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On The Road Again . . .

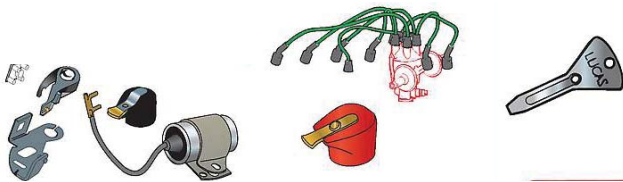
Hi all, are we all going stir crazy yet. CANCELED! This is all I have been hearing out there. Just don't know when it will all stop. The other one is RESCHEDULED. I was looking forward to the Church Brew works. I was with some of the others thinking this was a big joke. As most are seeing the threat is real. Our company has 4 trucks that are quarantined with signs on them, but I haven't see them myself. A guy told me about it over the phone. Lucky I am considered a necessity so most of JB is driving still.

As you know the biggest with problem is being out on the road, is fuel. You have to get out of the safety of your truck and touch the pump. I feel like a big wuss in my blue gloves. As you get back in the truck a squirt of hand sanitizer. Most of the time I only see four people a week. I should be safe.

So the Church Brew Works is POSTPONED probably CANCELED. John's Garage tour has been RESCHEDULED. Larry's Brew Tour is now gone. The Tune-Up Clinic is now cancelled and will be rescheduled. I was going to get the oil this week.

There probably is a lot of work to do on your car. If nothing else at least you can give it a good cleaning & shine. Let's all stay safe out there.

Don



Tune Up 2020

by Doug Foyle

This year's edition of the WPTA Tune Up Clinic will be held on **Saturday, April 25** at Jay Galbreath's garage in Hickory.(40 Caldwell Rd.)

The club will be providing free oil for oil changes performed on location. We will also have cases of oil for sale, price to be determined.

If you need parts from The Roadster Factory, please place you orders by Monday, April 20 and I will pick them up and deliver them to the clinic, free freight. Just designate that your order be held for the WPTA Tune Up Clinic. We will call out for lunch, but bring your favorite beverage. Projects are welcome, but all cars must be removed from the grounds by 5:00.

Please contact Doug Foyle (724)316-1523 if you plan a larger adventure. Hope to see you there!

Full Pint Wild Side Pub Brew Tour

by Larry Ross

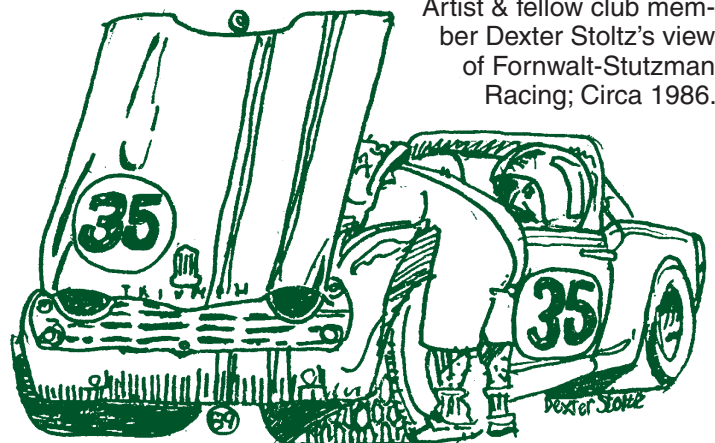
Well, as I write this article, we are in the mist of the Covid-19 Virus, and it's hard to believe that Spring is already here. So, if the Covid-19 Virus ban is lifted, we will have our final Brew Tour of Winter 2020.

Here are the details of our Brew Tour:

Full Pint Wild Side Pub,
 5310 Butler St., Pittsburgh, PA. 15201, (412) 408-3083
 Date: **Saturday, April 18th**
 Time: High Noon (perfect time for a beer)
 See you there.



Artist & fellow club member Dexter Stoltz's view of Fornwalt-Stutzman Racing; Circa 1986.



CARLISLE[®] IMPORT & PERFORMANCE NATIONALS

by Larry Ross

It's not too early to start thinking about Import Carlisle on May 15TH – May 17TH. Here is the web link for vehicle registration: <https://www.carlisleevents.com/events/events-detail/index?id=import+and+performance+nationals&urlname=supercars-exotics-display-planned-for-2019>

As you know, most of us park at the Central PA British Club tent. So please register under the Central PA British Club so that Import Carlisle does not charge them for their tent space. Therefore, I have reserved a block of 5 rooms at: Red Roof Inn, 1450 Harrisburg Pike, Carlisle, Pa. 17015 (717) 706-3862. All rooms are "double beds" and the room rate is \$ 159 + tax.

