

# The Marquee

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

**March 2023**

## Drive Your Triumph Day Photos



First time in years I actually drove on the 10th.  
Short drive (cold) and photo opp at  
Montgomery fire station which is close - John  
Coutant



Chuck hangin' around Xenia



Old Dusty readying for battle



Just threw this in to take up space



Jeff upped the bar with “drive your Triumph to Work” day



“Hi there, bet you don’t know what day it is?”



John participating in “Stare at your Triumph Day”...



...while Patti does some bleach burn-outs in a parking lot down the road.

## Some background on Sir John Black

Chuck White shared these words from John Macartney, who knew Sir John Black. If you have not figured it out yet, Drive Your Triumph Day is on Sir John’s birthday.

*I met Sir John on many occasions, though only as a child. When Dad left Standard (temporarily in 1945 on health grounds - he had seven duodenal ulcers) Black was a regular visitor at our home, usually on his way home. He arrived in late 1944 just after my birth and said “I’ve come to see the son and heir. I hope I’m not too late?” to which my mother replied, “I’m sorry Sir John, but you’re too late. He was put to bed an hour ago and cannot be disturbed”.*

*As Ma said on several occasions in later years, "that was the only time I ever refused him and he was as meek and apologetic as a lamb."*

*But he came on many other occasions as I grew older and I remember him as kind, generous and very interested in my progress at school - about which the less said the better.*

*John Black has not enjoyed a favourable press, mainly from Graham Robson, who never knew him AFAIK, and who has most unjustly portrayed Black as an ogre and "a man with a Stalinist management style". When I worked at Standard Triumph in the 60s, many of my colleagues at all levels were longstanding supporters and advocates of their former boss and wouldn't hear anything to his discredit. Yes, he had mood swings, yes he could be an absolute s\*\*t if the mood took him and he certainly didn't suffer fools. But he was fair, kind and took a detailed interest in every employee, most of whom he knew by name and he also knew a great deal about them. This is largely because he made a point of going anywhere in the plant on a daily basis quite alone and talked to everyone he met. Additionally, on Mondays he made a point of welcoming new intake at their workstation. On Fridays, he visited every employee who was leaving, wished them good luck and if they had performed their jobs well, he assured them another job at Standard would be found if their new job didn't work out.*

*It was those little things - and so many more about the man - that endeared him to so many on aspects of an amazing man who Graham Robson has grossly and unjustly misrepresented on many times in print.*

*I well remember Blacks memorial service in Coventry Cathedral in Jan 1965. More than sixty years later, that service is still a landmark event in the building history because the number of attendees vastly exceeded those who were there when members of our Royal Family were present. They crammed more than 5000 Standard Triumph employees and retirees in the building and there were another 2000 odd outside sheltering from a blizzard. People don't turn out in those numbers in bad weather and the cold because they've nothing better to do. They were there because a*

*certain man had helped them enjoy a better life or had done something for them as individuals that they never forgot. That's some epitaph!*

*As an aside, I do a range of talks in the UK on a number of different automotive subjects and automotive people for clubs and societies and on the people side, it's about 50/50 in the popularity stakes between William Morris (Lord Nuffield, another amazing man and philanthropist) and Sir John Black. I look forward to the day when the scales tip 60/40 in favour of Sir John.*

## March MVT Events:

- **1 - Monthly Meeting**
- **4 - MVT Awards Banquet**
- **15 - TRA 2023 Meeting**
- **25 - Tech Session**
- **TBD - Flashmob at Caesar Creek Vineyard**

## In This Marque

- **More Fun With Old Paint**
- **Householder Auction**
- **...and TRA 2023 info galore...**

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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 <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...

## National Affiliations:

### Vintage Triumph Register



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

The Vintage Triumph Register (VTR) is a North American Triumph car club of nearly 3000 Triumph owners and enthusiasts supporting and showcasing all models of Triumphs. Their award-winning VTR web site has been assembled through the co-operative efforts of many VTR members and make the VTR site a current and accurate resource for Triumph enthusiasts worldwide. VTR publishes a bi-monthly magazine, The Vintage Triumph, which is filled with valuable historical and technical articles and industry news. In addition to the magazine, membership in VTR also includes:

- Access to VTR's staff of volunteer vehicle consultants
- Various VTR Triumph car club regalia

- Low-cost collector car liability insurance to members at costs far below regular insurance rates
- An annual convention, hosted each year by one of VTR's many local chapters.

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

<https://vintagetriumphregister.org/whatisvtr/>

## Triumph Register of America



MVT is a Center of the Triumph Register of America, website: <http://triumphregister.com/>.

TRA was established to aid TR2, 3, 3A, 3B, 4, and 4A owners in the preservation, maintenance and enjoyment of their classic sports cars and is focused on growing local groups of TR2, 3, 3A, 3B, 4, and 4A owners. We believe that local used parts supply networks and local activities such as technical workshops or rallies provide the binding glue for our National organization. TRA is firmly a grassroots organization, which offers many advantages and services for individual members, groups, and local centers.

In addition to VTR and TRA, MVT members are also part of other model-specific clubs such as:

6-Pack (TR6/TR-250) <http://www.6-pack.org/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.

