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On The Road Again . . .

Hi All! I hope all is well with you. I think we all want to get out and restart our lives. Last month was slow with all of us. I now have a job at work. I just see the same three people a day. It is an 8 to 5 everyday Monday thru Friday, who could ask for anything better than retirement.

Larry's heading north on the 6th and that is all I know about June. I know we all want to get out and enjoy the summer. So there is a sort of Pop-up Runs that the guys are doing. Most of this is spur-of-the -moment so check your emails in the morning to see if there is anything.

Now bad news, the Pittsburgh Vintage Grand Prix has been canceled, except for the Countryside Tour and the Cruise at the Waterfront. What more can I say about this. I am sure that somethings will be rescheduled. This is just hurting the summer.

I did see something along the way one day; a guy hauling 4 cars to California that I thought where junk an MGA, TR4A and 2 TR250s that he picked up someplace in PA.

I just can't wait to get a hair cut.

Don



Import Carlisle

by Larry Ross

As we all know, the Corona Virus Pandemic has wreaked havoc with ALL spring activities. Import Carlisle has been rescheduled to the weekend of **August 14-16, 2020**.

I spoke to the Red Roof Inn regarding our reservations, and have rescheduled all room reservations (5 rooms) to that particular date. Additional information will be forthcoming down the road.

The Good Old Fashioned Tour

by Larry Ross

Well, given the current State of the Pandemic, I have decided our Tour on **June 6th** will be the "Good Old Fashioned Tour". Here are the details:

Our good Old Fashioned Tour includes a picnic at our destination: Kinzua Sky Walk. Our meeting place will be: Kings Family Restaurant, 950 Presque Isle Dr., Pittsburgh, Pa. 15239. Meeting time will be: 9:30 AM
 Cars off at 10:00 AM

So, pack your picnic bag along with your favorite beverage. I hope to see everyone on **June 6th**.

Summer Car Events

by Bruce

Here is a not complete list of summer car events for your perusal, mostly not WPTA events. You are welcome to add to the list.

- ~~Original BCD Mt Airey, MD June 7~~
- ~~Kastner Cup Mid Ohio June 26/28~~
- ~~Pit Race Weekend July 16/19~~
- ~~NE Ohio BCD Hudson, OH July 18~~
- ~~Vintage Races Mosport, ON June 18/21~~
- ~~PVGP week July 20/26 see their website~~
- ~~WPTA's BCD Schenley Park July 25~~
- ~~PVGP Cruise at The Waterfront July 21~~
- ~~PVGP Country Side Tour July 23~~
- ~~Jefferson Cup Summit Point, WV August 6/9~~
- ~~Carlisle August 14/16~~
- ~~Altoona British Car Festival August 29/30~~
- ~~VTR Galena, IL August 31 to September 4~~
- ~~Lime Rock historic festival September 4/7~~
- ~~Watkins Glen Fall Festival September 11/13~~
- ~~The British Invasion Stowe, VT September 11/13~~
- ~~BCD Toronto, ON September 20~~
- ~~British Cars at Hartwood September 27~~
- ~~Vintage Reunion Put-in-Bay, OH Sept. 29 to October 2~~

Shortly after I made this list I had to start crossing them out as you can see.

We are keeping a close eye on the Kastner Cup. If it does take place spectators probably won't be permitted.



Above photo by Ed Woods when he visited Le Mans

TR2s at the 1955 LeMans race

By Bruce

It wasn't long after the introduction of the TR2 that a factory team was organized in 1954, with Ken Richardson at the helm, to compete in European rallies. They also provided considerable support to an independently owned TR2 that finished 15th at the 1954 LeMans

Bolstered by this success, a team of 3 TR2s were prepared to compete at the 1955 LeMans race. They finished 14th, 15th and 19th. The 19th place car was stuck in a sand bank for 1 1/2 hours.

Most significantly these cars served as test beds to test several different disc brake set ups.

One car ran with Dunlop 4 wheel discs and a booster. The other two cars ran with Girling front discs and rear drums. It is likely that, other than the D Type Jaguars, these TR2s were the only race cars using disc brakes.

The Girling discs, in a somewhat modified form, became standard equipment on the 1957 TR3 and continued to be used to the end of TR6 production.

As a footnote, MG entered a trio of MGA prototypes that finished 12th, 17th and a DNF. One car was driven by Ken Miles.

Don's new ride!



