



The Marque

“All the news that’s fit to soak up oil”

The Marque – February 2024



Greg receiving “Most Improved” from President John at the MVT 2023 Awards Banquet

Greg Relue

Bruce Clough

Greg passed from us after a short illness. These articles are hard to write since nothing I put down here will make us feel any better, nor bring him back. Our thoughts, prayers, and offers to help however we can go out to Valerie and family.

Greg was always our “go to guy” – ask him anything and he was on it, many times before we even knew to ask. His progress on the “forever” TR6 project was always a discussion topic, the target of a few jokes and friendly jabs, all of which were silenced when he and Valerie got it running and driving this last year and won “Most Improved” car.

Without his help the vendor coordination, as well as a lot of the other logistics around Dayton BCD, would have been a mess. He also was instrumental in helping out TRA 2023 this last year, something I really appreciated.

So, as Valerie said, make sure you hug the ones you love since our time on Earth is limited and uncertain. Take time to enjoy rather than worry, and don’t take anything for granted. We will keep the club updated.

TRF Update



We’ve received an update on TRF status from Albert Runyan – they are still sorting this out, but he is looking at this positively:

THE ROADSTER FACTORY—A MESSAGE FROM ALBERT

JANUARY 9, 2023.

Dear TRF Customer-

As you have probably heard by now, there was a fire on Christmas morning and our building and inventory were mostly destroyed. TRF will be closed for the month of January while we try to figure out where to go from here. We hope to reopen and we appreciate your patience in the meantime.

TRF is grateful for the outpouring of support received from suppliers, customers, friends, family, local community members and even strangers. We are especially grateful to the 14+ companies of firefighters who sacrificed their Christmas to extinguish the blaze. Thankfully no one was hurt.

Here are some answers to questions you might have.

1) We are going to consider all open orders canceled at this time. If you have something on back order that you still need, please drop us an email (trfbackorders@gmail.com) to see about reinstating the order. Keep in mind backorders are not charged until they are shipped. So if you had something on backorder, you probably were not charged for it.

2) If you feel you have a credit with TRF, please drop us an email (trfbackorders@gmail.com). Many of our records have been destroyed, but we should be able to verify credits if you bring them to our attention. If you have a gift certificate you no longer want, please get in touch and we will sort it out. Please be patient, we will do our best to get back to you by the end of January.

3) If you have any other questions or concerns, please drop us an email (trfbackorders@gmail.com) and we will do our best to get back to you quickly.

4) If you would like to help, please consider making a donation to the Armagh Fire Department.

https://www.gofundme.com/f/the-roadster-factory-recovery-fund?utm_campaign=p_cp+share-sheet&utm_medium=copy_link_all&utm_source=customer

I will be back in touch soon.

best,
Albert
TRF

Chuck White also forwarded this email for the club

Fellow MVT'ers.

The following is from John Macartney (or Jonmac as some of us know him), a former employee of Standard-Triumph living in England. He is expressing his willingness to help you search for elusive Triumph parts in the absence of The Roadster Factory. I have met Jonmac and know him to be an honest man with a vast amount of pertinent knowledge. If you need something you cannot find, contact him for assistance.

Cheers,

Chuck

----- Forwarded Message -----

Subject: [6pack] The TRF FIRE

From: John Macartney

To: 6pack@autox.team.net,
triumphs@autox.team.net

I have no wish to be seen as gloating on the misfortunes of TRF, the Runyan family and TRF employees whose careers may have been brought to an abrupt halt as a result of the Christmas Day tragedy. I'm submitting this post as a Standard Triumph ex-employee, enthusiast, supporter and someone who spent the final 35 working years of his career in the global parts business at manufacturer and supplier level.

All I want to say is I'm more than willing to help TRF in any way that I can from a U.K. base (though I'm sure they still have all their contacts) and any Triumph owner in the States or Canada find the elusive part. Those who know me will know there is no commercial angle or financial interest on my part to try and make "a buck or two on the side." I've owned two Triumph Big Sixes and a Ferguson tractor in the past and I know too well what it's like to be 'part-less' and not know where to find the item you want. I'm not setting myself to be an alternative supplier but simply a

searching source and hopefully able to point people in the right direction for what they want. I can't guarantee success, but I'm willing to try.

*Rebuilding any business after a disaster is unrelenting hard graft and I'm confident those still at TRF are wondering where the h*ll to start. I'm sure their U.K. suppliers will do what they can to ease the burden; at least, I hope they will. Similarly, if I can help in any abstract way, I'm happy to do so.*

Jonmac (johnbmacartney@gmx.com)

As a reminder, TRA has also set up a GoFundMe site for TRF:

<https://www.gofundme.com/f/the-roadster-factory>

Please give what you can.

Bruce

February Events:

- 7 – MVT Monthly Meeting
- 10 - Drive Your Triumph Day
- 18 – Valentine's Day Dinner
- 24 – Tech Session

In This Marque

- Updated 2024 Events List
- 2024 MVT Club Budget
- All them little Officer Reports
- Valentine's Day Recipes – okay, that might be a stretch...

