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Dusk Till Dawn

Ok, it is that time again. When we start thinking of the leaves falling and the cold.

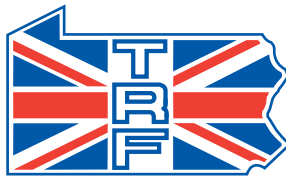
Last was a busy month. It started with PJ's Half Day Run. Great roads even though one was OIL and CHIPPED the day before we drove on them. Finally we got to roads that were dried out. Great time PJ. Then we Escaped To Cheat Lake with Curt. Good food and good roads, great time. Thanks Curt.

Then Bruce did the Hartwood Picnic; he did a lot of work for this. He wrote the check for the dogs. I got the truck packed with tables, grill, chair, dogs and buns Sunday morning. Cleaned off everything thinking everything was ok from last year when I put it in the garage. For some reason I thought I should bring a backup grill. It must have been intuition because the grill did not work correctly. Then Gil Smith stepped in; he got the grill working and did most of the cooking. So thanks to all that make this happen. We did have cookies left.

On the 26th there are a few of us heading to 6-PACK Trials in the Smokies. More to come about this adventure next month.

Next month Larry is doing a run Oct 6th to the Bedford Fall Festival; so check Larry's article. Then the Fall Leaf Tour is on the 20th. We are going to the Allegheny Grill in Foxburg, Pa. So keep the car covers off for another month.

Don



Run to The Roadster Factory

by Gary Fredo

November 10th is the date for the run to the Roadster Factory this year. Save the date. We will meet at Dean's Diner at 9:00 for those that want breakfast and plan to arrive at the Roadster Factory around 10:30 for those that want to meet at the Roadster Factory. As always we will be stopping at Griffiths for lunch afterwards. Albert is going to give us 15% off non sale items for 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.

Destination

Bedford Fall Festival

by Larry Ross

Join Kim and me for a countryside tour up to Bedford, Pa. for the Bedford Fall Festival on October 6th. Our route will take us thru the spectacular Laurel Highlands as we wind our way from Irwin, Pa. to the Bedford Fall Festival.

Our meeting place will be: Sheetz # 503, 101 Ronda Court. Irwin, Pa. 15642. The Sheetz is located off of the Pennsylvania Turnpike. At the turnpike exit, take Route 30 West toward Pittsburgh. The Sheetz is located at the red light on the left. We will meet in the rear of the parking lot on the far side of the building.

Meeting time: 9:30 AM, Drivers Meeting: 9:45 AM, Cars off: 10:00 AM

PS. The "rain date" for the drive will be Sunday, October 7th. Same "Bat Time, same Bat Channel".

Fall Leaf Tour 2018

by Don Harkus

What a great time of the year. The leaves are already starting to change colors. This year I was going to change the destination. But after much thought we are going back to the Allegheny Grill in Foxburg. There are many great roads to get there. We will meet at the Sheetz off I-79 at the Mt Nebo exit at 10:00 on October 20th. I changed the route from last year.



Hartwood Show coverage next month Dzus Dnuz



Drivers meeting



OK, we're off!



I Love my TR6

After Action Report

Half Day Run 9/1/18

by PJ Wright

Sixteen cars and drivers showed up on the morning of Sept. 1st for the annual Half Day Run. From all indications it was going to be a glorious day for a leisurely drive through the country. Well, it was not quite like that!

After counting heads we had a collection of 5 TR6s, 2 TR 250s, a Sunbeam, 2 MGBs, an MGA, 2 Spitfires, an Austin Healey, a Saab 900 and a recently restored MGTD. All were sparkling as if their mothers had got them down and scrubbed them.

As is our custom we were divided into three groups, the Fleet of Fools, the Lollygaggers and the Miassis Dragons.

The planning of this run was plagued with detours and the ubiquitous tar and chip road applications prevalent in Washington county. Two days before the run we traveled all the chipped roads and were satisfied things had settled therefore flying stones would not be a problem. Well, Murphy's law says what can happen will happen. Much to our consternation a road that was fine on Thursday had been freshly chipped on Friday. In fact the recently restored MGTD disappeared immediately without comment and President Don, who had just repainted the bonnet on his 250, later threatened my membership.

Triumphant Thoughts (The Synaptic Misfires of a Triumph Enthusiast)

by Jim Keenan

Many car enthusiasts own multiple collector cars. In my case Triumphs are like Peanut M&Ms-I can't have just one. A considerable number of WPTA members are afflicted with the same disease. What causes this irrational behavior? I have three Triumphs, (TR250, TR6, and TR8) and a Porsche 944. Let me attempt to rationalize my excesses. Submitted for your approval, totally logical reasons for having each of the cars I presently own.

