



# "The Marque"

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*April 2014*

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

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**President's Report:** ~ Lorna Ball

Hello MVTr's. I am CONVINCED that Spring is just around the corner. We just have to hang in there a few more days. Stay strong people. We had another great Awards Banquet. Glad so many of you could make it. Another big thanks goes out to Lois for organizing the event. Also, thanks to Duncan Clough for leading us in Grace. "And the winners are".....Press on Regardless: Chuck and Chris White, Keep It On the Road: Stan Seto, Most Improved: John Coutant, and drum roll please.....the Marque of Distinction: Mr. Harry Mague. Congratulations to all the winners. I write this the afternoon of our early morning run. A small group of 10 met in Beaver creek and took country roads over to our "mystery destination" of Clifton Mill for a fabulous breakfast. There was lots of laughter, pancakes as big as man hole covers and a sunshine streaming in on us. It was a fabulous morning. I am now looking forward to next Saturday's all day road trip, taking us to KY and back. Hoping many of you can make it. I would encourage all those helping with TRA in June to attend upcoming events planned at Deer Creek. We need to stake out locations, decide where activities will be held.....it's crunch time and we have to hone in on the details. A GREAT event for sure. Happy Trails, Lorna

**Treasurer's Report:**~Harry Mague

**Treasurer's Report:** As of 1 March 2014, the club had a balance of \$6642.84. For the month of March, the club had the following income: 50/50 for \$8.00, deposits for TRA included \$893.75 for registrations and a \$500.00 transfer from Paypal TRA registrations. Total income into the account was \$1401.75. MVT expenses for March were: \$250.00 Award Gift Cards, \$17.99 new MVT Stamp, \$198.25 Award Trophies, \$10.27 for the Marque, and \$986.79 for Awards Dinner. TRA2014 expenses are: \$218.17. Total expenses for March are \$1681.47. Balance as of 1 April 2014 will be approximately \$6363.12 of which \$4441.29 is dedicated for TRA. Therefore the club's balance for April 1, 2014 is \$1921.83.

**Secretary's Report:** ~ Stan Seto.

**MVT Meeting Minutes, March, 2014,**

The March Meeting was held at Logan's Roadhouse on Centre Drive in Beaver creek, Ohio. The President, Lorna Ball, opened the meeting at 7:30 PM, with "Hail to the Queen!" There were 18 club members and the Clough children there. There were no visitors or new members at this meeting.

As a first order of business, paper ballots were passed out, filled out and collected. The Secretary, Stan Seto and Mary Stinson retired to another room to count them. There were 16 electronic ballots and 9 paper ballots. Stan Seto, Secretary, will cast a single vote for all candidates running unopposed.

President's Report: Reminded club that Awards banquet would be on Saturday night.

Vice President Report: Feet are cold; it is time for Spring.

Secretary Report: The February minutes were published in the Marque. Alice Clough made a motion that they be accepted. Greg ReLue, seconded. This passed by voice vote.

Harry Mague, the Treasurer, gave his report, a copy of which is in this issue of the Marque. He noted that the club had \$5500.00. Of that total \$3100.00 belong to TRA14.

The Membership Director, Valerie Relue, reported that we still have 37 members.

The Events Chairman, Bruce Clough, thanked those who came to the Valentine Day's run, which went well.

The Awards Banquet will be held at the Beaver creek Country Club starting at 6:30 PM. Lorna and Ellis and Chuck White will come early to set up the Quilt.

March Events are BCD Meeting at Poelking Lanes on the 12<sup>th</sup>, Wednesday. The TRA14 meeting is on the 13<sup>th</sup>, Thursday at the Wine Bar outside Bell Brook. On 22<sup>nd</sup> there will be an early morning run, meet at the 830 Cherry House Café. On 29<sup>th</sup> there will be the MVT River run to Augusta, Kentucky.

Dinner location to be announced. Meet at Country Kitchen at 8:30 AM.