Tim Kunz gets an overdrive in his garage

Summer Driving Tour

by Larry Ross

Well, the Covid-19 Virus has absolutely wrecked a lot of Triumph activities. With that being the case, I have activated Larry Ross Bad Boy Productions.

So you might ask, what is Larry Ross Bad Boy Productions? Over the coming months, I will be putting together some additional Driving Tours (weather dependent). These Tours could be on a Saturday or Sunday (once again weather dependent).

How will the membership be notified of a Tour? 1) Check your WPTA email account, I will post a meeting place on a Wednesday or Thursday. 2) Check the WPTA Facebook page.

Once again, your participation in these Tours is your personal decision.

"One thing about the collector car hobby - sooner or later something will go wrong."

—Wayne Cerini



FOR SALE: 1973 GT6 I purchased it in 2018 from a fellow in California who purchased it in 2011 and then did a restoration in 2016-17. The vehicle has 88,000 miles on it and is an "excellent" driver. My local mechanic (Pittsburgh) has done work on the vehicle and is available to anyone who would like to discuss the mechanics of the car. No rust, no blue smoke, starts right up and shifts effortlessly. All gauges work and the only things that do not work are the heater and radiator. Asking price is \$14k. Extensive photographs are available for anyone with a real interest and the car can easily be seen and driven with a day or two's notice. Bill 412-491-6202

SU CARBURETORS!

These are SU carburetors, which were used on many British sports cars, including TR2-TR4A. Here are some guidelines on maintaining SUs!

* If your carburetors don't leak, you are out of gas. (This rule is similar to the "MG test for oil").

* The only time your carburetors run properly is when a mechanic is taking a test drive.

* SU carburetors parts are interchangeable. You can replace a faulty part with a new one and the carburetor will run just like it always did.

* When replacing needles, the only parts store with the correct ones will be in Coventry or on a ship floundering in an Atlantic storm.

* When you get the correct carburetor needles, one of them will be bent.

* The universal SU repair Kit will work on all carburetors except yours.

* A float will only have a hole in it if it is Sunday and the parts store is closed.

* No two repair books will recommend the same fluid for the dampers.

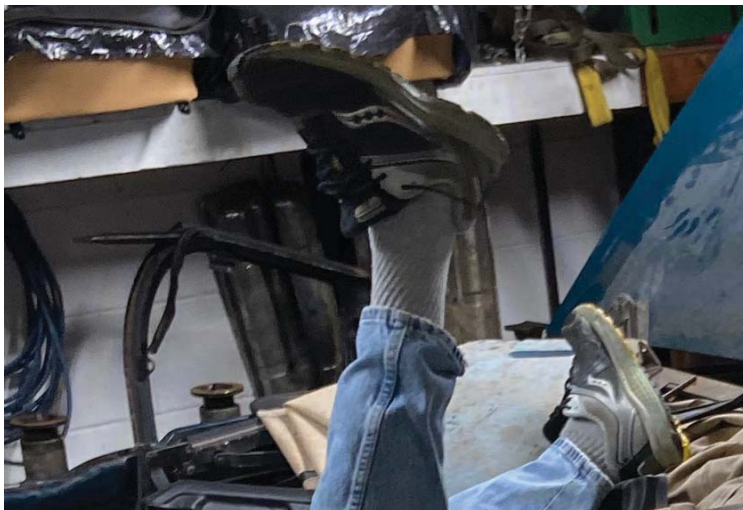
* Whitworth nuts and bolts are similar to SAE nuts and bolts except that the shoulders are rounded off.

* Tightening the jet nut will automatically move the jet off center.

* All levers and jets will move smoothly if (and only if) the carburetor is sitting on your work bench

* TR carburetors are infinitely adjustable. That is they can be set anywhere from "not quite right" to "totally wrong".

* Despite the above, a weekend working on the TR carburetors is preferable to fixing the oil leak.



They go together, lower half above and upper half below



PVGP Countryside Tour 2020

by Bud Osbourne

Contrary to what you may be thinking, this year's PVGP Countryside Tour is most definitely ON for Thursday, July 23. Details & on-line registration form can be found on the PVGP website (www.pvgp.org) by clicking on "events", then Countryside Tour.

As of this writing, there are still a few openings left, so get signed-up and support PVGP charities by coming out and having a fun day of mountain back-roads touring.

