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On The Road Again . . .

Hi all! What happened to summer? It is starting to look like that time of the year again. Most of you know what I am doing now. So, I am in Ohio when I get a call from my helper Dino at home. He went into the garage and called me and told me that I had a big problem. One of the locks on my lift did not lock and the lift was falling (see photo on page 3). So, what to do? I called Wray Brady and asked him to go take a look. He called me back in a few minutes. He said what a sight! The 250 was on the top of the lift about to fall off because it was leaning badly only about an inch away from the TR3. So not to worry I was driving talking to Wray and Dino. First push the TR3 back so it is out of danger. Second tie the 250 to the lift, brace the leg that was in danger of sliding. Then hit the up button on the lift. Wray's words where do WHAT! I gave him the go ahead. If it falls it is on me. It just stood right back up.

Last month Jim did a run and PJ did a run. I was told they both did a great job, way to go guys. Now the end of the month there are two runs Gary's run is on the 21st and Larry is doing a run on the 28th. So, lets try to get to them. I should make Larry's run. Then we will have our picnic at Hartwood on the 29th. I will be bringing the dogs and brats for grilling along with some other things. So PLEASE SHOW UP. I don't want to eat dogs until Thanksgiving.

For the Fall Leaf Tour on October 19 we will be going back to the Foxburg Inn. So keep **Don** the date open.

Hartwood

Sunday September 29

Someway we missed listing this event on our 2019 calendar. Hartwood is one of the most popular events of the year for WPTA members. And for good reason; the Jaguar Club does a nice job, great venue and all we have to do is show up. We worked hard putting BCD at the PVGP together; we can relax and enjoy at Hartwood.

And again our club picnic will be our reward for doing such a great job at BCD. Donny will be grilling brats and sausages. The club will also provide the buns, condiments, paper plates, utensils and napkins. Side dishes and desserts are, as usual, up to the members. So bring your favorite casserole, salad, etc. Bring your own drinks.

Pre-registration deadline is September 18. Still only \$20.

Caution! Curves Ahead!

by Gary Fredo

We will meet at Walmart in Moon Township (7500 University Blvd, Moon Pa 15108) at 10:00 on **September 21st** for the Caution Curves Ahead run.

Drivers meeting will be at 10:15 with the first group off shortly after the driver's meeting. We will finish at the Bull Pen Rustic Inn (301 Country Park Rd, Avella Pa 15312) at approximately 1:30. We will be on the deck which can be enclosed if the weather isn't nice. bullpeninn.com is their website. It's been a hot summer so temperatures should be a little cooler by the end of September so we can anticipate nice Triumph driving weather. Also, anticipate some fun country roads between the start and the destination.

For the most part we will be on lightly traveled country roads with a few short transition roads to get from one fun country road to another. As the name suggests, there will be a few curves on the route. I'm working really hard to make the directions extremely easy so no one gets lost. With that said, I'm hoping more people will step up and lead groups. You won't get lost. I would like to keep the groups to five cars as much as possible. It's safer and easier to keep up with only five cars to a group. But if we end up with larger groups then that is ok also.

I've designed this run so there are very few signal lights on the course. There are also no left turns onto any busy roads and we never directly cross a busy road. This will help to keep everyone together in the groups. I've had a blast driving around these country roads finding nice twisty roads. So if you like to drive a little briskly then I think you will really enjoy this run. And if you prefer a leisurely pace then you can put the top down and enjoy the scenery as most of the roads are tree lined with plenty of wild life roaming about. See you on the 21st.



Photos by PJ Wright

Last months Half Day Run lunch group

Remembering Woody

by Ed Major

On Monday, Aug. 12th, club member Woody McVicker passed away. I always considered Woody as one of the founding fathers of our Triumph club as he was there from the start. Woody celebrated life to the fullest and I can't help but remember all the good times we had with him and Diane.

He and Diane graciously hosted the January 1978 Club meeting in their home, the fifth meeting of our fledgling club. Then in May of that first year Woody hosted the first ever WPTA Tune Up Clinic at his place of business, Auto Guard in Glenshaw. Over the next few years that event started to form the cement that binds this group together, helping each other with our Triumphs.

Woody was always enthusiastic and a driver (pun intended) of the success of this group. In September of 1981 he founded our BCD and was chairman for years. Eventually turning it over to Roy Miller (RIP).

For 15 or more years he invited the club over every summer and hosted a WPTA Swim Party & Picnic. I remember one meet found the "Kool Aid Kids" swimming against the "Iron City Pumpers" in a relay race. The kids kicked our butts! The list goes on and on as he also served as club VP.

