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# The TR Coaster

## The PREZ SEZ:

### Play Ball !!!!!

A sure sign of spring. With the warmer weather upon us, it's time to start driving on the open roads. What a better time than that to get those LBC's out of storage and get out of the Winter hibernation mode! The first car show of the season will soon be here. It's the Healey Show in Solon on May the 2nd.

We're also starting to have a lot of fun activities this spring / summer, trip to car museum, and a tech session along with many other car shows we as a club attend. So keep an eye on the newsletter for all upcoming events.

A small turnout at our April meeting but very "cozy" just the same. With delicious food!! The Covered Bridge Inn in Newton Falls always does a fantastic job.

### On a personal note,

I am in need of a vice president for the remainder of this term. If you would like to be on the board, please consider volunteering for this position. Thank you.

### Renee Karns, NCTA President



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### **Editor's note:**

Any comments, photos, story ideas, car hobby-related articles, and forms would be appreciated. All submissions must be to the **Newsletter Editor**, by the 15<sup>th</sup> of each month for inclusion in the next newsletter. If they're not submitted, they won't be in the newsletter.

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NCTA Membership dues are just \$25.00 per year, payable in July.

Membership Forms are available at most NCTA events including the monthly meetings, and can be downloaded from the NCTA's website:

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### **VTR.**

## ***Vintage Triumph Register***

NCTA is a regional Chapter of the Vintage Triumph Register.

The VTR is for owners of all Triumph models, both sport cars and family saloons.

[www.vtr.org](http://www.vtr.org)

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### **Minutes from our April 2nd Meeting**

- The meeting was held at Covered Bridge with 20 members in attendance and was called to order by President Renee Karns.
- Betty Brown read the minutes from the March meeting.
- Treasurer Doug Karns gave the financial report.
- The June meeting will be held at Chicken Manor in Canton Ohio.
- New business discussed was: The meeting for September and if it were necessary to have one since the meeting in August is so late due to our car show. Motion was made and accepted not to have one. Renee read a list of the dates of the up and coming car shows for the rest of the year. July meeting will be held at the Floyds for our summer picnic. Tech session scheduled at Loughrey's for July 24th with tour of Akron Blimp hanger.
- Renee stated she had received a letter from Kenny Wymore and that he was requesting information on a 1968 Spitfire he had purchased in Missouri. He is located out of Kansas City and states this car was a part of our car club and was wondering if anyone could give him more information on it.
- Bob Brown discussed upcoming car show for Kelleys Island on September 10-12th.
- Renee discussed car badges are still for sale. Also discussed was the wine tour in October and Renee suggested we make this our 6-pack obligation for the year since Bob Palmer normally handles and is unable to do this year.
- President Renee Karns adjourned meeting. Our next meeting will be May 7th at the Pub in Rocky River.

Respectfully submitted, Betty Brown Acting Secretary

## 2010 Calendar

### May:

Monthly meeting May 7<sup>th</sup> The Pub in Rocky River  
Healey Car Show May 2<sup>nd</sup> in Solon  
British Car Day May 15 – 16<sup>th</sup> in Columbus  
Kent Show May 29<sup>th</sup> Kent Bob Brown

### June:

Monthly meeting June 4<sup>th</sup> Chicken Manor in Canton  
Ft Meigs Toledo June 6<sup>th</sup>  
TRA 16 – 20 Holmes County  
Stan Hywett Car Show June 20<sup>th</sup>  
Mid Ohio 25<sup>th</sup> -27<sup>th</sup>

### July:

Monthly meeting July 10<sup>th</sup> at the summer picnic at The Floyd's home  
Pittsburgh Vintage GranPrix July 10<sup>th</sup>  
Tech Session at the Loughery's July 24<sup>th</sup>. Tour of Akron Blimp Hangar  
Roadster Factory Summer Picnic July 31<sup>st</sup>

### August:

British Car Day Cleveland Ursuline College August 7<sup>th</sup>  
Emerald Necklace Drive August 14<sup>th</sup> Bob Brown  
Monthly meeting at Doogan's of Aurora August 20<sup>th</sup>  
NCTA Car Show at Shaker Square August 22<sup>nd</sup>

