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Figure 1 What famous car guy fell asleep at the rock concert?

Cutoff date for next month's Marque is the 20th.

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President's Remarks – October, 2008

My home computer is down and will not restart. I had been having some problems with virus programs in the form of anti-viral ad programming that was interfering with the general run of operation, and finally called an IT company for help. The guy arrived and cleared out the problem areas, but there were a couple of small areas where virus's still resided, but it would take a complete wipeout and re-installation of programs to get rid of them. He didn't feel it was worth the three hours (at \$125/Hr) to do the complete wipeout/reinstallation. I agreed. After he left, I used the unit for a couple of hours and finally shut it down, turning off everything. Three days later I came back and restarted everything and the software would not boot-up. I called the IT service and they gave some instructions, which seemed to help move the start process forward, but the freeze-up was still there, just further down stream in the process. After two weeks of calling, the IT service is sending someone to look at the problem. I'll let you know how it comes out.

The TR3 is still not running. I got the carbs back and installed them. Filled everything with gas and after cranking it for maybe an accumulated five or six minutes was rewarded with some very feeble pop, pop's. Now I knew the distributor was set for after TDC, by about 20 degrees. So I match marked the No. 1 electrode on the out side of the distributor cap, pulled the plugs and rotated the engine until the No. 1 piston was at TDC based on the physical location through the plug hole and the pulley TDC mark on the sheave. I then rotated the distributor base so that the electrode was aimed at the plug hole using a straightedge scale. No luck! Still just feeble pops. So I took the tops off the float bowls and there was little gas in the front carb and no gas in the rear carb. Bad pump?? I started by checking the lines from the carbs back to the pump. Inter-carb line had very little gas in it. Line from front carb to pump seemed to have gas in it. Line from tank clearly had gas in it. Pulled the pump. Hand worked it, got gas all over the place. Pump works!! Called the carb rebuild service to talk all this over. One thing came out of the conversation. When carbs were shipped back, he had put sponge rubber under the floats. I had not found those, when I unpacked the carbs. So, tonight the things happening are to clear out the obstruction in the float chambers, re-hook the

gas system, refill the gas system, dry crank the engine to assure gas being pumped at the carbs and retry the starting. Stay tuned!

The club ran two tours this past weekend. On Saturday was the British Transportation Museum Covered Bridge tour in Preble and Montgomery counties. They had about fifty entrants. I drove with the Chris and Chuck White, Aden and Ted Allison and Bruce and the kids and a fellow with a BMW Z3, who was checking the rally out for use by his club at a later date. Nice tour, about two hours, eight bridges and a great day to be out on the road. The White's had run the course the day before to check it, so naturally, with their leading, we missed the first turn.....but were OK after that.

On Sunday the club had the Greene County Farm Tour. We started at the Narrows State Park. We also had some special guests with us. Joe and Judy Paradis (TRA) from New Hampshire joined us with their motor home. Joe was at Wright-Patterson for a reunion, and stayed to run the tour and to meet up with John and Becky Hartley (Six Pack, TRA) who came from Nelsonville, OH to be with us in their TR6. Club members on the tour were the Lorna and Ellis Ball (BMW Z4) and fudge, the Bruce and Duncan (his TR7) and Alice and Bridget (her TR7), Chris and Chuck White (TR4A), Maura and Mike McKitrick (TR7) and me in the VW. We visited five farms, the Pumpkin Barn, Creekview, Twin Maple, Havenwood Llama, Springwater Farm and Breezy Acres. It was a great day and a relaxing drive. We ended at the Village restaurant in Waynesville and had a pleasant repast culminating in Peanut Butter Pie (for one) and Lemon Meringue for our end of the table. I'm sorry more club members couldn't come on this very pleasant tour. We've been doing it for three or four years now and it really is fun to visit in the country.

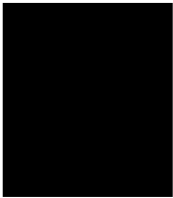
See you all at the meeting,

Thanks for listening, Stan S.

The Vice President (of darkness) Reports

Okay, well maybe I better shy away from being a prince or president of darkness. With all the power issues we all experienced in September, it would be a painful pun at best. Such is the state of affairs here at the Marque office. Is this the first issue to fail to get to press on time? How awful. The co-habiter of my abode is entrenched in stressful studies of the medical kind and so I have extra challenges getting CPU time. When I thought that I had the new edition ready, my computer pronounced the file corrupt and MS-Office refused to open it. Oh well. I remember about how I did it anyway.

My favorite shot from the lost issue was this one. This is me building model cars during the power outage, ha ha.



I recently broke free of my monetary bondage and made the “Rebel Run” again. Kate went along in the Mustang and my son took two of his friends. They did what we had done in previous years. They tent camped in the primitive area. They liked it

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o well, that they have already confirmed plans for next year.

The show featured my hero Gene Winfield, who for another year consecutively ran against other 80+ year old drivers in a race of antique sprint cars. Gene blew a hose on the last lap going into 3 and caught a face full of Glycol. I bet it was hot. He never mentioned it later and was on hand to sign my picture. A keepsake that I will treasure. On display was the famous “Jade Idol”. What a dream boat!



It was hard to come home and see a row of generic ugly cars on the local car lots. I guess I was in car heaven for a brief interlude. What would have made it better would have been an appearance of Triumphs. Oh well, it is a Kustom Car show. Even my old 72 looked pretty lame among those high dollar paint jobs.

Work and family gathering continues in the hanger. Check this column for future updates. Mini hinges and TR ignition switches will be the topic.

R.L.

Announcing...

Fall Tour 2008!

Oh folks, it's that time of year again, foliage changing on the limbs that survived Ike, small animals scampering for nuts (like our kids). Join us for a romp through the beautiful rolling hills of Southern Ohio with the sun in your face, wind in your hair, and a smile on your face.

Join Us, Saturday & Sunday, 18/19 Oct 08

- Quaint Shops
- Beautiful Parks
- Interesting Places
- Good Food
- Great Roads
- Wonderful Folks
- Memorable Memories
- Sporty Little Cars

Meeting Information:

Meet For Breakfast At McDonalds, US 68 and I-71 (north side of 71) at 8 am for breakfast – we leave at 9

Be Prepared To Drive!

Quick Itinerary:

- Saturday – Drive a lot and see neat things!
- Sunday – Drive a lot and see neat things!

Lodging Information:

We are staying for the night at the Lodge at Shawnee State Park, which is just west of Portsmouth, OH. They had blocked rooms for us. Those are not available, but they might have other rooms to let for the night.

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Feel free to bring your dulcimers along!

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