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Dusk Till Dawn

Let's Go, did you drive your car the weekend that it was 60 degrees out? The winter has been kind to us so far. Let's hope it doesn't come in with a vengeance. I finally closed on the house in Butler. So I am a full Pittsburgher now. Traffic sucks!

So, last month was the planning meeting. There is a full calendar for next year in this issue. With some of the normal things and a few different drives this year. Check the article for all the info. The Holiday party, there where some guys there I don't see that much of throughout the year. I hope to see more of them this year. Kim and Larry did a great job this year. So they need an at-a-boy for all their hard work. The Club gave The Roadster Factory gift certificates and coffee mugs to all the members that attended. The Driver's Award was won again by Jim Keenan in a close race with Larry. At the end we had to toss a coin. Larry took heads, too bad it was tails. We all should be in the running for this award. I know we could all have our names on it.

The Holiday Party was a great success, more on that in next months Dnuz.

Next month on the 4th is Larry's first Brew Tour of the year. This should be a great time in Lawrenceville.

Also next month on the 18th I am hoping that we will not pay for the warm weather on the run to Team Triumph. As always we will meet at Perkins Restaurant at 9:00 leave at 10:00 and head out the turnpike to spend time looking at a bunch of old stuff and talk to a bunch of old guys.

And in very early March Jim has invited us back to his personal race track for a day of Slot Car racing on March 4th. Every body who has been there has had a great time.

So, I hope you snow birds that head south warm days for those old bones.

Don

Run To Team Triumph 2017

by Don Harkus

On February 18th, I hope the snow will not be flying too much. We will head west to see our friend Scott Harper. 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 there 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.



Slot Car Racing March 4th

We are going to give this event one more shot. Last year I stated that I thought we had had enough slot car racing, however some club members expressed a desire to continue playing with the toy cars. So here is the deal: on Saturday, March 4 we will meet for breakfast at 9:00 am at the Perkins in Cranberry. We will depart for my house at 10:00

am. We should arrive around 10:45 am, if you want to skip breakfast and come straight to the "racetrack", my home address: 7921 Cliff View Dr. Poland, Oh.

The track is a hand routed road course on Medium Density Fiberboard (MDF), measuring about 110 feet in length. The hand controllers feature adjustable brake and throttle sensitivity. A computerized track management system measures and stores all race data, and measures lap times to 1/1,000 of a second.

The best part about slot car racing is calling into to question the manhood of your competitors whilst drinking your favorite beverage. Here is one place where drinking and driving is encouraged. We will play until everyone has had their fill for another year. We can order some lunch if we play into the afternoon. If you have any questions about this event give me a call (330) 402-0707.



The Brew Tour

by Larry Ross

Well, it's that time of the year when we need to take time out of our Triumph garages to enjoy ourselves with some BEER! Therefore, our February Brew Tour will be located at: Full Pint Wild Side Pub, 5310 Butler St., Pittsburgh, Pa. 15201, (412) 408-3083

The Full Pint Wild Side Pub has a variety of beers brewed on the premises. The Full Pint Wild Side Pub also serves a variety of "gourmet sandwiches".

So, I hope to see you a High Noon on February 4th.

Planning Meeting



So what's the plan?



Photos by Mike Bongart

Cheer Up

by the Editor



Winter is already half over or winter is only half over. Whichever position you take, a read of the Club 2017 calendar and calendar of other events of interest should cheer you up. We're going to be doing things and going places. How about coming along. As

country music singer Lee Ann Womack said in her 2000 hit song I hope you dance, "...and when you get the choice to sit it out or dance, I hope you dance." Nike has a term for it, "just do it."

Triumphant Thoughts

(The Synaptic Misfires of a Triumph Enthusiast)

by Jim Keenan

Well I have changed my mind again. I hate it when I can't decide what changes/improvements I should make to my cars. I almost always make changes that will improve



their reliability and drivability without changing what is essentially Triumph. That was my thinking when I replaced the stock wheels on my TR250 with alloy wheels. I love the look of wire wheels, but let's face it they can be a pain in the butt. They are rather heavy, not always true, and getting a flat can be a major problem. If you bring a wire wheel into a tire store for a repair they look

at you like you are speaking Chinese. You would think that with that in mind I would never run wire wheels. So guess what I am doing? That's right, I am putting a set of wires on my TR250.