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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 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/16548932047>

[51113/](#) - 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...

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/>

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.

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.

Its Awards Time Again!

Bruce Clough

Over the next few months, we will be nominating MVT members for the fantastic MVT awards since we cannot have an award's banquet without awards. Well, we could, but that would be weird. Here are the awards:

Marque of Distinction

This is the MVT'er of the year award and goes to the member who most personifies the character of the club in the past year. Most nominees have served as club officers and have promoted and served the club at both internal and external events.

Nominations

Chris White nominates the Greg/Valerie Relue team for going above and beyond the call to duty volunteering to help at MVT's hosted TRA 2023.

- They were always there to lend a helping hand wherever and whenever needed.
- They both also did a fine job in procuring door prizes and setting up an artistic display for said door prizes for TRA members to view.

Their time and talents are greatly appreciated and are deserving of this MVT Award.

Stan Seto nominates Alice Owen-Clough since Alice has been a "background" person in almost all of Miami Valley Triumph events for the past 15 or twenty years. More recently, and in spite of pressing internal family affairs, she has paired off with Christine White to help MVT put on one of the best TRA National meets that the club has hosted, an effort that has spanned about three years.

But let's also remember that she has brought her bright yellow TR7 to many of the events we have run and to many of the numerous car shows our club attends each year, and has consistently won awards at many of these events.

In addition, on many of the club's drives she has had a voice in many of the decisions made concerning the operation of the drive, restaurants eaten at, stops on the way and just the normal things that pop-up when you are driving through uncharted territory.

It's time to recognized her contributions to club activities.

Most Improved

Normal improvements are car performance or car appearance, for example: A club member who has a car that does not run at the beginning of the year, but has it running in club events by mid- or late year due to the work they have invested in the vehicle to obtain the better performance. A club member who has a rather dilapidated car in

January and who has put time and money into the necessary area (seat upholstery, engine compartment, trunk, or body work) to materially improve the car's appearance.

Nominations

Bruce Clough nominated **Jackson Galloway** for the work he has accomplished on BTM's Yellowjacket over the last year – it now moves and stops under its own power

Keep it on the Road

A driving award to the MVT'er who is able to drive their car from January to December, demonstrating good upkeep and the reliability it brings in this day and age.

Nominations

Bruce Clough nominated **the Whites** for their driving the TR6 to VTR and many other events in 2023.

Chuck White nominated **Stan Seto** for the daily, and very long distance, driving he does in the TR3B.

Press on Regardless

A driving award that is given to the MVT'er who perseveres through times of trouble during the club driving events or trips to faraway places while representing the club, and always manages to complete the trip.

Nominations:

Bruce Clough nominated **Jeff Barth** for the travails he and Jodi encountered heading to VTR and back last year – a 1500 miles-ish drive at least. Multiple issues, including charging, and brakes culminating with rear bearing failure. Made the last 100 miles on the flatbed, but made it back.

Officer Nominations

President

Jeff Barth was nominated. We all must now wear fedoras...

Treasurer

Harry threw in his hat for another round.

Secretary

No nominations yet.

Officer's Reports

President's Report

Life is Fragile, Handle With Care

John Coutant



The slogan "Life is fragile, handle with care" is from a safety program at company I was working for so long ago. For some reason it has remained a tiny earworm, hiding away from many years to start appearing when a college friend and groomsman at our wedding suddenly passed away in our early 50's. Of course, it was in the background when my parents passed away but, at the time, their slow progression of aging and illness muted the impact somewhat. When I was diagnosed with cancer that earworm came roaring back and stayed awhile until it faded slowly into the background as the treatments were successful.

Lately it seems I am reminded more and more of that slogan as more friends and acquaintances

have passed away or have serious illnesses. It was especially sad when friend and club member, Greg Relue, passed away unexpectedly this month.

Life is fragile. We are bombarded with safety messages from when we are young “Cross the road in the crosswalk, don’t play with fire, wear a helmet when on a bicycle, ...” and as we get older “Wear your seatbelt, don’t drink and drive,”. I don’t know if it is being young and invincible or thinking that those are accidents that happen to other people that people tend not to think too much about them.

As we get older and perhaps a bit wiser, I think we are more aware that, while there are still situations that result in accidents, progression in age and effects of lifestyle and genetics are hard to ignore.

So, what’s the message from all this. First is take care of yourself. Do all those things your doctor is bugging you about for your health. Take care of your mind and wellbeing, tending to the spiritual side is as important as taking care of the bodily side.

Take care of others. Help friends out and enjoy their company. Tell them how much you appreciate them. Hug your close friends and family. Tell them how much you love them. Savior every moment. Life is fragile, handle it with care and love.

February 10th is Drive Your Triumph Day, organized to celebrate Sir John Black's Birthday, the man who organized Standard's purchase of Triumph after WW II, and went on to make the cars we enjoy driving today. Look for a longer story on this in this month’s Marque. Long range forecast (we know how good those are) predicts temperatures in the 50’s with rain showers so get out and take a picture of your Triumph to celebrate!

