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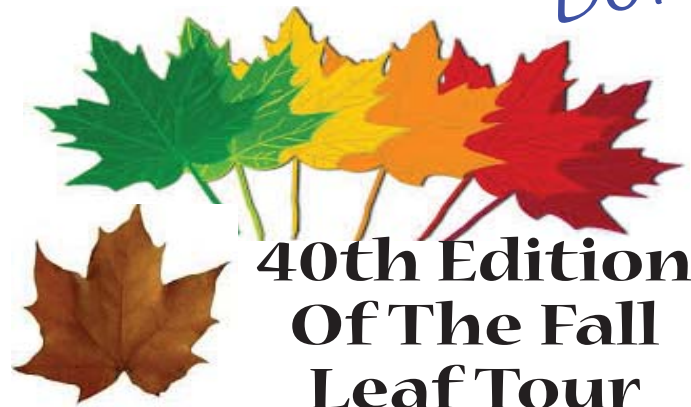
Dusk Till Dawn

I was driving home on Friday looking at the leaves changing color already, thinking where did the summer go? I need to get all of the other bull done so I can enjoy things again. With Sandy running to her mother's almost every day. I was planning on going on the Anniversary Run but things do happen the last minute. I just haven't had the time for what I enjoy doing. I know that the runs I missed have been nice Triumph drives. I know how much work goes into doing a run.

I just came back from the Hartwood show and our picnic. I put a lot of work into this because I enjoy it. I just don't know what happened this year, there were only half the cars that are usually there. This is a great event. I am sorry so many people missed out this year. We had sausages and hot dogs, chips, donuts, coffee, cookies that is what the club bought. We had more deserts than any person should eat. So thanks for all who brought things to eat or drink. GREAT PICNIC!

Ok, the Fall Leaf Tour is next month; who knows where this crazy guy is going to take us. So come on out and take in the leaves on the drive.

Don



40th Edition Of The Fall Leaf Tour

by Don

Ok so the leaves are changing color already. I am planning a run north to Foxburg and the Allegheny Grill. We will meet at 10:30 on **October 21** at the Lowe's at 1717 RT 228, Cranberry Township, Pa. 16066; this is just off I-79 (exit 78). We will make our way north through the back roads and I hope enjoy the color of the leaves this year. I plan to be in Foxburg at 1:30 for a late lunch. I am hoping to drive a few old roads and a few new ones. So let's all have some fun.

Next Month Hartwood Coverage



The Sinnemahoning Tour

by Larry Ross

Well, have you ever driven thru the Sinnemahoning Forest/State Park? If not, here is your opportunity to experience the "drive of a lifetime".

For most of us that make the annual pilgrimage to Watkins Glen, The 10 mile downhill run thru the Sinnemahoning is simply breathtaking. And, what makes the downhill run even better is the return ascent (sweet).

So here are the details: When: **October 7th, 2017**, Meeting Place: Kings Restaurant/Holiday Park, 950 Presque Isle Dr., Pittsburgh, Pa. 15239. Drivers Meeting: 10:30 AM

Run to The Roadster Factory

by Gary Fredo

November 18th is the date this year for the run to The Roadster Factory. We will meet again for Breakfast at Dean's Diner, mostly because they have a cool painting of a TR3 on the wall. Breakfast will be at 9:00 and we will be arriving at The Roadster Factory around 10:30. As always we will be stopping at Griffith's for lunch afterwards. Albert is going to give us 15% off any orders picked up that day but please place orders in advance because TRF is lightly staffed on Saturdays and they don't have the manpower to pick a lot of orders. Additional information will be in next month's newsletter.



Old guys rule! Rocking chairs on Franklin Street.

Watkins Glen 2017

by Bruce

WPTA's annual pilgrimage to the home of U.S. sports car racing.

How about this list of WPTA members who were there:

Wray Brady

Ed Woods

Tom Woods

Jerry VanVlack

Ken Mikos

Bob Wyner

George Yonker

Bud Osbourne and son Alec

Ray Santini

Bruce Stutzman

Jay Galbreath

Larry Ross and

son in law Greg Snider

Curt Stroup and son Ryan

Bernie Clark

Over the years our connection to racers at the track has diminished. This year Bob Criss, a friend from Bethel Park, was racing his Volvo 122. Jay and I were his pit crew.

Several Kiwis and Aussies were there as part of their world tour with their Formula Juniors. An outstanding collection of cars, some of which I had never even heard of. The big event of the weekend is the Vintage Grand Prix Festival on Friday in the village. This is a great time enjoyed by all.

Dinner and drinks at the Seneca Lodge on Sunday evening is another annual tradition. Their trout almondine is excellent.



Post British Car Day CD Wrap-up

by Dex

British Car Day was a great success this year, but that doesn't mean it can't be improved. If you have some ideas on how to make it run smoothly, meet me at 11:30am on 14 October at Sunny Jim's Tavern on Camp Horne Road. I'd like to know of ways we can make 2018 better. Is there a particular car that should be featured? Think we can get the lemonade stand in a better location? Let me know.

If you can't make it, please shoot me an e-mail or a phone call and I'll share your ideas.

Triumphant Thoughts (The Synaptic Misfires of a Triumph Enthusiast)

by Jim Keenan

When I begin to feel old I learned a great coping mechanism, attend a British car event. How does that make me feel less old or younger, which ever terminology you may prefer? Simple, most people in attendance are older than me-hence I feel younger. After all age is relative. When one is 21 years old someone who is 50 seems ancient. Conversely when you are 81 years old, a 50-year-old individual seems like a child. Where am I going with this stream of conscientious? Allow me to explain.

