

Buckeye Triumphs Newsletter

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BT Club Meeting - Monday, November 3rd at Pizzeria UNO

Hey everybody, its eating time - November meeting Nov. 3, 2003 Monday Time 6:30 pm Where: Pizzeria UNO Chicago Bar & Grill 2374 E. Dublin Granville Rd. Cols. Ohio 43229 614-890-8667

Make your plans now and come enjoy your Buckeye Triumph friends. We will hold a short business meeting to discuss the new officers for 2004, the up and coming Holiday Party in January 2004, tech sessions and current events.

They have a large menu, the special on Monday night is a 1lb NY strip steak for \$9.99. Hope to see you there. JVO Here is a Map:



Pictures from Charm



Preparing to leave Granville (Sun shining and everything)







Lunch at the Chalet in the Valley





Notice who has their tops down



How to stay warm in a TR6 when it's 55 degrees



Here we are attending "Charm" School





Editor's Corner



I'm publishing this month from Troy, Michigan – my thanks to Jim Vanorder for helping to get this printed and distributed.

Does the road sign on the left look familiar?

Everyone that could make the run to Amish country saw lots of these. We lucked out on the weather and the leaves looked nice too. Thanks to all of you that came – I know that I had a blast – I think that the pictures bear this out.

What are your winter projects going to be? (I have a self-serving reason for asking this question) Please keep us up to date in the newsletter and please think of all of us for wintertime tech sessions.

Officer elections are coming up – if anyone has ideas for the new year please brings these up at the November meeting.

Thanks to Bill Blake for becoming the new Activities Coordinator – Bill is the perfect person to do this. Please forward your ideas for events to Bill.

John Huddy's "shaving" picture took John by surprise – I didn't realize it was taken without his knowledge – I suppose I could run it again to remind you all --- naaah.

We didn't have any volunteers for the November driving event – it's not too late – any ideas would be forwarded via email.

A few years back Nelson authored a "wish list" for the holiday season – I'll bring this to Monday's meeting and perhaps we can generate some new additions in time for the holiday season.

Thanks again to all of you that attended the Charm run . I hope to see you Monday at Pizzeria Uno.

Bruce Miles bmiles @ INTInfo.com

Next Newsletter Article Deadline - November 20th, 2003

President's Corner

First off, please accept my apologies for the unauthorized photo of a bear shaving at a table, which appeared in last month's newsletter. It was only me with my shirt off and I didn't know that I had been photographed. (My heavens, you can scare small children and traumatize old women with pictures like that!) By the way, I know the identity of the sneaky photographer and revenge will be mine.

Due to helping move my elderly aunt into a full-care facility, I was unable to participate in Bruce Miles' BT drive to Charm, Ohio on Saturday, October 18th. I insisted that Charma go on the drive and she did so in the Mini. I have asked her to give us her slant regarding the day. It appears as follows:

As usual, Bruce did a superb job planning our drive to Charm and through Amish country. (I don't know how he finds all those great sports car roads.) The event was well attended – there were twenty-five of us in all. I enjoyed the experience of driving our Mini through every twist and turn

with co-pilot Kathy Scott. The weather cooperated, and fall colors were all around us. Lunch at the Swiss Chalet was delicious, and the staff was well prepared for us. And then there was the stop at Miller's Bakery - those who know me know I couldn't pass up an Amish bakery with my sweet tooth. We wandered around Charm, enjoying the shops and sights. I still can't get used to seeing a parking lot with a separate area for horse and buggy parking. We had fun posing for a photo in front of Charm School before heading back to Granville (that's as close as some of us will get to Charm School). Bruce very graciously invited us back to his house to watch the Buckeyes and enjoy burgers and hot dogs cooked on the grill. Along with lots of other good stuff, we devoured his famous deviled eggs. Many thanks, Bruce, for a great day! And thanks to all the BT folks who participated.

Changing gears, I recently got a call from Master LBC Wrench, Eric Jones, regarding World Wide Auto Parts, of Madison, Wisconsin. (WWAP was mentioned in the September "Notes from the Internet" newsletter column.) According to Eric. WWAP is one of the most reputable rebuilders of lever shocks and they are Moss Motors source of rebuilt shocks. Eric has dealt with WWAP for many years and he has always found them to be reliable and quick to turn around shocks. I don't know World Wide Auto Parts' address, but their web address is www.nosimport.com. As a side note, I have purchased rebuilt lever shocks from Ted Schumacher, of T S Imported Automotive in Pandora, Ohio and I have found them to be just fine. Eric can rebuild your worn-out shocks as well. (In case you don't know, Eric Jones is the proprietor of Riverside Motors in Delaware, Ohio.)

