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On The Road Again . . .

Hi all! Been looking through the fake bars on the windows while in this stay at home order. Thinking of all the things that I could be doing. Most of it would cost hardly anything. Like cleaning out the back room, recaulking the tub, finishing up projects, you know the little things left to do. Luckily for me I get out of the house all the time. I now am driving on a route from Springdale to Youngstown then to Cleveland then back to Springdale, great route. I am getting to know all the bumps on the turnpike now.

Last week I just had to get the car out, the first time since October last year. We went for a drive through the country side meet a few guys one the way. There was at least 50 ft. between us.

So on to the rescheduling all of last month has been. Most of this month, I believe that the Charles Runyan Memorial run is to go on as planned. As a wise person told me that we are all just flying by the seat of our pants.

It has been brought to my attention that if you are looking to get away (at least in your mind) that reading a book called THE RED CAR by Don Stanford may help. Copies of this little book where given to entrants at the 2017 Summer Party and are available at TRF.

As far as events that are on the calendar. If you don't hear from anybody there on or you can call me @ 724 822 5447. As of now this is all I know. For everyone else keep up the good work and stay safe!

Don

British Car Day 2020 Update

by Dex

As of this writing, we aren't 100% sure of the Pittsburgh Vintage Grand Prix schedule this year, and of course our premier British Car Day event along with it. It is currently intended that things will proceed; however, we've seen a number of events get pushed back a few months up to an entire year.

Normally this is about when you'd be receiving your BCD Registration to fill out and send to Rick. But I would like to hold for another few weeks to see what shakes out. Like many things in our lives lately, we will manage the uncertainty with a cautious approach. My current plan is to fully open the online registration that was arranged last year as a test, because it would be easier to refund registrants should the event get delayed or canceled as July approaches. I'll send word when things are a go for online registration.

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**.

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.

Correction:

I have been informed by club member Gary Kincel of a mistake I made in my March article about Charles Runyan. The Coventry Foundation is located at the Moss Motors facility in Petersburg, VA, not England.

TRA 2020 Rescheduled

The TRA 2020 organizing committee has decided to postpone TRA 2020 scheduled for June 15-19 in Lexington, KY to 2021. This was a serious decision that was taken after considering several factors. The number of COVID-19 cases continue to increase with Ohio and Kentucky governors and their public health teams estimating the peak to be late April/early May which means cases will tail off and continue through May into June. Based on this timeline, the health of TRA 2020 attendees becomes a key factor. Most major events including the Indianapolis 500 and the Cincinnati and Keeneland (Lexington) Concours have been moved to later in the year or 2021. A poll of those already registered for TRA 2020 and TRA officers preferred moving TRA 2020 to 2021 rather than trying to find a time later this year with so many unknowns.

What does this mean? Well, we have reset the clock to 2021 and started again to define and confirm the venues we had for 2020 and plan for 2021. We have confirmed the host hotel, the Clarion Hotel Lexington, and the dates- **June 14-18, 2021**

We will continue to keep you informed via our mailing list, our TRA 2021 Facebook page:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/181566129267504/>

and our TRA 2021 website:

<https://www.miamivalleytriumphs.org/tra-2021>

6-Pack Trials

The 2020 6-Pack TRials will be held **October 1-4, 2020** in Richmond, VA. Host hotel is the Hilton Garden Inn in Colonial Heights (800 Southpark Boulevard, Colonial Heights, VA, 23834, US; Phone: (866) 238-4218). A block of rooms has been reserved for \$109/night. Use this link to reserve:

https://secure3.hilton.com/en_US/gi/reservation/book.htm?inpModule=HOTEL&ctyhocn=RICSPGI&spec_plan=SIXPAC&arrival=20201001&departure=20201004&cid=OM,WW,HILTONLINK,EN,DirectLink&fromId=HILTONLINKDIRECT

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.

2019 Kastner Cup Buttonwillow, CA.

by Jerry Van Vlack

Great YouTube Video here <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iLo1u5ZjNml> watch it; guaranteed enjoyment and very well done. Buttonwillow race track is a flat semi Desert in the valley north of LA.