April Events are a TRA planning meeting and on 26<sup>th</sup>, the Spring Tour.  
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Committee Reports:

Technical – No report.

Spares – No report.

Newsletter – No Report.

Regalia – Question from Lorna Ball about Pete, who has missed several recent meetings, some due to health.

BCD Report – Next meeting is on 12 March at Poelking Lanes. 8 – 12 electronic registrations received, a good start.

TRA14 Report – Planning Meeting on the 13<sup>th</sup>. Awards were on display for comment. Awards were custom engraved and looked good. Registration is at 23. There was some discussion about the award's sizes, cost and to be clear or color tinted. It was decided to do clear awards for Participant's Choice and tinted awards for Concours winners. The style of the awards was to be round (not square or trapezoidal). Best of Show award to be in range of \$100.00, and to be provided by British Transportation Museum.

Ad sizes in the program were discussed. For an eighth of a page a cost of \$50.00 was decided. Larger ads may be pro-rated from that price.

Old Business- Stan Seto announced the Officers for 2014 - 16.

President – Lorna Ball in a landslide.

Secretary – Karen Sipos edged Stan Seto.

Treasurer – Harry Mague.

The Awards Winner's were, for  
Keep it on the Road – Stan Seto.

Most Improved – John Coutant.

Press on Regardless – Chris and Chuck White.

Marque of Distinction – Harry Mague.

New Business – Stan Seto read a motion to increase new member dues because the cost of Name badges was increased. The motion will be published in the April and May issues of the Marque and voted on in the May meeting.

Valerie ReLue would like to update the membership application form on the web site. Discussed were adding club logo and "Stay on the Back Roads", add birthdate of spouse, month and day. Consider

adding anniversary date or leave as an option for applicant. Delete Work Phone, but add Cell Phone number. Valerie to work up an example of form and bring to April meeting for review and discussion.

Comments – Request for those interested to sign-up for Dayton Market Street British Car Show.

50/50 Drawing was won by Greg Relue in the amount of \$8.00.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted – Stan Seto, Secretary.

## Upcoming MVT Events

### April 2014!

*Upcoming Events From your MVT Event's Chair – Bruce Clough – [bclough@woh.rr.com](mailto:bclough@woh.rr.com) 937.238.4962*

"Boxed" events are ones sponsored by Miami Valley Triumphs

#### **March Recap**

Excellent month – we'll recap what happened at the April meeting. Suffice to say all the drives went off okay, if a little wet. Looking for a warmer April....

#### **April**

**2 – MVT Monthly Meeting at Logan's Roadhouse near the Fairfield Commons Mall.**  
Dinner at 6:30, Meeting at 7:30, BS all the time.  
Logan's #432 - 937-426-5565, 2819 Centre Dr., Beavercreek, OH 45324.



**5 – Roving Wrench – TR3 Engine Install – 0900** until we get bored! This will be at the Rutledges, phone: 937-284-2457, email: [ilikedmalts@sbcglobal.net](mailto:ilikedmalts@sbcglobal.net), address: 4332 Tulane, Springfield, OH 45503 We are going to be putting Rger's engine back in - Carol thanks us. Yes, donuts will make a showing!

**10 – TRA 2014 Planning Meeting – 6:30PM**  
Cuvee Wine Bar - 4457 W Franklin St, Bellbrook,  
OH 45305 (937) 848-2161 We will be planning for  
our visit to Deer Creek on the 12<sup>th</sup>.

**12 – Deer Creek Visit** We will be meeting at 8:30  
AM for breakfast at Deer Creek. For the  
adventurous types the Clough Clan is actually  
staying there the night of 11 Apr, so you can join us  
if you want. The goal is to lay out some tours, visit  
some places, and work out some logistics. Over  
the next few days I will be getting more info out on  
this. We will finalize what we are going to  
accomplish on the 10<sup>th</sup>.

