



# **The Marque**

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

## **The Marque – July 2027**



**Any questions?**

### **July Events**

- **1 – MVT Meeting**
- **18 - Tour d'Donut**
- **25 – Now open for any suggestions**
- **31 – BCD Set-Up**

### **In This Marque**

- **Nothing much**
- **Usual stuff**
- **Move along good citizen**

### **Thank you from Mark Eberhardt Jr:**

Thank you for your donation to SICSA Pet Adoption and Wellness Center in memory of my wife Suzy. We have been longtime supporters of SICSA, even though we are not local. Unfortunately, we were not able to participate in MVT activities for health reasons and my uncompleted TR3A which I have recently sold and now resides in Canfield OH (near Youngstown). I enjoyed the few meetings and tech sessions that I attended and certainly will rejoin MVT if I get a "road ready Triumph".

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Dates and events are subject to change, so please watch out for club email updates. If you are a member, but are not on the club email list, please contact the MVT Webmaster.

## MVT Club Info



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

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### Club Website:

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

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

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

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

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## National Affiliations:

### Vintage Triumph Register

MVT is proudly a Chapter of the Vintage Triumph Register, the link to their comprehensive website is: <http://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 making the VTR site a current and accurate resource for Triumph enthusiasts worldwide. VTR publishes a bi-monthly magazine, The Vintage Triumph, which is filled with valuable historical and technical articles and industry news. In addition to the magazine, membership in VTR also includes:

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

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

<https://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.

## Officer's Reports

### President's Report



### Half a year already????

*Jeff Barth*

And just like that June is over and the official beginning of Summer has begun. A drive led by John and Patti Clifford exploring the roads and sights west and into Indiana occurred early in June. This coincided with members heading out to Madaras Oregon for the 2026 TRA. Hopefully we can read more about both of these adventures later in the Marque.

As we look forward though, this month will be our last meeting before the 2026 Dayton BCD. Sign-up sheets have been circulated during our June meeting and will be again this month in case you didn't get a chance to volunteer . This will

If you have not yet registered, here is your reminder as well.

Saturday, August 1, 2026, 9am - 4pm Eastwood MetroPark, 1385 Harshman Rd., Dayton, Oh.

Celebrating Austin Healey 100-6 and Triumph TR3

Registration: \$25.00 in advance includes free BCD t-shirt if received before 7/18/2026: BCD Shirts are \$20.00 day of show, Vendors: \$25.00 . Registration open 9 am until Noon. Show runs rain or shine! Special Award: Best of Show. Click here to Register Online

Thank you to everyone for being an active club willing to participate, not only in those events for your enjoyment, but also those events that help other enjoy what we recognize as the British Car community.

One other announcement is that the event listed as the Prez Car Show, scheduled for July 25th has been cancelled this year. Sorry. There may be another drive planned in its place.

One last comment from me is that early registration for the Indianapolis British Car Day is July 10th. EARLY BIRD ENDS JULY 10TH! INDY BRITISH MOTOR DAY 2026 featuring MG. Saturday, August 8, 2026 - ONLINE REGISTRATION ONLY! We're excited to be back at Lions Park in Zionsville, IN for our 38th Annual IBMD!

See you on July 1st at Archer's Tavern at 6:30 for dinner and fellowship and 7:30 for our monthly meeting.

### Secretary's Report



### MVT June Meeting Minutes

Stan Seto

## **MVT Monthly Membership Meeting**

**3 June 2026, Archer's Tavern, 2030 E. Dorothy Lane, Kettering, Ohio**

**Call to Meeting** - 1930 Hours

**Members Present** – 28, Largest attendance, 2025

**Opening comments** – Glad to see so many of you here.

**Agenda: Changes or additions** – None

**Introduction of Guests and/or New Members** – No new members, but some members long absent.

### **Office Reports**

**President** – See above. Minutes for May were in the Marque, There were no corrections or changes, Need a motion to approve, Motion by Secretary, second by Events Chairman, Voice vote to approve with no dissention.