## 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.

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## Officer's Reports

### President's Report



### Lamb or Lion?

*John Coutant*

It is almost March but February has felt like March (or even April) all month. So the question is will

March continue this trend or will we revert to the winter we have not had or missed?

For MVT March signals the start of another year of Triumph activities. Our annual banquet is Saturday March 4<sup>th</sup> which is a chance to celebrate last year's individual and club accomplishments and look forward to 2023. Nominations closed at the end of the February meeting for individual awards. 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 those nominations that have been made to date.

Nominations were also closed for officer positions at the end of the February meeting. Positions for the 2-year period of 2023-2025 included Vice-President, Membership, and Events.

Voting for both club awards and officers has opened by mail or email for those members who will not be able to attend the March meeting. Ballots will be available at the March meeting and collected by our secretary, Clyde Collins. Voting concludes at the end of March general meeting. Results are announced at the Awards Banquet.

Now is the latest time you should be thinking about getting your Triumph ready to roll. As I have said before, make sure you have all the parts necessary to do routine maintenance and/or repair as soon as possible. Supply chain issues still are affecting the supply of things you would not think were an issue. Also, time to schedule a tech session if you need an extra hand or are just not sure on a particular repair.

There are less than 4 months until TRA 2023 at Hueston Woods for which MVT is the host club.

The TRA 2023 team is ramping up activities, especially as applied to driving events at the meet. We do need help to fill in some holes in the agenda of the meet. So while we would love everyone to come and enjoy the whole meet, please think about helping out when you can.

If you are still planning on coming to TRA and have not registered, please do so at: <https://www.miamivalleytriumphs.org/tra-2023>

The TRA rooms at Hueston Woods lodge are now

fully booked. Cabins, campsites, and hotels in Oxford are still available.

Beware the Ides of March!

# Awards

## Marque of Distinction

**Marque of Distinction** - Most prestigious in the club, and should go to a 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 for Marque of Distinction

**Chris White** by John Coutant

Chris has really exemplified the character of MVT by stepping up to help lead in at least two major events of the club. Following Lois retirement and COVID, Chris led a group to find a new venue and put on a successful Awards Banquet after a 2-year hiatus. Then during the Dayton BCD, Chris stepped up at the last minute to take over ballot counting (one of our major BCD responsibilities) when Alice was absent due to illness.

**Harry Mague** by Chuck White

I'd like to nominate Harry Mague for the work he has accomplished, and funds that he has spent on his own, to incorporate the club and establish its tax-free status. A lot of work there that will benefit us all!

**Bruce Clough** by Patti Clifford

Bruce is a well-known member of MVT. He does EVERYTHING! I doubt we would have many weekend events without his guidance. He publishes the Marque each month, makes sure we have events at least monthly from May through November (or as long as the weather holds), reports on technical issues each month, publishes a lot of articles to the Marque and is always available for helping on ailing cars. He is like the energizer bunny and we are lucky to have him as a member.

## Most Improved

**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 for Most Improved

**Jeff John** by The Unknown MVT Member

Considering the initial state of the TR3, it has come a long way to almost being on the road. In spite of the attempts of Moss motors to sabotage his progress with plastic distributor caps, the car now runs.

**Greg Relue** by Valerie Relue

Improvements to 1973 TR 6 last year include

- Replace wiring harness
- Replace brake lines, pads & shoes
- Replace Gas tank & gas line shutoff
- Install electronic ignition & electric fuel pump
- Assemble down draft Weber carbs
- Complete trunk interior panels & carpeting
- Installed walnut Dash handmade by brother from lumber sourced from the yard of his childhood home in Indiana. Paul Rich is making a steering wheel from the same wood
- The engine now starts & runs

## Keep it on the Road

**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 for Keep it on the Road

**Jeff Barth** by the Unknow MVT'er

Jeff's Spitfire may be small but it is a mighty Triumph that is always on the road. Besides routinely driving the car just because, Jeff has participated in many MVT events. He drove the Spitfire to the National VTR event in Galena, IL and participated in many events including the autocross.

## Press on Regardless

**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 for Press on Regardless

**Harry Mague** by Chris White

Returning from TRA 2022 held in Gettysburg, Pennsylvania, Harry's TR6 had power issues in trying to keep up with the three other Triumphs in the MVT caravan. This made it a very long travel day for the caravan. The issue was determined to be his spark plug wires which were able to be replaced once he was home. This was not possible while on the road – no parts. To make matters worse, he also suffered with a medical condition that slowed him further on his final leg returning home yet he...Pressed On Regardless.

## Officer Nominations

### Current nominations for Vice-President:

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Chuck White

### Current nominations for Events Chairperson:

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Bruce Clough

### Current nominations for Membership Chairperson:

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Valerie Relue

## Vice President's Report



*Editor's Note: VP did not send me anything this month. Please send him random emails to make him feel guilty so he sends me something. Thanks!*

*Not Chuck White*

## Marque Editor's Report



### The Editor Bashing apart a TR4A in 1984

Parts is parts - as I am typing this I am standing by to put in my last round of bids for the Householder Auction - I'm going for a few maintenance parts for The Grey Ghost, more fuel pumps, and automemorabilia to paw through as a part of TRA 2023. We shall see how I do. Maybe that will get in the Event's Write-Up, dunno. As far as the acution items go, everything is in some state of disrepair, lots are a bunch of jumbled-up stuff - based on how much filthy lucre I want to spend will determine if we need a sedan or pick-

up truck. I have a feeling in any case I will also need trash bags.

