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Dusk Till Dawn

Hi everyone! It is the beginning of the driving season. Some of the guys have their cars out already. Bruce said all he had to do was pull out the choke and turn the key in his TR6 and he was on his way (smart ass).

Jay is driving his newly restored MGBGT; this is a very nice car. Well done Jay. Jim Keenan's TR 250 is now sporting wires. I think there was some kind of three way wheel swap between Jim's TR250, Mike Bongart's TR6 and John Styduhar's newly purchased TR6.

Ok, last month was the run to the Church Brew Works; ops, I am getting ahead of myself. Larry did a Brewery tour first. Which I didn't get to; I was working on the kitchen. I can get to the computer now but just barely; my garage is still filled with stuff and not car stuff. Back to Larry's tour, I heard it was nice, and thank you Larry for doing it. Back to Dexter's event, it was at a different place than usual (Industry Pub House), I even had a beer. I spent a lot of time talking to Dexter, our new British Car Day Chairperson, since Tom stepped down. This is a chance for the younger blood to be involved in heading it up. Of course Dex has always been involved.

April runs - Larry's Brewery tour on the 1st, which will be over by the time most of you get this. Then Jerry is taking us to Classic Restoration in Ohio on the 15th. Then Doug is doing our Tune up Clinic at Jay's garage on the 29th. So remember to come and change your oil. If you need advice or some help you want to be there.

So let's get out and drive your cars.

Don

Tune Up Clinic '17

by Doug Foyle

8AM, Saturday April 29 at Jay Galbreath's home at 40 Caldwell Road, Hickory PA 15340 are the particulars for this year's Tune Up Clinic.

The Roadster Factory will be offering 15% off items bought for the clinic. There will be also be free shipping to the clinic only. Place your orders by April 26 to take advantage of these offers and be sure to say it is for the WPTA Tune Up Clinic.

WPTA will offer free oil for oil changes performed at the clinic. There will also be cases of Brad Penn 20w-50 Green Performance Oil available for purchase at discount.

This is always a great opportunity to prep your car for the driving season, talk to others in attendance, or talk about the people who didn't make it.

We will be calling out for lunch. Bring your own beverage. Join us, and don't be a topic of conversation!

Doug

Return to North Country Brewery

by Larry Ross

It's time to have our FINAL Brew Tour before the driving season commences. So, let's take a trip North on **April 1st** to: North Country Brewery, 141 S. Main St., Slippery Rock, PA. 16057, (724)794-2337

So, go North young man. See you at High Noon.

Larry



What's In Your Toy Box

by Pat Ledford

On May 6th Pat Davis has invited us to see what is in his Toy Box.

I believe at one time, before my membership, garage tours were more common. Car nuts would get together, admire a members car, offer tips and techniques for repairs and generally socialize for an afternoon. Pat is organizing a nice garage tour for us with a great garage, great cars and food.

We'll start with a nice run on some great back roads to Pat's house in Grove City, PA. We will leave from the Sheetz at the intersection of I-79 and Mount Nebo road at 9:30 AM. With a pit stop near Evans City PA, we should arrive at Pat's house around 11:30 AM.

Pat is supplying beer, brats and chips. He would like an approximate count of those attending. If you plan on driving straight to Pat's without participating in the run please tell me, Pat Ledford, that you will be attending. I am to give Pat Davis a number of those attending that morning.

If there is a washout on that Saturday we will move the date to the next Saturday, the 13th. If there is only a drizzle or light rain we will still go. If you do not want to bring your Triumph out in the rain come out in your daily driver as Pat's garage roof does not leak and you can still enjoy a Brat and car talk. Check you email that morning as I will announce a cancellation if there would happen to be one on the WPTA email list.

For GPS coordinates: Sheetz, 1910 Mount Nebo Road, Sewickley PA 15143. Pat Davis' Address: 1047 Centertown Road Grove City PA 16127, cell 724-992-2941. Pat Ledford's Cell: 724-977-0938, email dpledford@gmail.com.

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Open House

by Pat Ledford

Mark Loughrey of Classic Restorations is having an open house at his garage on April 15, 2017. Mark is both a member of the WPTA and the NCTA and with his Dad has been completing restorations on Triumphs and other British cars. Mark has expanded his business to full time and enlarged his facility in Warren OH. With the enlargement of his shop Mark has invited both the WPTA and the NCTA to celebrate his new addition and change in business status.

Mark would like members to arrive about noon on the 15th and he is providing Pizza and beverages.

If the weather is cooperative and you want to drive your Triumph I have developed a run leaving the Sheetz on Freedom Road Cranberry Twp. I will not be there to hand out directions so email me and I will email a copy of the driving route to you. You should leave the Sheetz by 10AM in order to arrive at Mark's by 12 noon. Whether you are going on the run or driving straight to Mark's email or call me so I can give Mark an approximate number of those attending for food order.

