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Spring Daffodil Tour - 2011

BUCKEYE TRIUMPHS

Invites you to join us for our

Spring Daffodil Tour

Saturday, April 9th – 2011

Please join Buckeye Triumphs as we tour Licking County

Plan to depart downtown Granville at 10:00 AM
The Aladdin is open again! Arrive early to sample their new digs!

Driver's meeting at the Crosswalk @ 10:00 AM

We will take a fun tour of all our favorite roads in Licking county - with scenic stops along the way -

Lunch will be at the Sonic Drive through in Heath, and then end up back in Granville to tour the Annual Garden Club Daffodil Show – and a visit for Frozen Custard at Whit's

Questions? / RSVP

Please contact Bruce Miles
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Please do let me know if you plan to attend – so I can have the right number of driving directions ready for all

BT Meeting - Monday, April 4th

Our next business and social meeting is at Iacono's 9303 Dublin Road, Shawnee Hills, 43065 in the party room on the left as you come in.

Mary and Buck Henry are our hosts.

All B&S meetings start at 6:30 pm.

Hope to see you there!



Editor's Corner



Well – I've been wondering when Spring was going to come, it hasn't yet, but I predict that it will officially arrive at 10:00 AM on Saturday, April 9th.

According to www.Intellicast.com Saturday's high will be 70 degrees with scattered thunderstorms – I predict that the Thunderstorms will go north.

Anyway – our first official event is on for this Saturday – and I hope you can all make it. It looks like Wednesday of this week will be nice as well, so get your cars out for a quick test drive.

I haven't talked to anyone from the Garden Club, but this week should bring the daffodils out if full force.

Please, **please**, do let me know if you plan to attend so I can have enough sets of directions ready to go.

The weather has been so crappy that I haven't had my car out – that is why I mentioned Wednesday for the shake down drive. Jim VanOrder and I did the route last Friday in the Audi and we are ready to g..

I picked up the oil late last week, 10 cases total! I feel like I driving around in the Exxon Valdez. Hopefully all who ordered will be at the meeting Monday to make the transfer.

With tax, the cost was \$58 per case. See you Monday!

Bruce

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Eric Jones Memorial RIVERRUN



SATURDAY, MAY 28th, 2011

Eric's Riverrun is a 320 mile, all-day driving tour using some of Ohio's most interesting and challenging roads.

I'll have the details in the May Newsletter – be sure to mark your calendar!

View from the Driver's Seat

In the latest issue of the *6-Pack* magazine there was an interesting article about how someone built a battery-powered electric TR6. I'm not 100% sure I like the idea of an electric TR6 given the fact that the sound of the car's inline 6-cylinder motor is one of the things I love about it. To me, that's kind of like saying, "You know, I love Angelina Jolie's face, but can you put it on a more practical body? Yeah, Rosie O'Donnell's body will do just fine!"

But I guess it was only a matter of time before the topic of electric cars made its way into the classic car scene since it has taken such prominence in regular automotive publications. It seems you can't pick up an issue of *Automobile*, *Road & Track*, *Motor Trend*, etc. without reading something about electric cars, especially the new Chevy Volt. And that's what leads me to this month's column.

Now before I start, in the interest of full disclosure, I need to inform you that my sister currently works for Marathon Petroleum Company, the business behind your local Marathon and Speedway gas stations. Additionally, my dad spent 25 years with Ashland Oil Inc., the company that brought you Ashland and Super America gas stations and Valvoline motor oil. However, I would also point out that my sister's fiancé is a college chemistry professor who did his Post Doctorate work on converting switch grass to bio-fuel. So maybe that balances my perspective out a bit.

Okay, back to the Chevy Volt. In a recent issue of *Automobile* magazine, they mentioned that the Volt costs \$41,000.00. I did an on-line search, and that's the cheapest price for one – the price of the base model. So the car isn't exactly cheap. But here is what caught my eye - the article mentioned that \$10,000.00 of that cost is for the batteries.

Now here is what is interesting. Elsewhere in the same magazine there was an advertisement from General Motors in which they said the batteries in the Volt will have a 100,000 mile / 8 year warranty. And that got me thinking (which is always a bad thing). You know good and well that no company that exists for the purpose of making a profit is going to provide a warranty for a product that is longer than the product's life expectancy. (Notice I said a company whose *purpose* is to make money and not a company that actually *makes* money. So clearly that statement can still apply General Motors). I'd say it is a safe bet to assume that the batteries on those Volts aren't going to last more than 8 years.

I'm not a scientist nor do I have a DeLorean that will take me into the future. But, for the fun of it, let's assume that the replacement cost of the batteries will reduce by 50% in the next 8 years. That means you are still looking at a replacement cost of around \$5,000.00 for them, and that's not including the cost of labor.

Now most people I know don't have that kind of money just sitting around. Thus, during those 8 years, a prudent Volt owner will want to put away money each month in anticipation of buying the new batteries. That comes out to about \$52.00 per month.

Okay, now let's add to that the cost of buying the base model Chevy Volt. Uncle Sam has been kind enough to give each Volt buyer a \$7,500.00 Federal rebate. Let's be generous and assume you are able to trade in your old car and that you get \$15,000.00 for it. And let's also assume that you did some saving and have \$5,000.00 for a down payment. Finally, let's say you get a 5% interest rate on the auto loan for the standard 3-year term. Well, excluding sales tax, title fees, and all the other assorted costs, that comes out to a monthly payment of around \$404.60. And, being the prudent Volt owner you are, you also will set aside the \$52.00 a month to pay for that future battery replacement. So you are looking at about \$456.60 a month on the Volt.