The MVT 2023 Officer and Awards Ballot is in this newsletter, actually, it's just an awards ballot since the MVT elections train is on time and those of us incumbent are running unopposed. If you have not voted already - do it on line or print off and vote using the ballot in here. That's about it for this month - thanks for the articles, keep them coming.

*Bruce*

## Treasurer's Report



As of 1 February 2023, the club account had a balance of \$3235.15. For the month of February, the club's income was from 50/50 for \$18.00. For the month of January, the club had the following expense: \$250.00 for gift cards for the award winners at the Awards Dinner. As of 1 March 2023, the club's account balance is \$2903.15.

*Harry Mague*

## Membership Chair Report

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*Valerie Relue*

## Events Chair Report



### Time to pull back those car covers...

*Bruce Clough, MVT Events Chair*

...and start driving your cars.

The events are starting to happen in more regularity and more in the outdoors.

- The 2023 MVT Awards Banquet is 4 March at Franco's in downtown Dayton.
- I am trying to set up a drive to the opening of Caesar Creek Vineyards as soon as I find out when they open - stay tuned.
- We now have an open Tech Session on the 25<sup>th</sup> since John Coutant is deferring work until a little later - do we have any takers?

In other events news - BCD will be back at Edgewater Park this year, we are looking forward to TRA 2023, as we do not know if there will be a Cincinnati BCD this year. Info on the Columbus BCD in May has been added as well as the 11<sup>th</sup> Annual Spring Classic Driving Tour in April.

As always, if you find out about an event you think the club membership would be interested, let me know. If you want to host an event - let me know.

*Cheers - Bruce*

# MVT Events Calendar

## Past

### February 2023

#### 1 - MVT Monthly Meeting Minutes

Meeting called to order 7:33 by President J Coutant.

23 members in attendance

#### Opening Remarks John Coutant:

Welcome to all

#### Request for Changes / Additions to Agenda

None

#### Introduction of Guests/New Members:

None

#### Officer Reports:

President John Coutant: will speak later at old and new business

Vice President Report Chuck White: Happy Valentine's

Treasurer Harry Mague: Checking balance is \$3135.15

Secretary Clyde: Requested January minutes as in Marque be approved. Moved by Greg Relue, 2nd by Scott. Minutes approved.

Membership Valerie Relue: We now have 58 members.

#### Events by Bruce:

- Past: A Zoom planning meeting was held 1/11. TRA planning meeting 1/18 was held in Huber Heights.

## Upcoming Events by Bruce:

- Feb 10 is Drive your Triumph Day, Sir John Black's B'Day is 2/10 so do it or at least sit in car and send pictures for the Marque.
- Feb 15 is a TRA Zoom team planning meeting.
- Feb 19 is Valentines Dinner at Club Oceano
- Feb 25 is Tom Householder Auction in Lancaster.
- March 4 is Awards Banquet at Franco's, See Chris about reservations.
- March 25 is a Petronix tech session at John Coutant's .
- April 22 is a Tech session at Roger's

## Standing Committee Reports

Technical: Bruce: Still mad at Moss website and faulty new purchases so let him know your stories for TRA session about bad parts.

Marque: Bruce seeking articles even pictures with captions for Marque.

Spare Parts: Chris Yannity noted the Springfield Swap Meet May 26-28

Website: John Coutant notes site is static and asks for member updates.

Memorabilia: Harry Mague: Call him & please buy more.

## Event Committee Reports:

TRA 2023 – Bruce Clough - see write ups in Marque and meeting minutes that were emailed to membership. A Zoom TRA Team meeting is 2/15. Some attendees have reserved camping spaces.

## Old Business

John Coutant listed Nominations for Office and Awards end with tonight's adjournment. Complete ballot recently mailed to members.

BCD discussion was vigorous since John Coutant sent budget/expense sheet to requesters. A new expense is waste collection and more. Discussion included Harry, Chuck and others listing areas for

concern. A special discussion for expenses is suggested but moving is not easy as John Coutant noted. Bruce will enlist RAF for possible assistance.

## New Business

Also vigorous discussion as Stan notes difficulties for cancellations of meetings and/or events are unsatisfactory by e-mail. A call list is better. Chris White adds that even a key person absence can be a big problem, such as Mr. Mague being unable to perform promptly without a backup person. Stan says the bank recognizes several signatories. John Coutant suggests a succession plan should be developed.

## 50-50 Raffle

\$18 to Mark Shaner

## Adjourn 8:23

*Respectfully submitted, Clyde Collins*

## 10 - Drive your damn Triumph day

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As you can see in the front of this Marque many members took their Triumph for a run this day. Happy Birthday Sir John...

## 15 - TRA 2023 Zoom Team Meeting

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Great meeting - a lot was hammered out and we are looking forward to the Meeting - more info in the TRA 2023 section and at the meeting on the 1<sup>st</sup>.

