



# The Marque

*"All the news that's fit to soak up oil"*

## The Marque – March 2026



From the web, truth.

### March Events

- 4 - Meeting
- 7 - Awards Banquet
- 14 - More Crazy Jack
- 14 - St Paddy's Day Fete

- 21 – Even more tech session!

### In This Marque

- Banquet info for the masses
- Revisiting parking brakes
- Is the male form of the noun seamstress, seamster?

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Dates and events are subject to change, so please watch out for club email updates. If you

are a member, but are not on the club email list, please contact the MVT Webmaster.

## MVT Club Info



**Miami Valley Triumphs** is a non-profit club founded to preserve and enjoy Triumph and Standard automobiles. You do not have to own a Triumph or Standard to be in the club, just be interested in the preservation of the marque. For more info on joining the club and dues please contact the MVT Membership Chair (contact info below).

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### Club Website:

<https://www.miamivalleytriumphs.org/>

We are also on **Facebook** at <https://www.facebook.com/groups/1654893204751113/> - this is a closed group so you will need to request joining.

Please send comments/suggestions to: [miamivalleytriumphs@gmail.com](mailto:miamivalleytriumphs@gmail.com) or to the PO Box.

**Cutoff date** for next month's Marque is the 25th of the month or when the editor screams, usually the Sunday before the meeting...

## MVT Monthly Meeting



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## National Affiliations:

### Vintage Triumph Register

**MVT** is proudly a Chapter of the Vintage Triumph Register, the link to their comprehensive website is: <http://vintage triumphregister.org/> .



The Vintage Triumph Register (VTR) is a North American Triumph car club of nearly 3000 Triumph owners and enthusiasts supporting and showcasing all models of Triumphs. Their award-winning VTR web site has been assembled through the co-operative efforts of many VTR members and making the VTR site a current and accurate resource for Triumph enthusiasts worldwide. VTR publishes a bi-monthly magazine, The Vintage Triumph, which is filled with valuable historical and technical articles and industry news. In addition to the magazine, membership in VTR also includes:

- Access to VTR's staff of volunteer vehicle consultants
- Various VTR Triumph car club regalia
- Low-cost car liability insurance to members at costs far below regular insurance rates
- An annual convention hosted each year by one of VTR's many local chapters.

If you are interested in becoming a member (you don't have to own a Triumph to join), please head to this website for complete information:

<https://vintage Triumph register.org/whatisvtr/>

## Triumph Register of America



MVT is a Center of the Triumph Register of America, website: <http://triumphregister.com/>.

TRA was established to aid TR2, 3, 3A, 3B, 4, and 4A owners in the preservation, maintenance and enjoyment of their classic sports cars and is focused on growing local groups of TR2, 3, 3A, 3B, 4, and 4A owners. We believe that local used parts supply networks and local activities such as technical workshops or rallies provide the binding glue for our national organization. TRA is firmly a grassroots organization, which offers many advantages and services for individual members, groups, and local centers.

## Other Clubs

In addition to VTR and TRA, MVT members are also part of other model-specific clubs such as:

- 6-Pack (TR6/TR-250) <http://www.6-pack.org/j15/>
- Triumph Wedge Owners Association for TR7 and TR8 owners: <https://triumphwedgeowners.org/> .

We actively participate in activities of these clubs and their endeavors to preserve the marque.

## Officer's Reports

## President's Report



## I saw my shadow...

*Jeff Barth*

While February is the shortest month, the way it started out with me, it couldn't go fast enough. After returning from frigid Minneapolis, we were able to somewhat thaw. Unfortunately, the flu caught up with me just in time to prevent me from attending February's meeting.

The weather cleared and the sun came out in time for us to get our LBC's out for Drive Your Triumph day on February 10<sup>th</sup>.



## DYTD, silly boy

Instilling hope in the hearts of the foolhardy that driving days were close at hand, it also made me realize that my planned winter projects for my car were yet to be started and that I need to buckle down.

