



The Marquee

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



Some of the flowers of Aullwood

May 2021



"Will Harry's car backfire this time?"



Jeff & Jodi weren't around, but we were!



"I can't remember if you put your left foot out first to shake it around...?"

Quick Ask on VTR Membership

Two things MVT members of VTR need to do:

1. If you are a VTR member and you did not respond to my asking about MVT members that are also VTR members last year please let Stan know.

2. Log into VTR website and update you club affiliation to MVT (in the Edit Profile link) if you have not - thanks!

<https://vintagetriumphregister.org/>

Events this month:

- 5 - MVT Monthly Meeting
- 7 - TTR Crew in town
- 8 - Ohio Heritage Run
- 15 - Operation Yellow Jacket?
- 16 - Central Ohio British Car Day
- 22 - Bellefontaine Tour
- 29/30 - Springfield Swap Meet

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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 or to the PO Box.

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



Crazy Ohio Springtime

John Coutant

The weather in April was a roller coaster for sure. We had a lot of nice warm weather but we also got snow and a couple of really cold days that did a number on the more fragile plants like the magnolias we've imported from the south.

But in general, the weather was good enough for a lot of club and personal activities. Chuck got his TR6 back on the road after a tech session to put the transmission back in. I got all the spring maintenance done on the TR3 even though I

pumped a quart of oil on the floor before I realized the filter canister was not seating because of the O-ring. It is rumored Bruce got Carmine going with new/old carbs. We had several MVT activities and you can read all about them in detail later here in the Marque.

We are already to May, warmer weather and a lot of activities on the calendar. Keep up on what's going on in the events section of the Marque and on the website. Bruce will send out emails closer to the events but the information is there to help you plan your spring/summer calendar.

We had a meeting on Dayton British Car Day and are still planning on holding it. There is still a bit of uncertainty dealing with Metroparks but the first of June would be our latest decision time.

We are starting to look at returning to some form of in-person meetings but there a number of things to consider. The number of COVID-19 infections are still somewhat high although the number of vaccinations are increasing (but slowing down). In the end it will come down to individuals comfort level for meeting and eating inside.

We are looking at options, perhaps a hybrid approach, and what the status is at Archers. We will discuss some options during the meeting to get some feedback.

In the last column I talked about people willing to contribute to the club and I wanted to thank John and Patti Clifford for organizing the wildflower tour. While the day started foggy and gloomy it turned out beautiful. I know it was a last-minute change but the weather and wildflowers were on a tight schedule and Sunday was THE day. OK, I cheated and drove the Swedish Triumph but there was another interloper too!

Keep working on those Triumphs, remember help is just a tech session away

Vice President's Report

No VP report this month. None. Not a single word will be written that can be construed as a report. Nothing written, nothing gained. A complete lack of reporting by the VP. If you want a report you are going to have to wait since there

is no report this month. Did I say there will be no report this month?

Respectfully submitted - Chuck White

Treasurer's Report



As of 1 April 2020, the club account had an account balance of \$3185.16. For the month of April the club had one income, a donation of \$20.00. The club had one expense for mailing MVT Awards \$34.20. As of 1 May 2021, the club's account balance is \$3170.96.

Respectfully submitted, Harry Magee.

Marque Editor's Report

Thanks for the write ups on tech sessions as well as Jeff John sending us some tech status on the TR3A rebuild. I threw in a few technical bits since I had to work on cars a bit more than I wanted to over the month.

My alter-ego has been working on a few updates to events this month, so there might be a bit more verbiage from him than usual.

Please do not be shy about sending articles - trust me, you do not have to be a great writer or photographer - just look what I do - just send them in.

Oh, found a few more old photos of VTR 1991 which MVT hosted and I chaired, lol...



Alice and I DJ'ing the dance after the banquet. Yup, dual Technics turntables and lots of albums - ah the days of youth - 30 years ago this year...still driving that TR3B...



Infamous table center pieces hat

The hat picture really got me laughing again - those damn center pieces - we spent way too many grey cells on those and I was so glad to trash them all afterwards. Good bar conversation to be had on them!