## 19 - Valentine's Day Dinner - Club Oceano @ The Greene - 6:30PM

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Lol - nobody took any pictures, but we had a good crowd at Club Oceano. Drinks were good. Food was good, and thanks to those who brought chocolates and cookies!

## 25 - Householder Parts Auction - Lancaster, OH

*Bruce Clough*

Well, I never ended up going over there for the live auction - I had an event local that evening, so I couldn't take the time away.

Lots of stuff. 12 web pages of bidding lots, about 250 total. Most junk. The cars and parts had been badly stored, maybe one Doretti was in decent shape, the rest not so much. My goal was to bid on parts I think I needed, and then put low-ball bids in on auto memorabilia to dig through (if successful) at TRA 2023 along with a few things I have left over from Joe Richard's auction - might be a fun time maybe on that Sunday night?

I signed up to bid on line - put in my bids on about 12 items, and expected to get none. The way they were doing this was you on-line bud up to about an hour or two before the auction, and then you had to wait to be put into the live auction if you wanted. I just put in what I would bid up to and walked away.

I ended up getting three. An early TR6 trannie as a spare for TTG, and two boxes of pictures of who knows what. Since there was a large car part involved shipping was out of the question, but the auction site certainly was promoting it - probably a profit center.

Alice and I drove over there on the 26<sup>th</sup>, a beautiful day to be out driving, partly cloudy and 56F. We took the back roads, and I forgot how fun OH 188 between Circleville and Lancaster could be!

The auction house is where you paid for your winnings and picked up the non-car parts. Met Clyde Collins there who just got done paying for his winnings (restoration parts for the TR2). We then headed inside, paid for our winnings, received the boxes of photos, and then headed over to the old hillside house to get the trannine.

That place was a mess, I forgot how much junk was squirreled away there. It also is a tough place to pull into, right off OH 37 on the end of a blind

curve, and coming from Lancaster you have to make a sharp right to get in the drive.



**Alice in awe at all the junk on the sides of the hill - the yard to the left of this picture was filled with hulks, the shed filled with parts that had seen better decades.**

While we were there one roll back was attempting to load up an old GMC pick-up and other folks were trying to get a rusted TR on to a trailer. Did not look like fun. We wandered down to the shed, told them what we were there for, and they even brought it up and put it in our car.



**A couple boxes of ???**

Dive home was as uneventful as the drive there. Weather continued to be gorgeous, and we got home in time to make some early dinner. The stuff? Well, we're going to have a good time at TRA 2023 with those boxes, and there seems to be no play at all in that trannie - nicest feeling

input shaft of a used trannie I have ever felt. I am hoping some clean-up and some new bolts here and there and it will be put in storage.



**Pretty Decent Early TR6 Trannie...**

## Post Mortem

I had a melancholy thought leaving Lancaster heading west on US 22, kinda made me smile and sad at the same time.

*It was the end of an era.*

I thought of all the times I had travelled that road over the years to TR events in that area, usually sponsored by Joe Richards and/or Tom Householder. Pig Roasts, tech sessions, parting out cars, drives, and other meetings. I can't remember all the times I made that drive on US 22.

*That's all gone now, all gone.*

At one time you could claim that area was the nexus of side-screen TR activity in North America. Now nothing - A few folks are in Columbus and several south of Lancaster, but the activity is now lost to the ages. I am thinking that in 2024, which would be the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Triumph Register of America, we need to have some activity in and around Lancaster to pay homage,

maybe a way of providing closure to the memories and moving on. Thoughts of others?

## Future

### March 2023

**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.

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#### Agenda – March 1, 2023

Opening Remarks and Welcome – **John**

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

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

Officers Reports

- President – **John**
- Vice-President – **Chuck**
- Treasurer – **Harry**
- Secretary – **Clyde**
  - Approval of February's Minutes as published in the Marque
- Membership Chair – **Valerie**
- Events Chair – **Bruce**
  - Summary of past events
  - Upcoming events - Awards banquet

Standing Committee Reports

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

Other

- Memorabilia – **Harry**

Event Committee Reports

- TRA 2023 – **Bruce**
- BCD 2023 - **John**

Old Business

- Voting for MVT awards, officer positions

New Business

Split the Pot - **Harry**

Adjourn - **John**



## 4 - MVT Awards Dinner

*Chris White*

This is a repeat of the write-up last month. You had to have your name into Chris White last month to attend. Ought to be a fabulous time!

The banquet room has been reserved at Franco's Italian Restaurant, 824 E Fifth Street, Downtown Dayton, for Saturday, March 4th. 6:30 pm gathering time. 7:00 pm the wait staff will take dinner orders. Announcement of awards and elections of officers will be at the conclusion of dinner.

As last year, you will place your order with your server from a selected menu 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 dessert – a mini cannoli.

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



## ?? - First day of CCV Being Open

As of writing CCV doesn't have an opening day set yet. They told me it will be decided soon - could be latter March, could be April. We will have to see.

## 15 - TRA 2023 Team Meeting

Location TBD - but probably somewhere south since the last one was north. We will follow up on this very soon with an email with location.

## 25 - Tech Session

This event is now open to all comers! John Coutant has deferred his until later. Who wants us to work for donuts? We will chat about this at the meeting on March 1<sup>st</sup>.