I own a TR6 because as a young man in the mid to late 1970's I always loved the look of the TR6. I lusted for one at a time that acquiring such a car was not financial feasible. I told myself that, "One day I will own a TR6."

I have always thought that the TR4/TR250 body is the most beautiful car Triumph ever produced. The TR250 offers the best of two things Triumph got right, beautiful coach work and a robust inline 6-cylinder engine. Enough said. I have plausible deniability in regards to my TR8 ownership-it was Denise's idea. I dragged her to enough British car shows that she developed an appreciation for TR8's. Technically it is her car, but she lets me drive it. What's not to like about the most comfortable, powerful, best handling roadster Triumph ever built?

944s are cheap and really under appreciated. In the 80's while living in San Diego I would find myself noticing them on the San Diego freeways. When I found one for sale locally I went to check it out. We know how that story ended.

I know I should thin out the herd and sell a car or two or three. No one needs so many toy cars. Next month I will explain why this "sane" action is so difficult.

Jim



View from the Lake House Patio

Wrap-up

Run To Cheat Lake

by Curt Stroup

We had a great turnout for the run to Cheat Lake with sixteen cars participating! The weather was nice and everyone made it through without a hiccup! The ride up Dunbar Road was a doozy with a few down-shifts and lots of turns up the mountain. We enjoyed a break at Ohio-pyle and the falls were roaring with all the rain earlier in the week. The continuing ride to Cheat Lake took about an hour and we all enjoyed libations, lunch and fellowship at the Lake House.

Watkins Glen 2019 & Triumph

by Jim Underwood

Having recently returned from The Glen, I have great news to pass along. The featured Marque of the year, for the Downtown Festival, will be Triumph! You can find details and download/print an entry form here. <http://www.grandprixfestival.com/marque.html> You really need to plan and register ASAP because it does fill up quickly. Jay and I already sent ours in.

Several WPTA members have been making this event an annual pilgrimage for many years.

The featured Triumph events will actually span two days. An early bird event will be held Thursday consisting of a downtown all Triumph car show, followed by a tour stopping at Lakewood Winery and culminating at The Top of The Lake Restaurant for dinner. There is mention of a "special competition" between participating TR clubs. Here's hoping WPTA is well represented. Cost is \$35 not including the cost for your dinner.

Day two is Friday and The Grand Prix Festival in the village

of Watkins Glen. This is a daylong celebration of Vintage cars, of all makes and the history of road racing at The Glen. This has become arguably the "Main Event" of the weekend for many. Entering your Triumph in the Tour de Marque includes the following. We will meet and start at Chateau Lafayette Reneau winery in the AM. You get coffee and pastries at the start, a bottle of wine and a great view of Lake Seneca. The rally/tour ends up at the WGI race track for brunch and the laps on the track. We then stage up for the short drive to the original old course where we will do two laps passing through downtown. This is quite an experience with a huge crowd lining both sides of the street and waving as we pass. Perhaps the best perk is that at the end of the laps, you will be parked downtown in Lafayette Park. Anyone that has tried finding a close parking space will appreciate the value of this. Once parked, you can walk around downtown, look at cars, frequent one of the several restaurants or bars or just get your chair out and enjoy the shade in the park. Actual race cars, which are competing at the track, will travel to downtown where they stage on Franklin Street for their laps of the old course. The festival concludes with a fireworks display at the State Park Gorge entrance. Cost is \$145 and also includes two weekend tickets for the SVRA Vintage Races at WGI.

Saturday and Sunday will be full days of competition at the track with all the SVRA groups.

Laurie and I did the Tour de Marque in 2016 with the Corvette and this year with her Jaguar. It is great fun and I highly recommend it. I'm very excited that we will be able to participate again this year with the TR8. If you have never been to Watkins Glen but perhaps thought about it, 2019 IS THE YEAR!

Classified



FOR SALE: 1979 triumph spitfire 1500 New battery, tires like new, rebuilt carb, new houndstooth interior, new paint, 37,288 miles. Has hardtop same color scheme

additional \$300. Asking \$7,500. Dave Franco, df0367@gmail.com



FOR SALE: 1973 MGB with 112,000 miles. Runs well. Recently installed new ignition switch and clutch master cylinder. \$6800." glennmcmunn@gmail.com

FOR SALE: Four 14x6 Panasport wheels for TR7/8 and Spitfire. Used but present as new complete with center caps. These are genuine Panasport not copies. If interested, I can send photos. They are still on car with older Yokohama tires. \$650.00 Jim Underwood hjunderwood@comcast.net 724 929 8187.