Just for the sake of comparison, let's crunch the numbers for a brand new Honda Accord – a car that I would argue is pretty comparable to the Volt. I just did

a quick search and it looks like you can get an Accord for around \$32,000. Assuming the same conditions as we have above -- that you put \$5,000.00, get a 3-year loan at 5% interest, etc. -- the monthly payment for the Accord comes out to around \$359.65 a month.

Now of course there is the gas cost of the Accord. For the sake of comparison, let's assume it gets an average 28.5 mpg (the Federal government says it gets 23 street / 34 highway). The NHTSA estimates the average American drives 15,000 miles a year, which is about 41 miles a day. In the Honda that comes out to about 1.44 gallons a gas per day. At \$3.50 a gallon, in a 31 day month, the Honda driver would spend roughly \$156.24 a month on gas. So, with the cost of the car and gas, you're looking at about \$515.89 a month for the Accord.

So with the Volt, you are saving about \$59.29 a month compared to the Accord. But of course that savings doesn't factor in the monthly electricity cost of the Volt (and my fear is that electricity costs will only go up as more and more people starting charging their vehicles at night). Nor does it include the cost of labor to replace the batteries in 8 years. Nor does it include the cost of rewiring your garage to have the higher voltage outlets installed if you don't want to wait the normal 10 hours it will take to recharge in on the standard 120 volt outlet.

So my question is this: Is that worth it? Of course, the answer is -- well... , it depends. Maybe from an environmental standpoint it is, although it is worth noting that the Ohio Public Utilities Commission states that 89% of Ohio's electricity comes from coal, natural gas, and oil -- 86% being coal. So if your Volt is running off of power from your house, you really are just trading one form of pollution for another. And when it isn't running off electricity from your house, it is using the car's generator, which runs on gasoline.

So maybe it is worth it to reduce our dependency on Middle Eastern oil, something that we are all concerned about given the turmoil in that region. But according to the U.S. Energy Information Administration, the largest exporter of oil to the United States is Canada, followed by Mexico. Canada has given us Neil Young, Rush, and John Candy, so I have no beef with them. Then again, they also gave us Celine Dion.

It seems to me, that as of right now, the question of whether Americans should ditch their old gas-powered vehicles and start driving electric cars comes down to whether they make better economic sense. And, obviously, there is no clear-cut, one size fits all,

answer to this issue. Of course the numbers I present are very basic and generalized and who knows exactly how much batteries and gasoline will cost in the future. For some people the electric car may make perfect sense. But I am of the opinion that, for right now and for most people, the electric car is really more hype than substance. But as always, I'd love to hear your thoughts.

And now for something completely different!

Can you feel spring in the air? Of course the temperature has dropped back down as I write this, but we've had the taste of warm weather a few times this past month and we are only a few days away from our first drive of the year -- the annual Daffodil Drive. For those of you who haven't gone with us before, let me say how much fun it is and you don't want to miss it. Hope to see you there!

John VanNorman

The best car safety device is a rear-view mirror with a cop in it. ~ Dudley Moore

BT Meeting Minutes

Business Social Meeting 7:40 P.M.

March 7, 2011

Jed's Fireballs & Brew, 2230 Wilson Rd., hosted by Lisa West.

Attendees: Greg & Ann Gilman, Mary Emily, & Sean Henry, Terry Holtrey, Howard Jefferson, John & Kim Johnson, Joe Lynch, Bob Mains, Doug Mansfield, Murry & Jacqueline Mercier, Bruce Miles, Steve Neumann, Don Olshavsky, Bill & Jennifer Reinheimer, John Van Snoreman a.k.a. VanNorman, Jim VanOrder, Rafael & Mercado Villalobos, Lisa Sellers West and Mike Willits.

- John Van Norman welcomed all and welcomed new member in attendance: Terry Holtrey. Other new members this month in included: Terry & Pat Baird, Robert Johnston and Patrick & Patsy Thackery who joined at the Cabin Fever Swap Meet.
- John reported on the success of the Cabin Fever Swap Meet and thanked Bill Blake and others who helped him. Thanks also to Kathy for hosting the luncheon for the ladies. The only negative was not enough space for the many items which were available. He is working to locate a larger venue for the next Swap Meet... any ideas?
- A number of new BT regalia items are available: Grille Badges - \$25, see John Schilling, 2011 Calendars - \$12, see John Johnson, Logo/Name golf shirts avail - \$47 (name and logo on your garment - \$6.95), see Bill Blake.
- Bruce reminded all of the Spring Daffodil Drive scheduled for April 9th in Granville. Check for details

on this and other events in the newsletter or on the website at www.BuckeyeTriumphs.org .

- The next BT meeting will be on April 4th hosted by Mary & Buck Henry at Iacono's - 9303 Dublin Road, Shawnee Hills, 43065 in the party room on the left as you come in.

No business was transacted and the meeting was adjourned at 7:50

Murry Mercier, Secretary

Members Families

Editor's Note – 2 of our members lost parents this month. Buck Henry's Dad passed away on March 6th, and Charma Huddy's Mom passed away on March 29th – our thoughts are with their families.

John N. Henry

John N. Henry, 87 of Greenville died at 12:45 a.m. March 6, 2011, at Oakley House in Greenville.

He is survived by his wife, Thelma V. (Miller) Henry, whom he married Sept. 2, 1950; son and daughter-in-law, Michael and Mary Henry of Dublin, Ohio; daughter and son-in-law, Kristina and Mike Hansman of Vandalia; grandchildren, Sean Henry, Katie Henry, Emily Henry, Nick Hansman and Eric Hansman; brothers, Robert Henry and Donald Henry, both of Greenville; sisters, Roberta Beasecker of Santa Barbara, Calif., Marlene Litten of Lady Lake, Fla., and Joan Shearer, La Jeanne Burk and Rebecca Swiger, all of Greenville; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Burial was in St. Mary's Cemetery in Greenville.