## April 2023

**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.

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**15 - Eleventh Annual Spring Classic Driving Tour** - departing New Richmond on a Saturday morning for a few hours of winding through the luscious spring flora of southern Ohio. A stop for Pie, always important fuel for the classic car enthusiast! Returning to NR the local eateries and

pubs will be offering discounts to the entrants, Buck's Riverside Grill, Front Street Café, Green Kayak, and Wholly Beans Coffee Shop are perennial supporters. Online registration will be available at the end January, watch this space!

**22 - Wrench On Rutledge TR3B** - at Roger and Carol's

## May 2023

**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.

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**6 - TRA 2023 Tech Session Dry Runs** - Location TBD

**13 - Hueston Woods Acclimation Visit/Driving Event** - Details TBD

**20 - The "Rutledge Tour"** - Drive to interesting places, we think...

**20-21 - Columbus British Car Day** - the Columbus BCD Website is now active and has information as well as registration:

<https://britcar1.regfox.com/bcd-cmh>

## June 2023

**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.

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**18-23 - TRA 2023 - Hueston Woods State Park** - Yep - it's on our calendar for the first time - it is getting close.

## July 2023

**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.

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**15 - J3P (Jeff, Jodi, John & Patti) Tour**

**22 - Dublin Car Show**

## August 2023

**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.

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

**5 - Dayton BCD**

**12 - Indy BCD**

**26 - Orphan Car Show & something tour**

## September 2023

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**?? - Cinci BCD?**

**14-17 The Wedge Shop Reunion at Stow British Invasion** - TWS Gathering 2023 - Sept 14 - 17 - Stowe, VT USA

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

[Show Info & Registration](#)

- Full schedule and host hotel info soon.
- Mix of back road drives, car show, dinners, driving events and socializing!

- Driving events (auto-x, dyno day) for all the on road cars, along with an off road driving event (back woods, dirt roads) for all the Land Rovers.
- Rover V8 Tech session by TWS (Clint & Woody Cooper).

Free T-Shirts and other swag for all attendees.

**16 - Pooless Pool Party** - @ the Rutledges

**17 - Fairborn Car Show**

**27 Sep - 1 Oct VTR 2023** - Dillard, GA

<https://vtr2023.org>

### October 2023

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**14 - Farm Stand Tour**

**21 - LMRT/FFT/RWTGTVV Tour**

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**4 - Guy Fawkes Roasting**

**?? - The Last Tech Session**

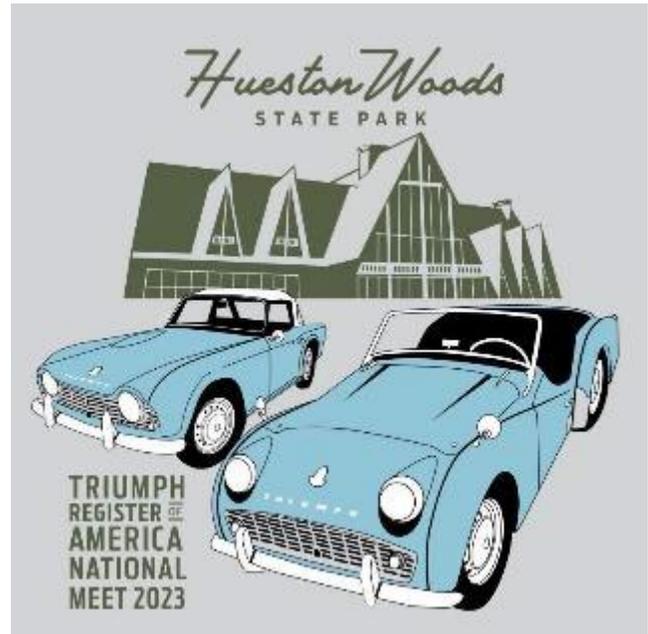
### December 2023

**? - Holiday Soiree** - so let's talk about this. Can we find a different date so those of us that might want to go to Trans-Siberian Orchestra might be able to go?

**? - Ugly Sweater Gathering** - yes, we will plan another one of these at a watering hole around SW Ohio

## TRA 2023

*Bruce Clough - TRA 2023 Chair*



Here is what we wrote up for the next TRA Newsletter coming out this month - helps me since I'm too lazy to re-write it for this newsletter <lol>:

***Triumph Register of America's 2023 National Meeting Update – Hueston Woods State Park, Oxford, OH, 19-23 June 2023***

*Just a few short months left until the exhaust notes of noteworthy Triumphs will echo through the trees at Hueston Woods State Park. By now I hope you know of the fantastic lodge, the large lake with boating, equestrian facilities, and great rural roads between the Whitewater and Great Miami River valleys. What you also need to know is that we have a full slate of activities for you. Sure, there is the Concours, the Participant's Choice Car Show, and old favorites such as the Auction and Breakfast Run. On top of all that we have added tech sessions, hotel rally, brought back The Idle Threat, and put in a covered bridge tour, poker run, and a slew of self-guided tours for Monday the 20th. If this isn't enough, the Macy's*

are leading a caravan to their restoration shop on the 23rd, and the folks at Miami University are catering our Tuesday Picnic in Millett Hall on the MU campus. We have also added an event called the "Unhappy Hour" on the 20th where we will congregate in the Lodge Bar and talk about issues with aftermarket parts (and maybe some ideas to help out?).

