



# **The Marque**

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

**December 2020**



## **Events this month:**

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- 5 - Christmas in the Village
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- 19 - MVT Christmas Gathering

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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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We are also on **Facebook** at

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**Cutoff date** for next month's Marque is the 22nd of the month or when the editor screams...

**MVT** is a Chapter of the Vintage Triumph Register (<http://vintagetriumphregister.org/>) and Center of the Triumph Register of America (<http://triumphregister.com/>). We actively participate in activities of these clubs and their endeavors to preserve the marque. In addition to the above national clubs you also might want to check out 6-Pack (TR6/TR-250) <http://www.6-pack.org/j15/> and the North American Spitfire Squadron for Triumph Spitfire and GT6 owners <http://www.nasshq.org/>. Yearly dues are \$20 due in May each year.

## MVT Monthly Meeting

**COVID-19 UPDATE – Until further notice we will not be meeting at Archer's for the monthly**

**meeting, but will be doing a web meeting instead. Instructions on how to do this will be sent to the members by email prior to each month's meeting.**

## Officer's Reports

### President's Report



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#### Thankful November

*John Coutant*

November is that transition time of year where nature starts to get ready for cold weather. The colorful fall days slowly disappear as the leaves fall and then one day are gone following a hard rain and wind. Both the ornamental and lawn grasses stop growing and everything seems to rest waiting for that first wintery blast. It's also the time when we start to get those Triumphs and classic cars ready for the cold weather. As the month starts there are days here and there for one last ride but it is time to remember to put Stabil in the gas tank as one never knows when that last drive will be. Before long the knowledge that winter is knocking at the door leads to that last fill up and prepping the car for its winter nap. Time to clean one last time, disconnect the battery and put it on a battery tender, and do the other preparation before throwing on the car cover and turning out the lights. Then it is time to wait for the first snowfall (and salt on the road) while writing Santa with that list of parts needed to work on the car next Spring.

The end of November is Thanksgiving and a time for reflection with friends and family. With the covid-19 pandemic having an impact since February it has been a different year. For Betsy and me the impact has not been as great as for a lot of people. We're retired so no job to worry about, the kids are grown up, and we have a nice house with lots of books, DirecTV, and high-speed internet with good Wi-Fi. We do miss going out to eat or to a show or play but most of all we miss the personal interaction with friends and family. Facetime, Google Meet, and Zoom are OK but just not the same.

For Miami Valley Triumphs, the impact has been similar. Most of all I think we miss the personal interactions of the monthly meetings and our annual banquet and Holiday Soirée. As driving our Triumphs has remained a socially acceptable activity we have been able to get together over the summer and fall for a number of great drives. Plans for TRA 2020 and Dayton British Car Day 2020 were events with a large number of people and so were cancelled for this year. We have also managed to keep our meetings going virtually with Google Meet even if it was not the same as having a beer at Archers.

So, I am thankful that we have managed as a club to adapt and keep having fun and enjoying our Triumphs. I am thankful that so far there have been no major health impacts on anyone in MVT or on any of my friends or family. Also, while I am thankful the impact of the pandemic has been minor for us, I am painfully aware that the impacts have been great on those who have lost loved ones and those who have suffered economically. So, enjoy the Holidays in a safe way and take time to relax.

## December's MVT Meeting

### Videoconference with Google Meet

*John Coutant*

The general meeting of Miami Valley Triumphs and our Holiday Soiree/Brown Bag Auction for December will be by video conferencing using Google Meet. This will be our ninth general meeting using Meet so I think most people are getting comfortable using this technology.

As a reminder, to use Google Meet all you need is a computer with microphone, speakers, and camera (most laptops have these built in) and a recent browser (Chrome, Edge, Safari, Firefox). You can also use a smartphone or tablet but need to download the Meet app first. To join, all you have to do is click on the link for the meeting. All this is explained in detail in the Guide to Video Conferencing on the MVT website. Please review if you have questions. <https://www.miamivalleytriumphs.org/videoconferencing-guide>. Remember if you are using your computer for video and phone for audio, please connect first by computer and then select options (3 dots on lower right) and select use phone for audio. This way only one picture is displayed.