Woody won the Newsletter naming rights contest in September of 1978 with the entry of Dzus Dnuz, so every time you see the Dzus, think of Woody.

Woody will be sadly missed, but remembered very well for all his enthusiasm and the help he gave this organization over the many years. Rest in peace Woody, a job well done.

Deer Creek Winery Tour

by Larry Ross

Well, it seems like a Winery Tour summer. First we had John Stydyhar's tour, then PJ's tour (I missed both events). So in keeping with the "Summer of Wine" festivities, let's make a run North to the Deer Creek Winery, on **September 28**.

Kim and I found the Deer Creek Winery earlier this year and it is simply outstanding. Not only is the wine quite tasty, but the Winery also has live music on most weekends, as well as a small restaurant. Here is the link to the Deer Creek Winery: <https://www.deercreekwine.com/>

We will meet at the Sheetz in Butler at 9:30 AM with the first vehicle leaving for the tour around 10 AM. The Sheetz is located at: Pittsburgh Rd., Butler, Pa. 16001. This Sheetz is located right off of Route 8 in Butler, Pa.

With any luck, maybe we will see Rich & Kathy Wendell since this location is right in their back yard.



Atwood Lake

Photos by Mike Bongart

Triumphant Thoughts (The Synaptic Misfires of a Triumph Enthusiast)

by Jim Keenan

Kenny called me a wimp, and he is correct. I wimped out on BCD because I am not willing to be miserably hot at a car show. When I was a younger lad, I undoubtedly would have gone. Having experienced many hot BCDs over the years I knew exactly how the day would play out:

Sitting in traffic, baking in the sun, heat from car washing over me, smelling the noxious fumes my car is emitting, sitting in my chair-sweating, not walking around because it is too stinking hot. Did I mention sweating?, getting back into a non-air-conditioned car that has been baking in the sun for hours (to the point that it is now a source of heat), sitting in traffic, baking in the sun, heat from the car washing over me, smelling the noxious fumes my car is emitting, 376 west, 279 north, PA pike, Ohio pike, home and near death.

Kenny called me a wimp in an attempt to shame me in attending BCD. I feel no shame.

Ed note: Jim has apparently become spokesman for the silent minority

Jim

After Action Report Half Day Run

by PJ Wright

A perfect day for the Half Day Run greeted the WPTA members who were joining up to participate in the the run to the Sandhill Berry Farm and Greendance Winery on Saturday, August 17. There were 17 cars participating including Triumphs, MGBs, Austin Healey's, and the cutest little powder blue Bug Eyed Sprite. There were two open top roadsters not of British make but welcome anyway. We could have blown their doors off.

The run to the Berry Farm was pretty much uneventful. The lead group, the Lolly Gaggers, led by Curt and Janet Strop in his pristine yellow TR6 became lost only once. However the Gaiers, Dick and Sandy at the tail end, quickly recognized the misstep so they just pulled over and waited until Curt found the error of his ways and returned to the assigned route.

The second group, the Miassis Dragons, made the the run without incident and all the cars made the mid-run pit stop at the Get Go for a welcomed break.

Rick and Nancy Brown were late as their Austin Healey had a fuel pump failure on the way to the starting point. Quick action by using the cell phone and Triple A brought the wounded machine back home where they quickly fired up their MGB and still met us at Sandhill in time for lunch.

We welcomed some new or nearly new members on the run. The Astors, Bob and Pat with an MGB, Adela Wee and Eli Richter also with an MGB, and Josh Lederer with the Bug Eye. Joining us at Sandhill were Don and Chris Baloh, their TR6 is still under construction, Tim and Debbie Plesz with an Austin Healey and Nick Gatlen with his outstanding BRG Morgan.

Sandhill was everything as advertised, a varied menu including wine and beer, live music, and by chance they had a big tent set up for another occasion that we were able to use. It was just perfect, all this and heaven too!!!

Half Day Run



Photos by PJ Wright

Run to Atwood Lake Report

by Jim Keenan

The weather Gods blessed us with a perfect day for top down motoring. The faithful (John & Karen Styduhar TR6, Pat Davis TR6, Gary Fredo Spitfire, Mike Bongart TR6, and Bob Twaddle Spitfire) enjoyed Ohio 164 south as it twists and turns through the rolling Ohio countryside. Jerry and Linda Van Vlack met the group for lunch at the Lighthouse Bistro where food and beverages were consumed. All in all, it was an excellent day complete with, great cars and more importantly great people.

This is NOT what you want to see when you open the garage door! Fortunately for our President, Don Harkus, the situation was rectified and both cars are fine.