Location? Hueston Woods State Park Lodge is picturesquely located on the shores of Acton Lake, about an hour driving time (including traffic) from downtown Cincinnati and Dayton (OH) and close to the Indiana border. Roads are plenty, vistas are rural, and enough urban thrown in to ensure good restaurants in the neighborhood. For the old-timers in the club, TRA 1987 was held there, co-hosted by COCTRA and Miami Valley Triumphs - that was a classic meet, and a few of us that remember will tell stories of Nino replacing his head, Alice taking the Woman's crank-start contest, and all those super-soakers. If you want to find more current information about this year's meet, you can find much, much more details and registration information on the TRA 2023 website:

<https://www.miamivalleytriumphs.org/tra-2023>

As we write this the lodge is filled, but as with most events cancellations do happen, so check back with the lodge on room availability. We do have a couple of Couple's Cabins available - which as the name implies are sized with a couple of rooms for a couple of people. They are a short walk/drive from the lodge. Reservations can be made by calling 513-664-3550 and mentioning Miami Valley Triumphs. This is the lodge's sales office, and open 8AM-4PM EDT Monday-Friday. If they are not there, please leave a message and they will return your call. There are also several hotels in Oxford, about 10-15 minute drive from the lodge. If you plan to stay there please make reservations soonest since new student orientation is ongoing at MU that week. More info on the lodge itself is at this link:

[https://www.huestonwoodslodge.com/?utm\\_source=GMBListing&utm\\_medium=organic](https://www.huestonwoodslodge.com/?utm_source=GMBListing&utm_medium=organic)

As mentioned above, the park itself had a lot of activities, from boating, to hiking, to horseback

riding, to even paintball. For more info on this, and other activities, the park website is:

<https://ohiodnr.gov/go-and-do/plan-a-visit/find-a-property/hueston-woods-state-park>

We are also posting info on TRA 2023 in the TRA 2023 Facebook group. If you are a Facebook member just go to the group and join. We will, and have been, posting weekly (at least) updates on events and other information about the area. The link to the group is:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/1946878919034487>

If you want even more information, the easiest way is to contact the team is through the TRA 2023 website. Just click on "Contact Us" in the main menu.

We are planning on having a great time and are really looking forward to seeing you at Hueston Woods this June. Remember folks - the fun is on the back roads!

The TRA 2023 team had a great meeting on the 15<sup>th</sup>. Believe I still have to send out the final minutes of the meeting, so hopefully you see them before you see this in the Marque. The next meeting will be in person and will be south of Dayton. Things are really coming together and it really is looking like a great meet. That said, we always have a place for folks who would like to participate, so if you are interested, please get with us.

Cheers - Bruce

## Dayton British Car Day

As a follow up to the discussion on Dayton BCD at the February meeting, we brought up some of the questions at the February BCD Zoom meeting with the MG club. Chuck White sent around an email to the group detailing the responses. Most clarifications were as expected.

The discussion was held on raising entry costs to \$25 with a free T-shirt for early registration. There was agreement from both clubs to do this with an explanation to attendees on increase of costs of

park and materials. The price of additional T-shirts will go to \$18 in advance, \$20 day of show. Vendor fee will be raised to \$30.

There was a discussion on what to highlight for this year's shirt. It is 100 years for MG and also for Triumph so the agreement was to highlight both.

The same food truck, Claybourne Grille, will be used again this year.

The next meeting will be a Zoom meeting April 12<sup>th</sup>.

## BTM News Update



**Pete being interviewed by Spectrum News**

A Spectrum News reporter visited the British Transportation Museum recently to film an episode of Weekend Pass. Brionna Rivers interviewed museum president Pete Stroble for a 3-minute, 16-second feature about the museum and its collection of cars on display. The segment was shown several times on TV, and may also be seen at:

<https://spectrumnews1.com/oh/columbus/news/2023/01/25/take-a-trip-across-the-pond-at-dayton-s-british-transportation-museum-#>

## Technical Talk

*Edited by Bruce Clough*

## Tool Corner



**Air Hammer available on the Web**



**I have been searching for this multi-tool w/o much luck - have you seen it?**

## TR7 Seat “Restoration” - Part 2 of 2

*Bruce Clough*

Last month I left off at the point where I fixed the original driver’s seat bottom to the point it probably wouldn’t rip again when put back on. The headrest was re-stuffed, and the seat back part of the seat cover needed no fixing.

Great, time to put it back together. Time to drag out the seat foam “kit” I bought on deep discount from TRF, and a few parts on sale from Rimmers. It is comprised of new foam for top and bottom, new fiberboard side boards that attach the back foam to the sides of the seat frame, and a new seat bottom rubber diaphragm.

