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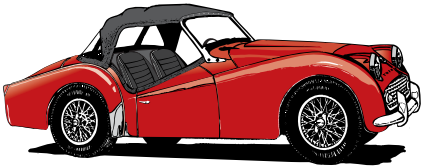
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## Dusk Till Dawn

I hope spring is here. I just returned from the Tune-up Clinic at Jay's place.

First, this month I am retired again. So, I have time to get my list done. #1: Get more lights up in the garage, so I can see better. This took the better part of a week. #2: Get the TR250 out and check it out, this took another week. After moving and sorting all the "stuff" I put in front of it. #3: order the rack and pinion kit for the TR3. #4: Install the



new engine in the TR3. That meant taking apart the front of the car. So, with a few phone calls and friends to help, Ed, Bruce and I started on Friday taking apart the

TR3. Meanwhile Bruce was helping Larry work on his TR8 when Ed showed up to give them a hand. Thanks to the help of friends. We would otherwise never get the things done on our cars. Then Sunday Ed, Bruce, Pat, and Larry came over and got the engine out of the TR3. We also put the new one in place. Monday we worked on installing my new rack and pinion in the car. To make a long story short, I finished it up Friday night so I could drive it to the Tune-up Clinic on Saturday. What a great car it is to drive now. Thanks for all the help, guys.

So back to where I was; Doug did a great job on The Tune-up Clinic. He got some very nice gifts from Charles at The Roadster Factory. We sold them half price and used the money toward lunch. Thanks to Doug, Charles, and Jay for all the stuff and work put into a fantastic event.

Next month, Pat is doing a run on the 5<sup>th</sup> then the 18<sup>th</sup> thru 20<sup>th</sup> is Import Carlisle. Don't miss anything if you can.

We got some very bad news about one of our longtime friends from Texas. Russ Seto who passed while on a Triumph run. He will be greatly missed. *Don*

## British Parts Flea Market At The Roadster Factory

On **Saturday, June 2**, The Roadster Factory will be having scratch and dent panels as well as other British car parts at flea market prices. You may have noted an announcement of this event in the TRF ads that most of us receive in our emails. Owner Charles Runyan has invited anyone who may have car parts for sale to join him on this Flea Market Saturday.

WPTA will be setting up our club tent so it is available for your use or you can sell out of your car, trunk or simply spread a tarp showing your wares on the ground. If you have a British car for sale, bring it along with a FOR SALE sign. There is plenty of space!

Be you buyer, seller or both here is a chance to browse the field while meeting and greeting British car enthusiasts from our club as well as others.

If you have a few items you want to sell but will not be able to attend, tag the parts and call me for pickup at 412-833-4142. If you have a larger lot you will have to join us. You should identify and price your items but club members at the tent can give you some educated estimates if you need assistance.

Charles will have a keg of beer and food but it might be a good idea to pack some of your own items to supplement your larder.

This one day event gives you a chance to redistribute your parts and buy some things you really don't need but can't live without.

If you did not attend or did not find what you wanted at the Carlisle Import Show, this may be your golden opportunity to see some new, used or different parts for your British car while having a fun time.

For WPTA members Armaugh is but an hour's drive out RT 22 East from Pittsburgh. *PJ*

## When Will Driving Season Start!

by Pat Ledford

It starts **May 5th**, it is mid April when I am writing this and the temperature is below freezing and we had 3 inches of snow yesterday and it is snowing again today. I will use this late start as an excuse for the reason I am late in getting the article out on my run to New Castle, PA.

So come sun, rain, sleet, snow, or another Nor'easter we will heading out from the Steubenville Pike along some back roads to New Castle PA to enjoy a new brewery.

Hopefully, the enjoyment will be in the driving and not just the brewery. Since this is the first official run of the season, come no matter what the weather is. If necessary, mount snow tires and bring chains.

On **May 5th** we will start at the Eat'N Park in Robinson Twp off Rte 60 Steubenville Pike. Its GPS address is 100 Park Manor Driver, Pittsburgh PA 15205. There will be a drivers meeting at 10:30AM and first cars off at 10:45AM. We should arrive at the CR Brewery a part of the Crane Room complex around 1:30PM. Any questions call me or email. 724-977-0938; dpledford@gmail.com.

*pat*

# Sistersville Ferry Run

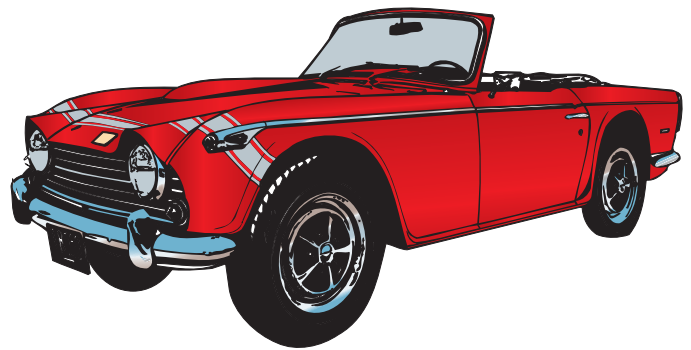
## June 16, 2018

by Rick Brown

Last year's "Bold and Beautiful" run crossed the Ohio River on several historical bridges, including the 112 year old Newell Suspension Bridge, and the 168 year old Wheeling Suspension Bridge. Several members commented that, while the crossings were indeed neat, they did not quite qualify as "Bold". So – for those of you who want an even closer look at the Ohio River, our 2018 historical run will include the 201 year old Ferry crossing between Sistersville West Virginia and Fly Ohio.

