



The Marque

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

The Marque - September 2023



The MVT Crew before starting off on the J3P Tour- Details inside

Marque Editor's Comment



Old Cars, Old Barn, the world is good

August - what a month – shows, drives, tours, wine, beer, ice cream – what more could a human want? Thanks to all who have sent in articles, and especially pictures, and super especially to Frank, the official MVT photographer! John Coutant – we need to double his salary!

Keep sending the articles in – we could use some more technical articles! Oh, I hear there is Free Beer at the Pool-less Pool Party....

September Events:

- 6 – Monthly Meeting
- 10 – Cincinnati British Car Show
- 16 – Pool-less Pool Party(Free Beer)
- 17 – Dayton Concours
- 27 Sep-1 Oct – VTR'23

In This Marque

- Report out on all the stuff we did in August
- The Dearth of Technical Articles, okay, the editor is complaining about being paranoid
- Rumors of Free Beer



Yes, it's getting that time of year again!



MVT Poster at the British Transportation Museum – See Membership Chair Valerie's article

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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

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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 or to the PO Box.

Cutoff date for next month's Marque is the 25th of the month or when the editor screams...

National Affiliations:



Vintage Triumph Register

MVT is proudly a Chapter of the Vintage Triumph Register, the link to their comprehensive website is: <http://vintagetriumphregister.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 make 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 collector 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://vintagetriumphregister.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.

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/i15/>

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.

MVT Monthly Meeting



MVT Monthly Meetings are held on the first Wednesday of each month at **Archers Tavern Kettering**, 2030 E Dorothy Ln, Kettering, OH 45420, (937) 291-1015. We are in the meeting room off the bar at the front of the tavern. We have dinner and socializing at 6:30PM and the president usually ruins our fun by starting a meeting at 7:30PM.

<http://archerstavern.com/archerstavern/>

Officer's Reports

President's Report

A Breath of Fresh Air

John Coutant



Summer (June, July, August) was super busy what with TRA 2023, Dayton BCD and a few other events. I really feel like a rest after all that. I am sure everyone who helped and/or participated in those events probably feels the same way. September has arrived all too quickly with 2/3 of the year gone by. However, even with a few hot days remaining, cooler weather and fall are coming soon.

We have some more relaxed events planned for September such as Cincinnati BCD (no work, just show up) and for some of us, a relaxing drive down to Dillard for VTR 2023 (again no work, just show up). Notice the theme here? Most important, our summer party/ celebration is the 16th at the Rutledge's. This is a chance to relax and catch up with everyone, enjoy a really big and delicious pork chop provided by the club, a relaxing place to celebrate provided by the Rutledges, and lots of yummy different pot luck dishes provided by everyone who comes.

We have some of the traditional fall tours in October and usually a few tech sessions show up as various gremlins show up in people's TRs during the summer that defy solution.

I know that there are a lot of ‘to do’ things still waiting on my TR3. The car is running great but I still have electrical things to do – chase down why I fry some solid-state devices but not others, put the stealth alternator back on, and the item that has been waiting for several years, put the Pertronix ignition in. I know, I know this is not a big project but I keep getting sidetracked with other shinny things like yardwork and goofing off.

Don't you hate it when you see a cat laying on top of your car?



MVT is a club but it also a small business. We have been operating that way for several years but, through the efforts of Harry Mague, we officially became an incorporated 501(c)(7) non-profit organization this year. This just formalizes what we have been doing in the past but more importantly provides with us being a tax-exempt entity and a level of liability protection for individual members. We still file taxes, create a budget, pay insurance just like we have. If it seems more complex that what we used to do, it is. Times change and we need to be aware of those changes for both the club and for ourselves. We are a club that drives classic cars, many 50 years or older. There is a risk involved with that both to you and the club. Unfortunately, the risks of being sued are higher today than they were in the past. So as an individual you should be sure your personal insurance is appropriate for today just as the club needs to be sure its organization and insurance is appropriate to protect not only the club but also individual club members.

As we get into October and the last quarter of the year it will be time to start thinking about 2024 and beyond. We do have planning every January for events for the year but do we have plans for what we want the club to be in 5 years, 10 years? Maybe we should start thinking about longer ranges plans? Food for thought?

Speaking of food for the mind, hope to see everyone at the Pool-less Pool Party. Did I hear there is free beer?

Secretary's Report/Last Month's Meeting Minutes – July 23

Meeting called to order 7:32 by President J Coutant.

Attendance: 27 members, 1 visitor

Opening Remarks John Coutant: Didn't get side room this time.

Request for Changes / Additions to Agenda:

None

Introduction of Guests/New Members:

Visitor Kathy Prosse

Officer Reports:

President: We can use more people at BCD

Vice President: Thanks again or TRA crew and no complaints!

Treasurer: Checking balance is \$2848.32 with TRA \$ to come. Report approved by all

Secretary: July minutes Approval of minutes as they appeared in the Marque. ?? requested and approved.