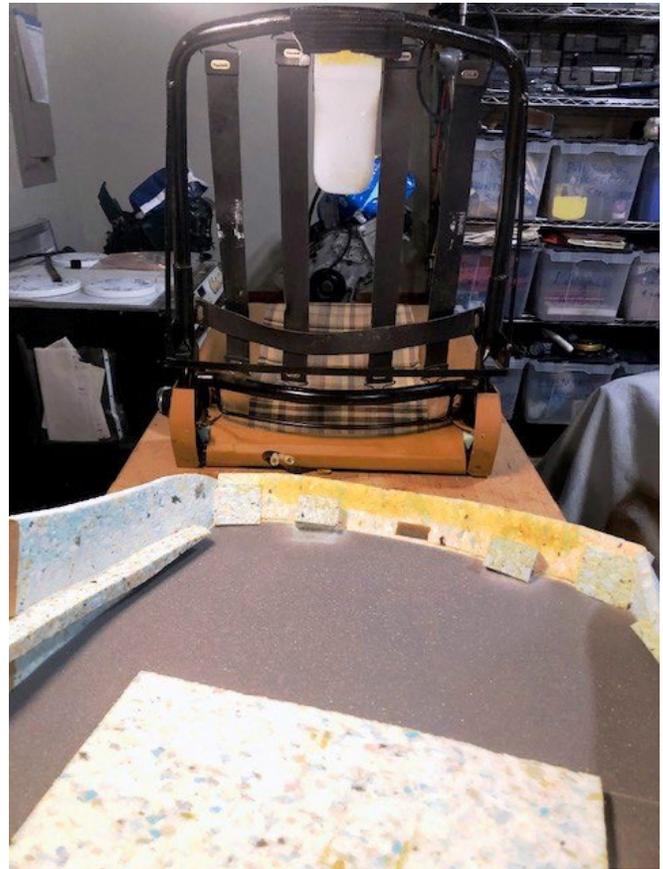


**Everything you need for a new seat...**

I also had a few bits of quilt batting sitting around since John Clifford warned me that it was needed for side bolstering.

Since hindsight is 20/20, I should have figured out how to reuse the old foam. Granted, it was a little beat, but it still was holding its shape, somewhat. This new foam kit required me to do a heck of a lot of trimming and gluing, and more trimming and more gluing, to get things to kinda fit. Even after adding a lot of padding I wasn’t happy with the side bolstering, but it was what I had. It all went

back on and fitted, but I had to do a lot of rework for it to fit.



**Prepping to glue new seat-back foam to seat frame. By this time the bottom had been re-foamed and covered. Hopefully the neighbors didn’t hear me...**

While installing the new bottom rubber diaphragms I discovered something - the orientation of the pad itself for the new units seems flipped. What was “bottom” on the original units is now “top”. Granted, the only difference is the direction of the thicker parts of the molding that have to take up the strain of the attaching hooks, so this probably isn’t noticeable, but with the hooks molded into the diaphragm on the new unit I can’t even reverse it.

Attaching the new diaphragm is another adventure. It is thicker than the original, and with the hooks molded in they are not easily rotated. Both of which make it a bit interesting to install when they do not exactly line up with the holes in the frame. I managed, but I bet those parts suppliers’ ears were burning.

Gluing the seat back foam in place was another adventure. The side are held to the frame by hooks on fiberboard pieces you glue on the foam. Then I got to cut off a lot of extra padding.



**New, left, hooks up. Original, right, hooks down. Orientation is sooo overstated....**

At the top sides there was significantly more material than the original, so more cutting and gluing. In the end, I did get the cover back on and secured, but as I said above, had I known this I would have figured out how to re-use and stabilize the old foam since the big pieces were not deteriorated, just needed some love in places.

I applied my learning curve to the passenger's seat. I replaced the bottom diaphragm, bolstered the cover attachments where needed, checked and augmented padding in a place or two, but didn't touch much else. Much less drama.

Before installing the seats back in I decided to put an additional seat cover on the driver's seat. This gets more wear anyway. Prior experience has shown if you can install these while the seat is out of the car you can get them to fit better. I wanted

terry cloth rather than sheepskin or plastic, and it just turned out that Moss had a terry cloth cover that supposedly fit in over the headrest and looked like it secured on the sides.

Um, no.

It very loosely fit over the head rest and had no other attachments. If you very carefully got in the car you might not disturb it and it might stay in place. Um, no - this needs to be secured.



**Passenger seat back in**

Alice gave me her shoestring eyelet kit and I went to town putting those little grommets all around the edge of the cover. She then found me a bunch of shoestrings to use as securing straps.



**New, securely attached Moss seat cover, cover in place**

Now I could install the driver's seat back into the car. Joy. With that, the seats were fixed and back

in. More padding, better attaching, and they now adjust fore and aft easier. Now back to the exhaust....

## TR7 Exhaust System Update

*Bruce Clough*

Last month I talked about this great deal on TR7 headers I found on ebay. Since then I have made a bit more progress.

I took them to Zajbel Machining in Xenia to get them cleaned - they have a big parts washer they use for diesel engine blocks, so I figured it would work great. They blasted them a bit after cleaning just to get off all the remaining paint and rust - think that set me back \$50.

As far as repainting, I only had black manifold paint in brush-on, great for cast iron manifolds, but not so much headers. I did find a partial can of clear and grey manifold paint, so being cheap I alternated coats. Old Paint is not a Concours car, so matching paint is not that important!



**Cleaned up nice**

The cleaning/blasting really allowed the PaceSetter information tag to shine. The model number is 70-108, which PaceSetter no longer makes.