The cold and snow did not prevent us from enjoying club events though. Valentines' Day dinner at El Meson and a tech session led by the ladies at Jackson's house to teach the finer points

of sewing. Hopefully we will read more about these two events later in the Marque.



## Robin a little early

At the February meeting nominations were closed for open officer positions as well as nominations for Club Awards. Please be sure to vote for your choice of each award where more than one nomination was submitted. This can be done by responding to Stan Seto's e-mail concerning this topic or attending the March meeting on March 4th and vote in person.

Hope to see everyone at Archer's on March 4th, 6:30 for dinner and 7:30 for the meeting.



## Surf's up!

## Secretary's Report/Last Month's MVT Meeting Minutes



### MVT February Meeting Minutes

*Stan Seto*

**MVT Meeting – 4 February 2026, Archer's Tavern, 2030 E. Dorothy Lane, Kettering, Ohio**

**Call to Meeting - 1930 Hours**

**Members Present – 11**

Opening comments – By Vice President Jackson Galloway – “Welcome, Glad to see you all.”

(Note: Archer's Furnace is still broken, but we were seated behind the fireplace, in the Main dining area, and it was reasonably warm.)

**Agenda: Changes or additions**

Provided by VP, no changes or additions.

**Introduction of Guests and/or New Members**

None.

**Officer Reports**

President – Absent.

Vice President – See Opening Remarks

Treasurer – As of 01 February the club has \$7000.64. But we have upcoming expenses that will reduce this amount by 01 March.

Secretary – The Minutes were published in the Marque, but one member notice that an event

was out of place, so I will correct that error and republish those minutes in the March issue, and we can approve them at the next meeting.

Membership - Absent, but Treasurer noted an incoming check that she might not be aware of, so if we have not otherwise lost any members, we are at 54 members.

Events

January – Events completed: Tech session at Galloway's. Transmission removed from his TR6, for renewal. Some discussion about that re-work and tools used.

For others, see the February Marque for list of works completed in January and for upcoming activities in both February (Tipp City Chocolate & Bourbon party, 2/10, Drive your Triumph Day, 2/21, Valentine's Day Dinner) and March (3/07, Awards Banquet, another 3/14, Tech session on Jack's car: refitting the trannie and engine, and a following 3/21, T. S. not yet specified).

**Standing Committee Reports**

Technical – More discussion on JG Trannie removal, some comments on Moss/Rimmer merger.

Marque – Plead for more technical articles and reduced pixel pictures.

Spare Parts – No report

Web Site – No report

Memorabilia – We have what you need. See Harry

**Old Business**

Nominations opened for Staff: Current candidates - President: Jeffery Barth; Treasurer: Harry Mague; Secretary: Stan Seto. No further candidates were put forward, so nominations were closed.

Nominations for Club awards were opened: Current Candidates – Marque of Distinction: Scott Stout and Jeffery Barth; Most Improved: Bruce Clough (Inca); Jackson Galloway (TR6); Keep It on The Road: Bruce Clough (TR3B); Mike Lorey (Spitfire); Press-On Regardless: Jackson Galloway (TR6), Stan Seto, TR3B. Nominations

were then closed with no new candidates. Officer's positions and club awards will be voted at the end of the March meeting.

2026 Budget: The club budget for 2026 has been published in the January and February issues of the Marque and were voted for approval by unanimous voice vote. Note: for purposes of MVT club business the Bylaws state a quorum is established by those present at the meeting. Those who attended on 04 Feb. constituted a quorum.

### **New Business**

None

### **50/50 Drawing**

Suspended for this meeting.

### **Adjournment:**

Time – 8PM. Motion – Jeff John; Second – Stan Seto

## **Revised January Minutes**

**MVT Meeting Minutes – 07 January 2026, Archer's Tavern, 2030 E. Dorothy Lane, Kettering, Ohio**

**Call to Meeting** - 1930 Hours; Members Present – 23

**Opening comments** – President thanked those who came out. (We were on the front veranda of the building.) And said "There is no heat because the building furnace was out of service. Management claims it will be fixed by February".