Cheers - Bruce

Membership Chair Report

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May normally represents the start of our annual membership renewal process. This year, however, we are taking a Pandemic Pause on dues collection from May 2021 to May 2022. Details were recently communicated to all members via email, phone call, or voice mail/US mail. One phone conversation resulted in a new email address being acquired for member Mark Shaner. It is reflected on the membership roster now posted on our website. Three members who'd prepaid multiple years of dues received an additional contact in order to clarify their specific membership expiration dates. If you have any questions or concerns re your membership, please let me know. Thank you for continuing to support MVT!

Valerie Relue

Events Chair Report



Apple Country Gothic

Weather is getting better - wish I could say that for the cars. Oh well, at least they are all running again. May could be a busy month...

- 5 May is our (maybe last - finger's crossed) virtual MVT Monthly Meeting hosted by John Coutant. Weather looks rainy and cool, so I think I'll be on line from indoors.
- 7 May is a chance to get together with the Texas Triumph Register crew for dinner - venue is uncertain as I type this - COVID restrictions are still on and it's a Friday night, so I'm having problems finding a

place for 14-20 people - we might be ordering in pizza to the hotel. Yikes - stay tuned!

- 8 May is the Ohio Heritage Tour to Chillicothe. Weather as of now looks to be coolish, partly sunny, with 20% chance of rain - better than 24 Apr weather for sure. Hopewell Culture National Park Exhibit building is still closed, but the grounds are open, and the Adena museum is open - so we are a go.
- 15 May - uncertain if we have an Operation Yellow Jacket this month or not - we have time to publicize. Also planning a Bourbon Tasting open to MVT members that night to prep us for trips later on this year.
- 16 May is the Central Ohio BCD in Columbus - I have not gone to that in years - essentially since they moved to Polaris, maybe this year...
- 22 May is the Bellefontaine tour hosted by the Rutledges - look for the details in the events section later in this rag.
- Weekend of the 30th is the Springfield Swap Meet

I also have some news on other events

- The Rutledges need a pork chop count for the Pool-less Pool Party in July - as I sent out in several email to the club, if you are going you need to let them know so they can pre-order the chops.
- The June overnigher to Madison IN is shifting dates - 20/21 Jun is a Sunday/Monday, didn't intend that really, and on the 22nd Alice has a girl's week out (GWO) so those dates won't work. Moving the dates to 30 Jun-1 Jul - going mid-week to avoid crowds as well as getting cheaper hotel rate. I have not contacted hotel yet, but I'm thinking of the Clifty Falls Inn overlooking the Ohio River. A little more than some other places, but the view is spectacular.

- The Louisville British Bash is back on this year on 5 Jun. A long day's drive for Dayton folk, but not bad if you are in Cincinnati area.
- I am re-thinking the 20/21 Jul Northern KY tour - the goal was to essentially hit up a bunch of sites and wineries - staying away from the weekends to stay away from crowds - but everything is only really open on Friday through Sunday, and the place I was thinking of staying, Elk Creek, tends to be booked up on weekends for weddings. Thinking of moving the Tour to Augusta in its place the weekend prior - 17 Jul - so you will see that change. We would leave early in the day, meet up with Cincinnati folks and head to Augusta for tastings and lunch, or maybe the other way round. Want to try to visit Kinead Ridge and maybe dinner at Bardwell Winery near Mt Orab?
- This opens up the latter part of August if someone wants to plan an event (still hoping to get a Dayton BCD in this year - c/mon Park District!!!). I will be doing a Bruce's Bourbon Trail in late August, but since that involves driving and tasting hard liquor I'm not making it an official event.

So that's about it for now - look for some more emails from me soon!

Events Tsar Bruce

MVT Events

Past

April 2021

5 - MVT Monthly Meeting

Videoconference with Google Meet - John Coutant

MVT Monthly Meeting, via Google Meets.

Pre-meeting: No guests or new members, 17 signed in online.

Officer Reports

President – John Coutant – I have an article in the Marquee about 1st steps to a new normal. As Vaccinations get more available in person meetings will be able to begin. A big step will be members comfort levels. I am thinking that hopefully by September, though will need to poll people on what they think. Restaurants being able to open fully will also be a factor. We could also do in person along with virtual meetings. I will research this further.

Vice President – Chuck White – More progress on the TR6. I was able to get out and work some on the hand brake. Got transmission tunnel back in. Moving onto the H brace for the dash and completing rest of interior.

Treasure – Harry Mague – We have money about \$3,185.16 with around \$1,800.00 in checking. Data as published in the Marquee.