Charma H. Leonard

Charma H. Leonard, 88, of Valrico, Florida (formerly of Columbus) went to be with the Lord on March 29, 2011. She is survived by her loving husband of 68 years, Richard, and two daughters, Charma (John) Huddy of Columbus, and Jerilyn (Bob) Gaudreau of Valrico, Florida, and grandchildren, Ingrid and Nathan Pfaffman. Also surviving are step-grandchildren in Florida and nieces and nephews in Ohio. Charma grew up in Ohio and married her high school sweetheart in 1942. She followed him to NJ during WWII where she took a secretarial job. That job led to an interest in accounting. Back in Ohio she began her own accounting practice in the 1960's. She was a member of the American Society of Women Accountants, Ohio Society of CPAs, and American Woman's Society of CPAs and had several articles and poetry published in their journals. She continued practicing accounting after moving to Florida in 2000 to be closer to her beloved grandchildren. In Columbus she was an active member of Ascension Lutheran Church and transferred her membership to Apostles Lutheran Church in Brandon, Florida. She loved her family, her work, traveling, dancing and telling jokes. A celebration of her life will take place at 4:00 pm on Saturday, April 2nd at Apostles Lutheran Church, 200 Kingsway, Brandon, FL 33511. In lieu of flowers, please

make donations to Lifepath Hospice of Tampa, 12973 N. Telecom Parkway, Suite 100, Temple Terrace, FL 33637.

Local Sources - Team Triumph

Anyone looking for new, used, or rare Triumph parts, should definitely take a look at Team Triumph, located in Warren, Ohio.

Team Triumph is owned by Scott Harper, who started the business in 1990. Scott's first car was a Triumph GT6, and after driving that car for a few years he learned (or was forced to learn) how to make repairs to his car on his own. As time went by, and the Triumphs went out of production, he realized that there was a need for a place to acquire parts for his beloved Triumph.

Prior to owning and operating Team Triumph, Scott had been a teacher (engineering and graphic arts), but his love of Triumph cars, and the loss of his brother at an early age, made him realize that life was just too short to not make the most of it. He decided to live out his dream by making a career out of something that he really enjoyed, and that path led him to his current business.

Scott says that he has purchased and dismantled over 2000 Triumphs and MG's throughout his career. Most of those cars and parts are currently located in his complex of three warehouses in an industrial park in Warren, Ohio.

His buildings are surrounded by an assortment cars, in conditions ranging from daily drivers to wrecked cars, to rust piles. There is an amazing array of items in the warehouses themselves. He has rack after rack (two stories tall) of well sorted, impeccably organized parts. Chassis and frames are hung on the walls like pictures, there's row after row of doors, fenders, hoods, and every part in between the front and back bumper. Engine blocks are stacked like children's building blocks, and the rafters are glittering with the chrome bumpers that hang from them.





I found Scott's filing and sorting system pretty unique, he just uses the alphabet. Looking for mirrors.....just go down the rows of racks and look in the "M" section, then narrow it down to the boxes between "master" and "molding". Looking for a speedometer.... look between "spark plug" and "spring".....bingo, there it is.

Scott and his sidekick/fellow dismantler/picker, Denny, can almost immediately find any part that you're looking for.



Scott is also a dealer/distributor for Moss Motors, and can get you discount pricing on new parts.

I've been up to Team Triumph three times in the last few years, each time with a list of parts that I needed. On all three of my visits, Scott has had every part on my list (including some pretty rare ones).

As well as being a great source of parts for our extinct cars, I've found that his prices are very reasonable and that he's a very knowledgeable and fair....as well as just being a really nice guy. Scott currently owns a Spitfire, a GT6, and a 1953 MGTD.

Team Triumph's contact information is as follows:

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Joe Lynch

Lane Motor Museum Nashville, TN

By Bill Blake

Kathy and I got to tour this museum on March 5. It far exceeded any expectations we had; if ever you are near the Nashville air post take time to go view the collection!

<http://lanemotormuseum.org/> Lane Motor Museum in Nashville, Tennessee features the largest collection of European vehicles in the United States. Approximately 150 cars and motorcycles not typically seen in the U.S. are on display.

Lane Motor Museum features a unique collection of mostly European automobiles, housed in a former 132,000 square foot Sunbeam bread bakery. The majority of the vehicles were built in the 1950s through 1970s although some are as old as the 1920s and as new as 2000.

You will be introduced to a broad cross-section of vehicles; over 45 marques representing Asia, Europe, and North and South America. Politics, geography, familial relationships, and economics are but some of the factors which have shaped vehicles throughout history. This is a working museum with the goal being to maintain all vehicles in running order.

The majority of the collection is arranged by country—Austria, Czechoslovakia, France, Germany, Great Britain, Italy, Japan, Netherlands, Sweden and the United States. Here you will learn how similar—and different—vehicles are from one part of the world to another—and why.

Here you will find:

- The largest Czechoslovakian collection outside Europe
- Microcars
- Amphibious vehicles
- Competition cars
- Alternative fuel vehicles
- Military vehicles
- Motorcycles
- One-of-a-kind vehicles

Many British cars including an all-electric Spitfire.



Many early MG T series cars:



They also had a 3 wheeled Davis, made in California, this unit is one of 12 made, if you have watched Chasing Classic Cars on HD Theater and seen Wayne Carini in action you have seen another one of the 12.



I was most impressed with the propeller powered cars:



I had heard of a prop powered train but these units were unreal. I am sure they would present no real safety hazard in daily use.

Notes from Members

From: Jacqueline or Murry [mailto:trsixer@yahoo.com]
Sent: Saturday, April 02, 2011 1:43 PM
Subject: Triumph Custom Neon Signs

Dear Murry:

I read with great interest about your Buckeye Triumphs! We were new Triumph Dealers – Barton Sales & Service in Middletown, Ohio, and sold so many new TR 3 and TR 4 Triumphs - Triumph cars are the greatest, aren't they Murry! It was fun in the TR 3's to reach down and touch the ground!