**Agenda:** Changes or additions – None

**Introduction of Guests and/or New Members** – None

### **Officer Reports**

**President** – See above.

**Vice President** – Thanked those who came out to the Jan. 2 Tech session and helped him pull the tranny and engine out of his TR6, for a Trannie rebuild.

Invited members out to work on the yellow TR7 at the BTM location.

**Treasurer** – Club is in the Black, \$7365.20. 2026 Budget is on the last page of the January Marque. Please look at it. How it was determined will be subject of discussion at February Meeting and it will be voted then.

**Secretary** – December Minutes were published in the January Marque. There were no changes. Vote for acceptance was unanimous and vocal.

**Membership Secretary** –Current Membership – 53, the membership secretary requested for members to check current roster to ensure telephone numbers were correct.

### **Events Chair** –

December – Events completed:

- Holiday Soiree, business meeting and brown bag auction were well done and appreciated by attendees.
- Ugliest Sweater Contest was held and won, once again, by Carol and Roger Rutledge.

January:

- Tech. session to remove J. Galloway's TR6 engine and transmission was accomplished.
- Planning for events in 2026 was successfully accomplished.

February and March Events, see the Marque, except for the following: We are looking for a volunteer location for the Super Bowl Game and Party.

- 10th is Drive Your Triumph Day.
- 21st Valentine's dinner, RSVP to Bruce Limit of 20 diners.

March – 7th is Awards Banquet at Jimmie's, RSVP to Chris White before 25 Feb.

### **Standing Committee Reports**

**Technical** – None

**Marque** – More Tech, Articles, remember to squeeze down Pixals in Photo's

**Spare Parts** – Some discussion about cost to package and ship from England. Look before you buy. Chris Yanity still has spare parts for TR3's.

**Web Site** - None

**Memorabilia** – Yup, Harry's got it. Bring dinero's.

### Old Business

Nominations for Staff: President: Jeffery Barth  
Treasurer: Harry Mague Secretary: Stan Seto

Nominations for Club awards – Marque of Distinction: Scott Stout, Jeffery Barth Most Improved: Bruce Clough (Inca); Jackson Galloway (TR6), Keep It on The Road: Bruce Clough (TR3B); Mike Lorey (Spitfire), Press-On Regardless: Jackson Galloway (TR6), Stan Seto, (TR3B).

### New Business

None

**50/50 Drawing** - Amount \$16,00, Winner: Patti Clifford

**Adjournment: Time** – 20:07 Hour's, Motion – Stan S., Second – Most of the audience.

## Vice President's Report



### Musings

*Jackson Galloway*

Wow, the weather snapped from below freezing to 60 this month! It was faster than I could hit the gas pedal after I pass a speed trap. That and this month flew by with events. Tear down of the gear

shafts on the transmission was completed, as well as a random Sewing Tech Session to assist my Seamster ability.

Taxes are done, and now the cash is flowing in, which is good cause I need to procure a parts washer, and other random tools to prep up the trans for reassembly. And yea, I need to buy them tranny parts too. With all the plans and events I have for March, this is going to be a busy month also. Good thing I've stocked up on coffee here, cause imma need energy over the next few months.

## Treasurer's Report



As of 1 February 2026, the club account had a balance of \$7025.67. For the month of February, the club's only income was \$25.00 for one early membership renewal. Total income was \$25.00. For the month we had one expense, a \$1.91 fee for paypal. As of 1 March 2026, the club's account balance is \$7023.76.

*Respectfully submitted,*

*Harry Mague*

## Membership Chair Report

And the number is:

**53**

*Adrienne Meade– MVT Membership Chair*

## **Editor's Report Bruce's Corner**

### **Did he see his shadow – asking for a friend...**

*Bruce Clough*



No, no he didn't. Didn't seem to faze Old Man Winter for the first part of the month though. Second part of the month got a bit warmer, and I managed to get some TR work done without firing up the heater. The trailer has been upgraded for the "Oregon or Bust" experience, and I fixed the parking brake, again. Getting ready to drop the tranny and replace seals as well as replace clutch disc, and after that is buttoned up it will be time to drive it around and see what breaks (hopefully not the brakes)

I must leave the March Membership Meeting before the meeting starts due to prior commitments, but I am sure this Marque will equip you to know about everything coming up, or at least that is my story.