FOR SALE: 1959 Triumph Tr3A. a survivor with some repainted panels. Owner has had car since very early 60's. Red, black interior and white top tonneau and side curtains. American racing mags, roll bar runs very well. a truck load of parts included, body panels, drive train etc. in Altoona, never in poor weather. \$20,000 obo. John 814-937-1858



FOR SALE: My Persian Aqua TR7 DHC 30th Anniversary Edition. Very good driver, 76k miles, all systems are go including starting, running and stopping. All original, good rubber, interior has new carpet, alternator rebuilt, new battery, this is a driver Will not take less than



\$3500. P. J. Wright, 412-833-4142



How many guys does it take to put up an MGB top

~ Calendar of Events ~

OCTOBER

- 10-6** Bedford Fall Festival
Larry Ross -
- 10-8** Cars & Coffee - Rick Brown 412-818-1433
The Beach House, 6285 PA-88, Finleyville, PA
- 10-16** Beer & Bull - Bud Osbourne 412-855-9969
Iron Creek Inn, 611 Millers Run Rd, Cuddy, PA
- 10-20** Fall Leaf Tour
- 10-29** Dnuz Meeting Bruce Stutzman - 412-600-7275
Sunny Jim's, 255 Camp Horne Rd, Pittsburgh, PA

NOVEMBER

- 11-10** Run to The Roadster Factory
Gary Fredo -- garyfredo@yahoo.com

DECEMBER

- 12-8** No Meeting-Meeting
Gary Fredo -- garyfredo@yahoo.com

JANUARY

- 1-19** Holiday Party -- Larry Ross

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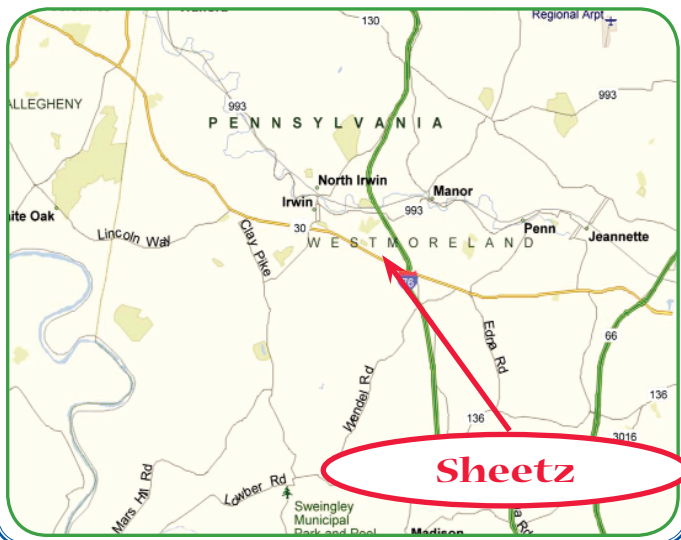
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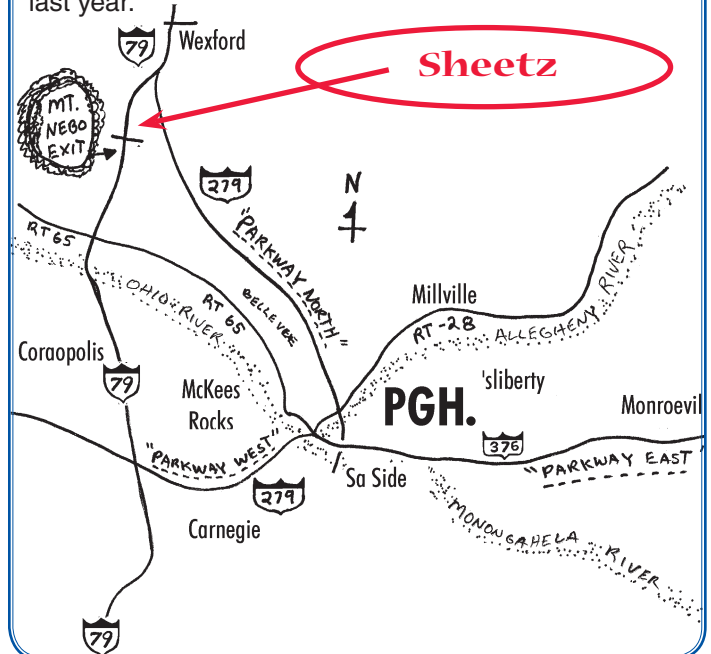
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October 20 Fall Leaf Tour

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Half Day Run Photos