Murry, I am happy to help you or any of your friends with anything they might wish in custom Triumph neon signs for their garage, home, or office - any Triumph model - your choice of neon colors and scripts.

Here are a few photos (above) of some of my recently completed neon.



My website is www.BartonNeonMagic.com, with many examples of our Packard original script neon, neon artworks, sculptures, and chandeliers, etc. which I personally hand-blow to the very finest commercial quality in our state of the art neon studios here in Middletown, Ohio. Ready to hang and enjoy.

Thank you, Murry. Glad to help fellow Triumph owners in any way I can. Have a great day! At last it is springtime - Triumph driving weather!

Sincerely,
John C. Barton
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From: hjefferson@my.devry.edu
Sent: Friday, April 01, 2011 12:36 PM
To: Bruce Miles; Howard Baugues; Howard Baguesh; Ann Gillman; My Facebook
Subject: Triumphs in Oregon

Hi All,
I am in Oregon today, flying back to Columbus in the morning.



Hopefully I will be back and awake for the meeting Monday. Yesterday I dropped into Performance Research Industries (PRI) in Sutherlin Oregon on one of the few nice days that we had and visited with them for about an hour. Chris and James showed me around the shop and briefed me on the goings on at their facility. In work were several Spitfires, a GT6 a, Austin Healey, and several other cars. They started the company in San Diego.



They Yellow round-tail Spitfire is for an owner out of Seattle. Chris was making it as 'street-legal' racer. Modifications included removing the seams, 'chopping' the wind screen to give it a boat look (the owner works for the Seattle Port Authority), and a rear diffuser on the tail.

The GT6 is getting a full work over, including the Ford 5 speed transmission modification, sound proofing, and the PRI adjustable Independent Rear suspension (IRS) System with Disk brakes. Chris was very proud to show off this including the brakes, adjustable shocks with springs.

Chris showed me some new products, including the complete rear axle with new hubs. They are also very proud of there motorcycle cross over, Mikuni Carburetor Kits for the Spitfires (including a Spit-6 variant), GT6 and the Austin Healey. The PRI staff tell me that these carbs are simpler than the SU, Webbers or Strombergs with less moving parts and yet will increase horsepower.

Chris told me that over the last several years, with the US Dollar week, he has gotten more orders from over seas, especially from the UK and Australia for his Oregon Made parts. He wanted to emphasize that these parts are produced here, in the United States of modern materials and engineering and have been designed to go on with standard tools.

I was quite impressed with the facility and tour. My thanks to Chris, James, and Kenny (the three legged dog, but that is a different story).

Howard,

If you want to use any of these pictures for the magazine, and need them in a Higher resolution, please let me know which ones and I will send the Zipped version of it.

R/
Howard Jefferson
www.vfwpost9473.org

From: billblake [mailto:billblake@thekayesco.com]
Sent: Wednesday, March 30, 2011 3:21 PM

Bruce, here is the free gift for the Arthritis Show this year, one per family regardless of how many cars you register.



From: MJU silverarrowgarage@comcast.net
Sent: Wednesday, March 30, 2011 7:21 PM
Subject: What not to name your product: Example #23

It's a blistering hot day. You go to your car which has been baking in the Sun all afternoon.

Nice to know your car's seats are made by these guys.



From: John Schilling jschilling@DesignGroup.US.com
Sent: Thursday, March 31, 2011 10:10 AM

"For club members that have not yet purchased a Buckeye Triumphs grille badge (\$25 cost) we have a good supply in stock available for immediate delivery.



See me at the April 4th meeting or contact me at 614-301-3076 or jstriumph@gmail.com. I will also bring our clothing inventory for those that need a new shirt or hat for the upcoming driving season. – John Schilling"

From: Terry Holtrey tholtrey@copper.net
Sent: Tuesday, March 29, 2011 9:27 AM

Editor's Note - In response to my offer for Oil

I use the Sean Penn Oil. It has more punch.... I couldn't help myself.

Everyone's a comedian....

From: Howard Jefferson hjefferson@my.devry.edu] **On Sent:** Friday, March 25, 2011 9:31 PM
Subject: Spitfire Exorcism

For the newsletter.

My little Spitfire has gone off to have the curse of Joseph Lucas lifted from it. I hope. When I saw the truck that came for it, I said to myself, "Couldn't he find a bigger truck?" The body shop that did the bonnet last year is going to give the wiring issues a once over. It will be in good company. Its 'roomie' is a classic T-Bird.



I will get it back in a week or so. Taylor and I are going to Oregon to see his grandparents.

Have a great week.