Addresses for GPS: Sheetz, 1329 Freedom Road, Cranberry Twp. PA 16066; Classic Restorations 968 Center Street, Warren OH. 44481. Phone: 330-507-2878
My cell: 724-977-0938



Photos by Mike Bongart

Slot Car Wrap-up

by Jim Keenan

This year's slot car "day at the track" had great attendance: Larry Ross, Ken Mikos, Bob Wyner, Mike Breskovich, Mike Bongard, Pat Ledford, Curt Stroup, Jay Galbreath, Russell Fuhrer, Ed Woods, Gary Fredo and myself. After breakfast at Perkin's in Cranberry we drove through the cold sun drenched morning to the "track". We then proceeded to race the slot cars while talking "slot car smack" and enjoying some adult beverages. As boys will do, we played with our toys until well into the afternoon. If Kenny was half as good at slot car racing as he thinks he is, he would be twice the racer he actually is. Maybe next year Kenny. Now I need to get started on repairing the cars in time for next year's event.

FOR SALE: Aluma all aluminum trailer for sale, perfect for hauling an LBC. 63" x172" bed, model 6314H, 2465 lb payload, 2990 gvw. Pull with any vehicle. \$2400 in it. Sell for \$1700. Barry Brooks, Scottdale, 7248874611

Triumphant Thoughts

(The Synaptic Misfires of a Triumph Enthusiast)

by Jim Keenan

By the time you are reading this the calendar will have turned to April. This is an exciting time because there will no doubt be some good driving days this month. I always love getting behind the wheel of one of my TRs after several months of no Triumph driving. The first few drives always reaffirm why I own these vehicles. There is no other driving experience quite like a Triumph roadster. One of my favorite Triumph activities are road trips. I love the challenge of a long trip in a time machine that test both man and machine. Will the car and driver both be up to the task?

This year will be a good test. In early April a trip to VIR for the "Wild Hare Run". May will be a drive to "Import Carisle". June, is a trip to Blackhawk IL for the Kastner Cup. I love the whole process of the road trip. Preparation: getting the car on jack stands and conducting a detailed inspection of all fluids and other mechanical systems. Packing: what spares and tools to bring and packing everything into a rather limited space. The Trip: this lets you know if your preparation and packing was a success. The ultimate challenge is if you suffer some type of problem on the road, will you be able to overcome the adversity? Certain club trips are often remembered by who's car broke and the ensuing story involving the repair. One more thing, before any road trip, check the air in your spare tire. Failure to do so will result in severe shaming.

Jim

Industry Pub House



Photos by Mike Bongart



Annual Pilgrimage To Import Carlisle

by Mike Yurko

The time is close for Import Performance Nationals weekend at Carlisle. This year the dates are **May 18-21** 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 you must call the Group Sales department. The phone number is 1-800-466-8356, please call by April 18, 2017. The rate is \$55.99 for Thursday night and \$89.99 Friday and Saturday nights. When you call make sure that you let them know that you are with the WPTA and use this Block Number; M129700259 to get in the same block of rooms.

If you will be driving your TR, MG, etc. to Carlisle you want to pre-register for the show field. Just get on their website and follow the instructions. You will be parking "in the front row". Hope to see you there.

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Beer & Bull Appetizer

by Bud Osbourne

Starting on April 18, and on each successive, third Tuesday of the Driving Season, we plan to do something to work up a thirst and appetite for Beer & Bull. We'll meet at Jay's or Bud's place (contact Bud for confirmation, on morning of each third Tuesday) at around 3 PM and go for a spirited drive on some of Washington County's splendid back roads. We may even venture into neighboring Brooke County, WV, as well, but we'll still arrive by 6 PM at Iron Creek Bar & Grille for Beer & Bull.

This little event will be for classic Brit (and maybe German or Italian) sports cars, ONLY. No daily drivers allowed.

~ Calendar of Events ~

April

- 4-1 North Country Brewery
Larry Ross 412-780-8495
- 4-10 Cars & Coffee Rick Brown 412-818-1433
- 4-15 Classic Restorations Warren OH
Open House and Tech Session
Jerry Van Vlack 330-620-4548
- 4-18 Beer & Bull Bud Osbourne 412-855-9969
- 4-25 Dzus Meeting Bruce Stutzman 412-600-7275
- 4-29 Tune-up Clinic Doug Foyle 724-452-5218

May

- 5-6 Run to Pat Davis's Garage
Pat Ledford 724-901-7005
- 5-19 to 5-21 WPTA at Import Carlisle

June

- 6-3 Run Rick Brown 412-818-1433
- 6-16 to 6-18 Kastner Cup
- 6-24 Half Day Run P J Wright 412-833-4142