Membership: We had 56 members, dropped to 53 and added new member John Neiswinger. He has a 1961 red TR3A. We are now at 54 paid members.

Events:

- Past: July tour rained out. Chuck, Chris, and Alice took \$500 to Old Friends in Lexington as charitable donation from TRA
- Future: August 5 – Dayton BCD; August 12 – Indianapolis British Motor Day; August 26 – Bob Pool “Orphan” Car Show followed

perhaps by Caesar's Creek Vineyard
September 10 – Cincinnati BCD;
September 16 – MVT Pool-less Pool Party;
Late September – VTR 2023 in Dillard,
Georgia. October TBD trip to Valley
Vineyards.

Standing Committee Reports

Technical: Bruce: Bad overdrive solenoids
discussed

Marque: Send articles and pictures to Bruce.

Spare Parts: Chris was away.

Website: John Coutant: waiting to redo

Memorabilia: Harry: none

Event Committee Reports:

- TRA'23: 5 TRA shirts left
- BCD: Various voices said 150 registered for
BCD, British Car Day, and expect 110
more. There many new registrations. Meet
Friday at Eastwood 6 PM then 7:30
Saturday morning. 10 leftover bags from
last BCD. Old shirts will be sold with new
ones. Harry has signs. John C expects
good weather.

Old Business

MVT poster displayed for BTM-Valerie 23 X 36"
done at Tipp City Library.

Discussion and vote new bylaw regarding
cancelled meetings. Normally President calls
officers to call their list. Passed new bylaw with 1
opposed.

New Business

None

50-50 Raffle

\$20 to Alice

Adjournment moved by Chuck and passed 7:59
PM

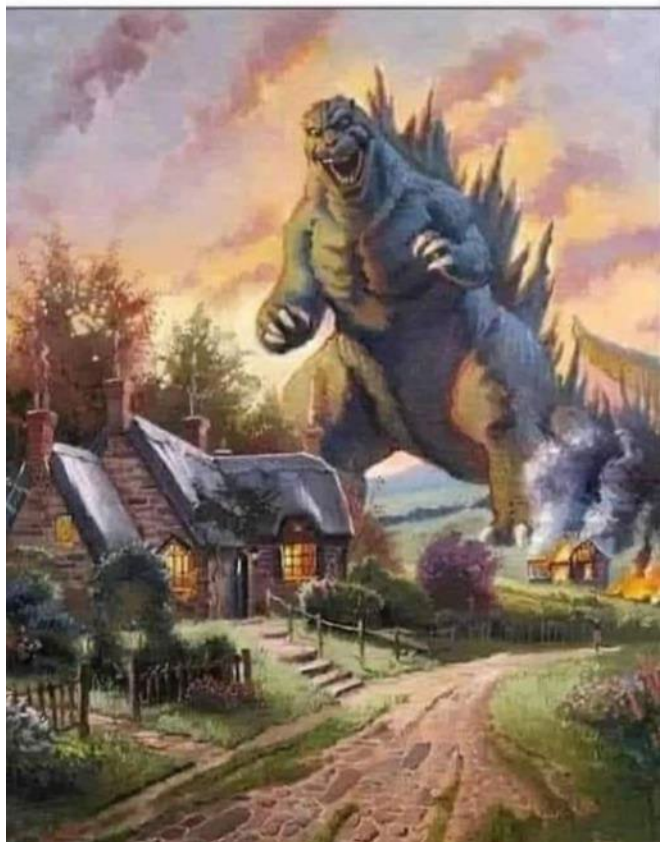
Respectfully submitted, *Clyde Collins*

Vice President's Report



He didn't give the editor a report. We will decide
punishment/retribution at the September meeting.
Instead, I found this picture on the Internet. Enjoy
and blame it on Chuck:

How to instantly fix any Thomas Kincaid
painting



The Vigilante

Treasurer's Report



As of 1 August 2023, the club account had a balance of \$2848.32. For the month of August, the club's income was \$20.00 from 50/50, \$90.02 in membership renewals, \$31.00 for sale of memorabilia, and \$75.00 for the sale of leftover t-shirts at BCD. Total income was \$216.02. We had the following expenses: \$15.00 for new member names tags, \$194.00 for the renewal of the club's Post Office box, and \$250.00 renewal for the club's liability insurance from VTR. Total expenses for the month of August are \$459.00. Final accounting for TRA National Meet realized a profit for the club of \$2738.83. As of 1 September, 2023, the club's account balance is \$5344.17. The club should expect the final accounting for our share of the BCD profit to be in September.

Respectfully submitted, *Harry Mague*

Membership Chair Report

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A Google Groups e-mail to all MVTers on August 4th notified everyone we were saying goodbye to a few folks as a result of our annual dues renewal process and we were welcoming a new member--

John Neiswinger--all of which brought our membership total to 54. Additionally, we just added another new member--Jimmy Dean--so we now stand at 55!