### September:

September 9 –11 6 pack Oxford Ohio  
September 10 –12 Kelley's Island Bob Brown

### October:

Monthly meeting October 1<sup>st</sup>. Venue to be announced  
Wine Tour October 2<sup>nd</sup> Bob and Mary Kasper  
VTR October 17 – 22<sup>nd</sup> Jekyll Island, GA  
I X Center Show Oct 23 – 24 Tentative

### November:

Monthly meeting November 5<sup>th</sup>. Venue to be announced

### December:

Monthly meeting/Holiday Party December 3<sup>rd</sup>. Venue to be announced



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The TRA is for owners of TR2,  
TR3, and TR4s

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- Local Center information & event announcements.
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### Would you like to rejoin TRA?

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## **The British Return to Fort Meigs June 6, 2010 Perrysburg, OH**

The Lake Erie British Car Club will be hosting their 12th Annual "The British Return to Fort Meigs" British Car and Bike Show at the Fort Meigs Historical Site, Route 65, Perrysburg, Ohio. The show runs from 10 am to 3 pm. After viewing and voting on your favorite British vehicles, you will have opportunities to tour the restored fort from the War of 1812, try a challenging British car quiz, shop at one of the vendors or sample some tasty food from one of the food vendors. Voting by popular vote. Dash plaques to the first 200 registered, goody bags, and lots of door prizes. Pre-registration is \$12.00; day of show is \$15.00. Event shirts will again be available. A portion of the proceeds benefits the Fort Meigs Historical Site. Bring a can good for Kitchen for the Poor and get an extra door prize ticket. So mark your calendars now. Hope to see you there. Contact: Tony Shoviak. Phone: 419-878-2041. Email: [TennTony@roadrunner.com](mailto:TennTony@roadrunner.com). Website: <http://lakeeriebritishnews.home.att.net>.

## **Central Ohio British Car Day XXVI**

Celebrating 50 years of the Triumph TR4 and 60 years of the MG-TD on Sunday May 16, 2010. You are invited to the Central Ohio British Car Day XXVI at Quaker Steak & Lube on Polaris Parkway, just north of Columbus! Enter your car or bike, or just come and enjoy the incredible collection of classic and contemporary British cars and motorcycles. All show entrants receive a goodie bag, voting ballots, dash plaque and one raffle ticket for door prize drawings. Triple C will be there with event T-shirts. Entry fee: \$10.00, Day of show \$15.00. Spectators are free. Show is 9am to 3pm. [www.buckeyetriumphs.org/BCD/bcdindex.htm](http://www.buckeyetriumphs.org/BCD/bcdindex.htm) [BRITSatPolaris@AOL.COM](mailto:BRITSatPolaris@AOL.COM) or call John Huddy 614/846-2321, or Bill Blake 614/403-1074.

## **I DIDN'T KNOW THAT!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!**

1. Take your bananas apart when you get home from the store. If you leave them connected at the stem, they ripen faster.
2. Peppers with 3 bumps on the bottom are sweeter and better for eating. Peppers with 4 bumps on the bottom are firmer and better for cooking.
3. Add a teaspoon of water when frying ground beef. It will help pull the grease away from the meat while cooking.
4. Add garlic immediately to a recipe if you want a light taste of garlic and at the end of the recipe if you want a stronger taste.
5. Leftover snickers bars from Halloween make a delicious dessert. Simply chop them up with the food chopper. Peel, core and slice a few apples. Place apples in a baking dish and sprinkle with the candy pieces. Bake at 350 for 15 minutes.
6. Heat up leftover pizza in a non-stick skillet on top of stove, set heat to medium low and heat till warm. This keeps the crust crispy.
7. For a cool brownie treat, make brownies as directed. Melt Andes mints and pour over warm brownies.
8. Store your opened chunks of cheese in aluminum foil. It will stay fresh much longer and not mold.

