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Dusk Till Dawn

Wow it's getting close to when the leaves start falling. After all the heat and high humidity it's time for a break. I just can't get my cars out and enjoy them. With the chance of rain out of nowhere how can you enjoy the ride?

Last month was not as busy as the norm. First was the run to Shanksville with Curt and as I said earlier the run got rained or, should I say, downpoured out. A couple guys showed up and came to the conclusion it was raining too hard. Curt has rescheduled it for Oct. 1st. Then Doug had the Night Owl run; at 6:30 it was 92 degrees at my house, this is always a great turn-out for this run. Not many were there either. What, are we getting soft in our old age? I know I am. Then PJ did his Half Day Run. He will tell us about it next month.

Next month on the 17th Jim is doing the Anniversary Run. Jim always does a nice run so let's all try to attend.

Get your money in to British Cars at Hartwood, we will have the club picnic there. Bruce has told me I am cooking again. I just don't know how I get roped into this. I know I was in the bathroom and got elected president before I knew it. That will teach me, I should know better than to leave.

I will have dogs and brats and the grill. Last year I drove the TR250 or as others said the F250 because it was loaded, good thing Sandy was at her mothers. There was no room for her.

Don

British Cars at Hartwood

Sunday September 25

This is, for good reason, a very popular event for WPTA members. After busting our butts at our BCD, we can attend a local show at a great venue and just relax.

The Jaguar Club has made a big change this year. I quote from their flyer, "New for 2016! There will be no popular voting and class awards. Instead, every registrant will receive commemorative glassware. A select team of judges will determine recipients of a limited number of trophies."

The more informal approach to our club picnic last year worked very well. So, we're doing it the same way. The club, Donny, will bring brats & dogs and will grill them for us. Also the buns and condiments, paper plates, utensils and napkins. The rest is up to the members. Last year we had some great side dishes and desserts. Hopefully we will again this year.

Remember - bring your own beverages and chairs!

Bruce

Anniversary Run (Go west young man.)

by Jim Keenan

This year's, "Anniversary Run" will feature some excellent roads in eastern Ohio. The date is September 17th. We will meet just across the Ohio line at the Pilot Travel Center (10920 Market St. North Lima, OH 44452). This is a run some of us did last fall with the S2000 club. If you make this run I guarantee the roads will not disappoint. We will lunch on the covered deck of the Lighthouse Bistro overlooking scenic Atwood Lake. Meeting time will be 9 am. First group off at 9:30.



Photo by Mike Bongart

Shanksville Rain Out

by Mike Bongart

The attached photo is of Curt Stroup, Larry Ross and Fred Segal gathered around a barrel at the New Stanton Cracker Barrel. In a driving downpour Curt and Larry arrived nice and dry in Larry's sporty Subaru while Fred braved the heavy rain from Pittsburgh in his plush '73 Triumph Stag. Yours truly (photographer) and his wife Susan trekked the deluge in their leaky '76 TR 6 from Toronto, OH. When Fred, Susan and I arrived; "nice and dry" Curt and Larry gave us the news: "The run to Flight 93 National Memorial has been postponed to a later date." -- A great breakfast at the Cracker Barrel was enjoyed by all.

Shanksville Re-Scheduled 10-1

by Curt Stroup

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.

The Red Bandana Winery

by Larry Ross

On June 25th, we had our Run to the Red Bandana Winery. Our meeting point for the tour was the Sheetz in Butler, Pa. What a GREAT day for a drive up North. Cool in the morning with the sun warming the day up.

We had a total of 12 cars on the run as we worked our way up to our first destination, The Red Bandana Winery. Our esteemed Prez (Don Harkus) led the first group of cars. Now, I'm not exactly sure how the first group of cars was the last group to meet us at the Winery, but Donny has some explaining to do. We spent about 45-60 minutes enjoying the Winery, then it was off to our 2nd destination (can anyone say lunch). I guess someone's going to have a discussion with Don (right Sandy J).

Our drive to the Iron Mountain Grill took us thru a portion of Cooks Forest (if you happened to follow the directions). Once again our first group led by Don managed to get lost, and arrive at the Iron Mountain Grill way after everyone else did.

Photos by Mike Bongart



Red Bandana Run Candid



Triumphant Thoughts

(The synaptic misfires of a Triumph enthusiast)

by Jim Keenan

I was Wrong . . . Again . . .

I hate it when I am wrong. I should be used to it. Denise would have you believe it happens on a very regular basis. I would contest that narrative, but I digress. What was I wrong about this time? I was totally wrong when it comes to the Mazda Miata. I never gave them any respect. I was guilty of being a roadster snob.

My good friend Dave Herr brought his 2008 Miata to the Summer Party. His TR4A (with a Rover V8) was suffering from brake issues. So, in a rather rare display of good judgement on Dave's part, he brought the Miata rather than risk his safety. A younger Dave would brought the TR4A with only a hand brake to stop.

I took a spirited (very) drive on the back roads from Armagh to Indiana in the Miata. I was wrong. The car is a total blast. It is quick, responsive, agile, balanced, loves to rev, tossable, rattle free and it stops really well. Not to mention: air conditioning, cruise control, satellite radio, top raised in 5 seconds, almost unbreakable. You know, a lot of things a Triumph is not. So I have to reevaluate my feelings on modern roadsters from Japan.