In February we conclude the process of accepting nominations for officers and for MVT yearly club awards. Nominations opened with the short December business meeting at the Soiree and will remain open until the end of the February meeting. Voting concludes at the end March

meeting. As we started during Covid, ballots can be done by mail, in person at the March general meeting, or via email to the club secretary. Details will be sent to everyone by email following the February meeting when the ballot nominations have been finalized.

Officer positions for the 2-year period of 2024-2026 include President, Secretary, and Treasurer. Elections for the remaining three offices are in the odd years to provide an overlap.

Each year we recognize members for their contributions over the previous year. The four club awards are: Keep it on the Road, Most Improved, Press on Regardless, and Marque of Distinction. You can check the descriptions for these awards later here in the Marque and on the Members page of the web. If you wish to nominate someone, you must also provide details of why the person should receive the Award. We’ll list those nominations as they are submitted in the Marque. Results are announced and presented at the annual Awards Banquet in March.

Happy Valentine’s Day

John

Secretary’s Report/Last Month’s Meeting Minutes – January 2024

MVT Monthly Membership Meeting was at Archers on January 3, 2024.

Meeting called to order 7:33 by President John Coutant. 23 members

Opening Remarks

John Coutant: Sadly, Greg Relue had a heart attack

Request for Changes / Additions to Agenda:

None

Introduction of Guests/New Members:

None

Officer Reports:

President: Harry is away but please note the proposed budget in The Marque adjusted for BCD and TRA

Vice President: None

Treasurer: Away

Secretary: December minutes no corrections. Motion to approve by Patti, 2nd by Jeff Barth, then approved by member vote.

Membership: We had 55 paid members. Report approved.

Events:

Past:

- 12/9 Tech session at Greg Relue's replacing stock radiator and fan with new electric fan (more parts needed), wiring to OD solenoid, and more.
- 12/9 Project Yellow Jacket at BTM for temp gauge, brakes and improve running
- 12/17 Ugly Sweater Gathering at Caesars Creek Winery. Winner was Roger
- 12/28 The Meade's TR6 50th anniversary party

Future:

- 1/6 Planning Meeting for 2024
- 2/10 Int'l Drive your Triumph Day
- 2/18 Valentine Dinner
- **Reminder for MVT Awards Banquet** – email Chris White midgen54@gmail.com if you will be attending the 2024 Awards Banquet and how many in your party, NLT Friday, 23 February 2024. Franco's requires a FIRM head count. Chris White also spoke to Franco's concerning its closure that was announced in the Dayton Paper – the owner is planning to retire and possibly sell the business but Franco's is to remain open for business. The reporter who wrote the article got their information wrong and has not retracted their error from the newspaper.

- **Holiday Soiree** (Chris White): The establishment for the MVT Holiday Soiree for 2024 has been reserved. Currently it will be held at The Greene County Historical Society, in Xenia, Ohio from 5pm to 9pm on Saturday, 7 December 2024. Cost to hold the Soiree at the Greene County Historical Society will be \$60.00. More details to come.

Standing Committee Reports

Technical: none

Marque: none

Spare Parts: Chris asks for a volunteer for this position. He suggests using British Parts Northwest for parts since the loss of TRF

Website: None

Memorabilia: Away

Events: Plan BCD at 1/6 planning meeting

Old Business:

John Coutant and Bruce say we need new blood for officers for upcoming nomination/elections

Nominations for Club awards:

- Keep it on the road – Chris and Chuck White. Stan Seto
- Most Improved – Jackson Galloway
- Press on Regardless – Jeff Barth
- Marque of Distinction – no new nominations

New Business:

Some discussion of the Holiday Soiree location - this was included in the "future events" previously in these minutes.

50-50 Raffle :

\$18 - John Coutant will award to Greg Relue

Adjournment:

Moved and 2nd by Lois and Chuck. Passed at 8:16 PM

Respectfully submitted, Clyde Collins

Vice President's Report



Since Chuck did not give us a report this month, we need to develop one. We are going to personalize this, so pick any sentence from each of the three sections to build your own report.

Section One

1. Hi, it's been a great month for us.
2. Howdy, damn glad January is over.
3. Greetings from not so sunny Xenia.
4. Hello MVT, it's good to be able to breathe free air again.

Section Two

1. Last week the TR6 decided to leak oil all over the garage, and the EPA was threatening to take over, but we had a case of towels or three from Harbor Freight so all is good.
2. Did I tell you what that dachshund did to us when we fed him White Castles?
3. Chris has taken to making non-fabric quilts from my old computers and now all the fat quarters are motherboards.
4. Last night I dreamed I was elected MVT President, and it was a good feeling.

Section Three

1. Well, that's about all, need to get back to binge watching Three's Company re-runs. Hope to see you on the back roads.
2. So glad I could get that off my chest and hope nobody was listening – see you at the February meeting.

3. Okay, like Warren Zevon, lawyers, guns, and money might be needed, I'll send you an email. See you on the 7th.
4. Well, I need to be off – Chris has let me know that there is dark ale out there somewhere. I'm not quite sure what these voices in my head are saying, but I do know I'll be happy to see y'all this Wednesday.