From my BT activities calendar notes, I see that the VanOrders are hosting the Business/Social Meeting on Monday, November 3rd and we are scheduled for our final drive of 2003 on Saturday, November 15th. Please see details regarding the meeting elsewhere in this newsletter. We will discuss our drive plans at the meeting.

We hope to see many of you at the BT Business/Social meeting on November 3rd. Bring a friend, if you like. Visitors are always welcome.

John and Charma Huddy

September / October Meeting Minutes

Minutes of the Sept. 8, 2003 meeting of the Buckeye Triumphs:

The meeting was called to order at approximately 7:30 after a very nice dinner and social hour at the Red Door Tavern. We were able to have the gathering on the outdoor patio, as the weather proved to be perfect. Thanks to Murray and Jacqueline Mercier for arranging the location. Twenty-two people attended. Jim Van Order is planning the October 5th business/social meeting and Bruce Miles in planning a drive to Amish Country for October 15. Our next drive will be November 15th. No one

has volunteered to lead it, however.

There was a short discussion of the TRF Summer "mud" Party. Twenty-six people were able to attend and we had a good time getting together with the other Triumph enthusiasts, even though the weather was terrible and caused the cancellation of some events. This was to be the last Summer Party, at least for the near future. VTR awarded Bruce for our newsletter and Ryan won 3rd place in the autocross. There was some discussion of John Huddy's idea of a possible trip to Kelly's Island next year in late August in place of the TRF. There will be more discussion later.

Plans have been made for the holiday party, again to be held this year at the Buckeye Hall of Fame Cafe. The date will be January 17th. Be sure to come if you RSVP that you will, as the club has to pay your bill if a reservation is made for you and you don't attend.

Jim VO is still selling emergency bonnet release latches. Don't get caught with a broken cable!! Also, as of this meeting, we are still in need of an events coordinator and a webmaster for the club. Please volunteer if you can help in any way.

There are no minutes for the October business/social meeting (unless someone else reports on it) as the secretary was not able to attend.

Respectfully submitted, Margo Washburn, Secretary

Editor's Note: I attended the October meeting held at Metal Masters in Pickerington.

The October meeting of Buckeye triumphs was hosted by new members John and Jeff of Auto Metal Masters at their shop in Pickerington. They provided grilled hamburgers/brats, munchies and drinks. The evening was cool – but nice.

We got the tour of their operation and I think everyone had a fun evening. I fear that many of the "Women" folk thought this might be a bit boring – I suppose I can see how they would think that. (Charma and Sunny were the only 2 in attendance) Here are a couple of photos snapped during the event:





Bill Blake has "volunteered" to be our new events coordinator. I look forward to working with him in the upcoming year

Elections for new club officers will be held at the December meeting – If anyone out there has the "urge to serve" – please discuss it with any current club officer and we look forward to working with you.

Respectfully submitted: Bruce Miles – (not a very good note taker but the best we have this month...)

Easton BCD - Contributes:

Editor's Note – good things do come from the Easton Car show proceeds, please note the following letter to Canine Companions:

Roger Sieling Treasurer, Columbus British Car Council 367 Glenmont Avenue Columbus, Ohio 43214

29 September 2003

Ms. Judy Myers Canine Companions 4989 St. Rt. 37 E Delaware, Ohio 43015

Ms. Myers,

We have just had our wrap-up meeting to discuss any issues that arose during our British Car show at Easton Mall on Sunday, May 18th. We also reviewed the financial matters concerning the show and approved our charity gift.

At this meeting in 2002, we looked at a lot of negative numbers, but still approved our gift to Canine Companions. This year, registration income increased due to increased entry fees and a larger attendance. So much so, that it was proposed and passed that we would increase the size of our support to your organization. Enclosed, you should find a check for double what we have contributed in past, \$1000.

All the members of the council are very happy to support Canine Companions. But at the same time, we would love for you to be more visible in our show. Hopefully next year we can arrange for a demonstration or some other form of participation during the show. This would make more people aware of what you do and let them know they are supporting your efforts through their registrations.

Kind regards,
Roger L. Sieling



Items from the Internet

Editor's Note - As I see items that you all might find useful I will post them here - opinions are those of the individual authors...