Our much-discussed MVT advertising posters were finally put on public display. The small one was used at our club's T Shirt Booth during British Car Day and will be traveling to Cincy with John Coutant for the Aubrey Rose Foundation British Car Day on September 10th. The large poster is now loud and proud in the front entrance of the British Transportation Museum. Special thanks to MVT member Pete Stroble for allowing us to display our MVT info at BTM!

Thank you.

Valerie Relue

Events Chair Report



I think August pretty much went off as planned. The weather cooperated – rain before, or after, events, but nothing got in the way of them. Wasn't too hot (or cold), sunshine in abundance. Way to go with those chicken sacrifices to the gods.

September is another busy month. The weather is looking warm, but dry (kinda the usual - don't want it too dry since that screws up the colors a bit in October). There is pretty much something going on every weekend, from tours to shows to parties, we have them all. I also hear of Free Beer.

Looking forward to VTR'23. We have our trip up and back planned, now getting the car ready (think

we're just taking one, might change mind, but one for now.

Also starting to plan October events – we do have the tour that ends up at Valley Vineyards for dinner, so I'll be asking for a head count on that.

As I mentioned last month, TRA 2024 room block is open – call Mohican Lodge and ask to be put in the block for TRA 2024 to get the discount. If you have not been to that state park, it's a good one, and not far from Grandpa's Cheese Barn.

Oh, and just one more thing. I've been watching us on caravans over the last year, and we have been getting lax with good caravan etiquette - we'll talk about it at the meeting on the 6th, but you need to keep up with the person in front of you. Two seconds back, two seconds back. We've had issues with waiting and split up caravans since folks are not keeping up with the people in front of them. We do not drive a bazillion miles an hour (much to my chagrin) so everyone should be able to do this – it just takes a bit of attention. Close up on the person in front of you, and be attentive at lights and intersections. It's not fair to the people behind you if you are lagging back – please be attentive. Remember – the pedal on the right means go.

Bruce Clough, MVT Events Chair

<h1>MVT Events</h1>
<h2>Past</h2>
August 2023



4 - Dayton BCD Set-Up

Bruce Clough



The Registration Merry-Go-Round – we even had a Duncan sighting!

Thanks to the folks who stopped by Eastwood Metro Park for the traditional “Packing of the Bags” and other BCD Set-Up fun. We got the bags packed, bugs swatted down, and even found a mistake for Harry (no charge on that one).



5 - Dayton BCD

Bruce Clough & Stan Seto

This is the story of BCD in pictures, words, and numbers at the end of this Marque. Thanks to all who attended. It went well, really well! I'm doing the pictures, Stan the words.

In Pictures:



Red TR3's only need to apply...



The Wedgimites!



Pre-Registered Registration Tent and Harry's boxes



Harry hard at work keeping up with the non-registered heading into the show



MVT tent – hey, isn't that the great poster Valerie developed on the right?



Shirt Tent staff, and the editor's son doing a photo bomb...



British Transportation Museum display



Scott Huey taking his class – thanks to John Clifford I remember this one...



Head Judge whipping her team into shape



John wanted me to post the evidence that not all TR3s are red...

MVT had its share of winners, and of course I didn't write them down or take pictures – maybe Stan did? Inca got an Award of Excellence, and Old Paint got a rock.

In Words

Saturday morning, 05 August, BCD Day! Finally! Up before the Sun, on the road to Eastwood Park before 6 AM, slight overcast, cool, not much traffic.

TR3 packed with registration forms, three ring binders, and two cardboard boxes with bags of pens, pencils, Marks-a-Lots, cigar boxes, paper punches, scissors, tape and all the rest of the paraphernalia needed to get 100 – 150 cars registered for the meet that day.

In years gone by I would also have on-board an electric drill, some battery packs and screws for wooden signage, but this year, we are using all new signs that just drop on to wire holders and get pushed into the ground.

Got to the park entrance just about at 7 AM. Glad to see the banners we bought last year. Gate was open, so drove down to the meet grounds. There was some activity at the Registration pavilion and further south at the other pavilion we use to use for food, but now just for shade. Tents were going up as were banners and flags. Several vendors were already there.

Dumped my stuff at the registration pavilion, parked the car, took off the top and side curtain and put on the tonneau cover and raised the hood.

We set up the entry for the cars (pre-registered on the left, not Registered on the right), using "caution" tape and several small sticks. The new signs were put in the ground and after Harry (our Registration Recorder) showed up we seemed ready to go to work, except while we had the tent for the pre-registered bag site, we did not have a table (Gotta' fix that next year.)

Cars started to flow in early, about 8 or a little after, and it was a mad scramble for the first 15 or twenty minutes. But soon we started getting things operating more smoothly, and the MG club had a person stationed at our leaving point to the field to get cars to their class parking areas.

We have a new lady, Carla, representing the Park Management group. She started working with Skip Peterson earlier in the year to help get our event organized. We all got to meet her Friday night when we were stuffing bags. Skip said she and he formed a good working relationship, for which he was very happy. On Saturday, Carla got the gate opened before 7 AM and although she was only supposed to work until Noon, was still there, "drinking it all in" at 1:30. Don't know how late she stayed that afternoon.