Don't panic! While it is true that this ferry crossing has been in continuous operation since 1817, the original horse powered paddlewheel is long gone. So mark your calendars now. The Sistersville Ferry is the last ferry operating on the upper 427-miles of the Ohio River. Experience this one before it's too late.

*Rick*



## Triumphant Thoughts

### (The Synaptic Misfires of a Triumph Enthusiast)

by Jim Keenan

As I write this it is April 21<sup>st</sup> and I still haven't had any of my Triumphs out of the garage. Is Spring ever going to arrive? The weather forecast for the end of April seems to suggest that the answer to that question is "Yes". I plan on getting the cars started and out of the garage this week. The "Tune Up Clinic" is only one week away so I have to decide which car gets a fresh crankcase full of Brad Penn oil, courtesy of the WPTA. Hopefully the weather will cooperate and we will have a dry warm day to wrench on our cars.

Larry, Bob, and I did attend the "Wild Hare Run" at VIR the first weekend of April. Keeping with this year's theme of the never ending winter, the weather for our trip was not Spring-like. This resulted in a non-Triumph weekend. Our Triumphs sat at home. Larry and Bob rode in Larry's BRZ, and I drove my 944 Porsche. Since Bruce didn't attend this year we were not shamed for leaving our Triumphs at home. Friday morning was a mix of snow and rain. As we got further south the weather improved, in fact it was a beautiful day when we arrived. Saturday was cold with a steady rain, and most racers never went on the track. We visited a military tank museum, which was very interesting.

Our ride home on Sunday was sunny but quite chilly. We did get to experience many great mountain roads throughout our trip. I hate to admit it but my 944 is vastly superior to any roadster Triumph ever built. I also must say that had the weather been better and I was driving a Triumph with the top down the trip would have been more fun. If you value fun over performance, take a Triumph roadster.

*Jim*



The site of February's Dzus Dnuz meeting, too bad if you missed it!



## The Best BCD

by Ed Major

Every year I see flyers promoting British car events from all around the nation. One advertises that it's the "Original" British Car day, some say they were first, but none of them have beautiful Schenley Park and the Pittsburgh Vintage Grand Prix.

Where else in the World can you have your "Day in the Park" with such great British cars as well as fantastic race cars. The best parking spot in the city, all while helping two great Pittsburgh charities. So, there may have been "earlier" British Car events, bigger events, but none of them could ever be as great of an event as our **British Car Day**, see you at the park.

*Ed*

## Half Day Run 2018

by PJ Wright

Let us assume that by the time **Saturday, June 30** arrives this winter-like weather we have been having in April will at least have turned into mild summer-like. Be that as it may, let's all pray that by that date it will be top down weather for all the anglophiles to enjoy.

This year's adventure will begin at Peter's Place at Kerwin Heights off I 79 south, at 9:30 with drivers meeting at 9:45. There is an Eat n Park next door for those who come sans breakfast or in need of an early pit stop. Curt, gas up before you get there.

This leisurely run will head south on roads less traveled passing such vistas as the under-construction Top Golf facility, the prison at Greene that houses such notables as Jerry Sandusky and John Travaglia, and a covered bridge or two. I'm sure we will be passing flora, fauna and if we are lucky the ubiquitous road kill. This great circle route will end up at Al's Cafe in Bethel Park about on the same latitude as where we began, lunch being about 12:30.

If we plan this right we will jump off in the cool of the morning and be finishing in time to cut the grass or go visit grandma.



# 2018 Kastner Cup July 7, 2018

By Jerry Van Vlack

I've agreed to coordinate the Tee-Shirt for this years event at Pitt-Race in conjunction with the Pittsburgh Vintage Gran Prix. The shirt will have the event poster as the artwork, 100% cotton and a mid weight weave.

It's getting close to the final date to request the 2018 Kastner Cup Tee Shirt. Prices are established. \$17.00 ea. for shirt sizes up to XL. 2XL and larger are \$21.00 ea. Color can be White or Gray.

Prepayment is required as I need the cash before I order the shirts. Cut off date will be MAY 31, 2018

I sent out a reminder to those who have already ordered but new orders will need to be paid as you order please. I'll confirm your order when I receive your payment.

Delivery will be at Pitt Race during the event. If you will not attend but want a shirt; mailing will be extra and yet to be determined at this point.

