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Dusk Till Dawn

Hi all! It's getting warm outside but I haven't even driven one of my cars yet. I just have too much to do since I retired. As PJ told me a long time ago, he just has a hard time finding time to do everything.

A few weeks ago Larry did a run up north to the North Country Brewery. I am sure it went just great because I didn't hear anything about it. I also missed out on going to the Restoration shop in Ohio with Jerry. I just have too many irons in the fire. I will be at the Tune-Up Clinic at Jay's this weekend some of you will get this after the event. On Monday Bruce and Ed are going to Butler to get the oil for the event. I am letting them take my truck without supervision. I hope they don't drive it like they drive their TR's.

On May 6th Pat Ledford is going to lead us to Pat Davis's garage thru the back woods of Pa. This should be a wonderful time. Then, Import Carlisle is on the 19th thru the 21st if you didn't call for a room it might be too late to be in the block with the rest of us guys.

June 3, Rick Brown is hosting another of his outstanding runs. This one is The Bold and The Beautiful. I don't want to miss that one. *Don*



The Bold and The Beautiful Tour; see article on page two.

Trip from yesterday, below is Charles Runyan's TRS & Ed Major's TR3 at Mosport.



Pat Wins First in Concours, Stowe VT 2015

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.

There is also a nice run on some great back roads from North Side of Pittsburgh up 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. There is a pit stop near Evans City PA and we should arrive at Pat's house around 11:30 AM.

Pat is supplying Beer, Pizza and Chips and he would like an approximate count of those attending. If you plan on driving straight to Pat's without participating in the run please contact me, Pat Ledford, that you will be attending as I am to give Pat Davis a number of those attending that morning.

Major change to the previous article. There is no rain date! It is a rain or shine event. Your TR will not melt in the rain and Pat's garage roof does not leak and you can still enjoy Pizza, beverages and car talk.

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.

pat

British Car Day Is Coming.

July 15 - our big event.

Dexter is our new BCD chairman and will be looking for help from all of us.

The brochures will be in the mail to you in a couple days.

The Bold and The Beautiful

An Educational Run by Rick Brown

The name says it all. Our two-part run on Saturday, June 3rd. has something for everyone, with lunch in between.

The Bold: We will begin with a bold adventure exploring six bridges crossing the Ohio River. Before you ask "what's bold about crossing a bridge?", consider that one of the bridges we will use was completed 13 years before the Civil War started; another is a privately owned toll bridge; and a third may be closed to vehicular traffic after 2021. All the more reason to experience these engineering marvels as soon as possible.

The Beautiful: We will wind things down after lunch with a visit to The Bissonnette Gardens, a re-creation of many of the gardens that existed in Oglebay in the early 1900s. You can spend as much time as you like wandering the 16 acre gardens on red brick paths through the ever-changing flower displays, hanging baskets and majestic trees.

The run begins at Cracker Barrel Old Country Store in the Robinson Town shopping complex. Cracker Barrel is located at 200 Davis Blvd. in the same parking lot as Lowes Home Improvement. There will be a short drivers meeting at 9:45, and all cars will leave at 10:00 am. But come early and enjoy friendly conversation, or set a spell on the outside rocking chairs.

The bridge tour should take about 2 ½ hours, ending at Generations Restaurant and Pub on Route 40 in Wheeling around 12:30. After lunch, those who are interested can take a short 15 minute drive to Oglebay to walk the gardens.

To make the most of this drive, I would like anyone interested in running with us to send me an email at rick-brown1956@outlook.com. I will email back the route instructions, and a history of each of the six bridges we will be crossing on our run. This will also allow me to email any changes ahead of time. And in the off chance that the weather forecast would call for a complete wash out, you will receive a cancellation notice early Saturday morning.

Open House at Classic Restorations

by Jim Keenan

Club member Mark Loughrey was kind enough to host an open house at his shop in Champion, Ohio for the WPTA and NCTA (Cleveland based- North Coast Triumph Association). The event was well attended. The Ohioans far outnumbered the Pennsylvanians. Attending for the WPTA were: Pat Ledford, Gary Fredo, Larry Ross, Tom Stricker, Mike Yurko, Pat Davis, John Collins, Jerry Van Vlack, Don Stewart and myself. I drove my "Rat Rod" TR6 for the first time this year and yes I still love it-flaws and all. Mark was kind enough to provide drinks and pizza. We were treated to a 3.5 Rover V8 running on a testing stand. There was much TR talk and stories were told. All in all, a fine day. I would like to thank Mark for hosting the event. If the future, if you are looking for a good British car mechanic consider Mark's shop, "Classic Restorations".



Triumphant Thoughts (The Synaptic Misfires of a Triumph Enthusiast)

by Jim Keenan

Sometimes throwing money at a Triumph is lots of fun and money wasted. I call my brown (very sexy) TR6 my "Rat Rod". The car is cosmetically challenged despite the fact that lots of cash has been thrown at it. You may ask. "If you spent lots of money on the car and it still looks bad, what did you spend the money on? That is a very good question. Allow me to explain (rationalize my insanity). The plan was to only spend on things that would: make it handle better, make it more reliable, and make it faster. So I went about adding, alloy wheels, overdrive, a header, a free-flow stainless twin pipe exhaust system, a thermostatically controlled oil cooler, competition springs, rear tube shocks, electric radiator fan, electronic ignition and other less consequential items.