The two food trucks showed at about 9 or 9:30 AM. They got parked and set-up and sold products until after 3 PM. Ice cream near us and sandwiches (Tacos, etc.) and drinks across the parking lot. For 2024, our clubs need to agree to let both vendors sell what they typically have, as the one truck selling food and drinks was fairly slow. I had to wait for over a half hour for 3 Tacos, when I ordered, and with the MG club deciding not to sell food any more, two years ago, the days of \$1.50 hot dog and \$2.50 hamburger are over. I'm just saying we need to make better use of the resources we now have.

The number of cars we had registering on Saturday was down from what we normally get, only about 100 drove in. We did OK on the Pre-registered side as we recorded 158 before the cut-off on the 22nd of July. As nearly as I can figure, we had 235 cars on the field, down mainly due to people who did not show up (17) after pre-registering or who pre-registered, but I did not get their applications at that time. We reregistered them. There's a plan to correct this problem for 2024. The other thing that

would help would be to do a count on the field at Noon, each year.

See the graph of On-going Yearly Car Tally elsewhere in the newsletter. The editor has normally put it on a back page.

I did not ask for funding from these who pre-registered but for whom we did not have bags, after the first two, and if confirmed as pre-registered those who double paid got their money back. I did make a strong effort to verify any claims made of pre-registering but no recognition at the meet (Bags, that is), with the BCD Web Master.

We also had a couple of cases where people pre-registered earlier in the year (March or April) and then also registered in late June or July.

The Miata Club showed up around 10-ish, with about 15 cars, and we got them parked without incident.

By 10 or so, we also started to get just spectators coming in parking and walking over to look at the cars. I did not get a chance to see how many cars filled the soccer field adjacent to the show field, but we normally hit at about 900 to 1200 spectators and they come and go in constant flow and late into the afternoon.

We stopped Registering at Noon and after a short pause, counting of ballots started. There were several counting teams, including MG club members, and it was well organized. Balloting was over at 1:00 PM and the counting was over before 2. Winners of the various classes were determined and recorded for the awards ceremony and I think all that was accomplished before our normal 3 PM deadline.

After the winner's parade, cars were leaving and (as they say) it was only dust settling by 4 and the 2023 version of BCD was complete.

The consensus was that the new signs worked out well.

The weather: Light clouds and cool as we gathered in the early morning, by Noon, mostly sun, increasing humidity and higher temperatures. As we were folding our tents and getting ready to leave the park, temperatures in the low Nineties,

and humidity at an uncomfortable level. Hey, we got through it.

Thanks go out to all the MVT'ers there, especially Harry & Stan for registration, Valerie and Patti for running shirts, Alice and her judging crew, Greg (Tony) for whipping the vendors into shape, and for all the members of MVT that make this show so fantastic.

12 - Indy BCD

Bruce Clough

Although the weather was iffy, okay, rainy, at the crack of the day, Stan Seto, Jeff Barth, and John Clifford (do not know if Jodi or Patti accompanied them since all I have is pictures) headed towards a sunnier Indianapolis. Although I was not there, that will never stop me from commenting on the pictures John Clifford sent...



The MVT Travelers looking spiffy that warm August day.



Okay, which Spit is spiffier, which one was baring its engine, and which one was going topless?



Hey look, it's Stan looking spiffy!



Three cars, three class awards, MVT bats 1000! How spiffy is that?

19 - J3P (Jeff, Jodi, John & Patti) Tour

Bruce Clough

This was the redo for this tour – originally scheduled for July, but Mr. Bad Weather put a kibosh on that. Since I'm lazy here are pictures. Frank took some great shots, but I couldn't download them – John Coutant did share the link.



Meeting at the coffee shop – this place, Café 19, had humongous servings – the omelets I saw were huge, and so was the breakfast

sandwich I had. Coffee was fantastic, yellow jackets outside annoying, little turdheads...



One of Ray Bradbury's subjects showed up for breakfast



Café 19 – stop by if you are in Englewood - MVT Approved!



The roads J3P picked for the day were a fantastic run. The weather was perfect and traffic light.



Bill Otto talking Barn talk...

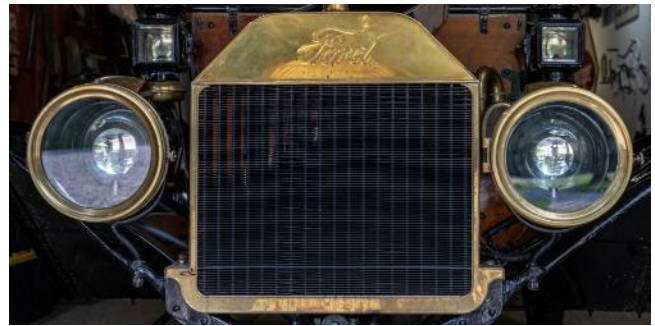


We stopped at a restored log barn and the Otto's took us for a tour of their barn, and then their car collection. I was wondering about

the Model T's - Bill is a grandson of Esther Price – that explained everything.