I was there and the competition was fierce. The race was Black Flagged after only 6 or 7 laps. Never did get a good explanation why. The TR8 driven by John Mueller was throwing a lot of water at the end of the race, you can see it in one of the shots towards the end of the video. The 250K was blowing a lot of oil out of the catch can. Tony Garmy told me after the race that the engine was tired and had a lot of blow y. Neither car would have made it to

Triumphant Thoughts (The Synaptic Misfires of a Triumph Enthusiast)

by Jim Keenan

All is quiet on the western (Ohio) front. Not much to report from the Buckeye state. The Tune-up Clinic should be history, yet it has not occurred. Since I have nothing to report at this time I thought I would sum up my "triumph actives" over the last month or so. I have had all three of my TRs out on the road.

The TR6 easily awoke from its slumber. A close examination of all fluids and mechanical systems was completed before she was fired up. I always remove the plugs and squirt oil in each cylinder. I then spin it over to the oil pressure comes up. Finally, the plugs are reinstalled and the car is started. I have taken it on two separate drives, one being rather lengthy, about 1 hour. It is good to go and requires no immediate maintenance.

The TR250 received the same treatment as the TR6 with the same results as far as the initial start up. However, on the 2nd drive I took it seemed to be laboring to accelerate. Long story short- the brake booster is building up pressure and applying the brakes whilst I unsuspectingly motor along. When I got home I sprayed a little water on all four wheels (disc and drums) and they all sizzled like an egg in a pan. The pedal was extremely firm, after sitting for about an hour the pedal was back to normal and the brakes were no longer on. There is at least one job on the TR250 to-do list.

The TR8 was not so amiable. The battery was not having it. I finally get it started and took a short drive. I was hoping the battery wasn't shot. Well after a trip to the pharmacy drive thru that included a stall, no restart and a push out of the line of waiting cars I deduced that the battery was shot. A new battery latter and a lovey long drive through the country finds the TR8 in fine shape.

I hope everyone is getting their cars out for some drives so we all will be ready when we have our first driving event. Until then stay healthy and don't spare the revolutions per minute.

Jim

the end with both in risk of blowing their engines. The interior passenger compartment of the 250K was covered in oil and pooled on the floor. Those guys were racing hard and it shows in the video.

The west coast guys know how to make power and drive. TR4's keeping up with the TR8s and 250Ks was impressive as is the "Fastest Herald on Earth".

A few Spitfires were strong too. Must be the "California Air". If you don't know the story about California Air it goes something like this. Back in the day Kas Kastner's TR4 engines were making more power than the factory Brits Competition engineers and they didn't believe his numbers.

Kas took an engine to England and proved it. The Brits conclusion was that it must be the "California Air". Who knew that California air was any different <grin> The beer bug has screwed up a rematch and while as of today the 2020 Kastner Cup is still scheduled for June the Brits won't be coming and I suspect the California guys will cancel too. We won't be able to see if "Ohio Air" has any advantage over the Brits. Too bad as the last time the Brits came to Mid-Ohio the Ohio Air didn't help the locals. The Brits dominated.



Yur Dern Toot'n

by P J Wright

Ah!!, the quarantine. Stuck in the house all day and night has some benefits. All those small projects that you were going to take care of when you had time, now you have time. My good wife and I have been sorting and labeling old photos, cleaning out cupboards, painting, doing yard work, etc, just like everyone else. It is work that is so refreshing after watching too much TV and too many old movies.

Speaking of old movies, there is an old Jack Benny movie from the 40's entitled "The Horn Blows at Midnight" that was a real clunker then and has not improved with age. That good friends, brings me to the reason for this missive as my TR6 horn blows not just at midnight but at any hour of the day, just not at my command.

My saffron (camels' breath yellow) 1972 TR6 has been a faithful machine almost never having failed me in the 15 years since it was a barn find. Except for this one particular bad habit, the horn blows at the most inopportune and unanticipated times. See a stranger walking, toot, my estranged next door neighbor in her yard, toot, a policeman clearing an accident, toot. So embarrassing yet it remains unconquerable.

I have pled my case to "Triumph Experience," got lots of advice, none worked. Articles on the internet did not help. Called upon mechanical wizard WPTA members including President Harkus and Dick Gaier, got lots of free consulting but in the end their witches' brews failed and the tooting continues. I have for short periods resorted to pulling the wires thus disabling the horns but I can't handle defeatism so I reconnect thus resuming my gluttony for punishment.

