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Dusk Till Dawn

The Leaves are starting to fall, and it is getting cooler at night. I have been so busy since I sold the old business. I am hoping to close on my house in Butler next month. This should free up some time.

I'm sitting here just getting back from our Hartwood Picnic, writing this article. I left a little early; maybe I should have stayed later and forgotten about the Steeler game. Also, so I wouldn't have to deal with the Bridge traffic. It was a wonderful day, not too hot, only 78 degrees with a nice breeze. There was plenty of food. A lot of people brought food and of course I was the cook. Something I learned this week "don't trust a skinny cook" after all I am trust worthy.

New member Greg Lugar, from Peters Township, was at Hartwood in his TR6. He said, with a big smile on his face, that this was the furthest he has driven it since he bought it about a year ago. It didn't miss a beat.

I did get to go on PJ's Half Day run with Bruce navigating. We were the first car out. Wonderful time and good food. Of course, our VP Jim did the Anniversary Run and I was so busy that I didn't get to talk to him at the picnic.

The run to Shanksville is on the 1st. This is something that Sandy wants to do. So I should, with any luck, go on that run. Now, who is working on cars; let's see, I know of Pat Ledford is working on a TR3. Ed Major is working on a TR6. Ed Woods is also working on a TR6. Mike Yurko a TR4. Jay Galbreath on a MGBGT. Bud also an MGBGT. Editor Note; MGA, MG Midget, MGB, MGBGT, VW, Lawn Tractor and Pick up truck.

Larry Ross bought a set of Euro Spitfire SU carbs from England; Bruce is rebuilding them. Larry has gone from a stock Stromberg to a Weber and now to dual SUs. Could he also be planning some engine modifications? The leader of the wolf pack needs to be driving a car with a lot of grunt.

Who else? Let me know how your restoration is going. These are the people who told me about their cars at Hartwood. I was talking to a new member while cooking and trying not to burn the dogs. Unfortunately, I didn't get his name put to memory. I did get all the info about his TR6 and where he lives. Also he is a newer member to the club, from Mt. Pleasant. It's funny how that works. It's a good thing I can remember my wife's name, maybe it's just that I'm getting old. Naw, I just can't remember names.

I don't know if Joy Wisner found a buyer for her TR7 Convertible yet or not. But, I do know that at her current asking price it is a good buy.

Don

Triumphant Thoughts (The Synaptic Misfires of a Triumph Enthusiast)

by Jim Keenan

There are pros and cons to aging. One of the pros is the many experiences in life, if properly processed, increase your wisdom. If you are receptive to life's lessons, over time you should decrease the incidents of stupidity you display. The properly functioning brain should learn from past mistakes. You may notice that I specifically mention "properly functioning brain", as I have observed many humans who appear not to possess said brain.

What does this have to do with Triumphs-you ask? Well I am glad you asked.

I try to attend all of the club's driving events. Last year I didn't miss one. This year circumstances (mainly the weather) have conspired to keep me repeating that feat. This is where age inspired wisdom enters the picture. I always make it to Doug's Night Owl Run, but not this year. The day was oppressively hot and humid. The evening forecast was for possible severe thunderstorms. Knowledge gained from previous drives in a Triumph at night during a thunderstorm along with my fading night vision forced me to the logical conclusion that it was best to stay home. I could visualize a very unpleasant white knuckle drive home. Risking one's safety to attend an event is not wise. I also skipped out on PJ's run because of the oppressive heat and humidity. The older I get the less I am willing to deal with excessively warm temperatures in a non-air conditioned car. In general I find myself unwilling to venture out in one of my Triumphs if conditions are less than ideal. Aging (knowledge) can really suck.

Jim

Fall Leaf Tour

by Don Harkus

The leaves are falling. So it is that time of the year again. On October 15th we are going to the Allegheny Grill in Foxburg Pa. We will meet at the Lowe's in Cranberry Twp. on Route 228 west of I-79 at 10:00, Drivers meeting is 10:15, and leave at 10:30. We will drive the back roads north and along the river. There will be a break at the rest area on PA Route 528. Then off again. We should arrive between 12:30 and 1:00 o'clock. You can go across to the winery and get a bottle or two.

Photo by PJ Wright



After Action Report: Half Day Run

by PJ Wright

August 27th came up bright and sunny and out came 16 British cars for the annual Half Day Run that gathered at Robinson Town Center. We had six TR6's, three Spitfires, two MG's and one each: TR7, TR8, TR 250, TR3, and a TVR, just the right combination for a morning ride through the western counties.