Jeff either enthralled or about to fall over



As the Greg Kihn Band would say “They don’t write’m like that anymore...”



Bill kept us entertained with his stories



What a wonderful showing of MVT cars for the run



Did you ever wondered where that original Esther Price sign went? It still works!



After visiting the Log Cabin we put some pedal to the metal and traversed some more neat roads – one of which had a nice downhill

hairpin where Frank took some great pics (that I will try to find). We ended back up in West Milton at the Municipal Park where some Porta-Johns awaited us – and just at the right time for most MVT travelers. After this we headed up to Wenz’s stores for some great shopping (bought a hemostat) and then headed back east to Troy waving “hi” to the Senter’s along the way. Time for lunch!



Lunch – Moeller Brew Barn – Troy – After lunch we had a long drive hither and yon mostly eastward. Roger reminisced about laying rubber...



The roads throughout the day were wonderful with clear vistas mixed with undulating woodlands



We ended up at Fent’s Dairy Corner just east of North Hampton. Folks – if you are in the area, the food prices are very reasonable and the ice cream good!



MVT and Ice Cream – a combo made in Ohio...

After Fent’s we parted ways. The LBC’s all headed home, well kinda – Alice, Chuck, and Chris White all ended up at Brandeberry Winery - since we had to pass by, why not? Wine was good, but them yellow jackets were still around (can you tell the author hates them?). Got home about 11 hours after we left. Great run J3P!!

26 - Orphan Car Show & something tour

Bruce Clough

Another perfect day for a show and drive. We met up at the Coffee Hub in Beaver Creek along with a

few other MVT'ers and headed to the show at Young's Dairy.



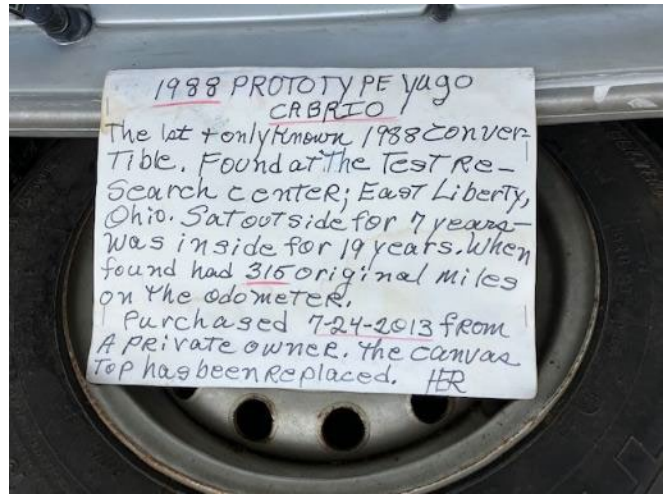
Beautiful Day – 150+ Cars in attendance!



Excited MVT'ers show their enthusiasm for being at the show!!!



Yes, this is it – the infamous Yugo convertible prototype...



...and the story behind it.

This show is put on by the Studebaker and Packard club folks for those who own cars of a brand no longer made. Triumphs fit perfectly. Usually, they get 80-90 cars at this show, but the last few years have been well over 100. We noted some Fords, Chevy's and other cars brands not quite dead yet in the show, but whatever. My favorite was a period Hudson racer that I forgot to take a picture of.

After the show, or more correctly, after our fun meter pegged out (most of us like to drive around more than sit in shows – cars are to drive, and sports cars are to drive hard) some of us headed out for a little drive to Caesar's Creek Winery for food and liquids. That was a great spread, and a very tasty one to boot!



Front row parking at CCW



Feasting galore!

As usual, I enjoyed the drive home from CCW – the roads we take run up and down Little Miami River tributary valleys winding in and out of woods, so on a sunny day it's always a great drive. Heck, even on a cloudy day it's good.

Future

September 2023

6 - MVT Monthly Meeting

The meeting will be held at Archers Tavern Kettering, 2030 E Dorothy Ln, Kettering, OH 45420, (937) 291-1015. We are in the meeting room off the bar at the front of the tavern. We have dinner and socializing at 6:30PM and the president usually ruins our fun by starting a meeting at 7:30PM.

<http://archerstavern.com/archerstavern/>

Agenda – September 6, 2023

Opening Remarks and Welcome – **John**

Request for Changes and Additions to the Agenda - **John**

Introduction of Guests/New Members – **John/Guests**

Officers Reports

- President – **John**
- Vice-President – **Chuck**

- Treasurer – **Harry**
- Secretary – **Clyde**
 - Approval of August's Minutes as published in the Marque
- Membership Chair – **Valerie**
 - Final status on membership renewal for 2023-2024 following BCD
- Events Chair – **Bruce**
 - Review of past events
 - Upcoming events

Standing Committee Reports

- Technical – **Bruce**
- Marque – **Bruce**
- Spare Parts – **Chris**
- Website – **John**

Other

- Memorabilia – **Harry**

Event Committee Reports

- BCD 2023 - **Stan**

Old Business

- Update on MVT poster for BTM – **Valerie**

New Business

Split the Pot - **Harry**

Adjourn - **John**

10 - Cincinnati BCD

Normally we meet in Middletown to have breakfast and drive down – we will take a head count at the meeting on the 6th and see if there is interest in doing it again. The Aubrey Rose Foundation British Car Day is Sunday, Sept. 10 with registration from 9am to noon, and show from noon – 3pm in Village Green Park.