None of those improvements made this 150,000 mile, clapped out California native look any better. It proudly wears the results of the many indignities it has suffered in its 44 years on the planet. The paint is almost "baked" off. The original interior looks at least 44 years old. Luckily it drives much better than it looks. Money well spent: the overdrive, the exhaust system, electronic ignition, alloy wheels, and the electric cooling fan. Wasted money: header (the stock manifold is just as good), the oil cooler with steel lines (it looks cool, however the thermostat has probably never even opened) competition springs (too stiff) and the rear tube shock conversion (caused frame damage-a long story)

See it all makes perfect sense.

Jim

1000 Mile Drive

by Bruce

Jay Galbreath, Jim Keenan, Larry Ross and I did the Wild Hare race weekend at Virginia International Raceway (VIR) in Danville, VA. That is to say - a great TR drive thru the mountains of eastern WV and western VA.

TR drive - sort of. Jim drove his TR250, I drove my TR6, Jay his just finished MGBGT - all ok. Larry drove his Subaru - not ok. Enough said.

Driving down it rained the first half of the run, but then cleared. Lunch in Elkins, WV, south to Marlinton, east into VA and thru the Goshen Pass to Lexington. Still hours till we reach Danville. Actually the run is a bit long.

The event was excellent. My old friends Mike and Sandy Jackson, who run VCDCA, do a great job. VCDCA also sanctions the Jefferson Cup at Summit Point which, unfortunately, is the same weekend as Carlisle.

Lots of Triumphs, most being driven by old friends. Club member John Styduhar raced his TR3 well. Wife Karen fed us well; which we had not expected.

A nice day for the drive home. Lunch and a pint or two of Guinness in Lewisburg, WV then north thru the WV mountains.

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".

The club rents 3 vendor spaces for use by club members. Come and enjoy. Sell your old stuff, buy other vendors' old stuff. Hang around our tent, have a beer. Eat some of Bernie's peanuts. Try some of their delicious chicken and corn soup. Just chill. But bring quarters to tip the restroom staff. Hope to see you there.

Caption Contest



PJ Wright:

"The horse of a different color; a blue hayburner!!"

Jerry Van Vlack

"Something for the horse to eat while pushing an MG"

Rich Roenigk

"This here is a dual purpose MG...hauls the hay to the horse and hauls the results away."

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"See. Those roll bars really work. Not a scratch on the car.

Gary Fredo

"This Midget has so many hungry ponies under the bonnet that the owner has to carry additional fuel on the luggage rack"

"Some MGs leak so much oil that the owners are required to carry oil absorbent to soak up their oil drenched parking spots"

Classified

FOR SALE: 1976 Triumph TR7 110K 4 cylinder 4 speed. Hasn't been started since parked in 2000 something. Hood release currently stuck. Car is complete. Have extra hood, dash, some other misc. to go with car. Car is repairable or use for parts? Located in Beaver County. Make offer. I will need to scrap the car if it doesn't sell. Email John at jmnoland@yahoo.com

~ Calendar of Events ~

May

- 5-6** Run to Pat Davis's Garage
Pat Ledford 724-901-7005
- 5-8** Cars & Coffee Rick Brown 412-818-1433
- 5-16** Beer & Bull Bud Osbourne 412-855-9969
- 5-19 to 5-21** WPTA at Import Carlisle
- 5-30** Dzus Meeting Bruce Stutzman 412-600-7275

June

- 6-3** The Bold & The Beautiful 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)
- 11-18** Run to The Roadster Factory
Gary Fredo 724-378-9610

December

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

~ Other Events of Interest ~

- 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
- 9-15 to 9-17** British Invasion Stowe VT

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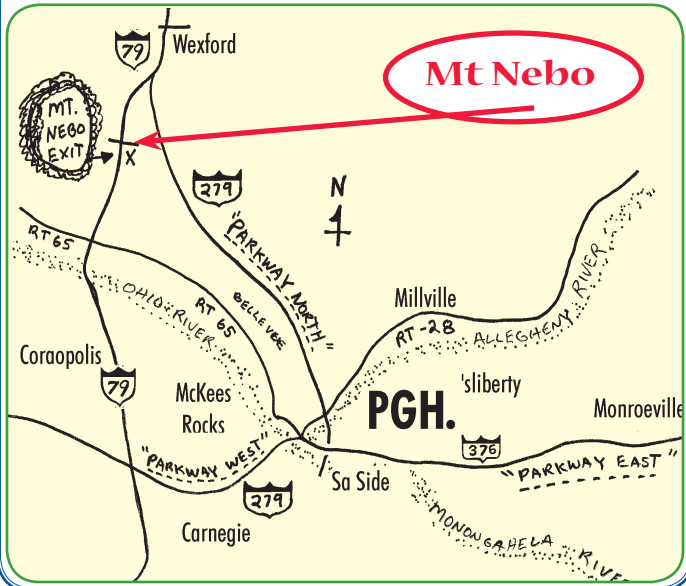
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