### **Events**

March is a transition month where the weather goes from uhhh to meh. This means that events still tend to be inside but maybe we now at least open the garage door. Probably the biggest event is our Awards Dinner at Jimmy's on the 7<sup>th</sup>, and thanks to Chris White for putting this together. The 14<sup>th</sup> will have us at a St. Patrick's (Paddie's) party that evening at the Meades. Two more tech

sessions will close out the month on the 21<sup>st</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup>.

### **Marque**

Happy to be here and be the editor!

# **MVT Events**

## **Past**

### **February 2026**

### **6 – Tipp City Chocolate and Bourbon Experience**

*Bruce Clough*



Best laid plans of mice and men come to mind. This was a pop-up event that was kinda off the normal track of MVT events, although we've done the Bourbon Trail in the past, we've not done a local brown water event. So, when the Tipp City Downtown Coalition put this event on our radar we decided to jump on it.

Then life happened – between ugly weather and infectious diseases the number attending dwindled to Alice and me.

But it was a good time, if nothing else we got to look at flooring options for the future. There was

plenty of chocolate, there was plenty of bourbon, there was plenty of snow and wind from the north.

We did the tour of the shops, had dinner at Harrison's, and had a general good time. If they do it again, we're in!

### Note on the Bourbon

You knew I was going to do this. I have to rate the bourbons. Probably the best were the starts and the stop. At Mauk's Cabinets, our launching point, Hayner Distillery (Troy) had three barrel-proof products for tasting. At Seven Sisters Apothecary they were making Old Fashions using Indian Springs Distillery (New Carlisle) Andy's Old Number 5 Bourbon. In between we had samples of mass-produced column-still products – yawn.

# DYTD

## Drive Your Triumph Day

### 10 – Drive Your Triumph Day

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*Bruce Clough*

The following are photos sent into the Marque on MVT folks driving their Triumphs on Sir John Black's birthday. 54F, sunny, and a lot of melting snow – what a great day!



**White's**



**Clifford's**



**Barth's**



**Clough – Owen-Clough**

### 21 – Tech Session

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*Bruce Clough*

MVT called a tech session to teach Jackson how to sew so he can put together a few projects. He has a machine, we have a lot of folks who know how those machines work, so all we need is a day, coffee, and some donuts.



**Crack MVT team forced Jackson to read the instructions.**



**Obligatory Bills' Donuts**

Adrienne Meade, Patti Clifford, and Alice Owen-Clough teamed up to work on the machine, wind bobbins, and teach Jackson how to sew. For the record, Jackson didn't hurt himself and received expert tutelage on use. We're not sure he is going to be turning out tailored suits (yet), but we shall see! Speaking of Jackson – here is his report on the event:

MVT had an impromptu Sewing Tech Session on 14 Feb 2026 at my house. Months ago, I mentioned to my mom that I wanted advice on a decent sewing machine that I could buy to hem up pants, fix random rips/tears, and sew patches on jackets. This turned into her giving me a spare sewing machine. Apparently, my mom is the "Sewing Machine Pimp of Southeast Ohio". People pass away, and randomly she gets a

donation of a used sewing machine. She re-habs them and then either donates them to folks who need one or gives them to the local thrift shop to sell. I guess I was a "needy one". That was just before Thanksgiving. Fast forward to early February, and I finally decided to dust off the sewing machine and attack the random projects I had. Turns out, I know little of sewing, hence the Sewing Tech Session!

Bruce & Alice Clough, Mike & Adrienne Meade, and Patti Clifford showed up to help learn me up some sewing. I had a manual printed out, so I was prepared for all the fun that ensued. They taught me how to load up the machine with thread, change needles, and wind the "bobbin" (code for the thread thingy that is below the sewing deck). I did a bunch of tests to see how I can sew and was surprised that the machine will actually pull the fabric along for you. You mainly just have to kinda keep the line of stitches straight and let it do the work. With normal fabric this is easy, with thicker stuff, I jammed the machine. Which is good, 'cause I learnt me how to break down the machine to clear the jam.