I wonder who is going to value the cars we own in 20 to 30 years? Car people tend to lust for the cars of their youth. Most of you reading this are old enough to remember when the cars we love were new. We saw them traversing the highways and byways of our country. Something in that experience made us desire to own one (or multiple) British sports cars. In 30 years (I hate to be the bearer of bad news) the last generation that grew up with these cars will be gone. Will the cars have much value to the car collectors in 2047? No doubt there will be some niche collectors who see value in old British roadsters. I wonder if there will be widespread enthusiasm, enough to keep the hobby as we know it today viable. One way to avoid this obsolesces is to involve young people in the hobby. I am not sure if that is happening. What is the fate of the hobby? Only time will tell.

Miscellaneous Ramblings

by Larry Ross

As the Membership Director for the Club, I would be remiss if I did not touch on a few items:

British Car Day:

I would personally like to thank Dexter Stoltz for stepping up as Tom Schweitzer's replacement this year. Dexter went above and beyond the call of duty in his preparation and follow-up with the numerous club members.

I would also like to thank the numerous club members who graciously donated their time and effort in making the 2017 British Car Day the best ever, especially Toby Yurko.

Lastly, I would like to thank the following sponsors who made very gracious donations to the "goodie bags": The Roadster Factory, Hagerty Insurance and Moss Motors. Without these sponsors, we would just be another run of the mill club.

Normally, we see membership increase right after the show and this year our membership has increased by at least 20 new members. Therefore, I would like to welcome the most recent members into the club:

- ◆ Edgar & Tracey Martin – 1974 MGB
- ◆ Karen Campbell – 1980 Spitfire
- ◆ Gary & Katie McClure – 1972 TR6
- ◆ Rich Thomas – 1963 Spitfire
- ◆ Angel Mendoza – 1979 Spitfire
- ◆ George & Gerry Olearchick – 1973 TR6
- ◆ Jerry & Gina Deible – 1960 TR3

We are now celebrating our 40th year of existence as the Western Pennsylvania Triumph Association, and you don't last 40 years without having GREAT members.

Now, there are just a few actual driving events left in the driving season, so get out and DRIVE!

Escape To Cheat Lake!

by Curt

The "Escape to Cheat Lake" run held on August 19th went very well and the weather cooperated nicely. Twelve drivers participated as we rode some awesome roads from Rostraver to Ohioptyle, enjoyed a nice break and then continued on to Cheat Lake for lunch. Everyone enjoyed great food and libations as we sat outside on the deck at the Lake House Restaurant and Marina. Thanks once again to Mike Bongart who was there with his trusty camera taking the pictures shown below!



Photo by Mike Bongart

Caption Contest



Photo by Mike Bongart

Dex Caption Contest answers

#1 "We only need this much room to park each MG Midget in the car show"

#2 "Dexter demonstrates the proper method to view a solar eclipse"

#3 "Attendance at the Greatful Dead concert was low this year but this fan appears to be enjoying himself"

--Gary Fredo

"Wow what a great turnout. We have room for one more car about this big."

--Bob Wyner

With a true Don Adams (Get Smart -Agent 86) accent . . .
"Would you believeTHAT much ?"

--Michael Breskovich



Photos by PJ Wright

Altoona

Rick and Nancy Brown, Rich and Kathy Wendell, Ed and Cindy Tucker, PJ and Carol Wright attended the British Car Festival at Altoona this past weekend. John Twist was there tuning up some of the cars including Rick, Rich's and Ed's machines.



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FOR SALE: 1976 Spitfire parts car \$500. Tom Masiasak 814-935-8061

FOR SALE: 1980 TR-7 New top and interior. Mechanically sound, except for needing the rusty control arm connections at the body repaired. Pittsburgh PA. Contact Ken at 412 745 6084 or kenf@advanced-construction.com

FOR RENT: I have indoor heated car storage located in Ingram Pa (Pittsburgh PA. 15205) FOR \$60 PER MONTH. I have about 4 slots available. Call Dan Meyers at 412-680-1639

~ Calendar of Events ~

October

10-7 Run Larry Ross 412-780-8495

10-9 Cars & Coffee Rick Brown 412-818-1433

10-17 Beer & Bull Bud Osbourne 412-855-9969

10-21 Fall Leaf Tour Don Harkus 724-822-5447

10-30 Dzus Meeting, Monday at 6pm, Primanti's Rt 60
Bruce Stutzman 412-600-7275

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 - Quaker Steak & Lube
Gary Fredo 724-378-9610

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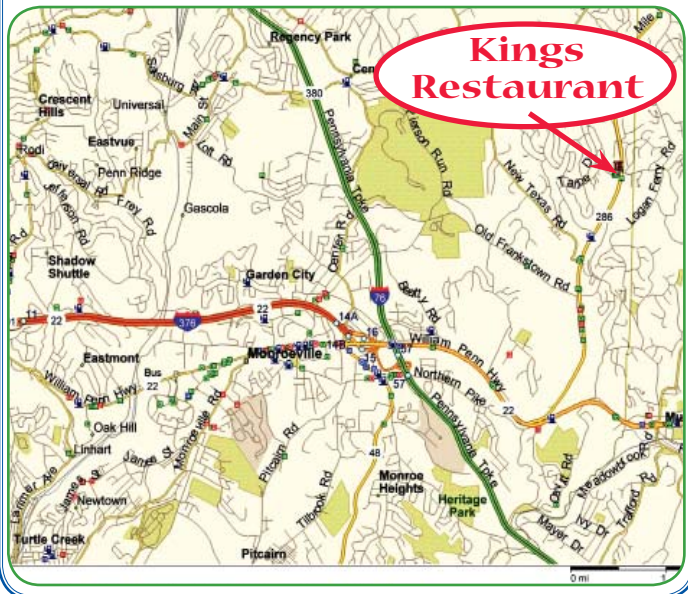
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Altoona British Car Meet

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