Secretary – Mark Senter – A motion was made by John Coutant to accept the March BOD and Meeting minutes as published in the Marquee, 2nd Greg, approved by all.

Membership – Valerie – 47 members still.

At the board meeting it was decided to bring to the membership a proposal to pause the 2021 dues. Reason is we collect dues for comradery, tech support, and food/social events. The first two are priceless, but the third costs money. We normally get that cost back at our social events. There have been none of these gatherings in 2020/21. Harry has confirmed that we had minimal cash expenditures. So I felt that is a thumbs up for this proposal from Harry. There is concern about losing our new members who have not been able to experience our club fully because of Covid Restrictions. The restrictions have impacted our whole club, and this is a chance to give back. Open discussion was held as to the impact to the treasury. John Coutant and Harry confirmed the pause in membership dues this year presents no major problem to our funds. It was also presented that anyone not comfortable

with not paying dues this year would be welcome to contribute to the treasury. Extra cash contributions are never declined. So Valerie's motion to pause the 2021 dues was seconded by Bruce and Jackson. A unanimous vote followed by members present. The motion passes.

Events Chair – Bruce – March was a great month. Virtual award ceremony went well. There was the tech at Chuck's on TR6 transmission removal and ignition issue. Last minute flash mob at Caesars Creek Winery on Sunday did not work as they were closed, so ended up drinking at the White's home. We had the Miller Dry goods drive, with great apple fritters, Serpent Mound stop. First week of April saw the return of Chuck's transmission back into his TR6.

- April 10th Project Yellow Jacket – Scott is looking for a small select group to bend/put on new rear brake lines. John Clifford, David and Mark volunteered to help Scott complete this.
- The 17th is a possible tech session? The spring classic starting in Richmond is also on the 17th.
- April 24th is the Ohio Heritage site tour in the Chillicothe area. Ohio's first governor mansion is on the run, and other National Park things. (Might be swapped out with the May 8th drive)
- May – The 7th the Texas Triumph Group is coming through the area. We are hoping to meet with them for dinner & stuff. On the 8th they will be heading out to the Roadster Factory & Finger Lakes with Stan and any other MVT'ers that wish to go along.
- The next day (the 8th) is a wildflower walk at Aullwood Farm. (Clifford's are putting this together.) Again this may be swapped with the Heritage run date.
- We have confirmation that the Central Ohio BCD will be the 16th. It will be at the Quaker Steak and Lube in Polaris.
- The 22nd is the Bellefontaine Hill Climb. The Rutledge's are coordinating this drive.

They are confident this will be a good drive.

- Memorial Day weekend is the car parts swap meet at the Clark County Fairgrounds. Chris Yanity has details.
- The Rutledge's have volunteered to do the pool less pool party on 24th July. They need the head count (rsvp) by May 1st.

Committee Reports:

Tech: John Coutant is seeking a volunteer to be the club technical coordinator. Bruce has been doing this but he is already doing so much with events, 'The Marque', that it would help him out to get another club member involved.

Other Tech: Bruce is working on Carmen carbs & looking for a pair of TR4 Stromberg's.

Memorabilia – Harry – have it sitting in my garage just waiting for it to be bought. Club apparel is still available to be ordered. Details on our club web page.

Parts – Chris – I have TR3 parts. With BCD and TRA next year I have promo items that were for TRA2020 that could be sent to the Mason Dixie Club or used for BCD or TRA2023. I will separate to get set up for different uses.

Web Site: Is being cleaned and updated. Our Garage photos, and cars of the club.

TRA20?? We are waiting on final financial numbers from TRA national, to close it out.

Old Business:

Awards were completed, Congratulations too: Valerie - Marque of Distinction, Jeff - the Press on Regardless, John and Patti - Keep It on the Road, Scott Huey – Most Improved Car.

Voting for Officers is final Chuck, Valerie and Bruce will remain in their elected positions for another term

New Business:

Stan and John Coutant are working on revisions/updating of the Club Bylaws to include all the virtual and electronic data that has changed how the club does things. More details as the work progress.

Harry will be unavailable for next club meeting due to surgery he is having done.

Meeting ended.



