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Dusk Till Dawn

Hi all - Hope you had as good of a time at the holiday party as I did. Isn't the Red Lion a great restaurant? Thanks Larry.

Page 3 has the complete club calendar of events for 2019. We can, however, always use more; if you have a good idea for a run talk to Jim.

February 9 is our annual run to Team Triumph which is a great opportunity to get out of the house and immerse yourself in Triumph stuff.

Also Larry's brew tour to the ShuBrew in Zelienople is on the 23rd.

We are all absolutely crushed by the sudden loss of our long time friend Charles Runyan. Ed tells us, on page 2, about his personal and business relationships with Charles over the past 40 years.

Long time club member Gary Dankmeyer also recently passed at his home in FL. Those of us who knew Gary remember him fondly.

Stay warm and think Spring.

Don

Run to Team Triumph

by Donny

February 9 will be our annual run to Team Triumph. If you haven't been to Scott Harper's den of Triumph treasures and other british car parts, you should come along. Well worth the trip.

We meet at Perkin's Restaurant on RT 19 by the turnpike entrance for breakfast at 9:00 and leave at 10:00 for the ride to Scott's. We should arrive at about 11:00. Or just go direct if you so wish. Since it is winter time, if we get snowed out we will go the next Saturday, the 16th.

New Member

by Larry Ross

On behalf of The Club, I would like to welcome Andy Shaw into the club. Andy is the son of longtime members Jim & Joni Shaw.

WPTA Slot Car Day

After a one-year hiatus its back. Mark your calendars, March 30th will be the day to display your skills or lack of skills (Kenny). Details will be in March's newsletter.

February Brew Tour

by Larry Ross

Well now that the Holiday Season is over, and the blues have started to set in, it is time for another Brew Tour!

Our next Brew Tour will be **February 23rd** as follows:

- ◆ ShuBrew,
210 S. Main St.,
Zelienople, Pa. 16063
(724) 766-4426
Time: High Noon



Photo by EJ Major II

Holiday Party Coverage in March Dzus Dnuz

Planning Meet Photos

Photos by Mike Bongart



Jim & Larry discussing the finer points of this years calendar



The Hickory delegation

TSOA Archives

by Jerry Van Vlack

The Triumph Sports Ownership Ossociation TSOA was started in 1955 as a factory sponsored organization to promote sales of Triumph sports cars. Every new owner automatically became a member. Monthly Newsletters were sent to those new owners. Later the newsletters became bi-monthly and eventually quarterly until VTR and TSOA merged in late 1981 at the same time that Triumphs were no longer being produced.

Fortunately through the efforts of a few enthusiasts a collection of most of the TSOA Newsletters have been scanned and saved at the following website:

<http://www.templeoftriumph.org/tsoa/tsoa.html> .

Have a look, it's an interesting collection to read on these cold winter days.



Triumphant Thoughts

(The Synaptic Misfires of a Triumph Enthusiast)

by Jim Keenan

The other day Denise and I were discussing the lack of snow this winter has brought. As I sit here typing this I am thinking about how I need to bundle up and go out and blow 10 inches of snow off of my driveway. So much for our snowless winter. I didn't really expect winter to come and go without some significant snow accumulations. Looking out at the fresh fallen snow on the landscape is quite beautiful. That is until the roads turn into an ugly black mixture of slush and gravel. There is an old adage about how absence makes the heart grow fonder. That is true of a lot of things in life. To really appreciate someone or something you need experience time without that person or thing. I enjoy traveling, seeing new places, and having new experiences. Returning to the comfort of your own home and sleeping in your bed upon the completion of your travels is always wonderful. You forget how the familiarity of your home is so comforting until you spend some time away from home. I enjoyed the view out my front window today because it has been about a year since I have gazed upon the beauty of a large amount of pristine white snow. Now that I have gazed upon its beauty, it needs to melt and go away for another year.