July

- 7-7 to 7-9 Vintage Races
Pittsburgh Int. Race Complex
- 7-11 PVGP Water Front Car Show
- 7-13 PVGP Country Side Tour
- 7-15 British Car Day at Schenley Park
- 7-29 Run to Sharon QS&L (meet NE Ohio TR Club)
Jim Keenan 330-402-0707

August

- 8-5 Nite Owl Rally Doug Foyle 724-452-5218
- 8-19 Run Curt Stroup 412-337-7764
- 8-26 Run Larry Ross 412-780-8495

~ Other Events of Interest ~

- 4-7 to 4-9 Wild Hare Run VIR
- 4-21 to 4-23 The Mitty Road Atlanta
- 4-22 MG Club Tech Session George Kress
- 5-19 to 5-21 Vintages Races Summit Point WV
- 6-2 to 6-3 Moss Fest Petersburg, VA
- 6-17 Run/Tour MG Club
- 6-16 to 6--18 Kastner Cup — Blackhawk Farms IL
<http://www.kaskastner.com/kastnercup.html>
- 6-21 to 6-24 TRA National Meet — Columbus, IN
<http://triumphregister.com/tra-national-meet>
- 6-23 to 6-25 Vintage Races Mid-Ohio
- 8-3 to 8-5 TRF Summer Party
- 8-16 to 8-19 VTR National Princeton NJ
- 8-25 to 8-27 British Car Festival- Altoona PA

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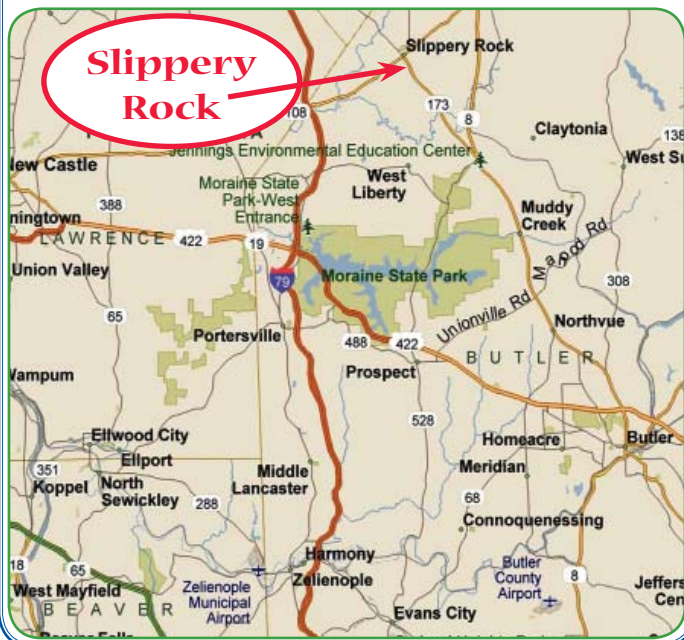
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April 29 — Tune Up Clinic

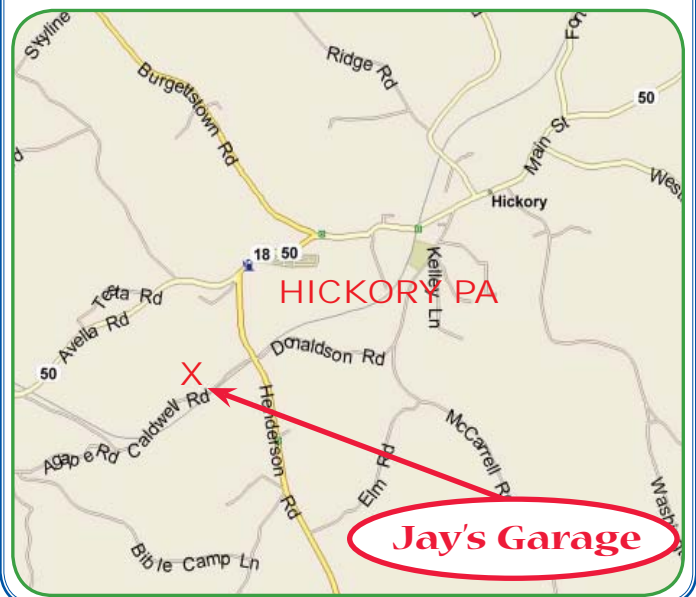
April 1 — North Country Brewery

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Slippery Rock, PA. 16057, (724)794-2337



April 29 -- Tune Up Clinic in Hickory PA

We are meeting after 8AM at Jay Galbreath's garage
in Hickory. 40 Caldwell Rd., Hickory, PA 15340,
412.973.7154, tr4jay@gmail.com



Slot Car Racing Photos

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Industry Pub House Photos

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