R/
 Howard Jefferson

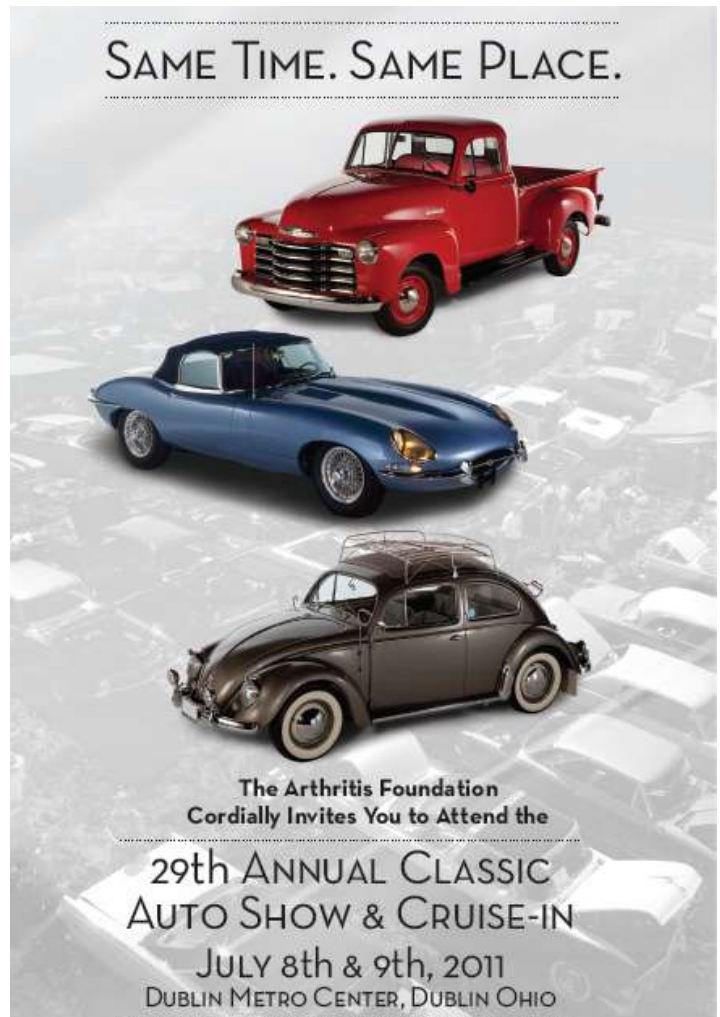
From: bill blake billblake@thekayesco.com
Sent: Monday, March 21, 2011 9:34 AM
Subject: 29th Annual Arthritis Show

To Buckeye Triumph Members: On line registration is open for the 29th Annual Len Immke Arthritis Classic Auto Show to be held at Metro Center in Dublin July 8th (Cruise In) and July 9th Classic British Show Within a Show. The 2011 graphics were just released; I thought you might enjoy seeing them. British SWAS will have the same two areas we have occupied in the past. Jaguar is a featured Marque and is hosting a regional event that weekend.

There will be a lot of Jaguars on display! This event began in 1982, Triumph was last a featured marque in 1998. It is still the event that generates the most dollars for Central Ohio Arthritis.

Jeff Brashares has been the show chair since 1983 after he told Len Immke that he thought the show could be done better.

Jeff and the committee are still working on making it better. Bill



From: VetteFun (Steve K) [mailto:keinath@alink.com]
Sent: Saturday, March 05, 2011 10:46 PM
Subject: RE: The Newest BT Newsletter is now available
Bruce-

Most of my 30-year civil service employment (I'm also an AF Veteran) at Newark Air Force Base was with the Air Force Metrology and Calibration (AFMETCAL) Program. Near the end of my varied career, one of my assigned duties was Public Affairs Liaison to Wright-Patterson AFB. I published the AFMETCAL Newsletter on a quarterly basis and used Microsoft Publisher to produce it.

Each issue typically averaged 16 to 20 pages in length and was distributed digitally to Air Force customers and other agencies around the globe. While the newsletter was sometimes a challenge to produce and get out on time, I enjoyed the process and received a good amount of recognition for my efforts.

I just wanted to pass on my kudos for the efforts you're expending on the Buckeye Triumphs Newsletter. The latest issue is just another example of your excellence. No wonder it's been the recipient of the VTR Newsletter award three times!

Keep up the great work!
 Steve Keinath
 Newark

Editor's Note – Thanks Steve – I appreciate to kudo's.

From: billblake [mailto:billblake@thekayesco.com]
Sent: Tuesday, February 08, 2011 1:28 PM
Subject: Cabin Fever 2011

Buckeye Triumph Members and LBC Friends, Thanks to everyone who helped and participated in the BT Cabin Fever Sale & Swap last Saturday at The Kayes Company warehouse and offices in Lewis Center/Polaris. I think a really good time was had by all.



I did not get a count but the estimate was over 70 people came and went during the afternoon. It was a classic BT event for sure, I got to the office at 9:05 am, ran to pickup the food order at Costco at 10, got back before Ted arrived and was bagging trash at 5:30 pm while trying to figure out how to make it look like nothing had happened when the office opened Monday morning.

I cannot count the number of emails and cell calls (even Huddy called from Florida, he knew he was missing some primo junk) prior to and during the event. We have had a lot of meetings at the Kayes Company but I cannot remember having so many people here while having so much fun. I want to thank John Schilling for bringing all the BT clothing and making a good effort to sell it. He was successful and we have reduced the inventory to a manageable level; he will bring what's left to the March meeting (Lisa West to host on March 7). We picked up several new members too!



Photos courtesy of Greg Gillman Photography, Westerville.

Credit for the original idea goes to John Johnson, "maybe we could all get rid of some stuff we all have this winter.....", brilliant!!!! Bill



Ted from T&S Pandora was the first to arrive: he said it was the best event of 2011. Doug Braden said he had a great day! I had only a few TR parts and pieces left over that Joe Lynch and John Johnson escorted to the Kayes' Corporate dumpster; a few sandwich wraps were left and about 1/3 of the Costco Cabin Fever Cake that went directly to Delaware. I want to thank Tal Burkett (from the Healey and 928 club) for helping me set up Friday unloading the wood tables (also from the Healey Club) from my Ostrander barn.

I want to thank Joe Lynch and John VanNorman, for helping with the tear down and loading the tables back into my van. I want to thank Steve Neumann for vacuuming the whole office.

MG6? Have These People Gone Mad?

By Bill Blake/Events

Homecoming Is Set for MG

Chinese Car Maker Aims to Revive Brand in U.K.

By [NORHIKO SHIROUZU](#)

SHANGHAI—China's state-owned [SAIC Motor Corp.](#) is poised to make a major push into the Western auto market with the launch of an MG sedan this year, aiming to revive the storied British car brand and allow SAIC to develop a network of dealerships across the U.K. SAIC plans to launch the four-door "fastback" sedan, the MG6, through some of its own stores in the U.K. this year, possibly as early as July, said SAIC spokeswoman Judy Zhu.