The following is info from the BCCoGC folks.

Presented by the British Car Club of Greater Cincinnati. Live music by British Invasion from 1 - 3 pm, All British Cars Welcome to Display

70+ Awards by Popular Vote, Live Music, Food and Beer Trucks, Split The Pot, all proceeds Benefit Aubrey Rose Foundation

Entry Fee: Early Bird: Register before September 1st \$20.00 + FREE T-Shirt, after that \$25.00 per car. Registration is now open at:

<https://www.bccgc.org/bcd-registration>

14-17 The Wedge Shop Reunion at Stow British Invasion

TWS Gathering 2023 - Sept 14 - 17 - Stowe, VT USA

Join us for the premier British Car gathering in the Northeast! Our event will be alongside the British Invasion show in Stowe, VT.

[Show Info & Registration](#)

- Full schedule and host hotel info soon.
- Mix of back road drives, car show, dinners, driving events and socializing!
- Driving events (auto-x, dyno day) for all the on road cars, along with an off road driving event (back woods, dirt roads) for all the Land Rovers.
- Rover V8 Tech session by TWS (Clint & Woody Cooper).

Free T-Shirts and other swag for all attendees.



16 – Pool-less Pool Party

The TRadition continues – Carol and Roger have thrown open their home for us to spill food all over. We have sent out several email notifications on who is coming and what they are bringing. Now we need to just launch!

As of this writing there still is time to reserve your pork chop if you already have not RSVP'd. Here are the instructions from Carol:

I talked to Big Willy today as we are getting close to the deadline for reservations for the PPP on Saturday, September 16 at 2200 N Hampton Rd, New Carlisle 45344. The club is buying your big fair chop and giving you free beer! Don't be disappointed you missed out! Get a call or text into Carol 937-284-2458 by Sunday the 10th with how many can attend and possibly your covered dish contribution. We have 22 signed in as of 29 August. I have tried to send a reply to the 22, so if you didn't get one check back with me again. Roger and I look forward to seeing you!

The address is 2200 N. Hampton Rd, New Carlisle and you can arrive any time after 3PM with food around 5PM. If you get there earlier, they will put you to work...



Dayton Concours d'Elegance at Carillon Park

17 – Dayton Concours d'Elegance

As usual, a weekend full of pretty cars, old cars, and some pretty old cars. Activities on Saturday, but the Concours itself is on the 17th. More info at

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

or ask the Relues or Biglers...

17 - Fairborn Car Show

Auto Enthusiasts will enjoy hundreds of classic cars, street machines, trucks, and motorcycles. The Downtown Fairborn Fall Car Show draws hundreds of car lovers to Fairborn Ohio on September 17, 2023. Admission to the show is free.

- Sunday, September 17, 2023 8:00 AM thru 05:00 PM
- Downtown Fairborn, intersection of Main and Central



27 Sep - 1 Oct VTR 2023

In Dillard, GA (NE GA)

<https://vtr2023.org>

There will be a couple groups headed to VTR this year – if you want more info corner Bruce Clough or John Clifford.

October 2023

4 - MVT Monthly Meeting - The meeting will be held at Archers Tavern Kettering, 2030 E Dorothy Ln, Kettering, OH 45420, (937) 291-1015. We are in the meeting room off the bar at the front of the tavern. We have dinner and socializing at 6:30PM and the president usually ruins our fun by starting a meeting at 7:30PM.

<http://archerstavern.com/archerstavern/>

14 - Farm Stand Tour – A bit later than usual, but I have a feeling they will still have some produce. We have learned our lessons, we will not be going to Peifer Orchards! We will end up at Caesar's Creek Winery to munch on things we have discovered along the way.



VALLEY VINEYARDS
WINERY • BREWERY

21 - LMRT/FFT/RWTGTVV Tour – Yes, the Little Miami River calls you, the fall foliage calls you,

covered bridges call you, and so does that winery near Morrow! Plan on starting at Clifton Mill for manhole cover pancakes, and plan on ending at Valley Vineyards for their dinner. It will be a day of driving, and I have a feeling light lunch at Pleasant Plain for those that remember that place.

I (Bruce) need to know if you are going – we have 16 spots reserved for their standard cookout dinner (choice of NY Strip, Salmon, Shrimp, or Crab Cakes for \$40 which includes two drink tickets) – I will update them on the count as we get closer to the date. It will be a pay as you go, and if you want to know more about Valley Vineyards and their cookout then head to:

<https://valleyvineyards.com/cookout/>



November 2023

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4 - Guy Fawkes Roasting – let the traitor burn!

