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## On The Road Again . . .

Hi All! As the year ends, it is a good time to reflect on the past year, and give thanks. Things I am thankful for, Family, club family, work family, health. Also that my cars didn't get smashed up from the lift mishap. Enough of that mushy stuff.

What happened last month? The run to The Roadster Factory. I met some of the guys at Dean's. Spent a few dollars at The Factory. I bought new bushing for the TR3 gas pedal. For some reason it sticks on from half to full when it gets hot. Not a good thing in traffic. Then on to Griffith's for beer and a sandwich. This is always a great time with family (club) and good friends.

Next month is Christmas; do you have your list in for Santa. If you don't have a list you just might get a tie or shirt, no car parts. We just might get Santa to show up at the No Meeting Meeting at the Quaker Stake & Lube in Cranberry Twp. on the 14th at 1:00. All I want is more time to spend with Families of my choosing.

Larry needs your duez and Holiday party money in. Larry likes to get this done before Christmas. So think Sun and Beach, No snow for us drivers out there.

*Don*

## No Meeting Meeting

by Gary Fredo

The No Meeting Meeting will be at the Cranberry Quaker Steak & Lube on December 14<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 in the room to the right as you come in the door. The address is 1298 Freedom Road, Cranberry Township 16066 for the GPS folks. We have the room until 4:00 so if 1:00 doesn't work for you then you can always come later. This is a great event for members, new and old, to mingle and bench race.

If anyone still goes to the store to holiday shop then the morning of the 14<sup>th</sup> is a perfect time to knock off some of those gifts on the list and then join us for some stress relief with wings and cold refreshments. This is also a good time for new members to get to know some of the members that have been around for a while. We're a friendly bunch so just ask someone about their car or mention an issue you are having with your car as a way to introduce yourself.

*Gary*

**Advice to live by,  
 from Big Ed Bumstein to Buddy Palumbo.  
 "Always remember this, Buddy: whatever  
 you wanna do in your life , y'better DO it,  
 because you're a long time dead."**

THE FABULOUS TRASHWAGON by BS Levy



## WPTA Holiday Party

by Larry Ross

Tis the season to announce the details of our annual Holiday Party. The Holiday party will be on January 18th at:  
 Rockwell's Red Lion Restaurant  
 201 South 2nd Ave.  
 Elizabeth, Pa. 15037  
 (412) 384-3909  
 Time: 6:30 PM

The cost of this year's Holiday Party will be \$ 45 per person, and includes: appetizers, salad, dinner soda and/or coffee. There will also be a "special dessert" this year.

Here are your menu choices:

- \_\_\_\_\_ Apricot Chicken
- \_\_\_\_\_ Scrod English Style
- \_\_\_\_\_ Stuffed Pork Chop

Member: \_\_\_\_\_

Guest: \_\_\_\_\_

Total Enclosed: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Please make your check payable to the WPTA, and mail to the address listed below:

Kim Ross,  
 129 Crestview Dr.  
 Pittsburgh, PA. 15236  
 (412) 780-8495

\*\*\*Please be advised that the "cut-off" for the restaurant is January 8th, so let's not dilly dally\*\*\*

# Duez Are Dzue!

by Larry Ross, Membership Chairman

Yes folks, it is that time of the year when I reach into your pockets for your membership dues. On your "mailing label" is the expiration date of your Club Membership.

PLEASE make checks/mo. payable to "WPTA" in the amount of \$25. Payment for multiple years is very good and also very acceptable. Do Not send CASH! So make it a point to get it in the mail today.

Send your check to:

Larry Ross, 129 Crestview Dr. Pittsburgh, Pa. 15236

If you do have a question or comment, give me a call at (412) 780-8495. Please include any and all updates in physical address, email address, phone numbers, cell phones, cars, etc. that you have made. I don't mind getting repeat information. I will try my best to keep accurate information for our club. Also, if you wish to just receive your newsletter via the internet, let me know that as well!

# Planning Meeting

by Jim Keenan

The Planning meeting for the 2020 calendar will be at the Robinson Township QS&L on January 11, 2020. There are two goals for this meeting: to plan the events for 2020, then enjoy lunch and a few beverages of your choice. The meeting will start at 11:00 am. We usually take about an hour to conduct our official business of actually producing a calendar of events for the coming year. Lunch and socializing will begin around noon.

Who can attend? All club members are welcomed and encouraged to attend. Those of you who have organized events in the past and plan on hosting one again should attend, as we need your input. If you have never planned an event but would like to, please attend and let us know what you would like to do. If you would like to coordinate an event but can't attend the meeting call me (330 402 0707) or send me an email (mij57@msn.com) and I will put your event on the calendar. If you coordinated an event in 2019 the membership thanks you. Your efforts help to keep our club one of the best Triumph clubs in the country.

# TR3 Horns Electrical Gremlins

by Wray Brady

The horns on our TR3A have never worked after its 40 plus year storage and it's a safety issue for sure. The horn circuit is always powered live from the fuse block. The horns are activated when the circuit is completed by pushing the horn button establishing a ground. The factory manual says to check the fuse first and I had power at each side of the fuse (more about that later). Next I used a test light and found that there was power into each horn. I used the connector at each side to verify this.

Expert advice from Ed Major, Dan Green and Jim Shaw said to pull a horn and bench test it. Note I didn't ask Bruce since his horns seldom work. Pulling the horn requires removing the dome top cover held in place by single screw and levering up the cover with a screwdriver in the wire access hole. This reveals 2 bullet connectors supplying the power. Disconnect the 2 fat brown wires. A couple of bolts later and the driver's side horn was out. Bench testing is

# Triumphant Thoughts

## (The Synaptic Misfires of a Triumph Enthusiast)

by Jim Keenan

Well, it is that time of year when we must put our Triumphs into hibernation. When I was still among the working population, I would usually under take this task over the long Thanksgiving weekend. I would hope for a day with decent weather and prep the cars for storage. Now that I am retired that has changed. I have much more flexibility as to when to store the TRs.