Come in early to chat as I will try to open the meeting at 7pm with a start of the meeting at 7:30pm. The link for the December meeting is <https://meet.google.com/asd-ktma-wex> and we will send this link a few more time before the meeting.

### Vice President's Report

# Go Bucks!

*Respectfully submitted – Chuck White*

### Treasurer's Report



As of 1 November 2020, balance in the club account was \$3510.86. For the month of November the club's only income was \$20.00 for



a membership renewal. The club had 1 expense for November: Purchase of MVT annual acrylic awards for \$154.00. As of 1 December 2020, the MVT account balance is \$3376.86. Be safe out there and I hope everyone has a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

*Respectfully submitted, Harry Mague.*

## Events Chair Report



### Apple Country Gothic

So this year winds down. October was very active, November not so much, and December will be a bit muted versus what we normally do in MVT.

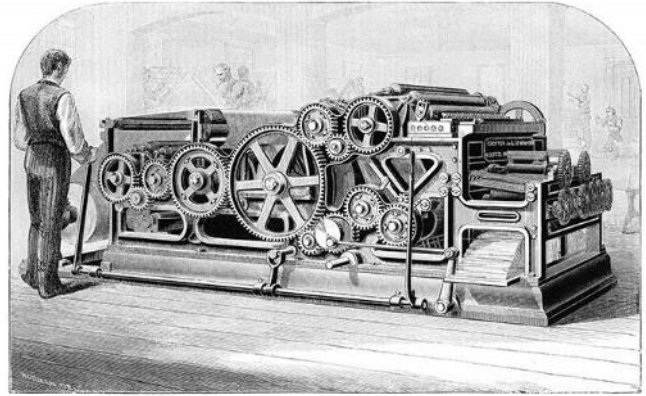
- For our meeting on the 2<sup>nd</sup> we will also have the traditional Brown Bag Auction as part of the festivities. Some have dropped their bags off here, others I volunteered to man a pick-up point. Sounds like fun!
- Walking around Waynesville on the 5<sup>th</sup> to take in their decorations and festive holiday spirit.
- Tech session with Jackson and Operation Yellowjacket on the 12<sup>th</sup>.
- A small Christmas get-together at Zemore's on the 19<sup>th</sup> - since at this small venue we can work the spacing and Chef Greg can also work with us on the menu that evening.

I'm just hoping that 2021 is a better year than 2020, but we'll not work about planning until next month! Happy Holiday's all!

*Events Tsar Bruce*

## Marque Editor's Report

Very few things sent to me this month - I think Stan has a report out on the 7000 mile jaunt he took with the Texas Triumph Register in the wings, though...



### Some of the high tech we leverage

If you have something for the Marque pls send!

*Cheers - Bruce*

## Membership Chair Report

# 47

We have wonderful news in MVT world! Former members Jim and Karen Sipos have decided to rejoin our club. Jim and Karen reside in Englewood, but their little British car (a 1960 powder blue TR3A) is housed at their son's in Powell. Their son and grandson drive it frequently and Jim assists with the mechanics. The Sipos duo can be reached at [jimsipos@icloud.com](mailto:jimsipos@icloud.com). Welcome back, Jim and Karen. We missed you!

Miami Valley Triumphs now consists of 47 individual/family memberships. You can access the revised roster in the member section of the

MVT website as soon as John Coutant has a chance to work his tech magic.

Take care and stay well!

*Valerie*

# MVT Events

**November 20**

## **4- November Monthly Meeting:**

4th November 2020

15 members in attendance.

Pre-meeting: We all had fun with a new option on Google Meets to be able to select a back ground image.

Welcome to new members: Pat & Charlie Bunnell, and to Bruce & Cathleen Stephens.

### **Officer Reports**

President – John Coutant – Not much to report this month, we had a number of great events. People have been collecting stuff for the brown bag auction. Bruce and I have been working on how to do this year. We will collect the bags then have the auction followed by a reveal night. More details will follow, via emails.

Vice President – Chuck White –Thanks to John for maintaining his health.

