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## Dusk Till Dawn

Hi all! I hope everyone is having fun this summer as the summer is close to over. Last month was a slow month; I don't know what happened to it, I thought there was something every two weeks. On the 12th, Bruce and George Yonker and I went for a little run. We headed out to Seven Springs to the Clay Shooting Place for a little late lunch. We hit a few detours on the way and back. I was leading and when I pulled out on Interstate 70, as I got on the 250, it just quit, dead on the road. I managed to get off just before the construction. Open the bonnet. It looked to me that I was getting spark. Opened up the carb by taking off the air cleaner. No fuel. Move some wires around that lead to the fuel pump, nothing. I got a wrench from George, and tapped on the fuel pump. It roared back to life. So I don't want that again. I ordered two pumps, now they are on the car. It must have gotten dirt in it. I missed the Roadster Factory Summer Party that was on the 16th to the 18th. At the end of last month was British Car Festival at Altoona I know a few of the guys went to that.

This month on the 1st PJ is doing his Half Day Run. Now on the 6th thru the 9th is Watkin's Glen. There is also a vintage race at Pitt Race that is free to spectators. This is a great thing to see if you have never seen one. Then Curt is going to try to Escape to Cheat Lake on the 15th. I don't think he will be alone. Then we will have one of the nicest events of the year, Picnic at Hartwood on the 23rd. So bring your drinks and deserts I will bring the dogs and buns and grill. A few of us are heading to the 6-Pack Trials from the 27th- 30th I will let you know how that goes.

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## Hartwood Sunday September 23

This is, for good reason, a very popular fall event for WPTA members. After bustin' our buns at our BCD at the PVGP, we can attend a local show at a great venue and just relax.

How many of you remember that WPTA started BCD at Hartwood in the early 80s? (see flyer on page 3) A few years later we joined the PVGP and moved our venue to Schenley Park. The Jaguar Club of Pittsburgh then carried on the tradition at Hartwood.

After a 2 year hiatus, the Jaguar Club is returning to popular vote awards this year so get your registration in on time. Still a very reasonable \$20.

Our club picnic will be as usual. The Prez will be grilling brats and dogs for us. The club will also provide the buns, condiments, paper plated, utensils and napkins. Side dishes and deserts are up to the members. So bring your favorite casserole or salad.

## Half Day Run

September 1, 2018

by PJ Wright

Would you believe that the summer is more than two-thirds gone. Fall begins in just three weeks!! Oy vey! Be that as it may, it's time to fire up those British cars for the Half Day Run scheduled for Saturday, the first day of September. We will be gathering by 9:30, drivers' meeting at 9:45. Let's meet at the parking lot behind Peter's Place off the Kerwin Heights exit of RT 179. At the light bear right for one block, you will see the sign on your right. Peter's Place has closed but their big sign is still up and beckoning.

If you did notice there was no run scheduled for the month of August, just a fluke as I was not able to find an open Saturday. Besides we all needed a rest after spending two wonderful days at the PVGP.

We will be off to the south of the city through Allegheny, Washington and Greene counties where we will pass the new Top Golf facility, horse farms, Nessie, two country clubs, two small airports and a covered bridge. We will go into the heart of the fracking country where there is an abundance of drilling rigs and compressing stations. Of particular note will be the State Corrections Facility at Greene which houses such notables as Jerry Sandusky and John Traglia. We will just be making a quick overlook, not requesting a visit.

The Eat n Park is right beside the parking area for those who would like an early breakfast. The mid-run pit stop is the Sheetz on RT 21 in Waynesburg. This run ends up at Al's Cafe in Bethel Park where we will be lunching in the main dining room so identify yourself as Triumph car guys to get seated properly.

The course will be about 100 miles in total so if we can get around all the road work and detours we should be at lunch by about 12:30 or 1:00 .

Pray for dry weather which we have not seen much of lately, join us for some late summer fun.

PJ

## Run To Cheat Lake

by Curt Stoup

Enjoy a summertime escape to Cheat Lake on **September 15, 2018**. We will meet at Bill's Golf Land on Rt. 51 South in Rostraver. Driver's meeting is at 9:45 AM and departure will be at 10:00 AM. We will travel some beautiful scenic roads to Ohio pyle where we will take a break. We will then continue our run into West Virginia to our final destination at "The Lake House" restaurant on Cheat Lake. The trip will cover 75 miles and take approximately 2.5 hours to complete. Please contact Curt Stoup at 412-337-7764 or cstroup@eastman.com so that I can get an approximate head count for lunch.

