restaurant
Rick Brown, 412-818-1433
- Jan 16** **Steering/Planning Meeting**
QS&L in Robinson Township.
Jim Keenan 330-402-0707
- Jan 19** **Bud's Beer & Bull**
6 pm at Iron Creek Grill, Cuddy, PA
Bud Osbourne 412-855-9969
- Jan 23** **2016 Holiday Party, Thee Olde Place Inn**
Jan Bulebush - 412-461-5599
Kim Ross - 412-653-2716
- Jan 25** **Dzus Dnuz Meeting, 6:00 PM**
Riley's Pour House, Carnegie
- Bruce 412-600-7275
- Feb 20** **Run To Team Triumph**
Don Harkus dharkus@aol.com, 724-822-5447
- Feb 27** **Larry's Brew Tours**
The Rock Bottom - Larry Ross 412-780-8495
- Mar 5** **Slot Car Racing**
Jim Keenan 330-402-0707

~ Events Of Other Interest ~

- Apr 1-3** **Kastner Cup 2016**
Sonoma Raceway, CA
- Jun 15-19** **TRA National Meet - Painesville OH**
<http://triumphregister.com/tra-national-meet/>
- Oct 3-7** **VTR National Meet**
Pottsville TX -- <http://vtr2016.org>

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