



# Triumph



Volume 43 Number 6

Zoos Nuz

March 2020

President, Don Harkus      dharkus@aol.com      724-822-5447  
 Vice President and Event Coordinator,  
 Jim Keenan      mij57@msn.com      330-402-0707  
 Bicycle & Kayak Events Chairman, Ken Mikos      412-795-8248

Treasurer, Bruce Stutzman      412-600-7275  
 Rec. Sec./Web Master, Dex Stoltz      wpta.webmaster@gmail.com  
 Membership Chair, Larry Ross      membership@wptriumph.org  
 Newsletter Editor, Bruce Stutzman      stutztr4@gmail.com

## On The Road Again . . .

Hi All! Looks like most of you are weathering the cold months well. I have been driving my truck a lot over the north east for work.

I went on the Run to Team Triumph the other day. We met at Eat-N-Park in Cranberry. We had 10 people show for breakfast. After some time shooting the bull, we finally got going to Scott's about 9:45. I was having a great time there just talking. Doug Foyle rode with me. When we got to Scott's the Cleveland club was there too. A few of those guys drove their TRs. Total of about 30 guys where at Team Triumph. Scott was busy; I managed to talk to him as I ordered a few items. I bought a new car cover for the TR3 and some brake pedal parts. I know Doug got a few things also.

Larry did a Brew tour on the 8th of the month I tried to get there but only had one day off that weekend.

Next month is the Church Brew Works on **March 21**. This is usually the kick off to the driving season for most of us.

I had a guy call me last week about his TR6 that has been setting in his garage for a number of years. He wants to get it running and start driving with us on some runs. I told him the guys would all like to come see his car and maybe help. He told me his wife bought it almost new, and it is a family heirloom. He wants to keep it in the family. I agree with him, I told Him my TR6 has been with me longer than my wife, but I wouldn't give up either of them. It is going on twenty years for Sandy and me. The TR6 is 25 years.

*Don*

## Charles Runyan Selected to the British Sports Car Hall of Fame

The mission of the BSCHF is to "preserve and perpetuate the legacy and impact of these legendary vehicles and to honor the men and women responsible for their success."

For consideration, a candidate must "have made a significant & lasting impact on the British sports car industry & hobby."

Along with Charles, the 2019 class includes such luminaries as Denise McCluggage, Paul Newman and Sir Alec Issigonis.

Charles' write up - "A beloved figure in the British sports car community in the United States, Runyan founded The Roadster Factory in 1978, a supplier of aftermarket parts for MGs and Triumphs. A constant presence at club events around the country, Runyan also operated a British style pub known as The Coventry Inn for 25 years.

The BSCHF was previously housed at the Moss Motors' facility in Petersburg, VA. It is now located at the Coventry Foundation in England.



## Church Brew Works 2020 Edition

by Dex Doltz

It's 2020, it's March, and it's the WPTA - so you know what that means: Church Brew Works time. It's kind of like one of the brewery tours, but Larry's not setting it up, so it's different. Same time, same place as last year. Come to the pub side and find everyone, on or after noon on **21 March**. There is a reasonable chance that a British car may find itself in the parking lot, as the weather sometimes breaks before that Easter snow...hope to see you there.



Photos by Don Harkus



# 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 your 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!



For sale: 1968 Triumph TR250 Bob Speshock 724-942-3728 - benzman2007@gmail.com



# Triumphant Thoughts

## (The Synaptic Misfires of a Triumph Enthusiast)

by Jim Keenan

Hopefully Spring is just around the corner, however as residents of the greater Pittsburgh area we all know March is a winter month. Let's hope that March will provide us with a few days to hit the streets with our Triumphs. I have not been behind the wheel of one of my roadsters since November, when each car was prepared for winter hibernation. I am looking forward with great anticipation to getting the cars out and driving them.

The first drive of the season is always a highlight of TR ownership for me. After months of driving nothing but modern vehicles I tend to forget how unique an experience it is to drive a TR. All it takes is a couple of minutes behind the wheel to reaffirm that the insanity of owning a TR (or three) can easily be rationalized.

Spring also gets me thinking about the maintenance/upgrades each car will require for this year's driving season. I have gone to changing oil every other year. The miles each car accumulates in a driving season doesn't warrant an annual oil change. This year the TR250 needs fresh oil, so it gets to attend the Tune Up Clinic. I also plan on replacing all the cooling hoses on the TR250. The TR8 will get new tires this year. I would be foolish to believe that is all the maintenance my cars will need this year. The idea of getting through a driving season and not having other issues develop is wishful thinking.