Not Chuck

Treasurer's Report



As of 1 January 2024, the club account had a balance of \$6397.07. For the month of January, the club's income was from 50/50 for \$18.00 and a new membership for \$25.00. For the month of January, the club had the following expenses: \$45.00 for yearly membership Awards and \$14.25 for new member name tags. Total expenses for January \$59.25. As of 1 February 2024, the club's account balance is \$6405.82.

Attached is the proposed 2024 budget which will be voted on in at the February meeting. The only significant deviation for the 2023 budget was the outstanding results from TRA. The remaining items of the 2023 proposed budget were well within expectations....

Respectfully submitted, *Harry Mague*

Membership Chair Report

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Please join me in welcoming Jeff Cross of Springfield to MVT. He has just purchased a Red 1976 Spitfire 1500 to call his own. Jeff is very interested in Tech Sessions as he has experience restoring wooden boats but has never tackled a car renovation and could therefore use plenty of advice. His first order of business is to get the engine running. We can of course assure Jeff that he has come to the right place. Gearheads abound at MVT.

Our MVT family now numbers 56 and a new roster will soon appear on our website.

As you can understand, Valerie Relue asked to step aside from the role of Membership Chair. Valerie has been the Membership Chair for 10 years and key to bringing the membership level to the point it is now. Her contributions ranged from advertising MVT membership at the club tent during Dayton BCD, developing a membership poster for attendees at the British Transportation Museum, welcoming each new member, and gently reminding each of us to pay our yearly dues. In the interim until we can find someone to fill the remainder of her term (March 2025), I will act as interim Membership Chair.

John Coutant

Marque Editor

Bruce Clough

This was a hard Marque to put together given the loss of Greg, but thanks to members sending me articles we got it together. Not as long this month

due to less events reports, and since I didn't receive any tech articles I put in one of a couple of cars being built.



Send me your articles, and please try to keep graphics and photos in the 100-300KB size range. The wonderful compression app I had with Office 2013 has disappeared with my Office 2021, so now I have to struggle through a couple of apps to compress photos. While I'm looking for a free app that doesn't sacrifice my private information, please send pics about 200KB.

See you on the 7th!

Events Chair Report



Who is with me that we need to also designate a "Drive Your Triumph Day" on August 10th, six months out from February 10th? I get it about Sir John Black's birthday, but this is Ohio, so early February weather is usually something that would not entice you to actually drive your Triumph.

(long range forecast as of February 1st is 50F and rainy) We take a shot of our car in the garage, or we back it out of the garage into the snow for a pic. Not really great driving pictures.

So I, the MVT Event's Poobah, have anointed a "Drive Your Triumph Day Too" on August 10th. I will then take a picture of the car and then put it aside for next February. If you are taking in the Indy BCD that day you are automatically in!

Speaking of 2024 MVT Events, thanks to all who came out to set the Event's Calendar last month. I think we have a great line-up and am looking forward to all of them.

For this month we also have a Project Yellow Jacket on the 10th, Valentine's Day dinner on the 18th, and a tech session on the 24th. We are still working out where that tech session could be – thinking Barths, but might change. Jeff did show us that rear axle over at Clifford's, and it was uuuugggglllyyy!

Bruce Clough, MVT Events Chair

MVT Events

Past

January 2024

6- MVT Events Planning Meeting

Bruce Clough

We went to Bellbrook. We went to the brewery. We sat down. We ordered pizza from next door. We drank beer. We set up an MVT 2024 Events Calendar. We ate pizza. We drank beer.

Any questions?



Good time had by all!

21/29 – Tech Session

It wasn't the warmest of days for a tech session, but the Cliffords have a heated garage and food, so we had everything we needed. The goal was to replace the jets on the SU HS6 carbs on the green TR7 coupe. We didn't get completed due to lack of parts, so we went back on the 29th to complete things.



You cannot have a carb tech session without carbs



Jeff showing us his Ninja Method for removing the carbs



High tech debris protection...



John and Jeff discussing the sad state of Charmander – please remember to take care of your Pokemon...



Okay – one is done.

After we did as much as we could John took us to his model train layout (S Gauge) and led us in a game to find things on the layout.



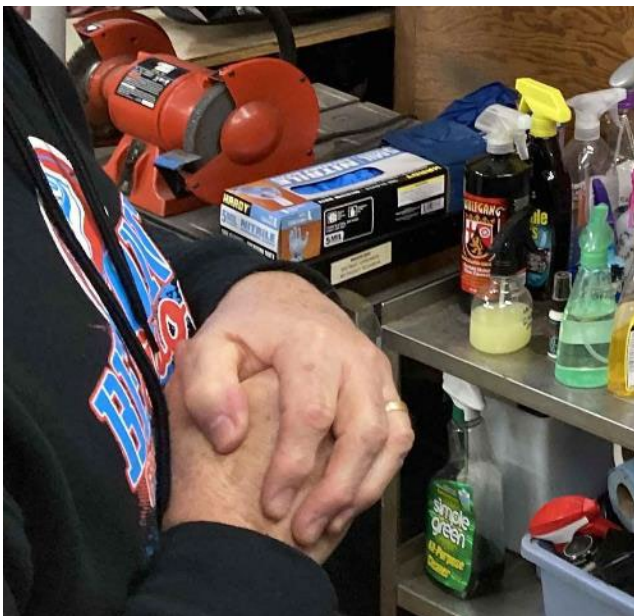
No, the wino isn't here...