If you have not ordered a shirt(s) or want to change your current order please do so now and indicate how many and the color you'd like. I'll keep a record, I'll need your name and e-mail address and color preference.

Payment can be made via PayPal (my email is jerryvv@roadrunner.com that's v v and not a w please).

Or a check can be mailed to me at: Jerry Van Vlack, 18 Nantucket Drive, Hudson, OH 44236, 330-620-4548.



Is it raining oil? Or how many TR mechanics does it take to check the oil in a differential. More photo coverage of the Tune up clinic in the June Druz,

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# British Car Day

The BCD brochures have been mailed out, if you didn't get one in the mail get one from the WPTA web site. Let's get our BCD entries in early.

If you are affiliated with any other British Car Marques please let them know they can access entry brochures at: [www.wptriumph.org](http://www.wptriumph.org).

## ~ Calendar of Events ~

### MAY

- 5-5 Run - Pat Ledford
- 5-14 Cars & Coffee - Rick Brown 412-818-1433  
The Beach House, 6285 PA-88, Finleyville, PA
- 5-15 Beer & Bull - Bud Osbourne 412-855-9969  
Iron Creek Inn, 611 Millers Run Rd, Cuddy, PA
- 5-18 to 5-20 Import Carlisle
- 5-29 Druz Meeting Bruce Stutzman - 412-600-7275  
Sunny Jim's, 255 Camp Horne Rd, Pittsburgh, PA

### JUNE

- 6-2 Flea Market and Swap Meet  
At The Roadster Factory - PJ Wright
- 6-16 Run - Rick Brown
- 6-30 Half Day Run - PJ Wright

### JULY

- 7-6/8 Kastner Cup (All Triumph Race)  
Jerry Van Vlack - 330-620-4548  
<http://www.pvgp.org/drivers/kastner-cup>
- 7-10 PVGP Water Front Car Show
- 7-12 PVGP Country Side Tour
- 7-14 British Car Day - Schenley Park  
Dex Stoltz - [wpta.webmaster@gmail.com](mailto:wpta.webmaster@gmail.com)

### AUGUST

- 8-11 Run - Curt Stroup
- 8-16 to 8-18 TRF Summer Party  
"County Fair" — [www.the-roadster-factory.com](http://www.the-roadster-factory.com)

### SEPTEMBER

- 9-1 Mercer County Lake Run  
John Styduhar
- 9-6 to 9-9 Vintage Festival @ Watkin's Glen, NY
- 9-23 British Cars at Hartwood Acres & Club Picnic

## ~ Events of Other Interest ~

- 4-6 to 4-8 Vintage Races @ VIR
- 5-12 Flight 93 Run (MG Club)
- 6-2 **Cars & Motorcycles of England**  
Ft Washington PA, Delaware Valley Jaguars  
<http://www.historichopelodge.org/>
- 5-17 to 5-20 Vintage Races @ Summit Point, WV
- 6-9 Summer Solstice Run (MG Club)
- 6-18 to 6-22 TRA National Meet - Blowing Rock NC
- 6-21 to 6-24 Vintage Races Mid-Ohio
- 6-29 to 6-30 MG Club Run To Marietta Ohio  
Sylvia Affleck at [saffleck@fastmail.fm](mailto:saffleck@fastmail.fm)
- 7-17 to 7-21 VTR National Meet - La Crosse WI  
<http://mnrtriumphs.org/vtr2018.shtm>
- 7-28 BCD Cleveland — Hudson OH  
Western Reserve Academy
- 9-15 British Invasion Stowe VT

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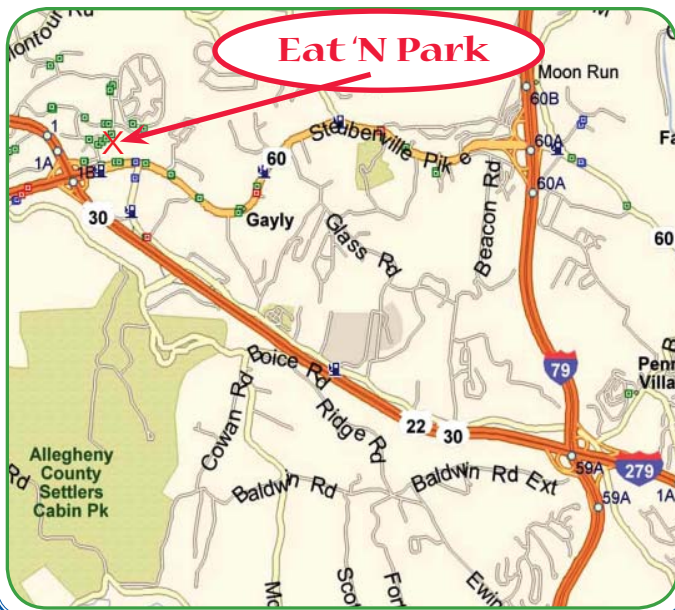
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