**12 – 15<sup>th</sup> Annual Williamsburg British Car Club  
British and European Car Show –**  
[www.wmbgbrit.com](http://www.wmbgbrit.com)

**[MVT Spring Tour](#)**



**NEW DATE!!! We have to find out a new date  
since too many of the Clough Clan are helping  
out with a Bellbrook Maple Festival breakfast on  
26 April. How will the first weekend of May  
work???**

**May**

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**10 – Deer Creek Visit? Stay tuned! Literally –  
depends on Bridgett's schedule...**



**14 – TRA 2014 Planning Meeting – 6:30PM**  
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OH 45305 (937) 848-2161

**18 - Columbus British Car Day – Details TBD**



**24 - British Car Meet at the Market, Dayton, OH**  
The British Transportation Museum will hold its  
11th annual British Car Meet on Saturday May 24,  
2014. The Location will be the same as last year  
with the Meet at the South side of the building at 32  
Webster Street, home of "TOP of the Market  
Banquet and Event Center" in downtown Dayton.  
The Meet runs from 9AM to 3PM. Car registration  
is \$15 in advance and \$18 day of the show.  
Registration will be limited to the first 100 cars.  
Spectators are welcome free of charge. For more  
information, contact Harry Mague, 937-232-9310  
or Pete Stroble at 937-429-0871 or the Museum at  
([britishcarmuseum@yahoo.com](mailto:britishcarmuseum@yahoo.com)).



**May 31 – June 8 - British Car Week!** Drive your British Cars! Unsure of the MVT Event we might have that week to commemorate it, but the info on National Events is at <http://www.britishcarweek.org/events.html> Maybe we do a cruise-in somewhere that week?

**June**



**1 – British Return To Ft Meigs -** <http://lebcc.org/>

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**11-15 Jun – TRA National Meeting, Deer Creek State park, OH – This is OUR meet!** [www.miamivalleytriumphs.org/tra2014](http://www.miamivalleytriumphs.org/tra2014) - Register now! Register often – tell all your friend, family, enemies, folks you don't know at all!

**27-29 – Vintage Grand Prix – Mid-Ohio Racecourse -** <http://www.midohio.com/Schedule/Vintage-Grand-Prix-of-Mid-Ohio-2014>

**July**

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**13 – Cincinnati British Car Day – Assuming Harbin Park in Fairfield.** If so we will meet at the Bob Evans Restaurant in Middletown (OH 122 Exit of I-75) for the drive down for those coming from up north. Breakfast at 8, leave by 9.



**19 – MVT Drive to the Pool Party & MVT Pool Party –** Leave at 1200 from a place TBD for the drive to the Ball’s in Franklin and the pool. If just

going to the poll be there at 4PM. The Ball's live at 112 Hemlock St., Franklin OH 937-746-5189. Let's hope the bands are hot that night!



**24-26 TRF Summer Party, Armagh, PA.**  
SUMMER PARTY DATES ANNOUNCED—  
Thursday, Friday, Saturday, July 24th, 25th, 26th,  
2014—Yes! We Will Autocross This Year...

### August

**1 – Dayton British Car Day Set Up** – Eastwood Metro Park – 6PM



**2 - Saturday, August 2 30th Annual British Car Day, Dayton, OH.** This is OUR car show, so let's all plan to be there and be active! 9am to 4 pm. Eastwood MetroPark, 1385 Harshman Rd., Dayton, OH. Popular vote car show, vendors & swap meet, full service concession stand, dash plaques to first 325 entrants, spectators admitted free, children's activities.