Please be advised that this is also Graduation Weekend at Dickinson College. So, do NOT delay in calling the Red Roof Inn. The rooms are reserved under: Western Pennsylvania Triumph Association

Charles A Runyan Memorial Run

May 23rd (Saturday)

Road Tour to Horse Shoe Curve Leave from TRF
Parking Lot at 9:00 AM

Free of charge so long as you register in advance

Email: danmabon@trfmail.com

Rough itinerary: Depart TRF @9am

Arrive HSC @11am

Snacks and drinks available at HSC

Access to trackside \$8 (like everything else, going up in price.)

Leave HSC for Cresson @12:30pm

Arrive Cresson 12:45pm ish

Leave Cresson for TRF 2:45pm ish

Flea Market at TRF

May 24th (Sunday)

Vendors may set up at 8:00 AM

Buyers attend for Free

Vendor space is free so long as you register in advance

Email: danmabon@trfmail.com

We are cooking up additional surprises. Please contact me ASAP for planning purposes and let me know # of people, # of cars, and what days you are attending.

Welcome New Members

by Larry Ross

On behalf of the WPTA, I would like to welcome our newest members into the Triumph Club:

Geoff & Theresa Feisley and their 1974 TR6

Jesse & Davies and their 1975 TR6 and 1975 MG Midget

John & Susan Linberg and their 1976 TR6

Phil & Dawn Salerno and their 1970 Spitfire (currently under restoration)

I look forward to seeing you at a Triumph event shortly.

Triumphant Thoughts (The Synaptic Misfires of a Triumph Enthusiast)

by Jim Keenan

These are indeed strange times. Life has been turned upside down. All the things we love to do with our Triumphs are on indefinite suspension. Life as we knew it will never be totally the same. Time will pass, things will return to some type of "normal". It will be a new normal, as current events will permanently affect our society in many significant ways. Uncertain times are before us. Keep the faith, eventually we will be able to resume our lives which includes our club activities.

I have no idea when we can safely resume our events. The Church Brew Works event fell victim to the covid-19 virus. The April 4th Garage Tour hosted by John Styduhar has been move to August 15th. All Beer and Bull, Cars and Coffee and newsletter meetings are suspended indefinitely. At this time, it seems unlikely that the April 18 Beer tour will happen. The April 25th Tune Up clinic may also have to be rescheduled. A bunch of FOG's hanging out in close proximity would not be prudent if the current situation persists.

The May 9th run is our first driving event of the year. I am in charge of this event. Pat Ledford planned the route several years ago. At this time there is no way of determining the status of the event. I received an email from Carlisle Production stating the Import Carlisle will go on as planned. Of course like all planned events that is subject to change. The current order to stay home should give us all an opportunity to tinker with our cars. Once it warms up I plan on killing some time in the garage giving the Triumphs some love. Until we get the opportunity to enjoy a club event together stay safe and healthy. *Jim*

Ed note: "New normal", the last I heard that term was Obama telling us the economy would never come back. Except it did.



Mid Ohio 2020 Kastner Cup

by Jerry Van Vlack

Currently the Kastner Cup is still on. It is yet 3 months away and planning is continuing. Hopefully, we will have forgotten all about the beer virus by then and will be participating in this great event that we've all been looking forward to.

Spring is here; it is sunny out. What can go wrong now.



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The Process of Elimination

by Wray Brady

The One Lap Triumph TR 250 is getting sorted, but fights us at every turn. The car ran well on an auxiliary gas tank but things went south after plumbing in a normal tank that replaced the large fuel cell. It would start fine but in 15 seconds began to miss, run roughly and finally quit. No amount of choke helped. The focus was only on fuel delivery as the presumption was that ignition issues would not permit it to run at all. Fuel filters were installed since there was some crud in the float bowls. The fuel pump pressure tested as normal, yet a different fuel pump was tried. A replacement coil didn't help. There was spark at the plugs, points were working... The carbs were removed and completely cleaned. A different set of stormberg's didn't help. Bruce, Bud and various others were at wits end.

Bob Speshock (who is advertising a very nice 250 in the newsletter) stopped by to pick up a part for his fuel pump. He observed the 250's behavior and remarked that it reminded him of an MG that had driven thru a large puddle and gotten the dizzy cap wet. He said try the condenser after we inspected the cap, points gap, wired etc. An NOS condenser replaced the brand new one from Bruce's fully rebuilt dizzy. Voila- runs like a champ. The bad condenser was just good enough to get it to fire but not for long. So 90% of carb problems are related to the ignition.

Thanks Bob!



Social distancing

First Run of the Year

by Bruce

I was itching to get the Tiger out for the first good run of the season. So, on a sunny day, I cranked up the Tiger and hooked up with Wray and Sherry Brady. Wray lit up their 67 Mustang convertible for the first time and off we went into Washington County.