Photo by Wray Brady

The Vintage Triumph Register

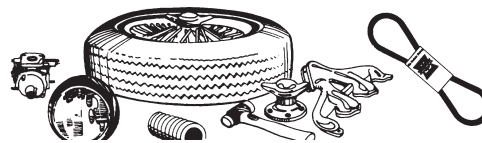
by Larry Ross

This year at BCD every Triumph owner received a brochure from The Vintage Triumph Register. What is The Vintage Triumph Register? The Vintage Triumph Register is the "master" organization that oversees most of the Triumph activity here in the states.

In fact, the WPTA (our club) is a member of The Vintage Triumph Register. When we hold British Car Day, our insurance comes from VTR. The VTR works to maximize the enjoyment all of us have when driving and working on our Triumphs.

Currently the VTR is offering a "membership deal". You can buy a two (2) year membership in the VTR for the price of one (1) year. Here's how you do this: Got to www.VTR.org and click JOIN. Fill out the form, use coupon code BCDPITT, and use a credit card or PayPal to pay the \$ 35 dues.

Personally, I am a member of VTR and they have a wonderful bi-monthly magazine.



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FOR SALE: Buy this Triumph now for a Restoration Project or for Parts. Car owned since 1996. Engine and transmission are in the car. Comes with wire wheels & knock-offs. Most of another engine and trans + differential, 2 front wheel hubs, and a TR3A Bib are included with this TR-3 purchase. Must sell, Asking: \$1200 Title is available; however, car is not registered. Contact Jim directly at telephone: 717 642-6312. Or e-mail: jechick@earthlink.net

~ Calendar of Events ~

SEPTEMBER

- 9-6 to 9-8 Vintage Festival Watkin's Glen
Triumph is Marque of The Year
- 9-9 Cars & Coffee - Rick Brown 412-818-1433
The Beach House, 6285 PA-88, Finleyville, PA
- 9-17 Beer & Bull - Bud Osbourne 412-855-9969
Iron Creek Inn, 611 Millers Run Rd, Cuddy, PA
- 9-30 Dzus Dnuz Meeting, Bruce Stutzman 412 600 7275
- 9-21 Caution, Curves Ahead Run
Gary Fredo 724-378-9610
- 9-28 Deer Creek Winery Tour — Larry Ross
- 9-29 Hartwood Acres Show and Club Picnic

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

~ Events of Other Interest ~

CAR SHOWS AND NATIONAL MEETS

- 9- 13 to 15 British Invasion -- Stowe VT

VINTAGE RACES

- 9-6 to 9-8 VRG @ Pitt-Race
- 9-21 Coatesville Invitational Vintage Grand Prix
- 9-23 to 9-26 Vintage Reunion @ Put-In-Bay OH

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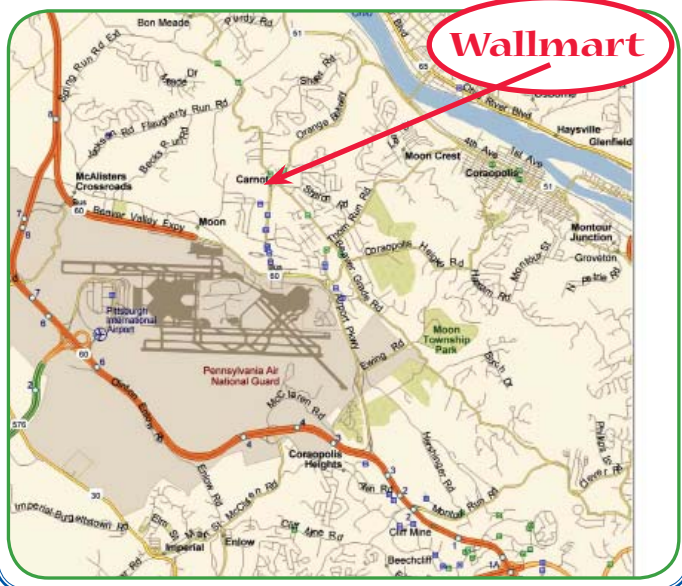
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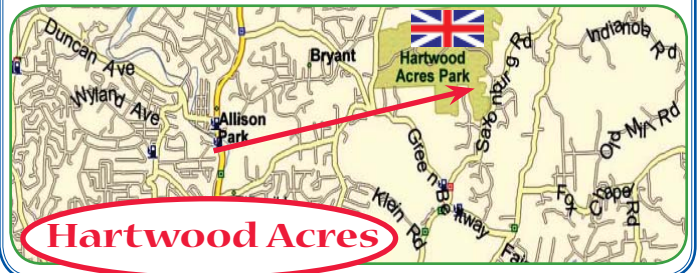
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