My final thoughts are: This is not an either or situation. Why not both. Nothing can replace how I feel when driving one of my Triumphs on a twisty mountain road. I can have that highly rewarding driving experience and also create a different, yet equally rewarding sensation with a modern roadster. Why not do both? I could replace a Triumph or two with a Miata or S2000. If I did, I would never bring it to a Club event. Some of you are still, "wrong".

I could not withstand Bruce's shaming.

Jim

Your Triumph Wish List

by Ed Major

There is a little know function on The Roadster Factory's web site called "Your Wish List". This allows you to store a list of TR parts you would like to have. You need to have a user name and account with the site, and then you can add and delete items from any TRF catalog or their parts database. If something you "wish for" on the list goes on sale, it turns red and shows you the sale price. During one of TRF's recent half price sale about \$100 worth of TR6 stuff went on sale so I got it all for about \$50. I simply transferred the items to a cart and purchased only the ones with a great price. If nothing else it's a good organizer for all your Triumph parts needs.



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The WPTA Camp

The Roadster Factory Summer Party (Wrap-up)

by Jim Keenan

TRF held its annual Summer Party from August 4th to 6th this year. The following WPTA members were in attendance: Camping-Jay Galbreath (TR4), Ed Woods (TR3), Bud Osbourne (MG Midget,) Doug Foyle (TR6), myself (TR250), and my son Sean (TR8). Also attending non-campers: Pat Davis (AH3000), Rich Roenigk (TR6) and Eric Stoltz (who lives in the area a GT6) Many WPTA members are TRF employees and were obviously there as well. If I missed anyone and you are that one, let me know. Making a cameo appearance for Friday's car show were: Ken and Dana, Bob and Fran and Russell Fuhrer. Scott Swanson won the "green car class" in his TR3A. A special shout-out to John Swauger, who came out of retirement to help Charles pull the event together. What a nice surprise to also be able to visit with Dave & Niki Hagenbach. Also WPTA sponsored the driving events.

Highlights of the event: Jay went to a drag strip for the first time ever, and made several passes. Pat had the second best time in the "Mini Hill Climb" for 2501 cc's and over cars. Bud set up a "Mountain Tour" that many attendees had the chance to enjoy. Ed Woods survived the weekend camping despite Teena's insistence that, in fact, he is too old to camp. I hope I speak for all who attended when I assert, "A fine time was had by all". Hopefully Charles will continue to host this annual event.

New Members

by Larry Ross

On behalf of the WPTA, I would like to welcome the following new members to the Club:

- Steven & Jean Lytle
- Jeff & Jackie Lundy – 1975 TR6
- Chris & Teresa Taylor – 70 Spitfire
- James & Helena Valentine – 1974 TR6
- Paul & Pamela Wiegman – 1956 TR3
- Paul & Karen Warren – 1963 Spitfire
- Chris Baker – 1974 MGB
- John-Paul Runyan – 1961 TR3A
- Dan Compston
- James Pastore – Morgan +4
- Charles Runyan – 1968 TR5 & Others

One of the great attributes of our Club is that we are ACTIVE. During the year, we have many events that can be attended from driving to social.



Above; Pat Davis in his beautiful Healey and below, Jim Keenan in his TR250. Both cars running the TRF hillclimb



~ Calendar of Events ~

September

- 9-12** Cars & Coffee - Rick Brown 412-818-1433
- 9-17** Anniversary Run / Atwood Lake OH - Jim Keenan 330-402-0707`
- 9-20** Bud's Beer & Bull - Bud Osbourne 412-855-9969
- 9-25** British Cars at Hartwood (club picnic)
- 9-27** Dues Dnuz Meeting – Primanti's Exit 60 of I-79

October

- 10-1** Shanksville Memorial - Rain Date Re-Run
- 10-8** Run-details TBA -- Larry Ross
- 10-15** Fall Leaf Tour- Don Harkus 724-822-5447

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 ~

- Sep 8-11** 6 Pack Trials, Perrysville, OH
- Sep 9-11** Watkins Glen Vintage Races/Festival
- Sep 17** British Car Festival, Wilmington DE
dhenderson@wildblue.net
- Sep 16-18** British Invasion Stowe, VT
- Oct 3-8** VTR National, TX
- Oct 14-16** British Reliability Run
<http://www.britishreliability.org>

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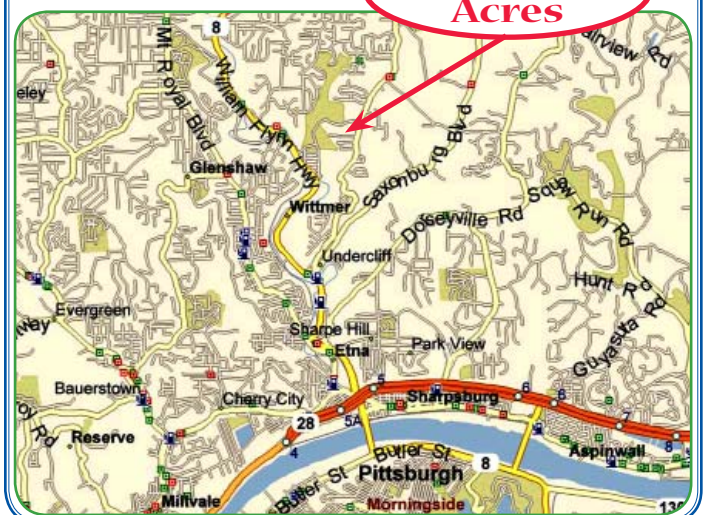
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Red Bandana Winery Run Photos