I developed a rather regimented process over the years. The procedures have evolved over the years. Input from reading various sources, and discussions with other enthusiasts have morphed my storage ritual into its current iteration.

My current process involves: Driving each car to the gas station for a fill-up and some STA BIL. If your tank is full it will not be subject to condensation which can lead to rust in the tank. The STA BIL helps to reduce the negative effects of the alcohol in today's gasoline. Upon returning to my garage I park each car on four 1" x 12" pine boards. I read that tires are not well served stilling in one spot on cold cement for 4 or 5 months. I also fill each tire to 36 psi to avoid flat spotting. I am a big fan of some type of battery tender. These devices will cycle the battery through charge/discharge cycles as if the car is still in daily use. I have been getting a battery life of 7 to 10 years with these chargers. I almost always (there have been a couple of exceptions over the years) store my cars with the top up. This is to avoid (any Seinfeld fans) shrinkage of the canvas.

I always read how you should wash each car and change the oil before storage however, I tend to disregard this advice. I make sure each car has reached full operating temperature before it is parked for the winter. This step makes sure that any condensation in the oil/engine block is evaporated and won't become caustic during storage. As far as washing each car before storage, why bother? You will just have to wash it again in the Spring. Also, I prefer each car is 100% dry while in storage. If you wash your car the day you store it, that will not be the case.

*Jim*

nothing more than 2 alligator clip lines from each battery pole to the female connectors on the horn. Nothing. Filed the points twice with a small points file and it worked!! Points were stuck or dirty. Reinstalled everything but the domed shaped cover and nothing. Test light showed no power at the horn. Damn... Wiggled the fuse (original from 1959) and both horns working.

A final tip from Ed Major. To determine if the ground in the horn button is bad, disconnect the ground side of one horn and use alligator clips to ground the female connector side, not the ground wire from the horn. If this activates the horn then there is a problem with the horn button and requires removing the control head, stator tube etc (an awful job). Now I have to figure out why the horns are always on in our TR4 with Moto Lita wheel....



# Girls vs Guys

Girls: I should follow the speed limit to avoid an accident or a ticket.

Guys: I paid for the whole speedometer so I'm going to use the whole speedometer

# More Burt Levy

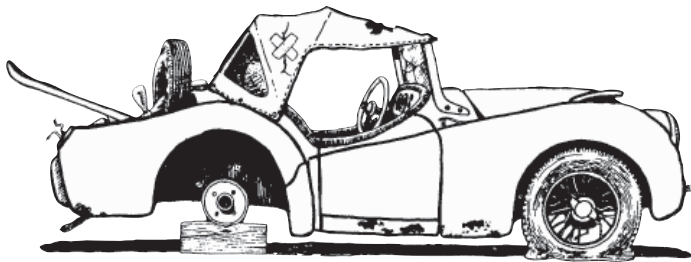
Buddy Palumbo's first real lesson on the facts of practical matrimony:

"Men screw up. And women, God bless 'em, never, ever let them forget it. It's just the way things are..."

*THE FABULOUS TRASHWAGON* by BS Levy



Bob's Vent-A-Block



# Classified

**FOR SALE:** 1958 Triumph TR3A, original light blue color with new leather black interior, all new brakes and hydraulics, rebuilt or replaced new radiator and water pump, new chrome, comes with factory steel hardtop for \$16,500. Call or text 724-939-0961



# Caption Contest

Is this a TR3 oil blot or a Rorschach ink blot test? Actually it's the aftermath of a TR3 engine detonation at Laguna Seca Vintage Races. The Entries were:

British Car Art, Connect the dots to find the British Car

Tim Yoho

Appears to be a straight axle car, thus a 2,3 or 4. Don't believe Tigers leave that marking

Wray Brady

PJ's TR6 sat here"

PJ Wright

Although Ed (Major) was not allowed to submit his entry because the Dzus staff was disqualified; we feel it deserves repeating. Ed's caption: "The Shroud of Triumph" (it's a lot funnier if you drink two beers first!)

# ~ Calendar of Events ~

## DECEMBER

- 12-9 Cars & Coffee - Rick Brown 412-818-1433  
The Beach House, 6285 PA-88, Finleyville, PA
- 12-14 No Meeting-Meeting — Gary Fredo 724 378 9610  
Quaker Steak & Lube Cranberry PA
- 12-17 Beer & Bull - Bud Osbourne 412-855-9969  
Tap That, 611 Millers Run Rd, Cuddy, PA
- 12-30 Dnuz Meeting Bruce Stutzman - 412-600-7275  
Sunny Jim's, 255 Camp Horne Rd, Pittsburgh, PA

## JANUARY 2020

- 1-11 Planning Meeting - Jim Keenan - 330-402-0707  
Quaker Steak & Lube, Robinson TWP, PA
- 1-18 Holiday Party- Larry Ross - 412-780-8495

# ~ Events of Other Interest ~

## 2020 NATIONAL MEETS

- 6-15 to 6-19 TRA National -- Lexington KY  
Bruce Clough -- 937-238-4962
- 6-25 to 6-28 FOT Vintage Race at Mid Ohio
- 8-31 to 9-4 VTR National — Galena IL  
<https://www.vtr2020.org/>
- 10-1 to 10-3 6-Pack Trials — Richmond VA

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The Beach House, 6285 PA-88, Finleyville, PA

*\*\*Cars & Coffee is on the second Monday of each month,  
Beer & Bull on the third Tuesday of the month and the  
Dzus Druz meeting is on the last Monday.*