Date: Sun, 26 Oct 2003 10:06:44 -0800 (PST)
From: Timothy Holbrook tjh173@yahoo.com
Subject: Re: Suspension Rebuild Opinions Wanted
Gary,

Steering - I went with the Goodparts aluminum rack mounts (www.goodparts.com). They are infinitely better than the stock TR6 mounts. No matter what I did, I could not get the stock mounts to hold the rack dead still, the aluminum rack mounts took care of this. Also, I did not notice any increase in vibration through the steering wheel - and I have owned and driven this car in both Michigan and Pennsylvania, neither of which are known for smooth roads!

Front suspension - definitely don't go with the stock rubber, unless you're into originality for concours or something. I replaced my bushings with stock rubber the first time, and they were falling about within 5 years. I went with nylatron, again from Goodparts, and I love them. Again, I did not notice any increase in vibration, but the car is much more responsive. One note though - makes sure you lube them up with some grease prior to installing, or they'll start squeaking in a few months. If you don't want to go with nylatron, at least go with poly. Also, make sure you inspect the upper ball

joints and lower trunnions when doing the rebuild, they'll likely need replacing. And make sure you put some oil into the trunnions prior to reinstalling, to keep things from seizing up.

Rear suspension: I went with uprated rubber bushings, but that's only because I had not yet heard about Goodparts when doing this job. Pressing hard rubber bushings into the trailing arms is a huge pain, plus again they are rubber, and won't last as long. Nylatron or poly bushings come split in the middle, so you just insert each half in, rather than pressing an entire bushing through. It's much, much easier. I went with the one-piece bracket type tube shock conversion, sold through many vendors nowadays (I got mine through NAR Inc www.narinc.com). I have 205/65-15 tires, with no rubbing problems. I went with Spax shocks, for both front and rear. But I hear good things about KYB, and they are much cheaper. Also, if you are looking at installing a rear sway bar, consider the Goodparts setup, these bars are beautiful. A bit more expensive, but truly some professional grade parts.

Differential - I relaced with stock rubber. Not sure if poly improves things or not. While you've got this area apart, it might be a good time to install the strengthening plates available for the front diff mounts, which are a weak point. This requires welding, so I put my car on a trailer and took it to a local shop, who did the job pretty cheaply. I got the plates from TRF.

Tim Holbrook 1971 TR6

Date: Sun, 26 Oct 2003 10:51:42 -0500

From: "R. Ashford Little II"
<ralittle2@mindspring.com>

Subject: Garage Space?

While talking with a fellow Triumph enthusiast yesterday, we came up with an interesting idea. We were discussing garage/work space for our cars, and what that space looked like. I was reminded, in the opposite kind of way, of an episode on Dream Car Garage entitled "Garage-mahall." In this episode, we were taken to two rather wealthy individuals' houses and shown their garages and collection of cars. It was an amazing display of cars, bars, and assorted paraphernalia.

So I thought I would create a page on my website for Triumph owner's to display some of their more "creative" workspaces. Todd and I were pretty much imagining the more cluttered the better. If you have an immaculate workspace, I suppose we'll display that too. Send the photos in jpeg format to my email address and I'll start the sorting process.

**Remember that the photos will be stripped off the email lists so don't expect to see them there. The link will be

http://www.geocities.com/ralittle2/garagemahall.htm

BTW, for those of you not in the GTA, we traveled up to the North Georgia mountains yesterday for a nice drive, which I missed, but later congregated at a drive-in movie theater for a movie night. Everything was great. I recommend that other clubs consider this for a group outing. We had made arrangement to get in early to stake our claim to the front row.

Oh, and the car is much more fun to drive now that the windshield is back on.

Cheers.

R. Ashford Little II www.geocities.com/ralittle2

Date: Sun, 26 Oct 2003 21:38:11

From: "Mark Pruitt" mwpruitt@bellsouth.net Subject: Re: Adhesive for Fuzzy Door Seal

I used Permatex Super Weatherstrip Adhesive. Works very well!

Mark Pruitt 72 TR6 CC78269

-----Original Message-----

From: John Mitchell Date: Sunday, October 26, 2003 9:29:41 PM To: 6pack; Triumph List

Subject: Adhesive for Fuzzy Door Seal

Hi everyone, I'm trying to repair a set of Fuzzy door seals which are in excellent shape, but the rubber has separated from the fuzzy part.

Any suggestions as to what to use for glue. Ive tried crazy glue and a rubber contact adhesive, but neither was satisfactory. Anyone had any luck doing this. There tan and being that there perfect except for the glue, I hate the thought of throwing them out.