<http://www.britishcardaydayton.com>

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**TBD – The Pub Cruise-In** - The Pub in The Greene

### September

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**9-14 - VTR National Meeting** – Dobson, NC.  
Maybe we can get a decent MVT contingent going to this??? Nice venue. On Sept 9-14 at Shelton Vineyards, Dobson, NC, the Triumph Club of the Carolinas is hosting the National Meet of the Vintage Triumph Register. The host hotel is the Hampton Inn, Shelton Vinyards in Dobson, but if that fills up there is the Surrey Inn across the street, and a number of nice hotels in Mount Airy about 10 minutes away. Featured marque will be the wedge cars, TR7 and TR8, "Celebrating 40 years of The Shape." TWA and TCOC are bringing Harris Mann (TR7 Stylist) to the US for the show and Graham Robson will also be there we're told. The host club is looking into hosting a hillclimb in addition to the autocross. We (TWOA) are hoping to get 100 wedge cars to Dobson, and we think this is doable. Please join us!



**14 - 2014 Concours d'Elegance at Carillon Historical Park, Dayton, Ohio.** Featuring: Ferrari, Corvette Stingray C2, and Aston Martin automobiles. Weekend events include: Saturday, Sept. 13th, Classic Road Tour & Preview Party. Sunday, Sept. 14th, Dayton Concours d'Elegance. Info: <http://www.daytonconcours.com/> or call 937-432-2841



**27 – MVT Early Morning Run** – Meet at the Starbucks Café, 6252 Wilmington Pike, Dayton, for a breakfast run to mystery location!

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**TBD – Harvest Tour –**



**TBD – Fall Tour – The New Wineries of Ohio**

**November**

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**8 – Guy Fawkes Tour & Dinner - TBD**

**December**

**13 - Holiday Soiree**  
**20 – The Run to Christmas Dinner!**

# Triumph Register of America National Meeting 2014

## April 2014 Update



**Reserve**

Get your reservations – if you do not have your reservations at the lodge – get them. Not only are the room numbers extremely limited, but also the

deadline for the block is approaching – May 10<sup>th</sup>.

On-line info at:

<http://www.deercreekstateparklodge.com/>

Call the toll-free number and tell them you are with the Triumph Register of America. You can stay at home and make the commute, but you would be missing the fun, trust me on this one.

### **Register**

Get your registrations – if you have not registered for the meet yet please do – not only are you supporting your local club, but also will be joining the cadre of your fellow MVT'ers at the meet. It's only \$100-or-so-bucks, less than a stainless exhaust, so quite a deal.

Note that you do not have to register to help us with the meet and to visit the car show, but to do some of the other events you have to be registered – if you have any questions pls call me.

### **Meeting on the 10<sup>th</sup>**

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### **Meet Program Plans:**

I am putting together the meet program. Done this before, and I am using the template from TRA 2006 to start with. Not only will we be putting a printed program in the registration bags containing info on the meet events, local attractions, and nearest auto part stores, but also I want to send a short version to folks that have registered with info on things they might want to work on before getting there, like their handiwork for the art/crafts contests, showing them where to park trailers, maps of the park, etc.

That first, short version I'd like to have ready to go by 1 May, the longer version for the registration bags would be done 15 May.

### **To Do's:**

Awards – we still have to lock-down on the class awards for Participant's Choice as well as a few others. We have the Concours Awards and some others done. We thought we had a good choice of something that was inexpensive for the rest, but they turn out to be more expensive than the Concours Awards. You live and you learn.

Rallyes – We have to set up the Thursday and Saturday rallyes – Thursday is a question rallye around the park, and Saturday looks to be a Poker Rallye around Circleville – just need to work some details on the 12<sup>th</sup>.

EMR's - For Thursday's EMR we need to visit Ben and Joy's, and C&C Triumph Factory (wow, just coined a new name!) are still working on Saturday's plans.

Staff Shirts - I ordered a bunch of vests that got put on backorder (unhappy), but I did order them!

Registration – if you've not registered, you need to! <big grin>.

Other Stuff – probably is, but as we find out, we work.

### **Budget**

So far we are in the black – keep it up Harry – he is doing a great job printing money and issuing junk bonds! Keep it up! <smile>

### **Quilt**

Quilt is done, rack is built, and we are working on the buzz. A lot of us are already planning our high bids for this, and it should go for a dear penny or two.