Treasure – Harry Mague –

Secretary – Mark Senter – (jumping ahead on the agenda item) The changes to the bylaw vote: We had 22 ballots returned, of those 19 were yes votes, 3 no votes.

A motion was made by Chuck to accept the minutes as published in the Marque, seconded by Bruce and other members.

Membership – Valerie Relue – With Charlie and Pat Bunnell we have 46 members. Am waiting for Jim & Karen Sipos renewal payment, when received that will bring us to 47 members.

Events Chair – Bruce Clough

- October: Had a really good October. The 10th we did a British Biscuits' & tea and the Spring/Fall drive. On the 11th a tech session at Bruce Millers place. Blew the muffler up and gassed several mice.
- 17th is our Fall Foliage Tour. It was a great all day event with lots of color.
- We then followed up with a flash mob drive on the 25th ending with drinks at Caesar Creek Winery.
- November: Has the Guy Fawkes Celebration. In 1605 he tried to blow up Parliament and King John. He did not make it and was caught. Ever since then the British people celebrate his demise. We will do a drive this year before we celebrate with the burning of Guys effigy.
- 14th Operation Yellow Jacket, working on TR7 brake lines. Still limited number of workers allowed with Covid restrictions.
- The 19th is the TRA2021 Planning meeting.
- 21st a tech session (TBA).Chuck reports he has a steering coupler that needs replacing. The tech session will start at 9am.
- December 2nd we will have a virtual meeting.
- 5th a Safe distancing walk around the Village in Waynesville.
- 6th The Brown Bag online auction.
- Operation Yellow jacket and a TRA2021 meeting.
- Normally we gather at the Paragon for a Holiday dinner. This year will be less formal in the back room at Zemore's Wine Bar & Bistro. 10 people max. (RSVP Bruce)

### **Committee Reports:**

Tech report: Looking for new stuff, Chuck is interested if anyone has done a hitch on a TR6.

The Marquee: Keep articles coming in.

Memorabilia: Is available tell Harry what you need.

Parts: - Chris Yanity I normally go to swap meets over the summer but have not been able to this year. I do have TR3 and some TR4 parts.

TRA2021 – Currently working on this event for June. Web sites are updated, and schedules for venues. As always members are welcome to sit in on the TRA2021 meetings.

### Old Business:

The By-law voting for the amendment from Stan to address the yearly MVT Awards is completed. Voting was done by email and the amendment passed. The official by-laws are on the web site under the member's only section.

### New Business:

Scott sent an email and made a motion for a contribution in the name of Mary Hartley (Ruby) who passed away recently. She was in COTRA. In past we have done something for club members and their immediate family. Discussion was held sighting others who also passed in past, with pro's & Con's. If we do something it would be under TRA2021 and should include Joe Richards. Motion was made tabled it to TRA2021 meeting. Suggestion for TRA 2021 is talk about a memorial table for the Triumph people who have passed this year.

Motion to end meeting was made by Bruce, seconded by Chuck approved by all, meeting ends.

## 7 – Guy Fawkes Tourette

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*Bruce Clough*



We met, we drove, we drank we ate - any questions? Guy survived this year...



## 14 - Operation Yellowjacket

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*Jackson Galloway*

The crew (Scott Huey, Clyde Collins, and I) gathered at the BTM on 14 November 2020 to again address running/flaring of the brake lines on Project Yellow Jacket. It stung us again. For some reason we just can't flare a line to save our car! We got a demonstration of how to flare with the brake flaring tool by Tim Bosse. Somehow all of our flares were not right. We did about 15-20 flares to figure out what is going on and just could not get them correct. The tool kept "oval-ing" out the flare. We did get one good flare, but it couldn't be replicated reliably.