...nor here either – where is that guy?



Found him!



John is going to drive MVT work, so prayers are in order

A couple of us went back on the 29th to fix the other carb and get the carbs back on the car. As John put it:

A week later, after the jet for the rear carb came in, I was able to bribe Bruce and Jeff back out here to work on the second unit. It was not easy, but Marion's pizza did the trick. Both carbs are done and installed! Many thanks to both of them! I hope to start it this weekend!



Bruce experimenting with future MVT entertainment options – TR Hookah? Naw, I don't think so...

Thanks to all who showed up!

February 2024

7 – 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.

Meeting Agenda

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 January's Minutes as published in the Marque
- Membership Chair – **John**
- 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

Old Business

- Nominations for officers for 2024-26 (President, Secretary, Treasurer)
- Nominations for club awards for 2023
 - Keep it on the Road
 - Most Improved,
 - Press on Regardless
 - Marque of Distinction

New Business

Split the Pot - **Harry**

Adjourn - **John**



10 – Drive your Triumph Day

I'm Rye Livingston, a proud member of the Triumph Travelers Sports Car Club located in Northern California, and I wanted to extend an invitation to all Triumph and Standard owners worldwide to join us in commemorating Sir John Black's Birthday. This visionary individual orchestrated Standard's acquisition of Triumph post-World War II, paving the way for the incredible cars we cherish today.

Since its inception in 2016, Drive Your Triumph Day has gained remarkable traction. I've received hundreds of photos from participants across the globe: England, Scotland, Ireland, Wales, New Zealand, Australia, South Africa, Uruguay, Netherlands, Germany, Switzerland, Finland, Canada, Holland, Czech Republic, and the USA. With this year's event falling on a Saturday, I'm hopeful that we'll have even more participants!

Participating is easy – on February 10th, take your Triumph or Standard out for a spin. Whether it's a solo drive on a scenic country road, a leisurely outing to lunch, or a commute to work, seize the moment. Bring along your spouse, friend, child, grandchild, or even your furry companion, and take a photo. The focus should be on the car, ideally with the owner or passenger situated against a cool backdrop, landmark, scenic vista, or even in your driveway. If it's the middle of the winter where you live and your car is in hibernation, or in the middle of a restoration, take a photo of it in the garage. Embrace creativity and have fun with it!

Once you've captured the moment, email a high-resolution photo to:

driveyourtriumphday@gmail.com

Please accompany it with some basic details: owner's name, year and model of car, and place photo was taken (city, state, country). The photos will then be published not only in our club newsletter and website, but also in USA's national magazine: Vintage Triumph Registry, and on the Drive Your Triumph Day Facebook page.

Feel free to spread the word by forwarding this invitation to other Triumph and Standard Owners and Clubs you may know of. Don't forget to reach

out to your club's Activities Chairman and Newsletter editor. Be sure to contact me with any questions you may have, and thank you in advance for getting the message out to your members and friends to drive their Triumphs & Standards on February 10th.

Best Regards, Rye Livingston
Activities Chairman
Triumph Travelers Sports Car Club
1960 Triumph TR3A
DriveYourTriumphDay@gmail.com

10 - Project Yellow Jacket



10AM at the British Transportation Museum. The goal is to break the brakes once and for all! Okay, and to eat donuts – there is that.

18 - Valentine's Day Dinner

Like last year we are going to schedule this for Club Oceana at The Greene. I was originally going to go for Roosters, but I was countermanded (just kidding). I am going to make an initial reservation for 16 folks, so if you want to go, let me know with head-count by February 7th and we will lock it in then. Events Chair Bruce

24 – Tech Session

Still working what this is – Hey Jeff! I have a feeling he needs help with axles. Odds are we will decide this real time at the meeting on the 7th, so be there or be square!

March 2024

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.



9 - MVT Awards Banquet –

You are cordially invited to attend the 2024 Miami Valley Triumphs Annual Awards Banquet.

- Where: Franco's Italian Restaurant, 824 E Fifth Street, Downtown Dayton
- When: Saturday, 9 March 2024
- Time: Social gathering at 6:30pm, the Wait Staff will take Dinner Orders promptly at 7:00pm

A brief meeting, announcement of newly elected officers and the highly anticipated presentation of awards will follow dinner.

As in the past years, you will place your order with your server from a menu selected just for MVT. Dinner will include a salad with your choice of dressing, their freshly baked Italian bread (not garlic), an Entrée of your choice, a non-alcoholic beverage and ending the evening with a delightful dessert!

As a member of MVT, the Annual Awards Banquet is at no cost to you for your meal. However, any alcoholic drink costs are your responsibility.

Franco's does require a firm head count (aka Reservations) for setting up the room and staffing, so PLEASE RSVP to me at midgen54@gmail.com NO LATER THAN FRIDAY, 23 FEBRUARY 2024.