### **Promotion**

We've emailed all the TRA clubs and VTR clubs, posted notices on the Wedge and Stag email lists as well as the TRA Web Forum. We have more email lists to hit as well as Triumph and British Car forums. Chris is working the vendors and vendor calendars. What else do we need to do? What have we missed? What about the local media – how do we do that? Chris has been doing a great job on this, so if you see him – thank him, get him a beer, tell him to get his TR3 on the road (hint, hint...)

## Closing

Thanks all – doing great so far – see you at the meetings this month - Bruce



Hello everyone. Hope all you snow huggers are doing well. I've been quite busy down here and haven't had as much time to enjoy the warm weather and gentle breezes as I would have liked but progress has been had on the Ole TRminator. I always wanted an Overdrive so I went and bought one off ebay...prob not the best decision ive ever made but rebuilding it has been quite a learning experience for me.

When the transmission and overdrive arrived it appeared to have been dropped during shipping. If you look closely at the housing on the right, the lower left corner of the housing is missing. The housing on the left is the one the shipper bought to replace the broken one and you can see the little piece of the housing sticking down. So I had to take all the bits off the broken housing and put them on the replacement.



When I pulled the overdrive off the transmission inside I found a surprise (reminded me of my

childhood cracker box days)



I then pulled the brake ring off



Pulling the sliding clutch assembly off proved to be quite the challenge. It had apparently been there a long time and had no desire to be separated from its spot. It took all my abilities of persuasion to convince it to let loose.



Once the sliding clutch was off I removed the planet and sun gear which gave me access to the uni-directional clutch. As you can see the uni-

directional clutch had lead a hard life.



The bearing race that the clutch runs in also showed similar signs of said hard life. So it had to be removed



When dealing with stubborn problems I have found that the BFH can be useful but in this case I used a Big Sliding Hammer



To get the Accumulator piston housing out I had to use a very sophisticated and expensive Triumph exclusive tool shown here on the right. You stick it in the end of the housing and screw the nut down compressing the rubber and viola. Like popping a

Champagne cork.



Here is another very sophisticated Triumph tool used to extract the pump.



Here it is in action.



The thrust washer in the planet gear was severely worn and needed to be replaced. To get it out you have to remove one of the planet gears which is done by drilling out (carefully) the retaining pin. As luck would have it the planet gear I removed had one of the needles in the needle bearing that apparently self-destructed since it was nowhere to be found and the shaft was badly galled. So I ended up replacing all the bearings and shafts.



To check the end float on the sun gear takes another one of those expensive sophisticated and highly intricate Triumph specialty tools shown here.



You use the tab to place a dial gauge on it. And then lift the sun gear.



Here's the Annulus with its end float done and the new uni-directional clutch bearing race installed with a new thrust washer.



Along with a new Uni-directional clutch.



The reassembly continues with the sliding clutch and break ring back in place along with the new thrust washer that was shown previously in pieces and an appropriately sized distance washer.



The Annulus is then attached to the main housing and the operating pistons back in place.



The solenoid is mounted and the operating valve lift is adjusted and set.



Attaching the Over drive to the transmission with the new springs in place. Nice of them to color code them for me...takes all the fun out of guessing 😊



So endeth the Overdrive saga. The transmission was completely gone through and refurbished. Ill just give you the Readers Digest version of what went on. If you have never had the pleasure of meeting this circlip.....DON'T. It is without a doubt one of the most aggravating, irritating, annoying contrivances that will elicit more expletives than any other

machination you will ever meet. After having done this once before.....the hard way. I decided to get a new one and destroy the old one to get it out. I used a dremel and ground into the circlip severely weakening it allowing it to be much more easily removed. Here they are in all there glory.