SAIC purchased “technology” from the now-defunct MG Rover Group Ltd. in 2005. Ms. Zhu said SAIC is gearing up to begin producing the MG-6 at a plant in Birmingham. The SAIC move, if realized, would make it one of the first Chinese companies to break into advanced Western markets with its own distribution channel. The MG-6 ‘fastback’ sedan, pictured last month at a SAIC plant in Birmingham, England. According to people familiar with this “Homecoming” designers wanted to do a remake of the all time ultimate British sports car the Triumph TR6, (the rights to which are owned by BMW), while some wanted just the MG redo, so they decided to do both and stay under the legalities and call it an MG-6.



SAIC's move to not only sell MG cars in Europe but also set up its own manufacturing operations and distribution channel is "very significant," said Yale Zhang, a longtime auto analyst and head of automotive consulting company Automotive Foresight in Shanghai. "If they can pull this off, it is definitely a breakthrough." The re-launch has been held off since 2005 due to seemingly unsolvable electrical

gremlins in the preproduction cars. Some media reports in the U.K. said SAIC plans to launch the MG-6 later this year for the U.K. market, and then later for the rest of the European market. SAIC plans to sell as many as 40,000 MG cars a year in Europe eventually, those reports said.

A two door sports model is planned and will be called the TR-B.

Mid-Ohio Sports Car Course Sold!

By Bill Blake/Events

Anyone Remember Les Griebling?

Three years ago, Michelle Trueman Gajoch came to an odd realization.

"I was standing on the grid on a Sunday morning before a race and I took stock," Trueman Gajoch said. "I realized I have a great staff, and everything was carrying on and doing it without a tremendous amount of in-put from me."

On that Sunday morning three summers ago, Trueman Gajoch sold Mid-Ohio Sports Car Course and its accompanying Mid-Ohio School -- not literally, but she could see a bright future for the business without her.

In her mind, she had taken TrueSports Inc. as far as she could.

"Twenty-five years is a long time," she said of her run at the track.

Her father, the late Jim Trueman, bought the facility in the fall of 1981 and took over in 1982.

For a good portion of that quarter century, Trueman Gajoch has been at the helm of the track as its president and owner.

She saw the rise and fall of sanctioning bodies. She saw manufacturers leave and return. She saw sponsors move on and others replace them. She saw economic booms and busts.

Through it all, Mid-Ohio and TrueSports survived and thrived.

When major league sports car racing splintered and nearly died, she had open-wheel racing to lean on. When CART lost its way and left the track high and dry, she put the emphasis on the bikes and the slow resurgence of Grand-Am and American Le Mans Series. When AMA Pro Racing began dithering, IndyCar was there to pick up the slack.

In the volatile world of motor sports, Trueman Gajoch was always a step ahead of the rest, a testament to her keen business sense in an industry where many lose their sense.

"I'm happy," she said Wednesday afternoon when the sale to Green Savoree Racing Promotions became official. "I feel I did the best I can for the people who work so hard that operate that race track."

Trueman Gajoch never wanted her future tied to the success of any one series or the weather at one event. Instead of relying on five or six spectator weekends

carrying the company, she sought to expand uses of the facility.

Her brainchild, the teen defensive driver program, morphed into The Mid-Ohio School in 1993 and has served more than 41,000 people. It offers 20 courses for all sorts of drivers and motorcycle riders.

Coupled with weekend track rentals to sports car or karting clubs of all stripes and time during the week for intermittent testing by manufacturers and sanctioning bodies, Trueman Gajoch made sure Mid-Ohio rings the cash register almost daily from March to November.

The spectator events account for just a third of the business, so the track can absorb bad weather or a bad show without damaging the bottom line -- as happens to so many racing venues.

Another coup for Trueman Gajoch was aligning the track with Honda, a major player in open-wheel racing, sports cars and motorcycles. The company is one of Ohio's largest employers. The partnership helped the school with its expanding fleet of cars, and kept the track relevant with many series, especially IndyCar.

Trueman Gajoch made Mid-Ohio more attractive to teams, sponsors and sanctioning bodies by continually reinvesting in the 330-acre property. Whether it was repaving the 15-turn, 2.4-mile surface in 1990 and 2006, replacing fences, adding safer curbs and runoff areas or expanding the paddock, she pumped millions into keeping the facility state-of-the-art.

The fan experience also was foremost in her thinking. The green areas were always mowed and landscaped, trash barrels were plentiful and emptied regularly, the concessions were always outstanding, traffic and parking was handled efficiently, staff was helpful, camping was expanded, and event tickets weren't overpriced compared to other sporting events or racing venues.

"The goal was to find people who appreciate what we built here," she said. "I wanted to find the right people to steward the ship forward."

Trueman Gajoch said she walked away from some suitors, and others walked away from her during the last three years.

Last fall, she met with Kim Green and Kevin Savoree, former CART and IndyCar team owners who own and operate the street races in St. Petersburg, Fla., and Toronto. According to Savoree, the two sides came to an agreement Dec. 23. Wednesday, it became official. Terms were not disclosed.

"It's one of those things that takes time to put together," Savoree said of the last two months.

With the deal complete and Mid-Ohio's future secure, Trueman Gajoch isn't saying what's next in her future.

"I'm excited for them because they have someone with a fresh perspective and energy," she said. "I'm going to help

get things moving forward with Kevin and Kim, then I'm going to take a step back and take a breath."



Green Savoree Buys Mid-Ohio Sports Car Course, The Mid-Ohio School

3/2/2011

INDIANAPOLIS, March 2, 2011 – Green Savoree Racing Promotions, through newly formed, wholly owned subsidiary Green Savoree Mid-Ohio, LLC, has purchased Mid-Ohio Sports Car Course and The Mid-Ohio School from Dublin, Ohio-based TrueSports, Inc.