?? - The Last Tech Session

December 2023

? - Holiday Soiree - so let's talk about this. Can we find a different date so those of us that might

want to go to Trans-Siberian Orchestra might be able to go?

? - **Ugly Sweater Gathering** - yes, we will plan another one of these at a watering hole around SW Ohio – we usually plan this in conjunction with Caesar’s Creek Vineyards last open day in the year, but we have options...

Technical Talk

Edited by Bruce Clough

TR7 Rear Axle Bearing

Bruce Clough

Every once in a while, I act on hunches. Sometimes I’m wrong, but sometimes I’m too right, way too right.

Jim Tencate wrote an email on the TWOA list about wanting to check the inner oil seals on the rear end – this is the seal that keeps the gear lube from the bearing grease that lubricates the bearing on the end of the axles, you know, the ones that support the weight of the car on that corner of the car.

Well, he discovered that not only was the seal bad on the first one he removed, but the bearing had seen better decades also. He then set about replacing both bearings and seal sets. A few of us reading said “hmm, wonder what ours looks like?”

So, I decided to take a peek at both TR7s. Remember, just because you are paranoid doesn’t mean that they are not out to get you. Decided to do Inca first since we are planning on driving that to VTR. Started on the passenger side for no reason at all. Removing the half-shaft is easy enough – take wheel off, take drum off, loosen four bolts, and out it comes – pretty easy.

When I pulled the half-shaft out, I discovered that yeah, the inner seal was still sealing, but should be replaced. I looked at the bearing outer race, and it looked slightly worn, but nothing nasty. However, it still had a bit of grease on it, so I wiped it with a rag...and discovered it was loose. With a little work I took it out by hand. Folks, you are not supposed to be able to remove bearing races by hand.

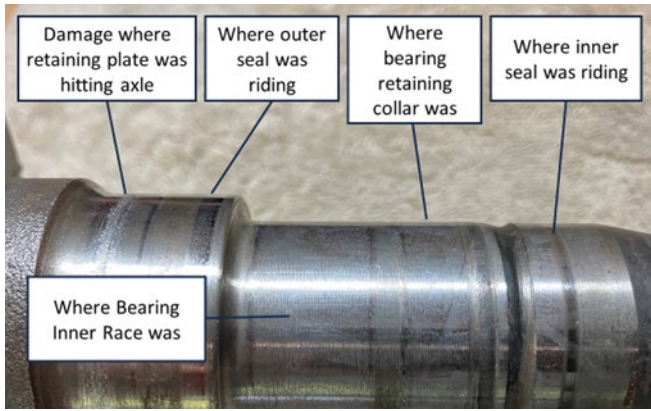


Easiest race removal I’ve ever done

I then looked at the bearing. The rollers were good, but a collar on the outside of the bearing was rubbing the bearing retainer and the outside end of the rollers. Yup, this was a bit worn. Shucky darns.

Okay – now to get the bearing off. The bearing is pressed on the shaft and then retained with a collar which is pressed harder on the shaft. The TR7 ROM tells you to drill some small holes through the collar (but be careful not to drill the shaft) and then use a chisel to beak the collar open to remove. I decided to use a Dremel tool and the narrow cut-off disc. Worked perfect.

Getting the actual bearing off was a bit more fun. The ROM said to press it off. No way this was this fitting in my press – too long. Out came the Dremel tool again and I cut the rest of the bearing off the shaft. This is tricky since you don’t want to nick the area where the outer seal rides. Inspecting the shaft, I noticed that there was a little damage where the slop in the bearing allowed the axle to contact the retaining plate, probably during bumps when it flexed a little bit. Everything else looked normal for a car 40+ years old with 80-some thousand miles on it.



Markings on the half-shaft

I then got on the Internet, ordered parts (ordered from Moss – we will see...), then cleaned up and painted the retaining plate, brake drum, and hub flange. Don't have any black paint left, and I am too lazy to run in to buy any, besides, I have gobs of graphite wheel paint left over from the FrankenStag, I'll just use that.



They are so beautiful

The one good thing of the day was the new inner oil seals (from Moss) fit perfectly.



New inner oil seal in place

Now I'm on a parts hold while they are in shipping. I'm probably going to take them to a shop to press back on rather than jig up my small press, but we'll see. Then I have three more...

Now we are at the point where other's tech articles would be appreciated

This month nobody sent me any other articles, so we will put in a bunch of tech advice I saw in Facebook – what could go wrong?

There is no such thing as too much horsepower, just not enough traction.