After removing the circlip I checked the top hat thrust washer on the second gear. Every transmission I have taken apart has had this thrust washer broken. Here is the broken thrust washer along with its steel 2 piece uprated replacement which can be seen on the main shaft getting ready to measure the second and third gear end float.



And then to measure the First gear end float.



To get the main shaft pushed back into its bearing I needed to fabricate another Triumph specialty tool. Worked like a charm. The screwdriver is used to keep the layshaft thrust washer from wondering off.



The transmission back together and raring to go.



Another project I decided to do was to add an torsion bar to the front of the car. I got a kit from TRF and drilled a few holes and she's done. Easy peasy.



I disassembled the convertible top and had the frame powder coated. During reassembly I put a couple foam wedges on the front edge of the side rails of the frame. There was a tip on the 6 pack forum about this. It helps seal that hard to seal area.





After roughing up the area I applied contact cement and used strips of wood and clamps to attach the vinyl/Velcro strips.



The strips I got from TRF had Velcro that was 1" wide. The area that the Velcro covers is 5/8" wide. This would have made an unsightly install in my opinion so I took the strips to a local upholsterer and he cut one of the seams and trimmed 3/8" off the Velcro and sewed them back on. Much better.



One of the neatest suggestions I've found on the forums is to use 2" Industrial Strength Velcro to repair window channels. It works great is fairly simple to do and looks fantastic. I removed the channels scraped out the old material and bead blasted them. I found that the bottom rivets in 3 of

the 4 rails were loose. This was easily corrected but must have been one of the sources of rattles the car had.



I then placed the Velcro on the edge of the window which I clamped in a vise and then forced the rail down over it.



I then wrapped the edges back. This stuff sticks like glue.



I then cut small strips to stick inside the area with the plastic guides.



This is just a small part of what's been going on down here. My brother has been working black magic on the body making it look like new. Only a handful of people in the world can do that. That will be for another update.



***Cheers Mates  
Tim Moore***

### **President Lorna Ball's Banquet Speech**

Good evening everyone. Welcome to the MVT annual Awards Banquet, looking back on 2013.

The last two years we have had to pay tribute to members lost in our club. This year is no exception. Newer members did not get to know Marlene Carter, since she has been ill the last three or four years. Both she and her husband Jimmy were once active members in the club. She died August 26th. A donation was made in her name to the National Optimists Club where she served as National President.

September 13th we lost Mike's wife, Mara. This sweet, soft-spoken class act lost her battle to breast cancer. She was brave. She is sorely missed. A donation was made to Hospice of

Dayton in her name. In December of last year, both Pete Stroble and Ted Allison had serious heart health issues. We are glad they are doing so much better. On a more upbeat note, our VP, Curtis Hayes, is now engaged to Theresa and they are planning a wedding later in the year. Much happiness to them both.

Another year of solvency! We started with a balance of \$4,468.18 and we ended the year with a balance of \$3,606.27. In 2013 we made \$625.00 from BCD.

2013 welcomed new members Tim Moore and his wife Marty along with Andrew Morris and his wife, Sheryl, Michael Cason and former member Roy Owens is back in the fold. Last year I mentioned new members Jim and Karen Sipos. They have since become very active members and now Karen serves as our Secretary. We know that Jim has had some serious health issues and we are so glad to see him here tonight.

It was a great year of activities. In January we had dinner at Valley Vineyards with a great turnout. February we had the Super Bowl Party at the Clough Ranch with 18 present. The Grand Prize was a dessert dish from Debbie Farrett--her sugar cream pie. There was also a Valentine dinner at The Golden Lamb with 15 members attending. We, of course, had our Awards Banquet last March with the Marque of Distinction Award going to Mr. Chuck White. The Spring Tour in April took us to the Ohio River, taking in shops and ice cream. We ended the day with dinner at a small winery in Mt. Orab. The summer Pool Party at our house was postponed one day due to weather and we had a bigger turnout than originally scheduled. 26 made it this year! The Rutledges hosted their northern Miami Valley Tour Part 2. Such a great day. There was a Fall Tour heading towards Highland County and an End of Summer picnic at the Caesar's Creek Winery. The year ended with our Christmas Soiree and a Christmas dinner was enjoyed at the Golden Lamb with 16 members attending.