Green Savoree, which also owns and operates the Honda Indy Toronto and Honda Grand Prix of St. Petersburg, will assume operations of the Lexington, Ohio motorsports facility and performance driving and riding school immediately, retaining TrueSports' offices and staff and promoting Mid-Ohio's 2011 schedule of spectator and non-spectator events and school course dates. Other terms of the sale were not announced.

"Properties like Mid-Ohio don't come on the market every day," said Green Savoree Co-Owner, President and Chief Operating Officer Kevin Savoree. "It was a great opportunity to invest in a property with a great history and tradition that, like us, has deep roots in sports car and Indy car racing. It was also a chance to extend our relationship with Honda, which is a longtime partner of Mid-Ohio and our other properties."

"This is a positive and very exciting deal, and one that serves all our interests," said TrueSports, Inc. President Michelle Trueman Gajoch. "Kim (Green) and Kevin have a great track record as team owners and event promoters, and will bring a new energy and perspective to the operation. That's great news for our associates and fans and for the many loyal partners we've been doing business with for so many years. They're the right people to steward the track through its next 50 years."

Mid-Ohio Sports Car Course will celebrate its 50th season of racing in 2011. The track's golden anniversary schedule is set to include the Vintage Grand Prix of Mid-Ohio, June 24-26; Honda Super Cycle Weekend *presented by Dunlop Tire*, July 8-10; AMA Vintage Motorcycle Days, July 22-24; Mid-Ohio Sports Car Challenge/The Honda Indy™ 200 at Mid-Ohio, August 5-7; NASA Championships *presented by Toyo Tires*, September 9-11; and EMCO Gears Classic *presented by KeyBank*, September 16-18. The Mid-

Ohio School has nearly 180 course dates currently scheduled for 2011 beginning in March, and the track and school both have private events scheduled throughout the year.

“I’ve been racing at Mid-Ohio since 1981 and have seen the pride Michelle and her team have put into the facility and the tradition they’ve established,” said Green Savoree Co-Owner, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer Kim Green. “It’s a legacy we’ll carry on with great pride.”

The Mid-Ohio facility was built in 1962 by Mansfield, Ohio businessman Les Griebing as a place for sports car racing. The track was purchased by entrepreneur and racing enthusiast Jim Trueman in 1982. Trueman invested millions in the facility, luring major series like CART and IROC and raising the track’s profile as one of the country’s premier road racing venues.

“In addition to continuing to develop this fantastic facility, we look forward to building relationships with the track and school’s many longtime partners and attracting even more of the exciting events Mid-Ohio’s loyal fans have come to expect,” Savoree added. “We’re eager to write the next chapter in the 50-year history of North America’s largest privately held road course.”

A park-like, 330-acre complex, Mid-Ohio Sports Car Course features a permanent road-racing circuit with two primary configurations: a 2.4-mile, 15 turn course and a 2.25- mile, 13-turn circuit. The track, which is located 60 miles north of Columbus and 75 miles south of Cleveland, has been called the most competitive in the U.S. and annually hosts a diverse lineup of locally, regionally and nationally sanctioned racing events for amateur, club and professional drivers and riders.

The Mid-Ohio School provides professional driving and riding instruction to drivers and motorcyclists of all skill levels. The school’s 20 different programs vary from Defensive Driving, Performance Driving and Racing programs on the automobile side to Beginning, Experienced, Advanced Cornering and Performance Track Riding programs on the motorcycle side. Students enjoy classroom sessions, skill drills, expert personal instruction and lapping on the same track that challenges the world’s top racers. The school has graduated more than 41,000 students since its inception in 1993.

Founded in 2009 by veteran motorsports executives Kim Green and Kevin Savoree, Green Savoree Racing Promotions is a privately held motorsports event ownership and management company. In working together since 1993, Green and Savoree have won four IndyCar championships, three Indy 500s and the 12 Hours of Sebring as team principals, and established the Indy Racing League’s first street race in 2004. Headquartered in Indianapolis, the firm owns and promotes multiple professional racing events in North America, including the Honda Indy Toronto and Honda Grand Prix of St. Petersburg. More information about the company is available at www.gpstpete.com, www.hondaindytoronto.com and www.midohio.com.

Events 2011 - Bill Blake

Date	Event
April, 2011	
4/4 Mon	B&S Meeting
4/5 Tue	SS Holiday
4/9 Sat	Licking County Daffodil Tour – Look earlier in the newsletter for complete details
4/11 Mon	6:30p Detailing Tech Session at Performance Spa Plain City
4/15 Fri	Taxes Due
4/22 Fri	Earth Day
4/24 Sun	Easter Sunday
May, 2011	
May 1 Sunday	Solon Commons (Cleveland) British Car Day
5/2 Mon	6:30 pm B&S Meeting at the Route 66 Bar and Grille in Worthington
Drive May 7 Saturday	Lube and Boob John Johnson to host
5/8 Sun	Mothers Day
Drive May 14 Saturday	British Car Day Drive Bruce to host
5/15 Sun	9:00a -4:00p British Car Day at Quaker Steak and Lube
5/28 Sat	Riverrun!
5/30 Mon	Memorial Day (Fed)
June, 2011	
6/6 Mon	6:30p B&S meeting at Hoggy's Sancus Patio
6/11 Sat	10:00a -3:00p Flying Horse Rendezvous sports car cruise fun rally to benefit flying horse farms for seriously ill children \$25 per car registration cathy@flyinghorsefarms.org
6/14 Tue	Flag Day
6/19 Sun	Father’s Day
6/25 Sat	8:30a -5:30p British Car Showdown at Mid Ohio, meet at the McDonalds in Sunbury and take the back roads to the track.
6/27 Mon	6:30p British Cruise Ins at Quaker Steak Polaris
July, 2011	
7/4 Mon	Independence Day (Fed)
7/9 Sat	9:00a British Show Within a Show at Arthritis Show Dublin, OH Metro Center