Bruce and Mike dined on some of Bill's finest donuts and my bad foo-foo coffee while they conversed. Bruce got some good pictures of me trying my best to sew up a set of shorts that had the seam rip. Let's just say that first project took quite a bit of time to get right. After I finished that, the ladies wanted to fuss the machine and test it out, so I showed Bruce and Mike the progress on the TR-6. Surprise, there wasn't much beyond breakdown of the gear shafts.

Alice, Patti, and Adrienne made progress on testing the sewing machine out while we were discussing various issues with the TR6 and by the time we finished, they had made a stitch example to show all the various stitches the machine could do. This will come in handy for the next project, as I am going to build a dust bag/carry bag for the sewing machine as a bulk of the time it will be in storage. I was going to get to that last weekend, but I got distracted with other projects, and I was going to get to it today...but sunny and "warm". Maybe I'll attempt it tomorrow...



Meanwhile, back in the garage, all was quiet...



Our exclusive private dining area – separate us from the unwashed masses in the rest of the restaurant.



Alice takes command for cleaning the machine.



I'm sure there are no calories in those...

## 21 – Valentine's Day Dinner

*Bruce Clough*

Thanks to all the folks who signed up for the V-Day Dinner at El Meson in West Carrollton. Special thanks to Alice, Chris White, and Brenda Fowler for the extra goodies and explosives.

The service was excellent, the food was excellent, and the drinks excellent, well okay, the Od Fashioned I had was too sweet, but we will give them a pass on that.



Steven catches Bruce's OCD out of control...

# Future

## March 2026

### 4 - MVT Monthly Meeting



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### 7 – MVT Awards Banquet

The annual MVT Award's Banquet time is here! Thank you to those who emailed their required RSVPs by the requested date of February 25<sup>th</sup>. If you have not RSVP'd by then we are sorry, but the event is closed.

Where: Jimmy's Italian Cuisine & Bar, 824 E Fifth Street, Downtown Dayton

When: Saturday the 7th of March.

- Social Gathering at 6:30pm,
- Dinner orders promptly at 7pm.

There will be a brief meeting after dinner followed by the highly anticipated presentation of the MVT Annual Awards.

Again, thank you to those who emailed their required RSVPs by the requested date of February 25th

#### The Meal Details:

As a member of MVT, the Annual Awards Banquet is a perk of your membership! There is no cost to you for your meal! Nada! The club pays for this - however, any alcoholic beverage costs are your responsibility!!!

Your complete meal includes choice of a house salad or soup, garlic roll, an entrée of your choice from our selected MVT Menu (this menu will be at each place setting), a non-alcoholic beverage and ending the evening with a choice of dessert – cannoli or tiramisu. Note dessert choices are full size!! – no minis as with Franco's!

Again, thank you to those who RSVP'd and we will see you on the 7<sup>th</sup>.



### 14 – St Patrick's Day Party

Adrienne and I will be hosting a St. Patrick's Day Party at our house on Saturday March 14th at 6 pm. Our address is in Washington Township near Centerville: 5724 Price Hill Place, Dayton OH 45459.

Feel free to call with questions. My number is (606) 585-2449. If I don't answer, please leave a message!

There will be several Irish themed foods. We will have drinks, including Irish car bombs (for those who are brave enough), Irish coffee and Irish beers. I will have homebrewed Irish Red Ale and Oatmeal Stout for the occasion. Non-alcoholic beverages will also be available.

We will have a limerick writing contest, Irish music and anything else we can think of between now and the party. Unfortunately, the bag pipe player was not available.

Feel free to dress up in something green to protect yourself from the Leprechauns pinching you.

**Please RSVP by March 7th** to assure an accurate head count. Feel free to bring food or drink, but there will be plenty of each.