My Triumphs have been hibernating with their Battery Tenders since the middle of November. Most likely it will late March or early April by the time I drive one again. A four-month absence from my Triumphs feels like an eternity. By March I will be desperate to get behind the wheel of a TR. That first drive will be awesome-reinforcing, all the reasons I choose to own them.

Jim

Classified



FOR SALE: TR6, car is in great shape with no rust. Bruce has a lot of pics; he and Ed have worked on the car. I'm asking \$20,000 Ithaca NY area, call Linc: 607 351-6202

Membership Information

Please review the mailing label on your Dzus Dnuz carefully. If it says "Expired", this is the last copy of the Dzus Dnuz that you will receive.

If you have any questions and/or concerns regarding your membership, please do not hesitate to contact me directly at (412) 780-8495.

Larry Ross
Membership Director

Remembering Charles Runyan

by Ed Major

By now everyone knows of the passing of Charles Runyan last month. A lot of people will be writing memorials to Charles. He was well liked, a big hearted individual, and



did something (TRF) that others just talked about doing. I am writing this memorial because of his special relationship with me, my business, and our club. I have respect for Charles on all three levels.

As I write, I am sitting at my kitchen table, one of the tables he had custom made for The Coventry Inn, just one example of something he accomplished that others only talk about. I can't help but remember his "one of a kind" spirit.

I can't begin to describe all of the things he did to help WPTA prosper. It has been quite a ride (pun intended) over the past 41 years and he even helped this year with the club Holiday Party. In business, my company printed all of Charles' catalogs for 23 years starting with the "silver bullet" TR6 catalog in 1985 thru my retirement in 2008. Funny, I still use the silver bullet to look up part numbers for my TR250 or TR6.

Let's go back to the beginning, WPTA Newsletter Vol 1, No 3, December 1977 issue listed Charles A Runyan as a Charter Member, one of 19 at that early date in the fledgling three month old club. Fast forward to the April 1978 Newsletter, following the March club meeting at Wil Schweitzer's home. The Newsletter read:

"For those of you who were unable to attend the March Meeting, Charles Runyan presented us with his plans to import TR spares directly from the Mother Country, ie. Cox and Buckles. We hope to hear from Charles shortly regarding parts, prices and delivery."

Another fast forward to June 2, 3 & 4, 1978, a sizable group of club members attend the TRA National Meet in Blackwater Falls, WV, where Charles shows up with a truckload of brand new shiny TR3 parts. Legend has it he sold them all and took a ton of parts orders. He went from "I have this dream" to reality in three months, and the rest is history. His business integrity was built on one motto: If I wouldn't put it on my car, I won't sell it!

I can honestly say that Charles' life was "A Life Well Lived" although I wish it would have been longer. He was a true friend to me, and the whole Triumph Community has lost a great friend.

~ Events of Other Interest ~

VINTAGE RACES

- 4-5 to 4-7 Wild Hare Run @ VIR
- 5-17 to 5-19 Jefferson 500 @ Summit Point
- 6-13 to 6-19 VARAC Vintage GP @ Mosport
- 6-20 to 6-23 SVRA Vintage GP @ Mid-Ohio
- 7-12 to 7-14 PVGP Historics @ Pitt-Race
- 9-6 to 9-8 VRG @ Pitt-Race
- 9-23 to 9-26 Vintage Reunion @ Put-In-Bay OH

~ Calendar of Events ~

FEBRUARY

- 2-9 Run To Team Triumph
Don Harkus -- 724-822-5447
- 2-11 Cars & Coffee - Rick Brown 412-818-1433
The Beach House, 6285 PA-88, Finleyville, PA
- 2-19 Beer & Bull - Bud Osbourne 412-855-9969
Iron Creek Inn, 611 Millers Run Rd, Cuddy, PA
- 2-23 Shu Brew Brew Tour
Larry Ross -- 412-780-8495
- 2-25 Dnuz Meeting Bruce Stutzman - 412-600-7275
Sunny Jim's, 255 Camp Horne Rd, Pittsburgh, PA