Date	Event
7/18 Mon	6:30p British Cruise Ins at Quaker Steak Polaris
7/30 Sat	Hayes Presidential Classic Car Show
August, 2011	
8/1 Mon	6:30p B&S meeting Hoggy's Patio Sancus
8/15 Mon	6:30p British Cruise Ins at Quaker Steak Polaris
8/21 Sun	Monterey Concours in California
September, 2011	
9/5 Mon	Labor Day (Fed)
9/6 Tue	6:30p -9:00p TUESDAY night after Labor Day Business and Social Meeting at Wholly Joe's on Powell Road, FREE ICE CREAM, this will be a cruise in event with the parking lot blocked off. Chicago Hot Dogs, pizza, chargrilled burgers and chicken. Joe is our host.
9/19 Mon	6:30p British Cruise Ins at Quaker Steak Polaris
October, 2011	
10/3 Mon	6:30p B&S meeting at the Gillman's for Chicken in the 55 gallon drum
10/10 Mon	Columbus Day (Fed)
10/31 Mon	6:30p -9:00p
	Halloween
November, 2011	
11/1 Tue	SEMA Show opens in Las Vegas, NV
11/6 Sun	End Daylight Saving Time
11/7 Mon	6:30p B&S Meeting Rusty Bucket up in backa Worthington Hills 315
11/8 Tue	6:30p
	Election Day
11/11 Fri	6:30p
	Veterans Day (Fed)
11/24 Thu	Thanksgiving (Fed)
December, 2011	
12/5 Mon	6:30p B&S Meeting
12/25 Sun	Christmas (Fed)
12/31 Sat	New Year's Eve

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Comedy Clips

From: Sam Halkias [mailto:atr6racer@hotmail.com]
Sent: Friday, April 01, 2011 11:13 PM
Subject: Square Testacles

An elderly woman walked into the Royal Bank of Canada one morning with a purse full of money. She wanted to open a savings account and insisted on talking to the president of the Bank because, she said, she had a lot of money.

After many lengthy discussions (after all, the client is always right) an employee took the elderly woman to the president's office.

The president of the Bank asked her how much she wanted to deposit. She placed her purse on his desk and replied, '\$165,000'. The president was curious and asked her how she had been able to save so much money. The elderly woman replied that she made bets.

The president was surprised and asked, 'What kind of bets?'

The elderly woman replied, 'Well, I bet you \$25,000 that your testicles are square.'

The president started to laugh and told the woman that it was impossible to win a bet like that.

The woman never batted an eye. She just looked at the president and said, 'Would you like to take my bet?'

'Certainly', replied the president. 'I bet you \$25,000 that my testicles are not square.'

'Done', the elderly woman answered. 'But given the amount of money involved, if you don't mind I would like to come back at 10 o'clock tomorrow morning with my lawyer as a witness.' 'No problem', said the president of the Bank confidently.

That night, the president became very nervous about the bet and spent a long time in front of the mirror examining his testicles, turning them this way and that, checking them over again and again until he was positive that no one could consider his testicles as square and reassuring himself that there was no way he could lose the bet.

The next morning at exactly 10 o'clock the elderly woman arrived at the president's office with her lawyer and acknowledged the \$25,000 bet made the day before that the president's testicles were square.

The president confirmed that the bet was the same as the one made the day before. Then the elderly woman asked him to drop his pants etc. so that she and her lawyer could see clearly.

The president was happy to oblige.

The elderly woman came closer so she could see better and asked the president if she could touch them. 'Of course', said the president. 'Given the amount of money involved, you should be 100% sure.'

The elderly woman did so with a little smile. Suddenly the president noticed that the lawyer was banging his head against the wall. He asked the elderly woman why he was doing that and she replied, 'Oh, it's probably because I bet him \$100,000 that around 10 o'clock in the morning I would be holding the balls of the President of the Royal Bank of Canada!'

Moral of the story. Don't trust old women with your balls!

From: AWBurtis@aol.com [mailto:AWBurtis@aol.com]
Sent: Wednesday, March 30, 2011 12:02 PM
Subject: Don't talk to my parrot ...

Wanda's dishwasher quit working so she called in a repairman. Since she had to go to work the next day, she told the repairman, 'I'll leave the key under the mat. Fix the dishwasher, leave the bill on the counter, and I'll mail you a check.. Oh, by the way don't worry about my dog Spike. He won't bother you.'

"But, whatever you do, do NOT, under ANY circumstances, talk to my parrot!"



"I MUST STRESS TO YOU: DO NOT TALK TO MY PARROT!!!"

When the repairman arrived at Wanda's apartment the following day, he discovered the biggest, meanest looking dog he has ever seen. But, just as she had said, the dog just lay there on the carpet watching the repairman go about his work.

The parrot, however, drove him nuts the whole time with his incessant yelling, cursing and name calling.

Finally the repairman couldn't contain himself any longer and yelled,

"Shut up, you stupid, ugly bird!"

To which the parrot replied,

"Get him Spike!"

Classifieds

From: Roy Gay tr3a7n8@windstream.net
Sent: Tuesday, March 29, 2011 12:38 PM

I have **(2) two** gift certificates to the Mid-Ohio Performance driving Courses that I won at a silent auction **(\$1000.00)** for my Granddaughter school in Hilliards. Valued at a low of \$750 for the entry course to \$1450 if you take course one and two consecutively. Anyway check out www.midohio.com/school/course/highperformance for all the details and costs.

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Thanks

Roy

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