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Dusk Till Dawn

Hi All! I hope everyone had a great holiday. I am still waiting to close on my house in Butler, hopefully in January. So what are your plans for the new year? I am planning on doing some things to my TR3. I chipped the paint on the door, so that needs fixed. The hood on the TR250 needs some work.

Have you sent your reservation in for the Holiday Party? How about your dues? Larry is waiting for both of them, I need to send mine in also.

On January 14th at the Quaker Steak & Lube in Robinson Town Centre at 11:00 the Planning Meeting is on. Some of the guys are coming and if you want or have ideas for runs next year show up. Have a cup of coffee or a beer, maybe some wings. This is a good time to spend with the guys.

Then the biggest event of the winter, the Holiday Party is on the 21st. That wraps it up for January. In February on the 18th weather permitting, we will meet at Perkin's in Cranberry on Rt 19 at 9:00 for breakfast and leave for Team Triumph at 10:00. I hope I don't spent too much.

As most of you know, Tom Schweitzer has retired from heading British Car Day. Dexter Stoltz has agreed to take over. We will have a very smooth transition.

Last thing is that Bruce and I got more oil. So as Bruce would say "WE HAVE OIL". The price went up to \$60 a case of 12 quarts. It is in my garage if you need some.

Happy New Year! Think Sun !!!

Don

Planning Meeting

by Jim Keenan

The Planning meeting for the 2017 calendar will at the Robinson Township QS&L on **January 14, 2017**. There are two goals for this meeting: to plan the events for 2017, then enjoy lunch and a few beverages of your choice. The meeting will start at 11:00 am. We usually take about an hour to conduct our official business of actually producing a calendar of events for the coming year. Lunch and socializing will begin around noon.

Who can attend? All club members are welcomed and encouraged to attend. Those of you who have organized events in the past and plan on hosting one again should attend, as we need your input. If you have never planned an event but would like to, please attend and let us know what you would like to do. If you would like to coordinate an event but can't attend the meeting call me (330-402-0707) on send me an email (mij57@msn.com) and I will put your event on the calendar.



Final Notice The Holiday Party

The Christmas Spirit will still be in season for the WPTA Holiday Party, Saturday **January 21st** !

Plan to attend our annual event for a great time, delicious food and fun car talk with your Triumph Club friends. This will also give you the opportunity to "talk smack" on your fellow Triumph friends!

The party starts at 6 pm. This year, we'll again be at: Thee Olde Place Inn, 1209 Streets Run Road, Pittsburgh, PA 15236.

Cost is \$40 per guest, which will include appetizers, a buffet dinner of chicken, pork and fish, sides, salads, and a dessert selection. Cash bar.

Please send in your check (payable to W.P.T.A.) RSVP today to: Kim Ross, 129 Crestview Drive, Pittsburgh, PA 15236

The reservation deadline is January 7TH, 2017!

Dexter New BCD Chair

by Bruce

After 5 very successful BCDs Tom Schweitzer is stepping down as Chairman.

Long time Club member and Club Recording Secretary Dexter Schultz is our new chairman. He, like forever, has been an active member of the BCD staff.

With the continuing cooperation of the BCD staff and the club membership, we look forward to BCD being as successful under Dexter's leadership as it has been under Tom's leadership.



Ok; this doesn't look dangerous at all!

Get it Started Party

by Larry Ross

Well as most of you know, I am now the proud owner of a TR8. So, here is the story of the transaction:

On our Roadster Factory Tour, we were eating breakfast at Dean's Diner in Blairsville. After breakfast, when I went to pay my tab, Mike Bongart was at the cash register and he said: "Hey Larry, this guy has a TR8 for sale".

While it turns out, the TR8 belonged to his sister who resided in Washington, Pa. I told the gentleman that I would be interested in looking at the vehicle, and we exchanged phone numbers.

After playing "telephone tag", I was able to speak with the vehicle owner. It turns out the vehicle has been sitting in a garage since at least 2012 and was non-running with 27,465 original miles.

I contacted Bob Wyner and he agreed to go look at the vehicle with me. I can tell you, if you are looking at a car, you want to take Bob with you. Bob immediately picked up that the car had been re-sprayed in the past (and not a very good job). The re-spray is not the original Triumph Gold because it does not match the door jambs.

Anyway, Bob was routing under the bonnet while I was on my back under the car. The oil was 2 quarts low (last changed in 1989 @ 25,000 miles), the power steering fluid reservoir was empty, the radiator was low, along with a myriad of other issues.

Underneath the car, one of the original mufflers was replaced with a Falcon muffler, but the other muffler was original. Other than that, the chassis was clean. The shocks and struts are shot and the tires were dated 1997.

However, the interior of the vehicle and the top is in "mint condition". Needless to say, a "deal" was struck and I paid for the vehicle. The following week, the vehicle was towed to the garage for the Get it Started Party.

I would like to take the time to personally Thank: Bob Wyner, Ken Mikos, Mike Yurko, Russ Fuhrer, PJ Wright, Greg Snyder & Mike Bongart. Needless to say, we did not "Get it Started", however we have diagnosed the issue to a dead fuel pump, and a new one has been ordered.

So, look for my "chronicling" of the restoration process in future issues.