I also have other car projects that I would like to finish but are not required. I have a 1973 TR6 parts car that needs "parted out". I still have not installed the 3:08 axle in my TR8. The twin pipe, sport exhaust I purchased for the TR250 is still in the box. I am sure I could think of some more projects that need attention, but doing so would bring on the rare physiological condition known as TAS-Triumph Anxiety Syndrome. The only known cure for this dreaded syndrome is a spirited top-down drive in perfect weather conditions. I hope we all get many such days for the 2020 driving season.

*Jim*

Ed Note: "TAS", more often suffered by TR owners who don't drive their car enough.



## Import Carlisle

by Larry Ross, Membership Director

It's not too early to start thinking about Import Carlisle on **May 15<sup>TH</sup> – May 17<sup>TH</sup>**. Therefore, I have reserved a block of 5 rooms at the 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

# WPTA Welcomes

by Larry Ross

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

Tom & Mary Cooper and their 1959 TR3A.

Vic & Judy Kennedy and the following vehicles:

1972 Spitfire, 1954 MGTF

We look forward to seeing you at a WPTA event soon.



## Remington TRs Coming to America

To celebrate RTRs 40th anniversary in 2020, and to commemorate both this and the soon to be finished restoration of the original Beta prototype 917 HP, it is our intention this year to take Neil Remington's beloved "Scollob" across the pond to compete in the 18th annual Kastner Cup being held at the end of June.

For those of you not fully up to speed on TR history and folklore, Kas Kastner, British Sports Car Hall of Fame inductee (2017), Racer, Legendary Triumph tuner and author, is the Grand Marshall for his namesake and hugely popular event first run in Canada in 2003. The venue changes annually, this year it will be held at Mid-Ohio Sports Car Course some 3,749 miles from our workshops in sleepy Middlezoy, Somerset.

With such established competition in America, taking Scollob is the obvious and fitting choice. Built solely as a road legal race car on a TR4 chassis, sporting all fibreglass bodywork to replicate the original prototype and powered by a 6 cylinder fuel injected engine, she really is the tool for the job.

As preparations move forward, we will keep you updated as well as keeping you in the loop with the progress on finishing 917HP, the prototype.



## ~ Calendar of Events ~

### MARCH

- 3-9 Cars & Coffee - Rick Brown 412-818-1433  
The Beach House, 6285 PA-88, Finleyville, PA
- 3-17 Beer & Bull - Bud Osbourne 412-855-9969  
Tap That, 611 Millers Run Rd, Cuddy, PA
- 3-21 Church Brew Works  
Dexter Stoltz 412 865 1201
- 3-30 Dnuz Meeting Bruce Stutzman - 412-600-7275  
Sunny Jim's, 255 Camp Horne Rd, Pittsburgh, PA

### APRIL

- 4-4 Garage Tour John Styduhar 724 699 8594
- 4-18 Brew Tour Larry Ross 412 780 8495
- 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 Run — Rick Brown 412 818 1433

### 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
- 8-22 Run — Pat Ledford 724 977 0938

### SEPTEMBER

- 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  
Gary Fredo 724 378 9610

## ~ 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 10-4 6-Pack Trials — Richmond VA

### VINTAGE RACES

- 4-3 to 4-5 Wild Hare Run @ VIR
- 5-15 to 5-17 Jefferson 500 @ Summit Point
- 6-18 to 6-21 VARAC Vintage @ Mosport
- 7-16 to 7-19 PVGP Historics @ Pitt-Race
- 9-29 to 10-2 Vintage Reunion @ Put-in-Bay, Ohio

### CAR SHOWS

- 7-18 NE Ohio British Car Show Hudson, OH.
- 8-29 to 8-30 Altoona British Car Festival



Established  
1977



# WESTERN PENNSYLVANIA TRIUMPH ASSOCIATION

2348 Weston Drive, Pittsburgh PA 15241

A CHAPTER OF THE VINTAGE TRIUMPH REGISTER  
A CENTER OF THE TRIUMPH REGISTER OF AMERICA

March 2020  
Issue of the  
Dzus Druz

## March 21 — Church Brew Works Mar 9 - Cars & Coffee — Mar 17 - Beer & Bull

### March 21 Church Brew Works

Come to the pub side and find everyone, on or after noon on 21 March.



### KASTNER CUP 2020 THE RETURN TO MID OHIO



JUNE 26-27-28 2020