As the cars assembled there was an ominous harbinger parked behind our cars as they formed, an AAA flat bed hovering like an Osprey. Who called him or why he was there we did not know but indeed, as usual, Gary Fredo was there with his Spitfire's bonnet up solving some last minute crisis. A coil was replaced, the spit started so the flat bed was left wanting, looking for another prey.

Don Harkus and Bruce Stutzman led off the first group in Don's 250 with a roar of the supercharger at 9:45. Next came the Lollygaggers, at the head were the Woods brothers, Ed and Harvey in their BRG TR6. Then the Miassis Dragons brought up the rear with Curt Stroup driving and Janet navigating. All seemed to be going well when there at Mary's Motorcycle shop on Rt 18 sat a red TR6 with both the bonnet and boot skyward. Hershey Dugan's steed had failed him again on the anniversary of his TR3 failing him last year. Out came the cell phones, AAA cards, and the flat bed was called. Bruce and Don were too far ahead so could not be recalled to save the day.

This 80 mile run cruised out west on the byways into Raccoon Creek State Park and out again ending up at the Industry Public House In Robinson Town Center near where we started. The first group arrived for lunch at about 12:30 and believe me the AC was welcomed for it was getting hot. The Public House had us set up on the second floor and gave us all great service and very cold beer. As this was my birthday I did receive a brief songfest, mostly off key but appreciated none the less. It was a great day, good participation, only one car failed to finish, so not bad for the dog days of summer. P J Wright

Photo by PJ Wright



Anniversary Run Wrap-up

by Jim Keenan

The weather was less than promising as I (TR8) arrived at our starting point. Actually the chance of rain was 80%, so I was thinking no one would show up. I was wrong. Bob Twaddle (Spitfire) and Gary and Linda Fredo (Spitfire) had already arrived. For a while it appeared that no one else was going to attend. We had already decided to cancel the event and try to reschedule for another day when Larry Ross (TR6) and Bob and Fran Wyner (TR8) arrived. Ed and Teena Woods (VW) arrived and the decision was made to go ahead with the run. Tops were up as we headed west on Ohio Rt 164. We encountered light to moderate rain showers during the first 20 minutes of the drive, then dry weather the rest of the way.

Amazingly the weather continued to improve as we ate lunch on the deck of, "The Light House Bistro". Everyone enjoyed their lunch overlooking the marina. When we left the weather was so nice that we all dropped our tops for the dry run home. I must admit that I was completely shocked that it ended up being such a pleasant day.



Photo by PJ Wright

Larry's October 8th Run

We will meet at 9:30 am at Kings on Route 286 in Holiday Park. Destination unknown.

Shanksville Re-Scheduled

by Curt Stroup

October 1st, meet at the Cracker Barrel in New Stanton. Come early and have breakfast if you wish. Drivers meeting will be at 9:15 and the run will begin at 9:30. It will be a 2 hour drive through the mountains, ending at the Flight 93 National Memorial. We will tour the memorial and then head to lunch at the Coal Miner's Cafe in nearby Jennerstown. You will find this a moving experience. Call Curt Stroup if you have any questions at 412-337-7764.



Mercy Run to Ithaca NY

by Bruce

Is this a great photo or what? Deep in the hardwood forest of upstate NY. Ed Major's TR250 and my TR6 in front of the post & beam guest house we recently occupied for several days. Ed and I responded to a call for help from new TR6 owner Lincoln Adams. He had the engine rebuilt by a reputable shop and sent the carbs and dizzy to me for rebuild. But, he couldn't get it running right.

We stayed a couple days in Lincoln and Linda's guest house. They were marvelous hosts, feeding us and keeping us in beer.

We, of course, succeeded with the TR6.

Roadster Run

by Gary Fredo

November 5th is the date for the Run to The Roadster Factory this year. Let's meet at Dean's Diner 2175 US22, Blairsville, Pa 15717 at 9:00 again this year for breakfast. Or you can meet us at The Roadster Factory around 10:30 if you want to skip breakfast. As always, we will be stopping at Griffiths for lunch afterwards.

Albert is working up some deals for us and those will be posted in next month's newsletter. But remember that you have to order in advance to get the deals. We have a few driving events left before the Run to The Roadster Factory so that would be a good time to start making your list of winter projects and a list of which parts you will need. If nothing else, you should at least pick up an oil filter for the Spring. Additional information in next month's newsletter.