10- Operation Yellow Jacket

John Clifford

The crew of Scott Huey, myself along with Mark and David Senter met at the BTM to attack the rear axle brake line on Yellow Jacket. After about 30 minutes mostly getting things lined up, David had the line to the right side done. Except that we forgot to use the longer tube nut required to enable it to fully seat.



Scott executing quality control on the project

No worries, there was another section of brake line that was available and we found the longer tube nut in the parts that Jackson had stashed there. So a bit later, David had remade that side. Using his super-duper Eastwood flaring tool set enabled that line to be finished and installed.



Lines installed

With a bit less drama the left side was also bent, the tube nut slipped on and the end flared. Fits like a glove. If it sounds like David did most of the work that is because he did. The rest of us rounded up tools, showed him where the vise was and rounded up the parts for the next step. BTW, none of the joints were tightened down more than finger tight so we can't forget to do that!



Our friend the flex line

Also the new piece of flex line from the body to the axle is about 3 1/2" to 4" shorter than the original and will not work. That will need to be replaced. I will take that on.



Hmmm, something not quite right here...



Great spread at CCV!



TR7 No Evil - the crew!

11 - Flashwinemob

We tried it again this month. Flashwinemob at Caesar's Creek Winery. Drizzle, 52 degrees, wind. We went anyway and were joined by the White's and Moore's - great food, great company, and decent wine. No Triumphs, but decent wine!



25 - Wildflower Walks

Bruce Clough

This was originally going to be on May 8th, but since the Bluebells were out in force early we moved it to Apr 24th. Only issue was April 24th looked dreary and wet in the forecasts, but the 25th looked warmer and dry - so we moved it to the 25th.

Good choice!



Flowers out in force at the VA

Patti and John Clifford were our hosts for this trip with several wildflower stops planned with lunch in between a couple. That morning we committed blasphemy and brought the Z4 since it will keep you warmer with the top down than the TR7's. Not as fun to drive though with the automatic and the electric steering that makes you feel a bit detached from the road.

The day dawned foggy - no rain - that cleared out the day before, but there was a dense cloud layer that went up about a thousand feet - the forecast said it would clear by noon. We had the top down on the Z4 when we left home, 48 degrees and fog. 60 MPH through Dayton and very comfortable...



Pond @ VA Grotto



Beautiful grounds

Anyway, back to the tour. We met at the VA Hospital Grotto gardens in West Dayton. The Grotto dates back to the Civil War I am told, and it was extensively restored in the last decade. Lovely job they did - we wandered around while

John Coutant's friend Frank snapped a gazillion pics including the fake swans that didn't quite convince the Canada Geese they were real. I did learn I never want to plant a bald cypress around the house.



Swedish Modern

After walking around the grounds for a while, making sure we didn't step on goose poop, three Triumphs, a Volvo, and a BMW headed north though clearing skies. After a nice drive we pulled into Aullwood Metro Park and hit the trail.



You are here

Yes, we were walking through the woods looking at Bluebells and other flowers. We stopped to wonder at plants, read signs, and gaze at woodpeckers. We were quite impressed at this metro park. I have been to the Aullwood Audubon Center, but never hiked the metro park next door. Getting back to our cars we ordered our pick-up lunch and John Coutant demonstrated his prowess with a cell phone.



The Bluebells were still out in force @ Aullwood



The Red-Bellied Woodpecker kept the photographers busy

The Cliffords then led us on another short drive while lunch was being prepared. We stopped by Jodi and Jeff Barth's house - they weren't there, but that didn't stop us from a photo-op on their porch! Lunch was a carry out from the Pearson House in West Milton - delicious even if they forgot to give Alice the tomato and tartar sauce for her fish sandwich!



Windy Lunch sans tartar sauce

We took the lunches to the West Milton Municipal Park and had lunch on the lawn under a cloudless sky. After lunch we headed to the Lange Estate - a retirement center for Catholic Priests with some great walking trails in the woods. While walking we saw the damage done by one of the 2019 Memorial Day tornados where it came through the woods and toppled a lot of trees. Many of us appreciated the great restroom facilities there. After the walk we had a photo-op at the Lange homestead, and after that we all headed home though a sunny afternoon!



Smile! You're on candid camera!