~ Calendar of Events ~

JUNE

- 6-6** Old Fashioned Tour
— Larry Ross 412 780 8495
- 6-8** Cars & Coffee - Rick Brown 412-818-1433
Wait to hear from Rick!
- 6-16** Beer & Bull - Bud Osbourne 412-855-9969
Tap That, 611 Millers Run Rd, Cuddy, PA
- 6-29** Dnuz Meeting Bruce Stutzman - 412-600-7275
Sunny Jim's, 255 Camp Horne Rd, Pittsburgh, PA
- 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 Stutzman 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
- 9-11 to 9-13** Vintage Festival @ Watkin's Glen
- 9-19** Run Gary Fredo 724 378 9610
- 9-27** British Cars @ Hartwood Acres (Club Picnic)

OCTOBER

- 10-3** Run — Curt Stroup 412 337 7764
- 10-17** Fall Leaf Tour — Don Harkus 742 822 5447

NOVEMBER

- 11-21** Run to The Roadster Factory
Gary Fredo 742 378 9610

DECEMBER

- 12-12** No Meeting-Meeting

~ Events of Other Interest ~

2020 NATIONAL MEETS

- 6-25 to 6-28** FOT Vintage Race at Mid Ohio
- 8-31 to 9-4** VTR National — Galena IL
<https://www.vtr2020.org/>

VINTAGE RACES

- 8-6 to 8-9** Jefferson 500 @ Summit Point
- 9-29 to 10-2** Vintage Reunion @ Put-in-Bay, Ohio

CAR SHOWS

- 8-29 to 8-30** Altoona British Car Festival
- 9-20** British Car Day Toronto — Oakville Ont

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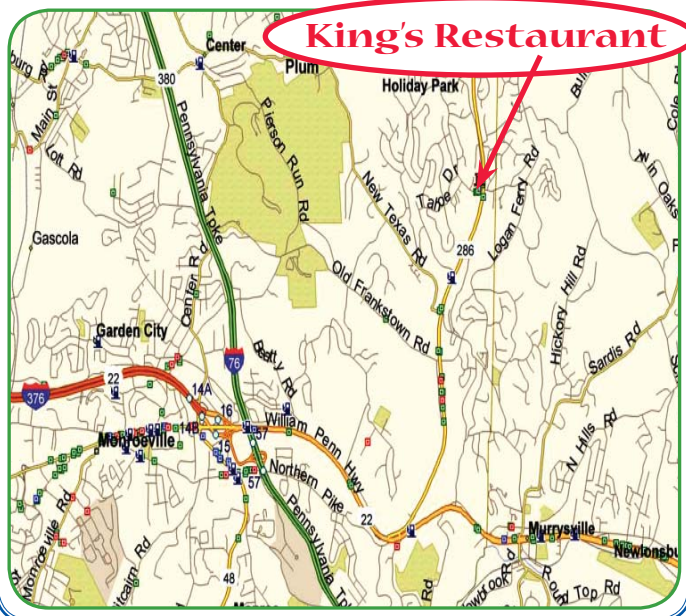
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June 6 — Good Ol' Fashioned Tour
June 8 - Cars & Coffee — June 16 - Beer & Bull

June 6 — Good Ol' Fashioned Tour

Our meeting place will be: Kings Family Restaurant, 950 Presque Isle Dr., Pittsburgh, Pa. 15239. Meeting time will be: 9:30 AM



PVGP Postponed Until 2021

by Dex

By now, I'm sure you've all heard that the Pittsburgh Vintage Grand Prix is postponed until 2021. However, Countryside Tour and Waterfront Cruise are still on. The featured marque, Corvette, will remain the same. In the meantime, they may hold local mini-events more often over the course of the driving season if it is possible. The Victory Lap is still scheduled for October, and ways to expand it are being considered.

We're all playing it by ear. Watch their website www.pvgp.org for information, and we'll try to pass any news along. What all of this means for the WPTA and its membership, is that British Car Day will not be in full effect this year in association with the PVGP. BCD fulfills a number of roles for us: promoting the preservation and enjoyment of British automobiles, providing camaraderie of like-minded enthusiasts in and out of our region, the money we raise via the registration fees covers a small portion of WPTA's expenses, and the majority of those funds go to PVGP to support the charities that it stands for. To that end, this would have been a milestone year of \$6 million raised for the charities, and there soon will be a way to donate directly on the PVGP site if you wish. Meantime, if July approaches with a safe opportunity to do a smaller event for our club and it makes sense, let's see what we can do! Thanks for everyone that had already gotten the BCD wheels rolling, with special thanks to Larry Ross, Rick Brown, Toby Yurko and Ed Major.