After a while the Tiger started to act up badly so we headed home. After another while I heard a bang and a nasty crunching sound. I looked out the side window and, to my chagrin; the left rear tire is rolling by. Into Mingo Creek it goes and proceeds to float away.

Fortunately, a guy pulls up in his F150, puts on a pair of waders and into the creek he goes. He snatches up the tire before it gets too far.

Wray and I reinstall the tire. I'm now feeling pretty lucky but then I remember the first issue; the Tiger won't start. I can't find anything wrong so AAA to the rescue. Next day I'm digging deeper trying to find the problem and I do. My MSD adjustable rotor unadjusted itself, losing the timing. An easy fix, this time with a dab of Loctite and back on the road.

Thank you, but I don't need to be reminded that TRs don't use adjustable rotors.

Run to Franklin

by Jim Keenan

The WPTA's first run the year on **May 9th** is a trip north to Franklin Pa. We will meet at the Sheetz located at 1329 Freedom Rd. in Cranberry. Drivers meeting at 10 am. The first cars will depart for Franklin at 10:30. Hopefully our cars will be fresh off the Tune Up Clinic and ready to roll. Lunch will be at McGinnis Irish Pub in the basement of the Commons Building.

Sincere Sympathy

Our condolences to Pat Davis on the recent passing of his wife Karen Davis.

~ Calendar of Events ~

APRIL

- 4-4 Garage Tour *Moved to Aug 15th*
- 4-13 Cars & Coffee - Rick Brown 412-818-1433
The Beach House, 6285 PA-88, Finleyville, PA
- 4-18 Brew Tour, Full Pint Wild Side Pub
Larry Ross 412 780 8495
- 4-21 Beer & Bull - Bud Osbourne 412-855-9969
Tap That, 611 Millers Run Rd, Cuddy, PA
- 4-27 Dnuz Meeting Bruce Stutzman - 412-600-7275
Sunny Jim's, 255 Camp Horne Rd, Pittsburgh, PA
- 4-25 Tune Up Clinic Doug Foyle 724 452 5218

MAY

- 5-9 Run to Franklin PA Jim Keenan 330 402 0707
- 5-15 to 5-17 WPTA at Import Carlisle
- 5-23 Charles Runyan Memorial Run @ TRF
- 5-24 British Car Parts Flea Market @ (TRF)
- 5-30 Rick's Run — *Moved to Sept 5th*

JUNE

- 6-6 Run — Larry Ross 412 780 8495
- 6-26 to 6-28 Kastner Cup at Mid-Ohio Vintage GP

JULY

- 7-21 Beer & Bull - At The Waterfront Homestead
Rock Bottom Restaurant & Brewery
- 7-23 PVGP Country Side Tour
Bud Osbourne 412 855 9969
- 7-25 PVGP British Car Day @ Schenley Park
Dexter Stoltz 412 865 1201

AUGUST

- 8-1 Half Day Run PJ Wright 412 833 4142
- 8-15 Garage Tour John Styduhar 724 699 8594
- 8-22 Run — Pat Ledford 724 977 0938

SEPTEMBER

- 9-5 Run — Rick Brown 412 818 1433



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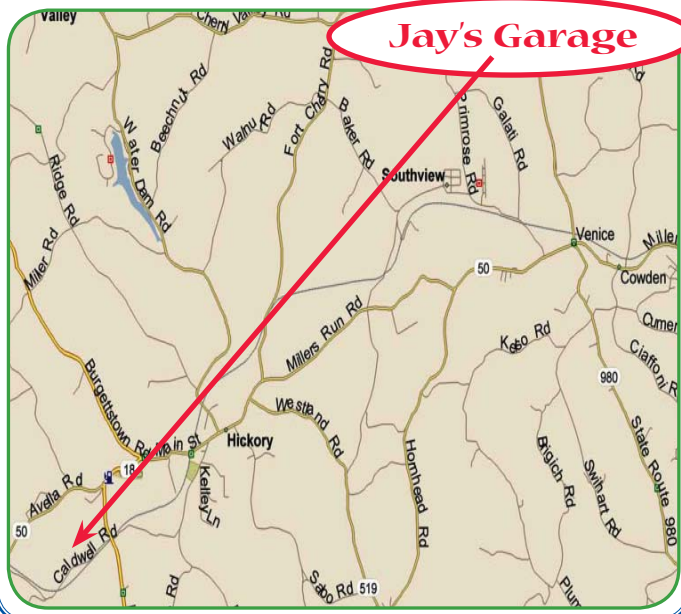
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April 25 Tune Up Clinic

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