Go raibh maith agat (Thank you in Irish Gaelic).  
(and Slàinte mhath! – Ed)



## 21 - Another Tech Session

Yes, but it's back with Bruce rather than Jackson. I have a big feeling that Inca will be involved. 10AM start at Chateau C/O-C... Donuts will be involved.



## 28 – Another Try at Crazy Jack's Car

Tech session @ Jackson's! Putting the trannie back together again. Specific details TBD, but plan on a morning of donuts, coffee, and "hold my donut" moments...

**April 2026**

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We will not vouch that April Fools Jokes will not be played, so stay vigilant!



?? – **Caesars Creek Opening Day** – stay tuned for a WineFlashMob – we are assuming it could be on the 4/5 April weekend based on email conversations with the winery, but we shall see!



11 – **First Spring Drive** – Plain Folk Café visit – always a great day to head towards Pleasant Plain! We will also cruise by Valley Vineyards and probably Secret Garden since we can.

Visit their website at: <https://plainfolklive.com/>.



25 – **One More Tech Session** – why not?

Jackson could be looking for more TR6 fun, Bruce will be looking at Inca's trannie, and others will be awakening their cars, so could be anywhere!

## May 2026



2 – **Crashing Dayton Cars and Coffee** – Plan is to meet and drive en-masse to the event – more details as we invent them.

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15/16 – **Spring Carlisle** – join some of us for fun at the huge swap meet and show – Carlisle. PA.



16(?) – Columbus British Car Day – More info as it is available.

<https://britcar1.regfox.com/bcd-cmh-2026>

TBD – Spring Tour – Stay tuned for date and locations



14 – Cincinnati Concours d'Elegance – Ault Park – more info can be found at:

<https://ohioconcours.com/>

## June 2026

3 - MVT Monthly Meeting



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13 – MVT Rally – should be competitive, should be fun! More details as they are developed. Prepare to drive!

**2026 National Meeting**

**June 15-19 2026 Monday-Friday**

Full information is available at:

<https://www.triumphregisteramerica.org/tra-2026-meet>

Registration info at:

<https://ptoa.wildapricot.org/event-6502251>

Bruce is working on the route there and back – on the way out we will be following the Oregon Trail. Get your boots and wagons ready.



## July 2026

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Old mindset



New mindset



**18 – Tour d’Donut** – Details TBD, but I bet batter is involved...



**25 – Prez’s Car Show** – Details TBD



**31 – Dayton BCD Set Up** – Eastwood Metro Park – 6PM

## August 2026



**1 – Dayton British Car Day** – Eastwood Metro Park

**5 - MVT Monthly Meeting**



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**8 – Indy British Car Day** – Indianapolis, IN

**22 (or 29) – Bob Pool Orphan Auto Show** – Young’s Dairy

## September 2026

### 2 - MVT Monthly Meeting



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12 – MVT Northern Tour – Details coming...



13 – Cincinnati British Car Day – Fairfield, OH  
– details will be available at:

<https://www.bccgc.org/british-car-day>



18-20 – Stowe British Invasion – Details at the link below when they come available:

<https://www.britishinvasion.com/>



### Dayton Concours d'Elegance at Carillon Park

20 – Dayton Concours d'Elegance – more information at:

<https://daytonhistory.org/events/special-events/dayton-concours-delegance/>



26 – Farm Stand Tour – Details TBD, but mum's the word...

## October 2026



**3 – Secret Garden Tour** – get your fall decorations ready to go!

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**14-18 – VTR National Convention**

This year VTR National Convention moves to Kerrville, TX. It's not too early to plan your trip. Your events chair is already highlighting things along the way.

<https://stta.wildapricot.org/VTR2026>



**TBD – Trunk or Treat for Triumphs** – details TBD, but it sounds interesting

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7 – Guy Fawkes Fete – roast the villain! Details TBD.



TBD – Ugly Sweater Contest – Details TBD

## Technical Talk

*Edited by Bruce Clough*

### TRA 2026 Prep

Work continues to get Inca and the TRAIler ready to go to Oregon. The TRAIler is a cheap Harbor Freight trailer we bought years ago to carry stuff behind one of the wedges to TRF Summer Parties. For the last decade it's been lurking at the back of one of our storage sheds, only brought out to haul TR parts occasionally.