Classified

FOR SALE: Overdrive J-Type transmission. Worked last time used. Contact Roy: roymillco @usaor.net 412-841-6483

FOR SALE: Rebuilt TR3 overdrive transmission fs. \$1500. Comes with my lifetime guarantee. Save \$700 by accepting the non synchro first! Ed Woods fogbro1 @comcast.net

Wayne Allridge's Cars for Sale

As you know, long time club member Wayne Allridge passed several months ago. Barbara is selling their cars, giving us first shot (see for sale ads). Both are very nice.

The TR3A is a show winner, having won best in class at both our BCD and Hartwood. It has been in the club since the 70's and was formerly owned by Woody McVicker.

The MGB was the most often driven by Wayne and Barbara; she likes the roll up windows.



FOR SALE: 1978 MGB, White with new black top, new engine & new carpet. Asking \$11,000. Call Barb, 724-258-4632



FOR SALE: 1959 Triumph TR3A, Primrose Yellow. Asking \$23,000. Call Barb, 724-258-4632

~ Calendar of Events ~

October

- 10-1 Shanksville Memorial - Rain Date Re-Run
- 10-8 Run-details TBA -- Larry Ross
- 10-10 Cars & Coffee - Rick Brown 412-818-1433
- 10-18 Bud's Beer & Bull - Bud Osbourne 412-855-9969
- 10-15 Fall Leaf Tour- Don Harkus 724-822-5447
- 10-25 Dues Dnuz Meeting - Primanti's Exit 60 of I-79

November

- 11-5 Run to The Roadster Factory - Gary Fredo 724-378-9610

December

- 12-17 No Meeting, Meeting - Gary Fredo 724-378-9610

~ Other Events of Interest ~

Oct 3-8 VTR National, TX

Oct 14-16 British Reliability Run

<http://www.britishreliability.org>

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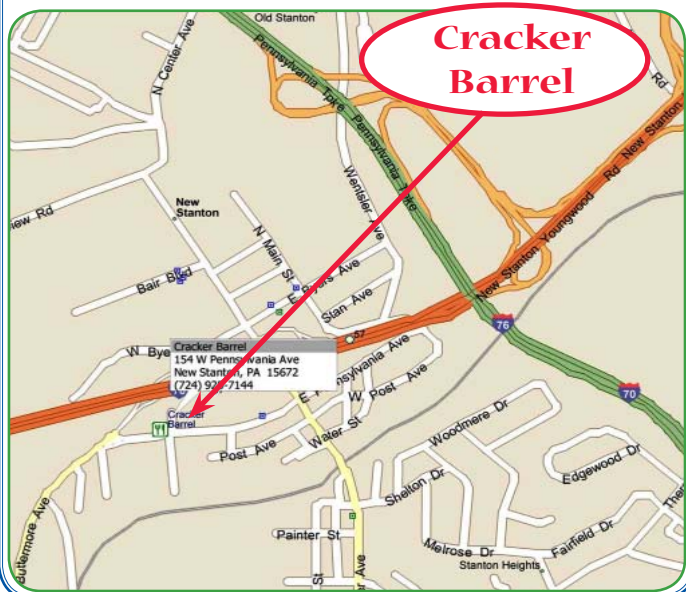
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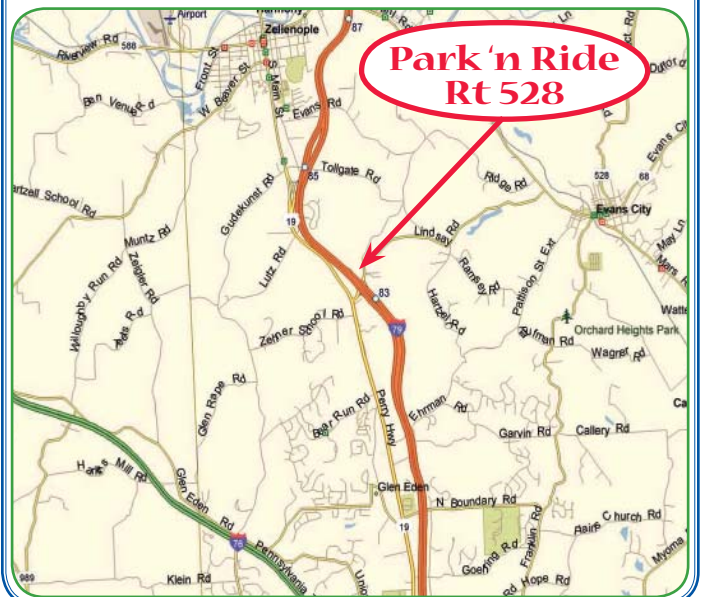
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Half Day Run Photos