MARCH

- 3-23 Church Brew Works Dexter Stoltz 412 865 1201
- 3-30 Slot Car Racing Jim Keenan 330 402 0707

APRIL

- 4-13 Brew Tour (TBA) Larry Ross 412 780 8495
- 4-27 Tune Up Clinic Doug Foyle 724 452 5218

MAY

- 5-11 Run Pat Ledford 724 901 7005
- 5-17 to 5-19 WPTA at Import Carlisle

JUNE

- 6-8 TRF Swap Meet (tentative)
Bruce Stutzman 412 600 7275
- 6-15 Run Rick Brown 412 818 1433

JULY

- 7-16 Beer and Bull @Waterfront
Bud Osbourne 412 855 7275
- 7-18 PVGP Country Side Tour
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- 7-20 British Car Day at Schenley Park
- 7-27 Winery Run John Styduhar 724 699 8594

AUGUST

- 8-10 Run to Sharon QS&L (details TBA)
- 8-24 1/2 Day Run PJ Wright 412 833 4142

SEPTEMBER

- 9-6 to 9-8 Vintage Festival Watkin's Glen
Triumph- Marque of The Year
- 9-21 Caution Curves Ahead Run
Gary Fredo 724 378 9610
- 9-28 Run Curt Stroup 412 337 7764

OCTOBER

- 10-5 Run Larry Ross 412 780 8495
- 10-19 Fall Leaf Tour Don Harkus 724 822 5447

NOVEMBER

- 11-16 Run to TRF Gary Fredo 724 378 7275

DECEMBER

- 12-14 No Meeting-Meeting Gary Fredo 724 378 9610

***Cars & Coffee is on the second Monday of each month, Beer & Bull on the third Tuesday of the month and the Dzus Dnuz meeting is on the last Monday. They will appear in the schedule each month in the Dzus Dnuz.*

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CAR SHOWS AND NATIONAL MEETS

- 5-20 to 5-24 TRA National Dillard GA
<http://triumphregister.com/tra-national-meet/>
- 6-1 British Car/Motorcycle Show, Fort Washington PA
- 7-27 Northeast Ohio British Car Show — Hudson OH
Western Reserve Academy
- 9- 13 to 15 British Invasion -- Stowe VT
- 10-3 to 10-6 6-Pack Trials St. Louis MO
- 10-6 to 10-11 VTR National Dripping Springs TX

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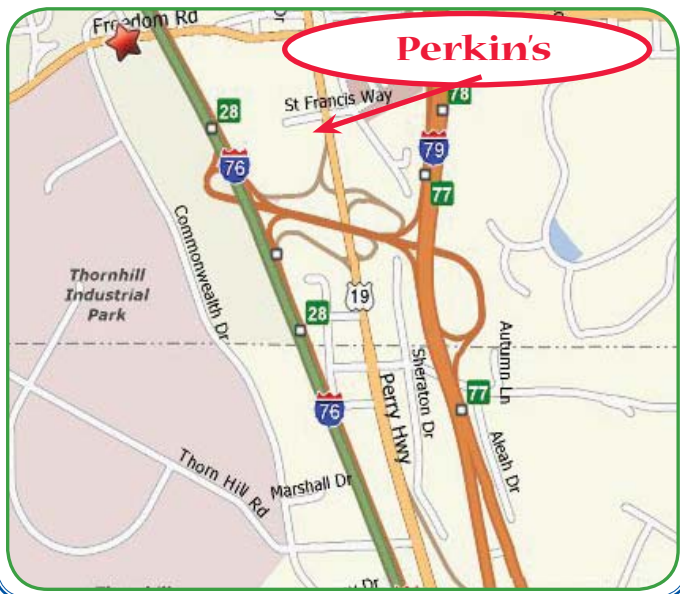
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Photos by Chuck Chapas