Caption Contest: Bruce is “ \_\_\_\_\_ !”



“Bruce has taken up farm work, to supplement his retirement income. Here he is, cultivating corn.”

— Bud Osbourne

“Linda said to bring home dinner, I wonder if corn will do”

— Lori Major

“I knew I should have bought the bigger TR lift kit from TRF”

“Be vewwy, vewwy quiet...I’m hunting workswaggon wabbits!”

— Gary Fredo

“Bruce is taking the short cut . . . as the crow flies”.

— Jay Galbreath

“Hey guys, we should build the racetrack here!”

“That engine wasn’t put in a tractor”

— Don Harkus

Bruce is: “outstanding in someone else’s field”

“looking far afield for his Sunbeam”

“dodging one bigassed bird”

“leading the fast group on a shortcut”

“trying to explain to the AAA where he is”

“amazed that West Virginia has some paved roads, but this was not one of them”

— PJ Wright

**And the winner is . . .**

“Bruce cracked corn, and he don’t care!”

— George Yonker



## New Members

by Larry Ross

On behalf of the WPTA, I would like to welcome the following new members:

Peter Zannitto – 1987 Jaguar XJ6

Greg & Maura Zannitto – 2015 Jaguar F-Type S

David & Mary Stahoviak – 1980 MGB

Rob McDowell & Beth Etter – 1974 MGB

Victor & Carol Panza – 1959 TR3

As a Club, we have well over 200 members and we are also the most active car club in the Region. So, come out for a driving event before the year end and meet the club members.

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

by Jim Keenan

My two favorite months of the year are September and October. I think the true beauty of our little region of the planet is at its peak in the early autumn. Usually these two months bring cool nights, (great for sleeping) and numerous days with plenty of sunshine and low humidity. Most autumns offer many days that are ideal for top down motoring. Of course the best thing about autumn is the spectacular colors of the tree covered mountains in Western Pennsylvania. It is not surprising that last year’s most attended drive was Don’s, Fall Leaf Tour. That October day brought together everything that makes for a great Triumph tour: great weather, great cars and of course a great group of people. Let’s hope the weather man delivers lots of beautiful weather this fall.

Unlike August, September will afford club members the opportunity to give their TRs plenty of exercise. PJ and Curt have planned tours for the club. Also this month is Hartwood Acres, The Vintage Festival in Watkins Glen and the Six Pack Trials in Fontana, North Carolina. We have a group of WPTA members that are headed to Fontana for this event. I am among that group. This should prove to be an epic Triumph adventure. The trip will be around 1,600 miles on perfect sports car roads including the “Dragon”. The 50<sup>th</sup> Birthday of the TR250 is being celebrated. I have been excited about this trip since last winter. It should be a great challenge for a 50 year car and its 60 year old driver. Well, time to sign out. I need to get the 250 on jack stands and give it a thorough inspection.

*Jim*



## BCD Hudson, OH July 2018

by Jerry Van Vlack

The combined NE Ohio British Car Clubs; MG, AH and Triumph, had their first and hopefully annual British Car Day on the grounds of Western Reserve Academy in Hudson, OH. It was a beautiful July day and approximately 280 cars participated. Ed Major, Bruce Stutzman, Don Harkus and George and Kathy Yonker drove in from WPTA. Toby Yurko and his young son came as spectators. It was a short drive for me since Hudson has been my home since 1985. WPTA was well represented. For those who missed it consider coming next year. We walked a short distance to town and had lunch at a local pub that has been continuously drawing drafts at that location since 1919. The balance of the day was spent lounging under some trees watching George buy out a Jaguar vendors NOS parts. George had a grin on his face from ear to ear. Kathy just observed and wrote the check.



# Vintage Races at Pittrance

September 7 - 9

This is your chance! If you've wanted to see our cars race, be there. Pittrance is close - just north of Beaver Falls - and it is a first class race facility. Very spectator friendly.

And, would you believe, spectators get in FREE! There will be lots of TRs and other period sports cars as well as open wheel race cars. So, come join us.