Most of the work early February was to put on bigger wheels/tires on the TRAIler, replace the lights and wiring, and add a removable cartop carrier. That led me down a “dang-gone Amazon parts” trail, especially on wheel bearings and hubs.



15 – Last Tech Session – okay, maybe, or maybe not...

## December 2026



5 – Holiday Soiree: never too early to get your brown bags together – at the Xenia FOP as last year.



Wiring up the new trailer connections, it's what we do...

**Moral of story – don't believe Amazon adds, but you knew that, so should've I...**

Rather than throwing away/recycling the old parts, I decided to do an experiment. I put them out to the road and did a "Curb Alert" on Facebook Marketplace – giving them away for free. They were gone in 10 minutes. Wow, even out here in the boonies...

**Heat – there is that.**

Back on Inca, one thing I have not done is connect the heater coolant supply. The heater has been in for a month but not connected. When we fired up the engine a while ago it wasn't needed. I had the hoses from Rimmers (dang gone expensive hoses for the record) sitting on the bench along with new clamps and a valve. Now was the time to get them on (put in heroic music here) before taking the trannie out.

*Sigh.*

That meant I needed to drain the coolant one more time. Now, since the aftermarket radiator has a drain valve built in, it's easier/less messy than the stock radiator "just yank off a hose and let it spill all over" method, but still a bit messy since it's hard to get a hose in there to carry away the coolant to a container due to where the K-Member is and where the drain is. The question became: "how can I eliminate that mess with what I have on hand?"



**...if the women don't find you handsome...**

Looking around the workbench, I found a funnel that would be perfect to capture the fluid coming

from the drain and then redirecting down into a container below. I capped off the bottom of the funnel, and nylon-tied the neck to the steering rack to hold it in place.

Okay, the radiator/cooling system was now drained without a lot of mess (the rest was absorbed by absorbent pads under the car), the heater core bypassing hoses, removed, and here it's a good time to talk about TR7 heater valves.

The air conditioned TR7s heater valve is not a simple valve but is integrated with air conditioning sensors and mounted to the heater/air conditioning box. It also is a known failure point for cars now going on 50 years old. It's not repairable.

Back in the mid-90's when I had an '81 TR7 the valve failed when I was driving and started leaking into the driver's footwell. That got my attention. At the time you couldn't buy a new one, but you could buy a Volvo one that fit with some slight modification. Since it was repaired in situ, I didn't connect up the AC sensor, not at problem, the AC didn't work anyway. Even with that, replacement was a pain in the body part that is at the top back of your pants.



**Old heater valve – wasn't leaking, yet.**

Today you can buy a new one (\$161 at Rimmers, but more like \$300 after shipping and tariffs), but I'm not going to put one of those in which requires contortions not available to this human. To replace the valve, I took a page out of the TR3 playbook – I bought a manual valve. How retro and quaint. It was also inexpensive, there is that.

I put that valve in line in one of the heater supply hoses easily accessible under the fresh air plenum just behind the carbs.



**New heater valve in place.**

### **Parking Brake Yet Again, Again...**

I've also revisited the parking brake cable bracket, the one that is attached to the underside of the drive shaft tunnel. This bracket holds the ends of the cable sheaths from the brakes and is the place where the individual cables are attached to the parking brake handle. So, when you pull on the parking brake this bracket is put under significant torque to keep the cable sheaths and their internal cables in place.

The only issue is this bracket is held in place by a couple of M4 studs (0.16" dia) spot-welded to the top of the drive shaft tunnel. They were there to hold a drive-shaft bump stop, not a parking brake cable bracket. The last time we visited this a few months ago I had epoxied a couple of large nuts to the bottom of the bracket to spread the force due to the torque load over a larger area as well as give the correct distance to eliminate interference with other brackets. We then drove the car several times and set parking brakes numerous times.