## 21– Tech Session: TR6ing Again

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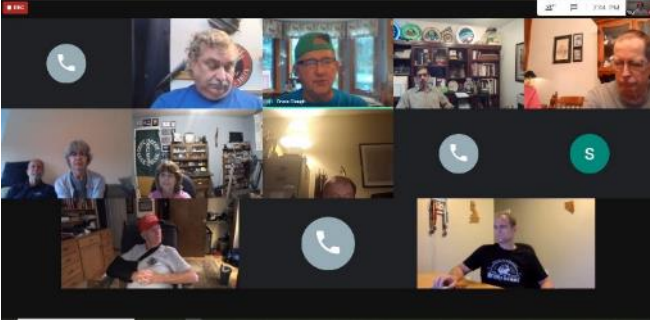
*Bruce Clough*

The goal was to get the break-off bolts in the steering column of the White's TR6 loose as well as replace steering knuckles - quite a few MVT'ers showed up to help, but in the end we all watched Harry take apart the TR6 dash and get to the point where the bolts could be worked on. Donuts were fine, coffee good.

Post Mortem - we finally got the bolts out about a week later - Dremel tool and punch method, but they are out!



## December 2020



**2 - MVT Monthly Meeting** - Videoconference will start at 7:30 PM. John will send out the Google Meet links prior to the meeting

**General Meeting** - For December there will be an abbreviated meeting to allow time for the Holiday Soirée and Brown Bag Auction

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

### *Officers Reports*

- President – **John**
- Vice-President – **Chuck**
- Treasurer - **Harry**
- Secretary
  - Approval of November's minutes as published in the Marque– **Mark**
- Membership Chair – **Valerie**
- Events Chair – **Bruce**
  - Review of Previous Month's Events
  - Possible Future Events

Other Business

Adjourn



**2 - Holiday Soiree and Brown Bag Auction** – Virtually hosted by the **Clough's**: Auctioneer – Bruce Clough with assistance from Alice and Duncan after the membership meeting!



**5 - Christmas in the Village:** We might not be able to have the Holiday Soiree this year, but don't count that day out. Come with us to walk quaint Waynesville and look at shops, partake of goods and foods (sanitized for your protection). We will meet at 4PM in the parking lot at the SW corner of North and Main streets. Bring you masks and good walking shoes, caroling voices are optional.



**12 - Operation Yellow Jacket** – 10 AM at the British Transportation Museum (321 Hopeland Street, Dayton, Ohio 45417)

So, I have procured a set of pre-flared 30 inch and 40 inch nickel-copper brakes lines! They should be going into the car next month! And with ALOT of luck, we might work on installing the differential!!!

Plan for a Hanukkah version of Project Yellowjacket in December!



**19 – MVT Holiday Dinner (Tentative):** This will be a small, very lower-key event this year. We will be in the back of Zemore's Wine Bar and Bistro in Bellbrook. Plenty of room and distanced from the rest of the tables. We will shoot for a 6:00PM seating with 6:30 order time. We have a max limit of 10 people, so if you want to go I need an RSVP. Seating is going fast...

**January 2021**



**February 2021**

Dear Fellow Triumph Owner,

One thing that has remained constant in this crazy pandemic year, is the pleasure to social distance by taking a drive in your Triumph. So, with that in mind, it's time to plan a social distance activity for Drive Your Triumph Day, February 10, 2021.

My name is Rye Livingston and I'm with the Triumph Travelers Sports Car Club in Northern California, which is celebrating our 62nd anniversary.

As you may remember a number of years ago, I encouraged members of our club to drive their Triumphs on February 10th, to celebrate Sir John Black's Birthday, the man who organized Standard's purchase of Triumph after the war, and went on to make the cars we enjoy driving today.

Last year I received about 350 photos from all over the world: Scotland, Ireland, the UK, New Zealand, Australia, South Africa, Uruguay, Netherlands, Switzerland, Finland, Canada, Holland, Czech Republic, and of course all over the USA. I'm hoping we can increase that number this year!

The concept is straightforward. On Wednesday, February 10th, go for a drive in your Triumph. Take a scenic drive on a country road or out to lunch, to the market, to work, wherever. Go for a drive alone or in a big group from your local Triumph Club. Take your spouse, buddy, child, grandchild or your dog; then take a photo. The photo is mainly of the car, and the owner if possible, ideally in front of a cool spot, landmark, scenic view or 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 anyway.