Thanks in Advance, John Mitchell 76TR6 Shelton CT

Date: Mon, 27 Oct 2003 07:43:52 -0500

From: Don Malling dmallin@attglobal.net

Subject: Re: How stuff works

I saw this link on the MG board a month or so ago.

I thought it might be interesting for "you" beginners who always wondered how the synchronizers worked, what the layshaft was or what the pinions gears did.

Of course, I knew all this stuff.... ;-)

Don Malling

Differential: ========

http://auto.howstuffworks.com/differential2.htm

Real Transmission: =========

http://auto.howstuffworks.com/transmission3.htm

Synchronizers: ========

http://auto.howstuffworks.com/transmission4.htm



Nothing new from Bruce C. this month.

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Reports from the Field

Editor's Note: No more events for the year – but I got the following note from Bill Blake:

Bruce, Might be fun to put this in the next newsletter from Spring 1999, one of the early driving events of the BT club! How many members can we identify in this pic? I took the pic so I am not in it and Ron Fowler drove Brenda's car so he was not in it either I think.

I see Gayle VanOrder and the Gillmans.

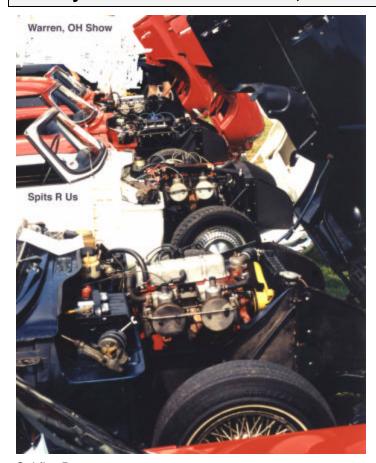
Say "Cheese", Bill



Also from Bill some photos from the Warren Ohio show that he attended:



Club members Roy and Linda Gay



Spitfire Row



Good license plate.

...and also from Bill:



I wish I could think of a really funny caption for this shot, but I think the picture says it better than anything witty I could possibly come up with.

WHAT A FUN DAY!!!!!!

Bill and Kathy

Bruce, This British show was held at Carnton Plantation by the Nashville British Car Club on Sunday October 11, 2003, weather was Perfect and the cars were very nice. Photos were shot under my supervision by Michael P. Astorino, an all around good guy.

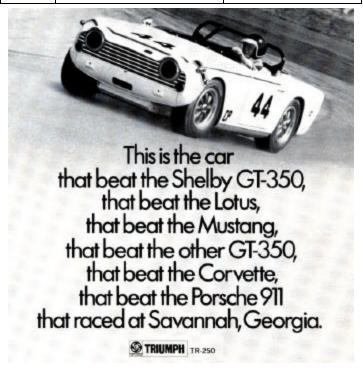
Submitted by BT events member Bill Blake.





2003 Events

Date	Event	Contact	
	All Done!		



Buckeye TRIUMPHS REGALIA

T-Shirts- Lt Grey Cotton \$14.00 BTC Logo - front Large Wreath Logo - back

Sweatshirts- Lt Grey Cotton \$20.00 BTC Logo - front Large Wreath Logo - back

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Halkias Video on Valve Adjustment for 6-cyl TR's - \$10.00 Send or bring your articles to Bob Mains. Turn-around is usually about 2-4 weeks. (Names or lettering can be added for additional costs).

Comedy Clips

A Notice from Nelson Riedel:

A note sent to computer field service technicians ...

If a mouse fails to operate or should it perform erratically, it may need a ball replacement. Mouse balls are now available as FRU (Field Replacement Units).

Because of the delicate nature of this procedure, replacement of mouse balls should only be attempted by properly trained personnel.

Before proceeding, determine the type of mouse balls by examining the underside of the mouse. Domestic balls will be larger and harder than foreign balls. Ball removal procedures differ depending upon the manufacturer of the mouse.

Foreign balls can be replaced using the pop off method. Domestic balls are replaced by using the twist off method. Mouse balls are not usually static sensitive. However, excessive handling can result in sudden discharge. Upon completion of ball replacement, the mouse may be used immediately.

It is recommended that each person have a pair of spare balls for maintaining optimum customer satisfaction.

Any customer missing his balls should contact the local personnel in charge of removing and replacing these necessary items. *Please keep in mind that a customer without properly working balls is an unhappy customer.*

Also from Nelson, a note on an Arkansas painter friend:

One or our local rednecks, Billy Joe Bob, while a total idiot was a gifted portrait artist. His fame grew and soon people from all over the country were coming to him for paintings.

One day, a beautiful young woman pulled up to his house in a stretch limo. She asked Billy Joe Bob if he could paint her in the nude.