**Vice President** – No comment.

**Treasurer** – Starting June with \$5,886.37.

**Secretary** – No comments.

**Membership Secretary** – As discussed by Michael Meade, Adrienne was absent, Current total is 55. Jim Sipos passed a few days ago, See New Business for Honorarium.

**Events Chair – May – Events Completed:** May FOG Trip, Seto and White attended. Seto finished the trip, but Chuck White came home early and has the Chicken awards, garnered.

Carlisle (PA) Import and Performance Show, Clifford and Barth attended (Saab and Volvo had big attendance), They got home late.

**June** – Events to come:

- Ft. Meigs Show, anyone going?
- (9 – 24) TRA at Madras, OR. Three MVT members going (Clough, Seto, White).
- 13 – Clifford Rally has been reduced to a "Drive" as John cannot get necessary Computer Support. John is considering a

drive to Elk Farm Trading Post in New Paris, Ohio. If so the start Point is at 0930, Old Brookville.

- 14 – Cincinnati Concours, Alt Park.
- 29 – "Play for Payne", Fun Rally

July – Events to come:

- Jackson Galloway to host a Doughnut Trail Drive. Date: TBA
- '25<sup>th</sup> – Lutheran Church Car Show, West Milton, OH.
- 31<sup>st</sup> – BCD Set-up at the Park, Pack the bags, Lay-out the field.

### **Standing Committee Reports**

**Technical** – Strong warning about Verifying Newly bought Alternators actually work as advertised. IF from Moss, Rimmer, BPNW, most of our normal suppliers. Give thought to buying other brands, Bosch, GM, etc.

**Marque** – More articles would be nice..

**Spare Parts** – No real comments.

**Web Site** – Current improvements ongoing, but nothing is going to show up for the casual viewer, for a while.

**Memorabilia** – Yes we have it, being pushed are the magnetic MVT signs.

### **Old Business**

**BCD Update** – Pre-registration, up to 80, we are ahead of 2025, how much to be determined by end of June.

Still not seeing that many Sunbeam Alpines yet. They want to hold a local meeting within framework of BCD. This has happened before with good results. 40 cars have been predicted to come. We have three registered at this time. One from GA.

### **New Business**

**BCD Sign-Up** – List sent around the room, Response was weak. One hopes that the club does better on the day.

We lost club member Jim Sipos (TR3B) in Late May. Christine White asked for an Honorarium in his memory. Stan Seto made a motion for \$50.00 to each of Ohio's Hospice of Dayton, at 324 Wilmington Ave., Dayton, Ohio, 45420; and Saint Vincent DePaul Society at 1000 Wenger Road, Englewood, Ohio, 45322. Mark Senter seconded motion. It passed by unanimous Voice vote.

**50/50 Drawing – Amount:** \$26.00, **Winner :** Mark Senter and Wife

**Adjournment: Time –** 2015 Hours; **Motion –** Regina Senter; **Second –** Mike Lorey

*Respectfully submitted, Stan Seto*

## BCD Meeting Report

*Stan Seto & Jackson Galloway*

Here are some meeting notes we got for those who couldn't make it:

- Artwork done for the event
- We will order 250 day of registration cards and 300 windscreen cards
- Rumpel blue rooms quote coming in soon
- Park approval done with cheaper non-profit rate
- BTM was selected to select best of show (they fund the award, so it makes sense)
- Food vendors still need to be confirmed
  - Smoke house
  - Hamburger wagon
  - Traveling Toms coffee!!!
  - Shelly's ice cream treats!!!!
- Show sponsors
  - 5 paid
  - No word from Moss
  - JMP Replament (I have no clue what I wrote or mean!)
- 26 June order will be finalized ( I think this is for signs?) with 1 July ordering
- Prizes are coming in

- 50-dollar gift card from griots garage
- Retro sound radio
- Need to talk with Curtis about T-shirt printing
- Vendors
  - Ted & Doug will come
  - 7 last year, 2 pre-registered, 5 just showed up. Chris Y is following up as possible.