Next step is to email a high-resolution photo to [driveyourtriumphday@gmail.com](mailto:driveyourtriumphday@gmail.com), along with some basic information: 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, but also in USA's national magazine: Vintage Triumph Registry, and on the Drive Your Triumph Day website: <https://driveyourtriumphday.shutterfly.com>

Please feel free to send this on to other Triumph Clubs you may know of, and your club Activities Chairman and Newsletter editor. Last year a few Standard Clubs joined in too, which is great.

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 on February 10th.

Regards,

Rye Livingston  
Activities Chairman  
Triumph Travelers Sports Car Club  
Celebrating our 62nd Anniversary  
1960 Triumph TR3A  
Mobile: 530-FIND-RYE

## TRA 2021 Update

*By Bruce Clough, TRA 2021 Chair*

**Just a reminder that MVT is hosting the 2021 meeting of the Triumph Register of America in Lexington KY. This multi-day event will feature car shows, tours, fun runs, workshops, auction, banquet and gobs of other events. Focused on TR2-4A models, but it is open to anyone with an interest in Triumphs. A good time is always had by all. We are going to need your help MVT – this is your club putting this on and it is an excellent time! If you need info of any type, including meet and hotel reservation info, head to the MVT TRA 2021 web page:**

<https://www.miamivalleytriumphs.org/tra-2021>



**14-18 June 2021, Clarion North  
Convention Center, Lexington KY**

Just some final notes to wrap-up 2020 as we plan for TRA 2021.

- The latest article for the TRA National Newsletter is finished - this is focused on make your reservations but knowing we are not going to let your money be risked.
- RATCO Coming in 2021 to do frame and tech demos like they were planning in 2020.
- We will have the next committee meeting in January 2021

## Technical Talk

*Edited by Bruce Clough*

Nothing was submitted this month, but I have a feeling more will be on the way for next month...

One bit of news - Moss bought Victoria British:

<https://mossmotors.com/victoria-british>

## 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



MVT Car Flag - \$5.00



MVT Cloth Patch - \$12.00



MVT Window Sticker - \$1.00



MVT Pin - \$5.00



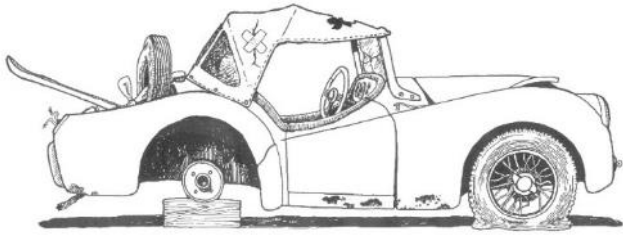
MVT Magnetic Signs – these can be easily cut so they are round. They are 12"x12", 11" in diameter if cut round. - \$12

All the memorabilia is available at each Club meeting upon request. Pls contact our MVT Memorabilia Manger, Harry Mague [harrymague@aol.com](mailto: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".



**WANTED** - One or a pair of stem mount Fog or Driving lamps (working or non-working) -also looking for a badge bar to fit a TR3A/3B cash or trade, TR3 Luggage Rack in as new condition (No drill , Hinge pin mounted type ), Triumph TR3A/3B Hoodstick ( Soft Top Frame) cover in good or restorable condition -Black or Tan Contact Chris at [tryanity@gmail.com](mailto:tryanity@gmail.com).

**FOR SALE** - TR3 and tr4 parts as I find them – cleaning out duplicates. Need something? Ask Contact Chris at [tryanity@gmail.com](mailto:tryanity@gmail.com).

**Hardtop for Sale** -Triumph TR6 Snugtop Custom Hardtop:

- Black -Built in Long Beach, California
- Factory Mint Condition inside and out, weather stripping, glass ,headliner etc.
- Ready to bolt on and go
- Hardware included -Price Negotiable

Inquire at [tryanity@gmail.com](mailto:tryanity@gmail.com)

**FOR SALE** - STA-BIL Storage Fuel Stabilizer, guaranteed To Keep Fuel Fresh Fuel Up To Two Years - Effective In All Gasoline Including All Ethanol Blended Fuels - Treats Up To 80 Gallons, 32 fl. oz. I bought too many, I have up to three available for \$5 each. Contact Bruce at [portabezi@hotmail.com](mailto:portabezi@hotmail.com)