Last month I inspected the bracket after I put the car on our lift and noticed it had rotated forward about 20 degrees due to the drive shaft tunnel metal under the force-spreading nuts bending under the force. I think I was lucky that the M4 studs didn't strip. Something needs to be fixed.



**Interim fix from last year, nuts on the bracket – oh well, it was worth the try**

The new solution was to mount a plate under the bracket to spread the load over a much wider part of the body and reduce the tension on the M4 studs. As far as material, I had a nice piece of thick aluminum stock that I cut to fit the width of the mount, long enough to spread the force forward of the bracket, as well as provide an attachment opportunity behind it. That attachment is two 1/4" bolts through a flange on the body where two panels are welded together. I also had to provide a hole for the gas tank wiring harness which comes down through the body at the mount location.

To attach the bracket to the plate I used my usual *"I can't weld steel to aluminum, and I don't have enough depth below"* method – a combo of high-strength epoxy and high strength steel rivets. For those of you who are disappointed I did not use duct tape I apologize, I'm handsome enough...



**Parking Brake Bracket – V2.0**

To my surprise, it attached easy enough - bolt holes lined up, harness came through, fitted flush to the body. Strange.



**Attached mount.**

After I cut off the extra length of the M4 studs, I attached the cables to the bracket and then connected them to the rod going to the handle. With the new mounting I now ran afoul with the old single cable mounting bracket, but that was nothing a little grinding couldn't fix.



**New parking brake cable brackets and cables in place.**

With the parking brake now finally fixed (oh boy I hope...) I dropped the exhaust at the header connection. The existing system is the kludge of three separate components from different places and has been on the car for over 14 years. I was planning on just replacing this system, but with tariffs, lack of domestic systems for sale, and not

wanting to modify yet another system to fit the header, I decided just to clean it up, repaint the non-stainless parts, and put it back on. We'll replace it in the future when the supply chain might be a bit healthier for these parts.

Next job is to drop the tranny and replace seals as well as check the clutch. Should be fun – keep watching your emails!

## MVT Merch

The Club has the following fantastic, wonderful merchandise for sale. Show your colors in public, on your car, or on you! If you see something you like, talk to Harry Mague! Look at all we have:



**MVT Cloth Patch - \$12.00**



**MVT Pin - \$5.00**



MVT Window Sticker - \$1.00



MVT Magnetic Signs – these can be easily cut so they are round. They are 12"x12", 11" in diameter if cut round. - \$12



They look very spiffy on a TR7...

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**For Sale:** Transmission parts for a TR3A 3-synchro transmission in good condition. Can deliver in the area. \$250 OBO. Glenn Hamilton, 937-477-3298, [glennchamilton46@gmail.com](mailto:glennchamilton46@gmail.com) - Thanks. Let me know what else you need, Glenn



**For Sale: TR3A:** 1960 TR3 (built in 1959). There's a fiberglass hardtop and some spare parts that go with this. Asking \$15,000. This is Bud Graff's old car, BTW. Located in Middletown, Ohio. (513) 435-1111 Craig Moon

**For Sale** - Original TR3 steel hardtop. No dents - good window -no headliner -could use new paint-black-\$300 - Inquire [tryanity@gmail.com](mailto:tryanity@gmail.com).

**For Sale: Complete engine tranny**, diff for TR6. Call Giuseppe 818-269-3240 or go to BTM.

**Wanted – TR6.** Ben Helm is looking for a TR6. Feel free to contact him at 859-391-7395 and/or [mayraben@zoomtown.com](mailto:mayraben@zoomtown.com).

**Cars for sale: 2 TR7s:** 1980 TR7 convertible, 5-speed; Russet brown & tan Tartan interior. Formerly A/C. Weber carbs (pair). New top (black vinyl; professionally installed). Interior dyed/painted black by prev. owner; correction in process. Driver's door damage. This car purchased new in Dayton: per documents with car.

**For Sale – 1976 TR6.** 1976 TR6, 42k miles original owner. Runs well, just needs a few minor maintenance items the owner will fix. Asking \$20K. Car is near Georgetown Indiana (adjacent to Louisville KY).



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