Vendors: received registration from Mr. Hahnemann, who's been to our show several times in the past. Will get this to Chris Y.

Stan & Jackson

## Vice President's Report



## VP Musings

*Jackson Galloway*

I've made some progress on the transmission rebuild! I bought a parts washer and cleaned up the case. Next week is a holiday week for me, and I should have some time to get into the garage and start reassembly. With some luck, I will complete it, even if it is going to be in the 90s! I hope your projects are going well!

*(Ed Note – ask him about the Subaru)*

## Treasurer's Report

*Harry Mague*



As of 1 June 2026, the club account had a balance of \$5886.37. For the month of June, the club had the following income: 9 membership renewals for \$180.02 and 50/50 for \$27.00. Total income is \$207.02. Our club's expenses for the month of June were \$100.00 for a donation and \$313.62 for WIX club computer services. Total expenses for the month of June were \$413.62. As of 1 July 2026, the club's account will be: \$5679.77.

*Respectfully – Harry Mague*

## Membership Chair Report

And the number is:

# 56

We have total 56 members. Total new members for 2026 is 4. Our latest is Kevin Torres; 2841 Grace Ave., Dayton, OH. Kevin has a 1979 TR7. He is interested in tech sessions, driving tours, social gatherings, car shows and monthly meetings

*Adrienne Meade– MVT Membership Chair*



## Editor's Report Bruce's Corner

### Hurried Issue

Just got back from TRA 2026 and the Marque is due – hopefully I'll get it all together in time for the MVT meeting on 1 July.

The TRA write-up will be in a later Marque. I'm sure it will be glorious. I put some teasers in the Technical Notes area and here is a teaser photo:



Oh, one more thing - thanks to John Coutant for a technical article on the TRP1800. Glad it's back on the road.

# MVT Events

Past

June 2026

## 3 - MVT Monthly Meeting



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## 13 – MVT Drive

*John Clifford with a photo from Mark Senter*

At the beginning of the year, Patti and I put our hands up to organize the MVT drive for 6-13-26. As the date drew closer, this drive morphed several times before it happened. It was originally listed as being a rally, but that concept became impossible by mid-May. That left us without a real theme and destinations. We were cogitating on several options when two weeks before, we were informed of Quiet Harmony Elk Park over in New Paris, OH. We did a scouting visit on June 3rd and determined it might work out especially since they would waive the admission fee if they could promote the visit of some Triumph sports cars. As things turned out, only 3 sports cars could make it, and we decided to delay a visit to a later time. So just a few days

before, the destinations changed again we settled on a Brookville OH to Brookville (lake) IN drive.

Saturday June 13th dawned with perfect driving weather and 5 cars full of happy MVT members arrived at the Hipster's Coffee Shop in Brookville OH. Patti and I arrived in our beige convertible. Two of the cars brought both households of the Rutledge's (Roger and Scot in the baby blue TR3, Carol and Missy in the family Subaru. The Meades arrived in their very impressive TR6. And the fifth car was a blue Ford with Mark and Regina Senter. We departed about 9:45 and wandered SW through Eaton with a slow cruise through Fort St. Clair Park.



**Meade's TR6 @ Ft. St. Clair Park**

From there we drove to the Harshman (1894) covered bridge, one of 8 such bridges in Preble County. About 30 minutes later we cross over into IN and arriving at Ainsley's Café and Harbor Bar overlooking the Brookville Lake just before noon. All 10 of us got seated immediately and we all enjoyed the view, the food and the company. On the way back north, we stopped at a small family run nursery outside of Camden where we got some real deals on plants and were entertained by a small herd of goats with lots of babies.