Triumphant Thoughts

(The Synaptic Misfires of a Triumph Enthusiast)

by Jim Keenan

Well I did not get my garage insulated and heated this summer as I hoped. That is a story for another time. So my winter projects most likely will not be completed. I refuse to work in the cold so my 3 major jobs will have to be done this spring/summer. All three of my cars are roadworthy, however they all have issues that need to be addressed.

The TR6 has an issue with the clutch sometimes not wanting to release from the flywheel. Most of the time it works fine, so I am not sure what the problem is. That means the gearbox needs to come out and the problem assessed and addressed. The TR250 occasionally pops out of 2nd gear. I am 99% sure that the 2nd gear top hat bushing is broken. That fix also requires removing the gearbox and tearing it down. The TR8 doesn't have the correct rear axle ratio, there is a 3:45 where a 3:08 should be. I have a good 3:08 axle to install, I just need to do it.

The winter is the perfect time to do these jobs, the repairs can be completed without losing any Triumph road time. If I do these 3 jobs this spring/summer all of my Triumphs will be off the road for part of this year's driving season. This is the very reason I have multiple Triumphs. One of the three is always roadworthy.

Jim

No Meeting Meeting photos



Photos by Mike Bongart



Oil Oil Oil

by Bruce

The Club has reloaded our supply of Brad Penn oil and gear lube. It is available at Donny's and at Jay's garages. Prices are as follows:

- Gear Lube \$5 a quart
- Break in oil \$32 a half case
- 20w50 oil \$60 a case

No Meeting Meeting Followup

by Gary

An icy day had me anticipating a very low turn-out but to my surprise we had between 25 – 30 members show up for the No Meeting Meeting. I guess a little cold weather and ice can't keep our group down. We had an interesting WPTA version of Black Friday at the meeting. Jay had several cases of Brad Penn oil in the trunk of his car that belonged to the club and was for sale. He opened his trunk and just like Black Friday the cases disappeared! Amazing. Lots of good bench racing, beer drinking, wing eating and overall good time was had by all.

More No Meeting Meeting photos



Photos by Mike Bongart

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FOR SALE: 1958 Triumph TR3A- engine rebuilt, frame, suspension done. Tub blasted and primed. Floors in, needs outer rockers, great project to finish \$4500, call Wray 412-926-7098.

~ Calendar of Events ~

January 2017

- 1-9 Cars & Coffee - Rick Brown 412-818-1433
- 1-14 Planning Meeting, Robinson QS & L
- 1-17 Bud's Beer & Bull - Bud Osbourne 412-855-9969
- 1-21 Holiday Party - Larry Ross
- 1-26 Dues Dnuz Meeting – Primanti's Exit 60 of I-79

February

- 2-18 Run to Team Triumph -- Don Harkus

~ Other Events of Interest ~

June 2017

- 16-18 Kastner Cup — Blackhawk Farms IL
<http://www.kaskastner.com/kastnercup.html>
- 21-24 TRA National Meet — Columbus IN
<http://triumphregister.com/tra-national-meet/>

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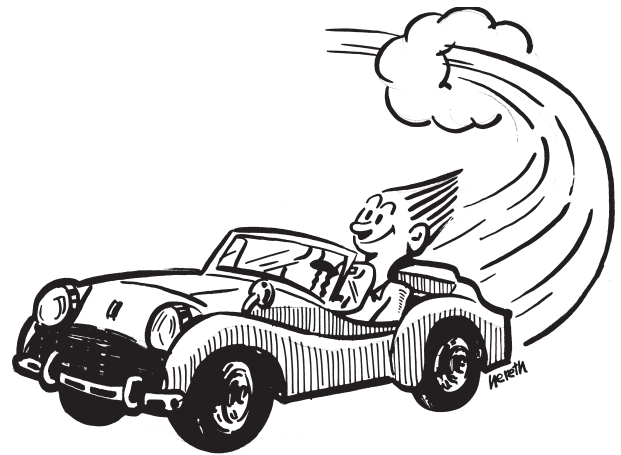
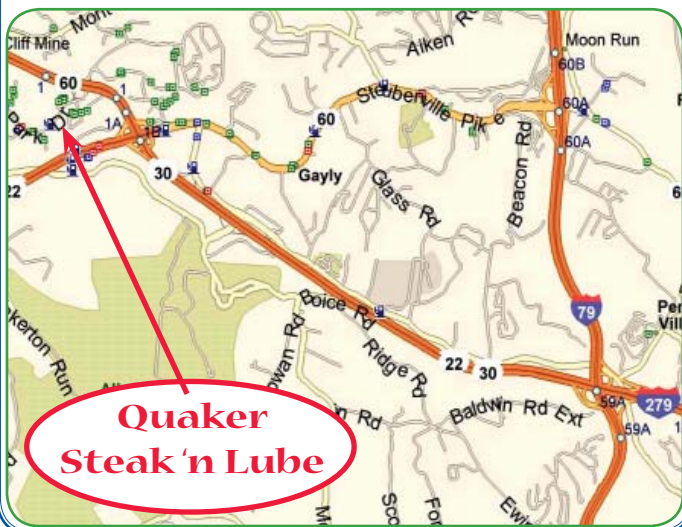
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by Larry Ross, Membership Chairman

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 acceptable. 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.