**Header Tag**

Now I am in a parts accumulation mode. I found a new Monza system for a TR7 for \$300 shipped in San Diego - about \$250 cheaper, including shipping, than other places - we will see if I actually get it. Hedman Headers is supplying a collector reducer to help connect the header to the Monza system, and I also ordered new exhaust gaskets.



**Header in place, collector installed to check fit**

As of the time of this publishing, the headers are on the car, and I am in the midst of trying to rotate the engine a bit counter-clockwise (as viewed by driver) to fix another issue caused by the accident a long time ago. Header collector reducer is here, but not the exhaust system. Progress.

## MVT Memorabilia

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



MVT Enamel Car Badge - \$30.00



MVT Cloth Patch - \$12.00



MVT Pin - \$5.00



MVT Car Flag - \$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

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



### For Sale:

- TR3 Chrome Valve Cover \$20
- TR3 Quarter Rail Capping \$20 pair
- TR3 New LH Outer Rocker Panel -\$20

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

**Wanted** - We are looking for a treadmill and thought we would ask here first. If anyone has one they were thinking parting with, let us know. Thank you - Jeff Barth



**Free to a good home - TR7 exhaust system - will be gone by 2 March.**

# 2023 Ballot – Miami Valley Triumphs

Current positions for Officers and Awards with only one nominee (to be elected via secretary's vote)

## Officers

Vice-President – Chuck White  
Events Chair – Bruce Clough  
Membership Chair – Valerie Relue

## Awards

Keep it on the Road – Jeff Barth (for driving his Spitfire everywhere)  
Press on Regardless – Harry Mague (for managing to get his TR6 home from TRA 2022)

## Instructions

Vote for the following positions by printing and filling out the paper ballot. **Bring it to the March meeting** and giving to **Clyde Collins**. Remember each family membership is allowed two votes so both members are encouraged to vote. More detail on candidates in the current March Marque.

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### Awards with multiple nominees – Vote for only one nominee per award.

#### Nominations for Marque of Distinction

- Chris White** – stepping up to organize Annual Banquet and run BCD ballot counting at last minute
- Harry Mague** – work on incorporating club and its tax-free status
- Bruce Clough** – editing the Marque, organizing events, and planning for TRA 2023

#### Nominations for Most Improved

- Jeff John** – progress on his TR3 to the point of getting it running in spite of Moss.
- Greg Relue** – improvements to his TR6 over the past year to nearer the point of completion.

## Purposed Budget 2023 Miami Valley Triumphs

### Expenses

<u>Description</u>	<u>Month</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>2022P</u>	<u>2022A</u>	<u>2023P</u>
Awards Banquet	March	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1500.00	\$1120.00	\$1200.00
Year End Awards	March	\$674.00	\$250.00	\$450.00	\$504.00	\$450.00
Club Liab. Insurance	April	\$250.00	\$250.00	\$250.00	\$250.00	\$250.00
Summer Party	August	\$0.00	\$270.00	\$400.00	\$290.00	\$300.00
Web Hosting	July	\$242.00	\$338.00	\$350.00	\$235.00	\$300.00
Post Office Box	August	\$118.00	\$146.00	\$150.00	\$182.00	\$200.00
Donations	Yearly	150.00	\$0.00	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$100.00
Christmas Party	December	\$0.00	\$245.00	\$300.00	\$195.00	\$195.0
Misc Expense*	Yearly	<u>\$570.00</u>	<u>\$70.00</u>	<u>\$190.00</u>	<u>\$300.00**</u>	<u>\$200.00</u>
Summary		<b>\$2004.00</b>	<b>\$1569.00</b>	<b>\$3690.00</b>	<b>\$3076.00</b>	<b>\$3200.00</b>

### Income

Membership Dues	Yearly	\$995.00	\$105.00	\$1000.00	\$1200.00	\$1150.00
BCD Final Payout	October	\$0.00	\$1500.00	\$2000.00	\$1000.00	\$1500.00
50/50	Yearly	\$45.00	\$87.00	\$200.00	\$157.00	\$150.00
Brown Bag Receipt	January	\$107.00	\$151.00	\$190.00	\$186.00	\$200.00
Misc Income*	Yearly	<u>\$119.00</u>	<u>\$340.00</u>	<u>\$300.00</u>	<u>\$187.00</u>	<u>\$200.00</u>
Summary		<b>\$1266.00</b>	<b>\$2183.00</b>	<b>\$3690.00</b>	<b>\$2730.00</b>	<b>\$3200.00</b>

### Actual Club Financial Status

<u>Year</u>	<u>January 1<sup>st</sup></u>	<u>December 31<sup>st</sup></u>
2020	\$4243.86	\$3491.06 ( <b>\$739.94</b> )
2021	\$3491.06	\$4105.21 (\$614.23)
2221	\$4105.21	\$3754.63 ( <b>\$350.58</b> )

\*Misc Income and Expense include: Memorabilia, name tags, extra BCD Shirts and other misc income.

\*\* The Misc expenses include deposit for Franco's Restaurant for 2023 Awards Banquet and our Incorporation Fee to the State of Ohio.

The most significant effect to the income of 2022 budget was the BCD final payment was only \$1000.00