The view from Ainsley's Café

entire drive so we might have to do something like that again!



We all scream for ice cream!



Senter's TRord coming out of the bridge



TRs at the Park

## 14 – Cincinnati Concours d'Elegance



The OG meets the G's!



I'm sure it was a good time!

Continuing on north we ended up in West Alexander for some ice cream. The entire drive was about 70 miles and wrapped up about 3pm. Patti and I heard lots of good comments about the



## TRA National Meeting 2026

*Bruce Clough*

We got there and got back – we'll detail this in next month's Marquee. It could be a book by the time we are done. If you are interested, here was the itinerary:

- (Tue 9 Jun) Holiday Inn Express & Suites - 140 E Ashland St, Morton, IL 61550
- (Wed 10 Jun) Holiday Inn Express - 1933 Holly St, Blair, NE 68008
- (Thu 11 Jun) Cobblestone Inn & Suites - 517 Main St, Bridgeport, NE 69336
- (Fri 12 Jun) Rocky Mountain Lodge - 1349 W Rams Horn St, Dubois, WY 82513
- (Sat 13 Jun) Mountain Home Inn - 1180 US-20, Mountain Home, ID 83647
- (Sun 14 Jun – Fri 19 Jun) The Bunk House at Cross Keys - 706 Bunkhouse Rd, Madras, OR 97741
- (Fri 19 Jun) – Oxford Suits Boise - 1426 S Entertainment Ave, Boise, ID 83709
- (Sat 20 Jun) – Best Western Fossil Country Inn & Suites, 760 Highway 189/30, Kemmerer, WY, 83101
- (Sun 21 Jun) – Little America Hotel and Resort - 2800 W Lincolnway, Cheyenne, WY 82009
- (Mon 22 Jun) – Cobblestone Hotel & Suites - 2750 S 27th Ave, Broken Bow, NE 68822

- (Tue 23 Jun) – AmericInn By Wyndham - 111 Ariel Cir, Osceola, IA 50213
- (Wed 24 Jun) – Hampton Inn Bloomington West - 906 Maple Hill Rd, Bloomington, IL 61705
- (Thu 25 Jun) - Home

## 29 – Play4Payne Road Rally

*Bruce Clough*

Well, this was cancelled – it will be rescheduled.

## Future

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**Old mindset**

**New mindset**



## 18 – Tour d'Donut

Details TBD, but I bet batter is involved...



## 25 – Prez’s Car Show

Cancelled, but stand by for something else!



## 31 – Dayton BCD Set Up

We meet at Eastwood Metro Park at 6PM to pack registration bags, map out parking, and work on other logistics. More details at the July meeting and watch for club emails.

**August 2026**



1 – Dayton British Car Day – Eastwood Metro Park

<https://britishcardaydayton.com/>

Saturday, August 1, 2026, 9am - 4pm

Eastwood MetroPark, 1385 Harshman Rd., Dayton, Oh.

Participants choice car show, vendors & swap meet, full-service concession stand, dash plaques to first 200 entrants and as always, spectators are admitted free.

Registration: \$25.00 in advance includes free BCD t-shirt if received before 7/18/2026: BCD Shirts are \$20.00 day of show, Vendors: \$25.00 . Registration open 9 am until Noon. Show runs rain or shine!

Special Awards: Longest Drive, Ranger's Choice & Best of Show.