**Every twenty minute job is one broken bolt away from becoming a three day ordeal!**

## Classified

**FOR SALE:** Set of original Triumph Chrome Globe hub-caps in very good condition. \$140.00.

Contact Jim Cunningham, jimcphoto@aol.com

**FOR SALE:** I am putting my Persian Aqua TR7 DHC 30th Anniversary Edition up for sale



as I have lost my garage space and I don't want to have her sitting out the cold winter under a cover in my carport. She is a very good driver, has 76k miles, all systems are go including starting, running and stopping. I call her my scratch and dent special as she is all original with the normal minor scuffs and dings that are common to cars of that vintage. One finds no rust issues, top is a bit tatty but totally serviceable, good rubber on the road, interior has new carpet, alternator rebuilt, new battery, this is a driver not the queen of the May. I bought her from Pat Ledford a couple of years ago but have only driven her about a thousand miles since. She was Pat's daily driver and he kept her fully up to snuff per his records. Will not take less than \$3500. P. J. Wright, 412-833-4142



Russ, the only WPTA Member to ever win Best of Show for an Italian Car.



**~ Calendar of Events ~**

**SEPTEMBER**

- 9-1 Half Day Run - PJ Wright
- 9-6 to 9-9 Vintage Festival @ Watkin's Glen, NY
- 9-10 Cars & Coffee - Rick Brown 412-818-1433  
The Beach House, 6285 PA-88, Finleyville, PA
- 9-15 Escape to Cheat Lake, Curt Stroup  
412-337-7764 or cstroup@eastman.com
- 9-18 Beer & Bull - Bud Osbourne 412-855-9969  
Iron Creek Inn, 611 Millers Run Rd, Cuddy, PA
- 9-23 British Cars at Hartwood Acres & Club Picnic
- 9-24 Dnuz Meeting Bruce Stutzman - 412-600-7275  
Sunny Jim's, 255 Camp Horne Rd, Pittsburgh, PA

**OCTOBER**

- 10-6 Larry Ross Run
- 10-20 Fall Leaf Tour

**NOVEMBER**

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

**DECEMBER**

- 12-8 No Meeting-Meeting

**~ Events of Other Interest ~**

- 9-7 to 9-9 Vintage Racer Group (VRG) at Pitt Race  
Pittsburgh International Race Complex, Wampum PA
- 9-15 British Invasion Stowe VT
- 9-24 to 9-27 Vintage Races Put-In-Bay, OH
- 9-27 to 9-30 Six Pack Trials Fontana, NC  
<http://jimholewka.wixsite.com/trials2018>
- 10-5 to 10-7 VRG at the Glen

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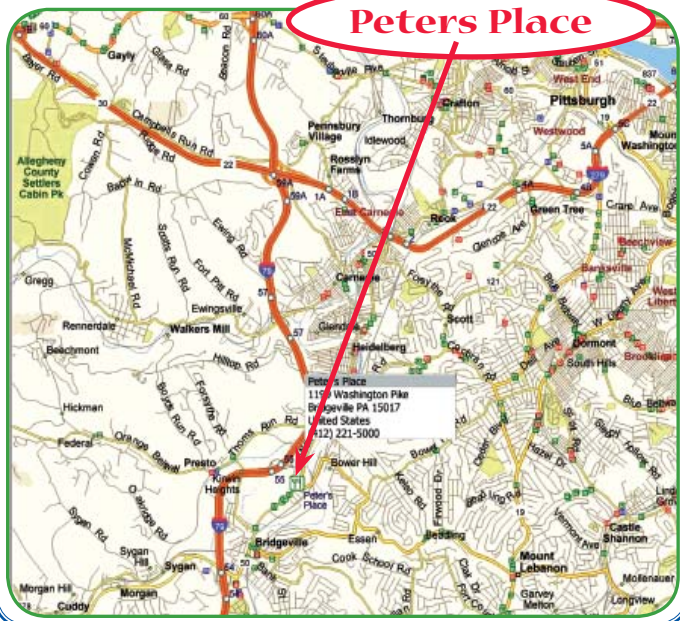
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**September 15 — Escape to Cheat Lake**  
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## September 1 PJ's Half Day Run

Meet on **Saturday, September 1st**, at Peter's Place near the Kerwin Heights exit off I 79 at 9:30 with drivers meeting at 9:45.



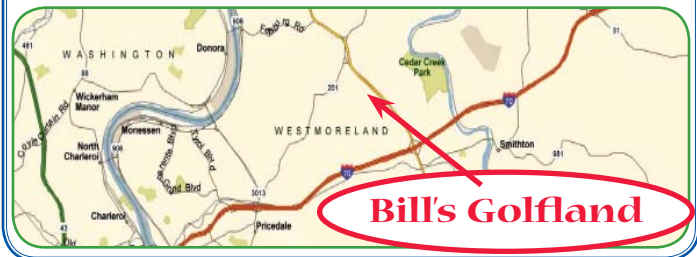
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# The Roadster Factory Photos