- *Carroll Shelby*

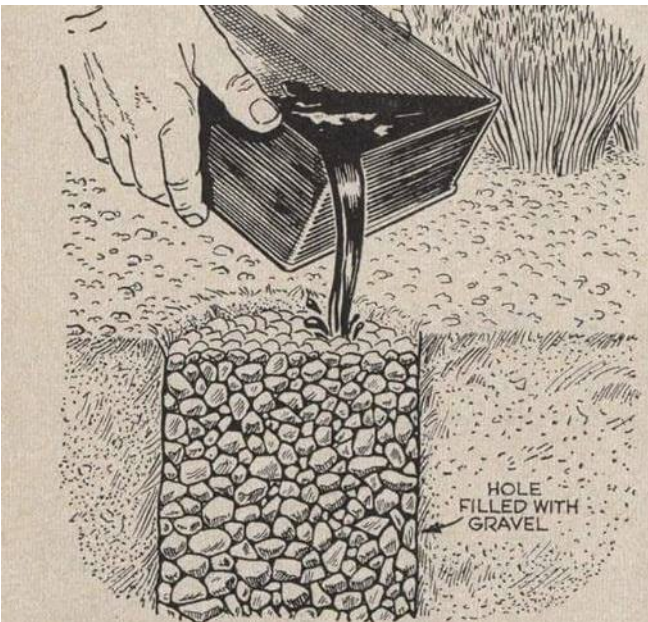


No truer words have ever been spoken

Father and son time spent doing an engine swap is so valuable because it teaches the son all the swear words he didn't learn in school.



This is very true...



Disposing of used engine oil can be a problem. Solution: Dig a hole in the ground with a posthole digger and fill it with fine gravel. Then pour in the oil. It will be absorbed into the ground before your next change. Cover the spot with soil.

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Okay, so maybe you don't want to do this at home...



...see, it's true, albeit gender neutral!



He's missing the hose, but in general he nailed it



If you don't have an electric impact hammer, I hear they are on sale at Harbor Freight...

MVT Memorabilia

The Club has the following fantastic, wonderful memorabilia for sale. Show your colors in public, on your car, or on you! Look at all we have:



MVT Enamel Car Badge - \$30.00 – only a couple left – buy now!!!!



Some maintenance thingies have not gotten better with the advance of technology



MVT Cloth Patch - \$12.00



MVT Window Sticker - \$1.00



MVT Pin - \$5.00



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



MVT Car Flag - \$5.00



They look very spiffy on a TR7...

All the memorabilia is available at each Club meeting upon request. Please contact our MVT Memorabilia Manger, Harry Mague harrymaque@aol.com



TR7's for sale - From Bruce Miller: "The seller lives in Preble Co., @ the corner of "Four Mile Straight Line Rd." & Fairfield-Concord Rd. Greg Issacs - Home phone: 937-465-1989. He wants to be rid of the brown TR7 (which I formerly owned) a/w/a red 75 TR7 coupe. It was a parts car for him. He says it runs, too; BOTH for \$2500.00."

Classifieds

Classified ads are free to MVT members and run month to month. We do not endorse anything in here, nor do we get any compensation in fees or royalties. As with the rest of life "buyer beware".



For Sale: TR3 -3B steel hardtop for sale \$300, TR3 -3A rear seat with brackets \$100 Inquire - tryanity@gmail.com



For Sale - I no longer need the following so they are for sale: One-ton engine hoist, good condition; used maybe 10 times. \$125. Engine stand, good condition, \$50. Or both together for \$125. Jeff John - jajohn1469@gmail.com

BCD Registrations Since 2006

Year	Pre-Registered	Total Registered	Vendors	Cars on The Field	Weather
2006	195	353	6	341	Sunny & Hot
2007	178	310	6	300	Sunny & Hot
2008	143	295	6	266 - 288	Sunny & Hot
2009	174	355	8	349	Sunny & Hot
2010	149	309	5	302	7th Straight Year - Sunny & Hot
2011	182	304	3	300 - 306	Rain Threat – sunny later
2012	143	255	5	246	Rain Threat – sunny later
2013	134	205	4	184	Rain Threat – sunny later
2014	143	259	5	245	Partly cloudy and warm
2015	128	266 Plus 89(Sb's)	~ 6	346	Cloudy and warm
2016	159	260	~ 5	252	Sunny, warm, Lo Hum.
2017	156	275 + 3 Not Reg'd	6	270	Sunny, warm, Lo Hum.
2018	162	258	8	241 (17 no-shows)	Sunny, Hot, Hi Hum.*
2019	150	275	8	268	Sunny, warm, Lo Hum.
2020	0	0	0	0	Not Recorded
2021	182	293	8	268 (~ 25 No-Shows)	Sunny, Hot, Hi Hum.**
2022	173	232	~12	~210 (~30 No Shows)	Rain at about 8 - 9 AM, then cleared off, Sunny & Warm.
2023	158	253	~6	~235 (17 No Shows)	Cloudy and cool, AM, Cleared off, Sunny & very Warm, PM
* Showers at about 3 PM closed the day.					
** Showers at about 4 PM, but no cool-off. Car count at Noon – 236 (MVT), 263(MG Club)					



Six Wedges – the Shape of Things that are Still Around - take that you evil detractors!