Registration information:

<https://britishcardaydayton.com/bcdreg.aspx>

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

<http://www.ibcu.org/>

The 37th Annual Indy British Motor Day presented by MOTORVAULT&BOKEYNO MOTORSPORTS will be held at Lion’s Park in Zionsville, just one block from Main St. on Sycamore St. Your family will enjoy browsing the galleries, antique shops, specialty stores and the farmer’s market. Lunch may be available on-site, but there are also a variety of restaurants on Main

Street offering breakfast and lunch. For more information on Zionsville, visit the Chamber of Commerce website at:

[www.Zionsvillechamber.org](http://www.Zionsvillechamber.org)

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

**September 2026**

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**12 – MVT Northern Tour – Details coming...**



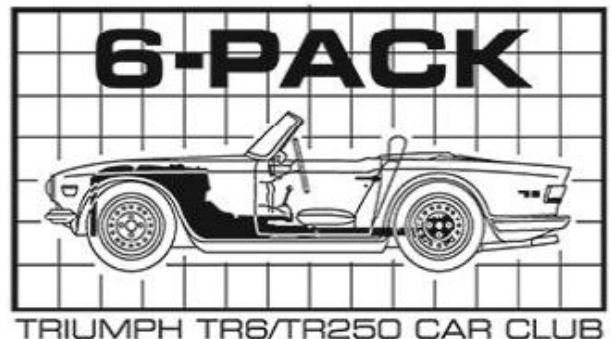
**13 – Cincinnati British Car Day – Fairfield, OH**  
– details will be available at:

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



**15-17 – Put-In-Bay Sports Car Races**

Coming back to a Lake Erie island near you – more info at <https://www.pibroadrace.com/>



**17-19 - 6-Pack Trials 2026 – Nashville, IN**

More info at: <https://6-pack.org/trials-2025/>



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

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



## Dayton Concours d'Elegance at Carillon Park

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

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



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

**October 2026**



3 – Secret Garden Tour – get your fall decorations ready to go! I'm sure ice cream might be involved.

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14-18 – VTR National Convention

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

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

The TWOA east-coast folks are already planning their trip out and back.



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

## November 2026

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



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

## December 2026



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



TBD – Ugly Sweater Contest – Details TBD

## Technical Talk

*Edited by Bruce Clough*

### **Over hill, over dale, over deer... Back Down the Rabbit Hole - Up and Out at Last**

*John Coutant*

In last November's Marque I wrote an update about the incident on the April 2025 Spring Tour where I ran over a deer in the Volvo 1800E (aka the Swedish Triumph). Some bumper and sheet metal damage plus probable suspension damage. I left off with saying that the cross member had been repaired, painted, and reinstalled. Also, the rebuilt steering box, and idler arm along with all new/rebuilt suspension components were reinstalled. All that needed to be done was install the new clutch and put the engine back in the car. I could see the light at the end of the tunnel.

Everything went quickly and the car was completed within a few weeks and went off to be aligned. This is where everything went pear shaped. The car could not be aligned as the caster on the right side (impact side) was off at a negative 5 degrees.

Caster is the forward or backward tilt of a vehicle's steering axis when viewed from the side. Think of the steering axis as an imaginary line running through your suspension's upper and lower pivot points.

- **Positive Caster:** The top of the steering axis tilts toward the rear of the vehicle. This is the standard setup for almost all modern road cars.
- **Negative Caster:** The top of the steering axis tilts toward the front of the vehicle. This is rarely used today.
- **Zero (Neutral) Caster:** The axis is perfectly vertical.

In this case the negative camber meant that the lower part of the suspension (the cross member) had been pushed back resulting in the top of the suspension to be in front.

Caster is critical for how your car handles, steers, and feels.

- **Straight-Line Stability:** Positive caster creates a "self-centering" force. Just like the front wheels of a shopping cart naturally flip to follow the direction you are pushing; positive caster forces the car's wheels to want to travel straight ahead. This prevents the car from wandering at high speeds.
- **Steering Returnability:** It is the reason the steering wheel automatically snaps back to the center on its own after you make a turn and let go of the wheel.
- **Cornering Grip:** As you turn the steering wheel, positive caster automatically introduces helpful negative camber (tilting the outside tire inward), maximizing the tire's contact patch with the road for better grip during a corner.

The cross member is a really heavy metal frame but, even though we repaired the A-arm mounting points, we did not know it was damaged. If you look closely at the picture below you can see the dimple in the metal on one side. Hindsight is great.