What could possibly cause such an illogical decision? Circumstances. John Styduhar decided to use a set of mags he had on his newly acquired TR6. He was looking to sell a very nice set of wires with all the related hardware that were on the car when he bought it. Mike Bongart wanted to put a set of alloy wheels on his TR6. Connect the dots and you can see how I was "forced" to broker a deal-I had no choice. The down-side is that I am trading reliability/drivability for looks, not the smartest decision one could make. What's the sense of being a Triumph owner if you can't be stupid?

Jim



Duez Are Due; Now!

Red Star Issue!

by Larry Ross

Well, here we are into 2017 and some of the members still haven't renewed their Club Membership! If you haven't "treated yourself" to renewing your membership, now is the Best Time!

If your address label has the "Red Star", your membership expired in December 2016. So, this could be your Last Issue

of the "award winning" Dzus Dnuz newsletter.

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.



Holiday Party -- More Next Month



~ Calendar of Events ~

February

- 2-4 Brew Tour (TBA) Larry Ross 412-780-8495
- 2-13 Car & Coffee Rick Brown 412-818-1433
- 2-18 Run to Team Triumph
Don Harkus 724-822-5447
- 2-21 Beer & Bull Bud Osbourne 412-855-9969
- 2-28 Dzus Meeting Bruce Stutzman 412-600-7275

March

- 3-4 Slot Car Racing Jim Keenan 330-402-0707
- 3-13 Cars & Coffee Rick Brown 412-818-1433

April

- 4-1 Brew Tour (TBA) Larry Ross 412-780-8495
- 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

- 6-10 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

September

- 9-8 to 9-10 Watkins Glen Vintage Races/Festival
- 9-16 Run Bobby Wyner 412-389-8813
- 9-24 British Cars at Hartwood (Club Picnic)

October

- 10-7 Run Larry Ross 412-780-8495
- 10-21 Fall Leaf Tour Don Harkus 724-822-5447

November

- 11-11 Brew Tour (details TBA)

December

- 12-16 No Meeting-Meeting
Gary Fredo 724-378-9610

Cars and Coffee is on the second Monday of each month and Beer and Bull on the third Tuesday of the month. We will put them in the schedule each month in the Dzus Dnuz.

~ 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
- 8-10 to 8-12? TRF Summer Party
- 8-16 to 8-19 VTR National Princeton NJ
- 9-15 to 9-17 British Invasion Stowe VT

North Coast Triumph Club Events

(Jerry Van Vlack 330-620-4548)

- 3-4 British Swap Meet Ohio Wesleyan University
- 5-? Healey Car Show Location TBA
- 5-21 British Car Day Columbus OH
- 5-27 Eric Jones Memorial River Run Location TBA
- 6-4 The British Return to Fort Meigs
Perrysburg OH
- 8-5 Ursuline Car Show Ursuline College
- 8-20 The Brits at Shaker Square (car show)
Shaker Heights OH
- 10-7 Wine Tour Polo Fields
South Chagrin Reservation

Classified



FOR SALE: hood from a 68 TR250 that will also fit a TR4 and TR4A. I had it to a body shop - any rust repaired and it was primed and painted BRG. Asking \$650 or best offer. Dan Meyers, 412-680-1639

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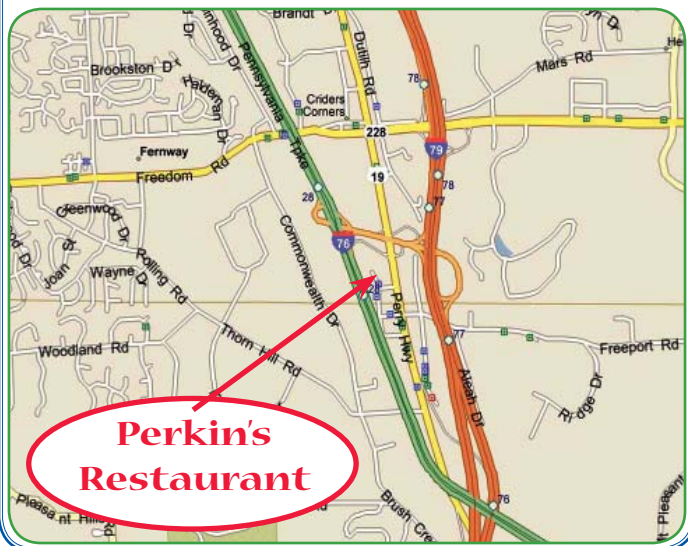
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