But if you don't believe me, ask John Clifford:

Five cars (3 Triumphs) spent several hours on a wildflower themed drive April 24th which included the Grotto Garden and Aullwood Garden and one somewhat wilder trail through the woods at Lange Estate. There were lots of Virginia Bluebells, yellow Celandine Poppies, tulips and even swans! In between we picked up a take-up sandwich and piece of pie which we ate at a windy site in West Milton's park. We even visited Jeff and Jodi Barths' front porch (no they weren't home).

So the second tour of the year was a big success. We saw plastic swans, bluebells, red-chested woodpeckers, good Reuben's, sunny skies, and great road - thank you Cliffords!



Great day for sports machines

1 May - British Biscuits & Tea

Bruce Clough



TR6s of Scott, Harry, and Chuck - L to R

I had planned on going, but the muffler falling off Bridgett's car a day earlier than I planned on fixing it nixed that.



Who drives that TR4A? Must be Ron Parks!

I did get some great pics from Harry and Chuck - seems that Harry, Chuck, Scott Huey, John Clifford (was Patti there?), and Karl attended. Also there was a TR4A in the mix I do not remember with a TRA sticker on its windshield - who was that? Apologize if that's an MVT member...



All for one, and one for all!

Future

May 2021

5 - MVT Monthly Meeting

The general meeting of Miami Valley Triumphs for May will be by video conferencing using Google Meet. We have been using Meet for over a year 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 John Coutant will try to open the meeting at 7pm with a start of the

meeting at 7:30pm. The link for the May meeting is:

<https://meet.google.com/dad-btxh-iwf>

...and we will send this link a few more times before the meeting.

Agenda

Opening Remarks – **John**

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

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

Officers Reports

- President – **John**
 - Appreciation for everyone's efforts over the past year
- Vice-President – **Chuck**
- Treasurer – **Harry**
- Secretary – **Mark**
 - Approval of April's Minutes as published in the Marque
 - Roll call of members attending
- Membership Chair – **Valerie**
 - Feedback on "Pandemic Pause"
- Events Chair – **Bruce**
 - Summary of events, past and future

Standing Committee Reports

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

Event Committee Reports

- TRA 2021 – **Bruce** – update last financial with national TRA to close out
- BCD - **John** - status

Old Business

- Revisiting the By-Laws - **John**

New Business

- In person meetings. Hybrid approach? Archer's? British Transportation Museum

Adjourn

7 - Dinner w/TTR FOG (and Stan) Group

Location TBD right now - COVID restrictions are causing some difficulty finding a Friday night venue for this....

8- Trip to TRF w/TTR FOG

If you're game you can run with the TTR folks - after Dayton they are heading to TRF and the Finger Lakes - contact Stan for more information



8 - Ohio Heritage Sites Tour

This will be a day trip to visit the Ohio Heritage sites in the Chillicothe area. We will meet at the Starbucks at I-71 and US 35 - plan to leave by 8:30. First stop will be The Old Home Place off 35 on the other side of Washington Court House for some baked goods, cheese, and stinky wax. Short distance down the road from there is Chillicothe - the home to the Hopewell Culture National Historic Park as well as Adena State Memorial.

Heading back towards Bainbridge is Seip Mound and towards Hillsboro is Fort Hill Earthworks. Possible stop at JR's Supply SW of Bainbridge and maybe a quaint place in Greenfield to eat? We shall see depending on weather and timing. If you could, please RSVP to Bruce - portabezi@hotmail.com.

16 - Central Ohio British Car Day

Dublin, OH www.britishcardaycolumbus.com



22 - Bellefontaine Run/tour

We will meet at Studebaker's Country Restaurant, 2800 Troy Rd., Springfield 45504 at 8:30 for breakfast (former Bill Knapps, up the hill above the Upper Valley Mall) If you need fuel there is a Speedway at 1103 Upper Valley Pike, just south of the mall. We will be heading north through Champaign and Logan Counties. A couple of stops for supplies that you might want, so bring a cooler. Then we will head to Union County for an early supper. Hope you can join us!

28-30 - Cars & Parts Swap Meet

Clark County Fairgrounds, Springfield, OH

<http://www.ohioswapmeet.com/>

June 2021

2 - MVT Monthly Meeting - format and location TBD

5 - Louisville British Car Bash - Registration and more details at:

<http://www.britishbash.com/files/bashregform2021.pdf>

24-27 - SVRA Mid-Ohio

30 Jun-1 Jul - Winery Tour to Madison IN and back - Overnight tour & Ohio River Drive

July 2021

7 - MVT Monthly Meeting

17 - Tour to Augusta, KY - Changed up events a little bit - this will be a one-dayer in Clermont, Brown and Braken (KY) counties. Leave early, drive a lot, get home at dark. See Event's chair article in this Marque.