There was no way to repair the cross member to factory specs without a jig to supply measurements. I decide to buy a used cross member from a source I have used for used parts for years. The catch was that his junkyard with donor cars was in Massachusetts, it was January, and there was 3 feet of snow on the ground. Even the owner had fled to Florida and said it would be March before he could extract and ship the cross member.

True to his word the cross member was shipped in April, cleaned and any welds repaired, and painted. In May the shop replaced the cross member without removing the engine or disassembling the suspension in a few hours.

The Volvo is back. After 15 months in the shop, it was dirty and took some time to clean it up. Also, the battery was bad (bad cell) and I had no idea how the car even started with it in it. It was ages old, so a new battery was not a surprise.



The tour for the Cincinnati Concours was on the Saturday just before the Concours itself and I had been asked to lead a group. So, Frank and I took the Volvo, and it ran well and no problems that I noticed. The picture above is from the tour

## TR7 Reliability Run

### *Bruce Clough*

I suppose you could call the trip to TRA 2026 a reliability run – 5000 miles over about three weeks. We drove Inca that had been modified to handle the trip. We did have a few failures, three were concerning, three annoying.

- First thing that happened was the oil pressure switch failed outside of Omaha. Normally they fail by leaking, in this case it was saying the oil pressure was low when it was actually fine. Fortunately, or actually, or purpose, I had a new switch with us, replaced it and it was working again. The switch that failed was a new switch (Duralast from AutoZone) I installed after helping a fellow TR7 owner with replacing a switch in La Crosse last year. Go figure.
- Second was the right headlamp decided it didn't want to raise – the light came on, but no motor action. We were not driving at night, so this wasn't an issue. Checking it out at home I discovered the motor was working fine. I also discovered after I ran the motor the light worked normal gain – I still took it apart and cleaned and lubed it.
- Third was the brakes squeaked. Both front and rear made noise but stopped the car just fine. After we got home I added anti-squeal grease to the pads. We'll see if it works.
- Fourth was the fan relay died during a cruise up and down a canyon – fortunately it was on the way to a little store, and at that store I replaced the relay – yes, I brought plenty. Worked fine after - that relay has been running the fan for about 20 years now, and it was an inexpensive relay...
- Fifth was I got hot brakes on the right rear - actually happened twice, both times cleared by cycling the parking brake. I took the wheel off at Madras and made sure the caliper was floating on the pins, it was and from then on gave us no issues. My guess is the flex pipe for this

custom installation was too short and caused some binding on the pins.

- Finally, on the drive back to Ohio the car began to ping/knock. Turns out the rear car was running very lean at medium and open throttle settings but actually running rich at idle. Dropping the jet didn't help and screwed up the idle. Changed my driving habits to compensate. I love driving like my grandmother (but I did get better gas mileage). My guess is the waxstat-temp-compensated jet on the back carb failed lean. This would explain the richness at idle but leanness at open throttle. Parts are on order.

I didn't count the small leaks we had in gully-washer thunderstorm – that's a rite of passage. Did I mention a strange sound from the throw-out bearing area? Something to worry about later.

In general, the drive was good, some issues from a almost 47-year old car, but it got us there and back. Now to prep for Kerrville.

## MVT Merch

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



**MVT Cloth Patch - \$12.00**



**MVT Pin - \$5.00**



**MVT Window Sticker - \$1.00**



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



They look very spiffy on a TR7...

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

## Classifieds

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



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

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

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

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

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





Contact John Banet 812-725-3579, [j51.banet@twc.com](mailto:j51.banet@twc.com) - call text or email for pertinent info.

**TR7 Parts for free** – I have the following '80 TR7 parts laying around the garage for free. All parts were working when pulled from the car:

- Lucas alternator for AC car
- Lucas starter motor.

Bruce the newsletter editor

## One last Word

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I guess they love donuts in the UK...