Thank you to those who have already sent me their RSVPs! - Chris White

?? – Caesar Creek Winery Opening -

23 – First Tech Session – at John and Betsy Coutant's

April 2024

3 – 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.



8 – Eclipse Party - TBD

13 - Lunch Run to Plain Folks Café – They invited us back! Odds are we will form up at a coffee house on the SE side of Dayton and depart from there.

20 – 11th annual Spring Classic Driving Tour departing New Richmond on Saturday morning, touring the backroads of the Ohio Valley east to visit Amish Markets.

May 2024

1 – 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.

11 – Rally – Hosted by John Clifford

18 – Tech Session -

30 - VTR South Central Regionals – Continues to May – 1 June in St. Louis.

<http://www.sltoa.org/vtr24info.htm>

June 2024

5 – 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.

8 – Tech Session – TBD, but it's to get ready for TRA.

17-21 - TRA National Meeting – Mohican State Park, OH

July 2024

3 – 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.

Weekend of 13/14 – Mad Dogs & Englishmen – Gilmore Car Museum (just a bit north of Kalamazoo, MI)

<https://gilmorecarmuseum.org/events/mad-dogs-englishmen-2024>

This will be a weekend trip – details coming soon.

27 – Ice Cream and Wine Oh My... - This might be dangerous....

August 2024

2 - Dayton BCD Set Up – Assuming Eastwood Metropark

3 – Dayton BCD – Assuming Eastwood Metropark, and assuming the usual stuff.

7 – 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.

10 – Indy BCD – Clifford’s lead the pack?

10 – Drive Your Triumph Day Too – Remember to drive your car, take a picture, and send it to me so I can squirrel it away for February 10th next year...

17 – Tech Session – at the White’s

24 – Orphan Auto Show – Young’s Dairy

24 – Bellefontaine Hill Climb Revival

September 2024

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.

8-12 – Vintage Triumph Register National Convention 2024 – Nashville, IN,

<https://indianatriumphcars.regfox.com/2024-vintage-triumph-register-national-convention?fbclid=IwAR32tbAO5P2UhHr5jH5d8VcTSpQZ0uEKEMJSUP5Ow3R-eC4-5CV1z6A ITS>

14 – Cincinnati British Car Day

?? – Pool-less Pool Party – TBD

28 – Farm (stand) Tour – get your pumpkins and mums!

October 2024

2 – 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.

12 – John and Frank’s Excellent Tour

26 - Fall Foliage Tour & Halloween party – Somewhere southeast of Dayton, for now...

November 2024

2 - Guy Fawkes Celebration – 2 November

6 – MVT Monthly Meeting - The meeting will be held at Archers Tavern Kettering, 2030 E Dorothy Ln, Kettering, OH 45420, (937) 291-1015.

16 – Tech Session

December 2024

TBD – 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.

7 – Holiday Soiree

21 – Ugly Sweater Gathering – They will be ugly.

Technical Talk

Edited by Bruce Clough

Continuing Story of VTR

Jeff Barth



Hey baby, how do you like our new ride the flatbed?

After the stress of driving mountain roads and gradually losing my brakes and then ending the trip with a grinding noise on the right rear wheel and cool ride in a wrecker, this is the continuing story. Not to be confused with "The rest of the Story" since I have not completed the repair, which you will understand later.



**Somewhere in North Carolina - Jodi QCing
Dave and Jeff's work**

A week or so ago I finally got out to the garage to put the rear of the Spit up on jacks to find out exactly what had happened. With the wheel off and a closer examination it appeared that the brake issue was simply a loose connection and our tightening along the back road had resolved the issue. Wheel outside and inside both appeared to be dry. On to locate and get a better look at the grinding noise that ended our trip.



Nothing obvious here...

Removal of the hub went smoothly, but why not - that hub has been removed a few times over the last 3 years. Once it was removed a visual inspection of the axle, while running at idle was performed but seemed very difficult to determine anything other than the continued grinding noise previously mentioned. On to further removal and examination.



The wheel hub lying on the floor

Under the back of the car the four nuts and bolts connecting the axle to the differential were loosened and ready for removal. Using a bottle jack under the vertical link the pressure was removed from the damper and radius arm and then loosened and disconnected from the vertical link. Once removed the jack was removed and the spring eye bolt was loosened and removed

from the top of the vertical link the axle was removed from the car.

The axle was then taken to the bench where the internal brake components were removed, brake pads, springs, back plate, grease trap and seal housing. This uncovered the resulting failure of the wheel bearing, including pieces of the bearing cage bent in odd positions and very black grease. Other than confirming what was already know this did not confirm anything but the trouble that was already known and apparent.

The vertical link was also removed from the axle by loosening and removing a bolt. The axle was then taken to the press to remove the trunnion so that further examination could be conducted on the axle and remaining bearing parts and seals.

The resulting examination only confirms the need to find the elusive driveshaft(axle), which at this time only appears to be available if one can find one in the wild. None appear to be available in captivity at any of the popular spots for Rimmers, Moss, British Parts Northwest or other lesser-known establishments.