More tips next month!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

Doreen Triska

## Bob Palmer Update

Dear Friends and Family:

We are so happy to report that Bob is now residing in a rehab facility in Parma. He moved in on Wednesday afternoon and loves the place. He will be having daily Physical and Occupational Therapy with a smattering of Speech Therapy. His room is nice, the many lounge areas (each complete with fireplace) and the family rooms (with big screen TV's, computers and a Cappuccino machine) make it feel more like a large home than a 'facility'. He has a beautiful garden view out his window and the location is in a wooded park-like area.

Visiting hours are 8 am to 8 pm, but we seldom know exactly when he'll be in his hour-long sessions (each) of therapy so it's best to call if you're planning to come out. We can schedule them around you or you around them. The only weekdays that we know we'll be unavailable are Friday 4/16, Thursday 4/22 & Tuesday 4/27 as those are days I must take Bob back to the Cleveland Clinic for platelets and, possibly, blood transfusions.

Bob will have to go back to the Clinic for 'consolidation' which is a 6-day round of chemo, but that should not happen for 4-6 weeks. We do not know if a bone marrow transplant is in the offing but the team is still searching worldwide for a match should that be necessary down the road.

You can call me at 440-821-8630 or Bob at 440-796-0104 to plan a visit or to talk. Bob is staying at:

**Pleasant Lake Villa, 7260 Ridge Rd., Parma, OH 44129.** He is in **room 271**. He would love to receive mail there, but if you are visiting, please note that the sign on Ridge Rd is small, but it is just North of the library (north of Pleasant Valley) and on the west side of the street. Go down the long driveway and try to find parking in the front lot that you see immediately. Go into the door on that side of the building (it's a side door) and immediately into the elevator to go up to Floor 2. You will exit into the small dining room. Turn right down the hall and curve to your left. Bob is in the second room on the left...Room 271 and his name is on the doorplate.

Bob is doing better every day, but there is a long road ahead as his blood counts are still recuperating and he is still at risk for infection. Do not visit if you are ill and ask Bob from the hallway if you need to take any precautions before entering his room.

Thanks again for your love and support. He's always excited to get Emails and mail so we thank you for all that you have sent.  
Hugs!

A German firm called "Style Your Garage" - creates posters for garage doors that make it look as if it's actually showing the interior of your garage, and what's in it!

Prices range from \$199 to \$399 for the double-door! All but guaranteed to make passersby take a



second look!



**A great idea to freak out the neighbors!**

**A police car would be a great deterrent for burglars, wouldn't it?**

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*These are just too cool for words!.....I want one!*

## What do you do with old Bumper Cars?

It's easy for a gear-head to be discouraged about the state of the world, especially in times of Carpcocalypse and Cash for Clunkers.



But occasionally a bright light of awesome renews the spirit.

Road-legal bumper cars do just that.



Yes, you read that right; these little beasts are street legal. They run on either Kawasaki or Honda motorcycle engines and co-opt vintage bumper car bodies into the most awesome form of mini-car we've seen in too long.

There are seven of these little monsters floating around California, and they're all the creation of one man, Tom Wright, a builder in the outskirts of San Diego who figured the leftovers of the Long Beach Pike amusement park needed a more dignified end than the trash heap. They were originally powered by Harley motors but they rattled like hell and Tom replaces them with Honda or Kawasaki 750's and a couple have been measured as capable of 160 MPH, which is terrifyingly fast in machines with such a short wheelbase.





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These are the same size as a 165sR-15, the size to fit TR3-4's. Brand new; buy 4 for \$249.00 plus tax. Classic Restoration 330-507-2878

## For Sale

Michelin Red Line tire. 185/70/15 with tube. Came originally with my TR6 and was never on the road. There is no dry rot. \$40.

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## NCTA Participation Points

Please make sure that you see Jim Shear or Sharyn Kitzmiller at all official NCTA events and sign in so that you can accumulate all the participation points you deserve. Articles for the *TR Coaster* will also earn

## For Sale:

### **1972 Triumph Spitfire IV**

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