The virus mask does presently hide me but then the pandemic will pass and once again me and my TR will be in public again. Maybe the mask will be my cross forever, but surely not, there must be cure for this malady.

There may be a glimmer of hope, my last efforts at attacking this evil gremlin, just yesterday, resulted in my driving around the block with no tooting. However, as I saw no strangers walking, no policemen clearing accidents, or my estranged next door neighbor, my TR must have found no need to toot, obviously awaiting a more opportune moment.

As with the virus, hopefully, I will find a solution and this too will pass.

A Book Review during COVID-19

by John Styduhar

Fortunately, I have not been bored during this stay-at-home period for COVID-19 despite cancellations and postponements of vintage racing events and other sport car get-togethers that my wife and I had planned to attend. One activity (if you want to call it that) that I have enjoyed is reading and Karen has surprised me with several books that I would like to recommend. One of these books is "Faster", written by Neal Bascomb. "Faster" is a great read for auto racing history buffs and an exciting and thought-provoking look into the interplay of politics and the auto industry in Europe during the "Golden Age" of racing. A well-written non-fiction account of Grand Prix racing leading up to WW II; the main characters include a Jewish driver, an American heiress, and a legendary car that beat Hitler's best.

One suggestion I have that added to my enjoyment while reading this book is to have my laptop available to search the many historic cars, drivers, and race tracks in Europe that are included in the author's writing. I also found several black-and-white videos on the internet of actual Grand Prix races from the 1930s and the fantastic cars and brave and skilled drivers who risked their lives for fame and country.

~ Calendar of Events ~

MAY

- 5-9 Run to Franklin PA Jim Keenan **CANCELED**
- 5-11 Cars & Coffee - Rick Brown 412-818-1433
The Beach House, 6285 PA-88, Finleyville, PA
- 5-19 Beer & Bull - Bud Osbourne 412-855-9969
Tap That, 611 Millers Run Rd, Cuddy, PA
- 5-23 Charles Runyan Memorial Run @ TRF
- 5-24 British Car Parts Flea Market @ (TRF)
- 5-26 Dnuz Meeting Bruce Stutzman - 412-600-7275
Sunny Jim's, 255 Camp Horne Rd, Pittsburgh, PA
- 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

~ 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/>
- 10-1 to 10-4 6-Pack Trials — Richmond VA

VINTAGE RACES

- 6-18 to 6-21 VARAC Vintage @ Mosport
- 7-16 to 7-19 PVGP Historics @ Pitt-Race
- 8-6 to 8-9 Jefferson 500 @ Summit Point
- 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
- 9-20 British Car Day Toronto — Oakville Ont

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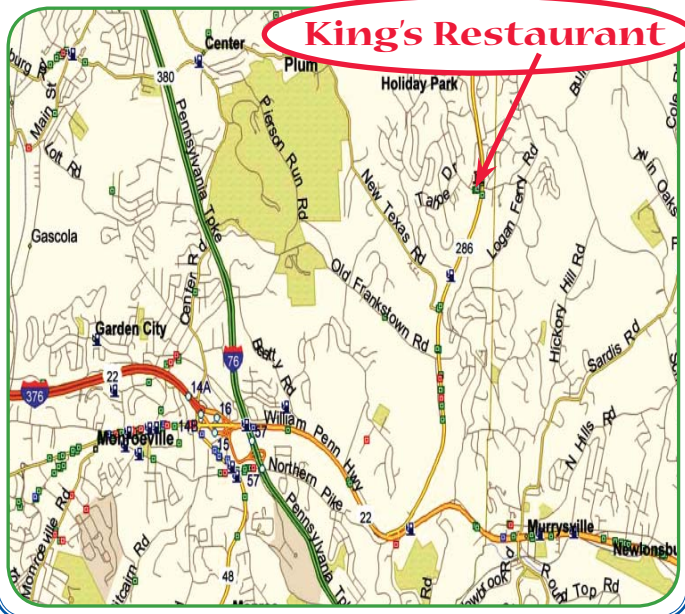
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