Picture of Axle without Trunnion

More to come and hopefully, “The Rest of the Story” in a later Marque.



Will this happen again? Will our intrepid heroes find themselves in a van down by the river? Tune in to next Month’s Marque to find out!

Kit Car Time!

Bruce Clough

Always wanted to put together a kit car. Well on the fall tours I found one – a wood kit at Windy Acres (RIP).



Look a kit car!

Normally I don’t buy things like this since I have full-sized ones to play with, but in this case the novelty of running into a wooden car kit car where it looked like they used a TR7 as a possible inspiration was overpowering, so I had to buy two.

Time to put it together.

Taking it out of the shrink wrap I found a pre-cut wood sheet with all the parts, and the instructions.



The pre-cut wood sheet with all the parts you need – they released from the sheet cleanly



The instructions were also easy to read – weird...

The goal here was to make each of the two we bought look like one of our TR7s. To do this I decided to simply spray paint the parts and assemble. I would not do any detail parts painting since I wanted to keep it simple.

Now they call it a “puzzle” in the paper cover, but they include instructions, so that makes it much less of a “puzzle” and much more a kit – someone pls tell them that.

At this point I wanted to make a small paint booth to do this in our garage on a cold day – that is a separate article below – suffice to say it worked.

Turns out you only need 4 colors – wheel color, black, body color, and interior color – to spray. Both cars had the same interior color (brown) and black bits, that meant I had to find the yellow (had to buy that) and red (had that color from fixing the car). I already had the silver and gold for wheel colors. So, I had everything I needed - I was ready to go.

So, I grabbed the paint, connected up the booth, fired up the stove (force-curing the paint), and went to work.



...and painted

The pieces went together quite well, only had to use an emery board a couple of times to ensure fit. I also needed no glue – the fit was just right on the pieces to hold them together without glue.



Inca done, on to the next one



**Both completed – they look so authentic
<smile>**

If you are interested in ordering yourself one you can get it for \$4.99 each at:

https://www.handcraft.com/products/jp150?_pos=1&sid=600637539&ss=r

I get no kickback, feedback, ego stroking, etc. from this BTW....

Cheesy, Very Cheesy, Paint Booth

Bruce Clough

Pure Velveeta. As pointed out above I needed a small paint booth to spray the kit car parts in. I end up needing these once or twice a year, and I use old boxes to make these. This year I decided to put a fan and filter in it to make it better, or at least act as a placebo. The goal was cheap, cheap, cheap – what do I have lying around here to use?

The ingredients:

- Large Amazon box – 26”x18”x12”
- Smaller Staples box – 16”x10”x8”
- 12V Strip white LEDs
- 22ga two conductor wire
- 12V Muffin Fan
- Quilt batting
- Duct tape

The Tools:

- Box knife

- Hot glue gun
- Soldering Iron
- Phillips screwdriver
- Awl



Not complicated – some of the tools and ingredients



First step was to tape back the box top flaps – this secures them and also adds a bit of rigidity to the open box.



Next step was to figure out where to put the hole for the filter. The fan would be put on a smaller box that would attach to the big one.

I decided to mount it on a corner to take advantage of the smaller box's flaps for more rigidity. I dashed-out where the box was going and also used a solid line for where the hole was cut.



I then cut the hole

The fan was to be mounted on a smaller box to allow a larger filter area than the box fan. I did this to get a lower velocity through the filter so I could use a shallow filter and not impede airflow.



Traced out where the fan was going to mount on the smaller box



Traced out the hole to cut



Once the hole was cut I used duct tape to keep all the pieces of the box/flaps together on the sides of the hole.



Finally I located the places where I had to make holes with the awl to allow for some longer screws in the fan – these were originally for feet, but worked perfectly to locate the fan over the hole.



Next I taped the smaller box on the larger one. I did not skimp on the duct tape



I then added an LED light strip to the inside for good visibility and duct taped in the piece of batting I was using as a filter – classy, no? The LEDs were in via their adhesive strip, but

I added some hot glue for good measure – I attached about an 8” length of wire to the strip

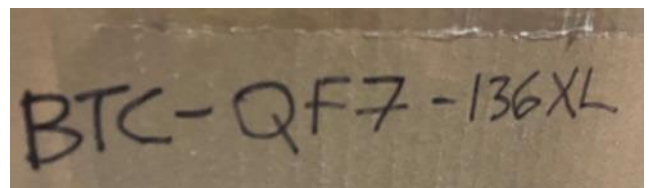


The LED strip worked well using a small 12V DC power supply I have

At that point I secured the fan to the top box using a small bead of hot glue, and taped down any wires.



Here it is – the completed paint booth. Took me less than an hour to make including



I had to give to a model number



It wasn't perfect, but actually worked really well for what I was using it for – here I am spraying the silver parts of the yellow car model.



This is a look at the replaceable filter after I was done with spraying for the yellow car. It worked well. Decided to replace it before doing the red car. Duct tape held better than I was expecting, it wasn't pretty.