We made our rounds of the Car Shows this year. Every member who attended the Second Street Market Car Show (sponsored by the British Transportation Museum), received an award. At the July Cincinnati Car Show, with 180 cars on the field, most everyone received a trophy, with John Coutant winning Best of Class with his 1959 TR3. Our BCD show was a much smaller turnout than

we are used to, due to weather....with 208 cars showing. Six members received awards with first place awards going to John Coutant and Bruce Clough.

Lots of road trips, lots of car shows, lots of awards.

TRA2014: Things got in full swing for TRA, led all the way by Bruce. What an undertaking and what a great job he and the group is doing. Did everyone get a chance to see the quilt and read our write-up? Every quilt has a story and this one is certainly no exception. Thanks to Carol and Roger for their 4 day trip to Deer Creek. They scoped out roads, restaurants, towns and shops...all preparing us for TRA2014. TRA will be a great success because of the hard work of so many people.

One thought provoking question: have you learned the words to "Happy Trails"?

And now----the presentation of the club's annual awards:

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| Keep It On the Road ----   | Stan Seto             |
| Press on Regardless ----   | Chuck and Chris White |
| Most Improved ----         | John Coutant          |
| Marque of Distinction ---- | Harry Mague           |

Finally, I would like to recognize the newly elected officers:

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| President ---- | Lorna Ball  |
| Secretary ---- | Karen Sipos |
| Treasurer ---- | Harry Mague |

And, a special thanks to Stan, our outgoing Secretary. A great job, Stan. I would also like to recognize Valerie Relue, our membership chairperson. She has done an excellent job and has come up with some great ideas and is working on a new membership application.

I want to thank you for coming and hope you enjoy the rest of your evening.



April 2014 Bruce Clough ([bclough@woh.rr.com](mailto:bclough@woh.rr.com))

I actually didn't do a whole lot in March. I'm at the point where I need to drive the car to see what will fall off, and the weather is not cooperating. The rear-view mirror beat me to it, it fell off (again). Can't anyone make good glue? I did manage to drive the car up and down the driveway a few times. Everything was working except the overdrive that I isolated to me forgetting to provide that relay power. Fixed now.



So April's fun will be to get it insured, drive it, put a top on it, get the carpeting back in, and mount the sidecurtains. If all goes well I will be ready for TRA. If not, I have the FrankenStag....

## The Continuing Adventures Of...



Bruce Clough

April 2014

### Donor Fun

Remember the '79 FHC TR7 I was looking at in early December before winter broke out? Well, the guy, Mark, called me back up in late March and told me to come and get it. So (and a big hat's off to Chuck) we went and got it on 22 March.



### On the trailer to head home...

Inca yellow FHC. At first blush it doesn't look bad, even the interior was in pretty good shape, albeit black and green plaid! No, I do not know who picked that color combo... However, once we had it back home and in the garage it became evident this was a parts car only – bad rust in both inner fenders, both footwells, all corners, all outer fenders, strut towers, and the trailing arm attachment points.



**Out Comes The Mill – note the steep angle you have to use to get the engine and tranny out from the top.**

I spent the next week getting the parts off I wanted, and hosted a pick & pull party on 30 March for MVT members.



**Body snatchers at work**



**What interior?**

By the time we were all done there wasn't much left except a rolling carcass. In a symbolic last gesture I climbed in and the club pushed me down the driveway towards the road. I made motor noises as I parked in a spot to wait for the wrecker to take it away to be recycled.



### **TR in the TRees**

Another one bites the dust, but it also is providing needed spares for at least 9 cars in the club and who knows who else. I will always grab these cars to get parts, so if you know of any orphans needing a last bit of love let me know!