This was the first time anyone had made this request. The beautiful lady said money was no object, she was willing to pay \$50,000.

Not willing to get into trouble with his wife, Billy Joe Bob asked the lady to wait while he went in the house and conferred with this wife.

In a few minutes he returned and told the lady he was willing to do it. However, he would have to leave his socks on so he would have some place to wipe his brushes.

... and this from Steve Hughes:

Have you been guilty of looking at others your own age and thinking... surely I cannot look that old? You may enjoy this short story....

While waiting for my first appointment in the reception room of a new dentist, I noticed his certificate, which bore his full name. Suddenly, I remembered that a tall, handsome boy with the same name had been in my high school class some 30 years ago. Upon seeing him, however, I quickly discarded any such thought. This balding, grey-haired man with the deeply lined face was way too old to have been my classmate.

After he had examined my teeth, I asked him if he had attended the local high school.

"Yes," he replied.

"When did you graduate?" I asked.

He answered, "In 1971. Why?"

"You were in my class!" I exclaimed.

He looked at me closely and then asked, "What did you teach?"

From Nelson – Puns anyone?

Two vultures board an airplane, each carrying two dead raccoons. The stewardess looks at them and says, "I'm sorry, gentlemen, *only one carrion allowed per passenger.*"

Two boll weevils grew up in Mississippi. One went to Hollywood and became a famous actor. The other stayed behind in the cotton fields and never amounted to much. The second one, naturally, became known as the *lesser of two weevils*.

Two Eskimos sitting in a kayak were chilly, but when they lit a fire in the craft, it sank proving once again that you can't have your kayak and heat it, too.

A three legged dog walks into a saloon in the Old West. He slides up to the bar and announces: "I'm looking for the man who shot my paw."

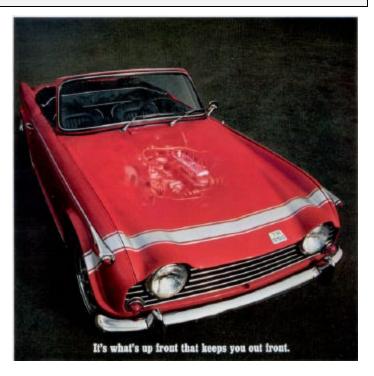
Did you hear about the Buddhist who refused Novocain during a root canal? He wanted to *transcend dental medication*.

A group of chess enthusiasts checked into a hotel and were standing in the lobby discussing their recent tournament victories. After about an hour, the manager came out of the office and asked them to disperse. "But why?" they asked, as they moved off. "Because," he said, "I can't stand chess nuts boasting in an open foyer."

These friars were behind on their belfry payments, so they opened up a small florist shop to raise funds. Since everyone liked to buy flowers from the men of God, a rival florist across town thought the competition was unfair. He asked the good fathers to close down, but they would not. He went back and begged the friars to close. They ignored him. So, the rival florist hired Hugh MacTaggart, the roughest and most vicious thug in town to "persuade" them to close. Hugh beat up the friars and trashed their store, saying he'd be back if they didn't close up shop. Terrified, they did so, thereby proving that: *Hugh, and only Hugh can prevent florist friars*.

We all know who Gandhi was, right? He was a spiritual man who fasted regularly. Some may not realize that fasting, when practiced regularly and for extended periods, leads not only to weight loss, but can also cause bad breath. No matter, his interests were higher. This great leader hardly ever wore shoes. One might say he was ... a super-calloused fragile mystic plagued with halitosis.

Editor's Note: I love a good groaner joke...



Classifieds

These classifieds are free to BTC members, given, of course, that they relate to Triumphs, and are for private (not business) use. No, you cannot sell that old couch here! We'll run classified ads for two months, beyond that you'll have to ask for an extension.

For Sale

I have an average set of wheel trim rings for a TR6, asking \$50.00

Contact Bill Blake - 330.760.0825

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BUCKEYE TRIUMPHS HOLIDAY PARTY

FIFTH ANNIVERSARY SATURDAY, JANUARY 17, 2004

We have made arrangements and are going to have our **Fifth Annual Holiday** Party at Buckeye Hall of Fame Café, 1421 Olentangy River Rd., Columbus, Ohio.

Start planning, this will be Buckeye Triumphs fifth year.

Set the Saturday evening aside and come and celebrate the Holidays and the New Year with your TRIUMPH friends.

Further details will be listed in future Newsletters.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

To RSVP please either call or Email to Bruce Miles or Jim VanOrder:

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