So there you have it – spent about \$9 for this (the cost of the muffin fan on Amazon) since I had everything else lying around. Used it on the two car models, worked well and is available if anyone needs it.

Editor's Update – no longer available – Bruce decided it was taking up space, so it was recycled except for the fan.

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!!!!



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...

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

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 -Triumph TR6 Hardtop -Aftermarket snugtop from Long Beach California-Black , factory mint condition inside and out (headliner,glass,weatherstripping ,etc.)Ready to bolt on and go. Mounting bolts included. NICE HARDTOP (I do not own a TR6) - \$150 Inquire at tryanity@gmail.com

Misc Tools For Sale – I really hate to do this, but I have for sale --1) a 140-amp mig welder and all the gear necessary for small welding jobs. I used this to weld my floors, sills, rocker panels and various patches on my TR3. I really enjoy welding, but I don't foresee any welding in the future. \$60 takes it all. 2) Crawler for under-car work. Ditto on rolling under my TR3 much any more. \$10. –Jeff John - jajohn1469@gmail.com





For Sale - 1980 TR-8



Car was purchased in 1998 and currently has approximately 39,000 miles on the odometer and has no rust and has always been garage kept.

Work done by The Wedge Shop- (TWS) (Woody Cooper) who did a complete engine rebuild (4bbl.with Edelbrock intake manifold, high lift camshaft and new lifters, headers, ported and polished exhaust ports), and there are less than 14,000 miles since the rebuild. It now runs the way it should have from the factory, with the engine now producing about 285 h.p

Many other wear parts were changed at that time including clutch, pressure plate, throw out bearing, reconditioned gas tank, and suspension rebuild with poly bushings, replaced tranny mount and shift bushings, clutch master, front pads, high torque starter, replaced radiator.

Other work done includes, new Robbins stay fast cloth top as well as a new radio and speakers, electric cooling fan, front brake lines, rear wheel

cylinders, rotors, battery, battery case, alternator, electric fuel pump, water pump, stainless steel exhaust system, door cards, seat upholstery and padding . Top boot and many spare and original parts are included. Bills for work done are available.

Even the clock is working. A/C not working although compressor and dryer were changed by TWS at time all the reconditioning was done. Not used in a long time and probably needs a charge or new expansion valve.

The car is registered and inspected in NYS and is very quick and really a lot of fun to drive.

I have too many cars to drive them all. Someone will really enjoy getting into it and driving away. Asking \$31K - Shelly Sackstein 516-521-1276 ssackstein@sacksteinllp.com

(Editor's Note: I've known Shelly through VTR for years – his cars are the real thing.)

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."

Purposed Budget 2024 Miami Valley Triumphs

Expenses

<u>Description</u>	<u>Month</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>2023P</u>	<u>2023A</u>	<u>2024P</u>
Awards Banquet	March	\$0.00	\$1120.00	\$1200.00	\$850.00	\$1000.00
Year End Awards	March	\$250.00	\$504.00	\$450.00	\$355.00	\$400.00
Club Liability Ins	August	\$250.00	\$250.00	\$250.00	\$250.00	\$250.00
Summer Party	August	\$270.00	\$290.00	\$300.00	\$325.00	\$350.00
Web Hosting	July	\$338.00	\$235.00	\$300.00	\$340.00	\$350.00
Post Office Box	August	\$146.00	\$182.00	\$200.00	\$194.00	\$200.00
Donations	Yearly	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$100.00	\$150.00	\$100.00
Christmas Part	December	\$240.00	\$195.00	\$200.00	\$160.00	\$250.00
Misc Expense*	Yearly	<u>\$70.00</u>	<u>\$300.00</u>	<u>\$200.00</u>	<u>\$545.00</u>	<u>\$300.00</u>
Summary		\$1569.00	\$3076.00	\$3200.00	\$3169.00	\$3200.00

Income

Membership Dues	Yearly	\$105.00	\$1200.00	\$1150.00	\$1030.00	\$1150.00
BCD Final Payout	October	\$1500.00	\$1000.00	\$1500.00	\$1500.00	\$1500.00
50/50	Yearly	\$87.00	\$157.00	\$150.00	\$185.00	\$150.00
Brown Bag Receipt	January	\$151.00	\$186.00	\$200.00	\$207.00	\$200.00
Misc Income*	Yearly	<u>\$340.00</u>	<u>\$187.00</u>	<u>\$200.00</u>	<u>\$2865.00***</u>	<u>\$200.00</u>
Summary		\$2183.00	\$2730.00	\$3200.00	\$5787.00	\$3200.00

Annual Club Financial Status

<u>Year</u>	<u>January 1st</u>	<u>December 31st</u>
2021	\$3491.06	\$4105.21 (\$614.23)
2022	\$4105.21	\$3754.63 (\$350.58)
2223	\$3754.63	\$6409.52 (\$2654.89)***

*Misc Income includes Memorabilia, extra BCD Shirts, Donations and other misc income.

**Misc Expenses over the year includes new members Name Tags, prepaying new year functions, and other unforecasted expenditures.

***The largest Misc income was the final payout for TRA. Current TRA payout is \$2754.83, but with several small outstanding debits are still pending.

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