24 - Pool-less Pool party - Get your virtual swim suits ready, the Pool-less Pool Party is back. Coming to you on a warm, sunny afternoon Saturday, July 24, 2021. The pandemic may still be with the nation and Ohio's health rules will prevail. PLEASE HELP BY SENDING US A.S.A.P. Your intentions on attending BY MAY 1, 2021. This is to help the meat supplier* and Big Willy, our chef, who will again bring his super delicious chops. We will ask you to bring your favorite or unusual side dish or desert to share with all. The club will furnish beverages and place settings. Roger and Carol hope to see you then at 2200 N. Hampton Rd. New Carlisle, Ohio 45344. You may text at Carol's number or email. A second notice and directions will be sent closer to party time. *Note, our Clark County Fair sells 20,000 pounds of chops, it is scheduled at the same time as the party.

August 2021

4- MVT Monthly Meeting

7 - Dayton BCD?? We have not done any planning to date and the parks are not open to rent out.

28 - Orphan Auto Show - Young's Dairy

September 2021

1st - MVT Monthly Meeting

12 - Cincinnati BCD - Harbin Park, Fairfield - <https://www.bccgc.com/bcd-registration>

14-16 - Vintage Triumph Register National Convention - Edmond OK - https://redrivertriumphclub.org/blog/event/2020-vtr-national-convention/?instance_id=437

14-15 - Hocking Hills Run - for those not going to VTR we will be heading the other direction - will be a middle of the week run to avoid the crowds. Wear good hiking shoes. This will be an overnight trip.

25 - Farm (stand) Tour - will be on as usual!

30 - Oct 3 - 6-Pack Trials, Hilton Garden Inn, Colonial Heights, VA, hotel reservations (866) 238-4218. Most of the events will be at Moss Motors in Petersburg.

October 2021

6 - MVT Monthly Meeting

9 - Covered Bridge Tour

17 - Little Miami River Run/Fall Foliage Tour - Changing this to a one-dayer similar to what we did last year, but it will end with an assumed dinner at Valley Vineyards. More on that later!

November 2021

3- MVT Monthly Meeting

6 - Guy Fawkes - Tour and bonfire

December 2021

4- Holiday Soiree and Dec Business Meeting - Queen of Apostles Community, Bergamo

19 - MVT Christmas Dinner

JUST LET THIS PICTURE SINK IN.



I'LL WAIT.

Technical Talk

Edited by Bruce Clough

The Grey Ghost Carbs Part 2

Well last month saw me put the Strombergs from The Grey Ghost (TGG) on Carma just to get that car going since the carbs I sent to be rebuilt, and the rebuilder, are incommunicado. Now I had to scourer the Earth for another set of 175CDs since there is too much set up on TGG to try and put different carbs on it.

I was fortunate - my plea on the on the British Car Parts Facebook group led to a connection with a rebuilder with a pair ready to go, at a price cheaper than what I was going to pay. Bonus - paid and the carb were here in a couple days.



Mail Order Carbs

Inspection showed that they looked very rebuilt, with bright metal, tight shafts, and new gaskets. I did have to remove the bracket that attached to the OEM linkage from the back carb (it should be on the front carb for a stock TR4) as well as rotate one top 180 degrees, but besides that, they looked excellent.

Installation on the car is easy - hardest part is the 3/16" fuel line - pressing it on the fittings - using 3/16" I do not need clamps since the rubber stretching applies all the clamping force needed, and since I'm not running it flat out at red-line I don't need a true 1/4" opening in the line.



Soldered cable in place on the front carb

One thing I did need to do was to fix the end of the choke cable - it had frayed since I didn't "fix it" originally. Fix? Yes, you solder it. Soldered the cable where I needed to cut it, now it won't fray again.

Okay - ready for start, but from experience I first pumped up the carbs using the primer lever on the fuel pump. Wouldn't you know it, the rear carb leaked between the float bowl body and the piece that holds the jet assembly - the o-ring failed.



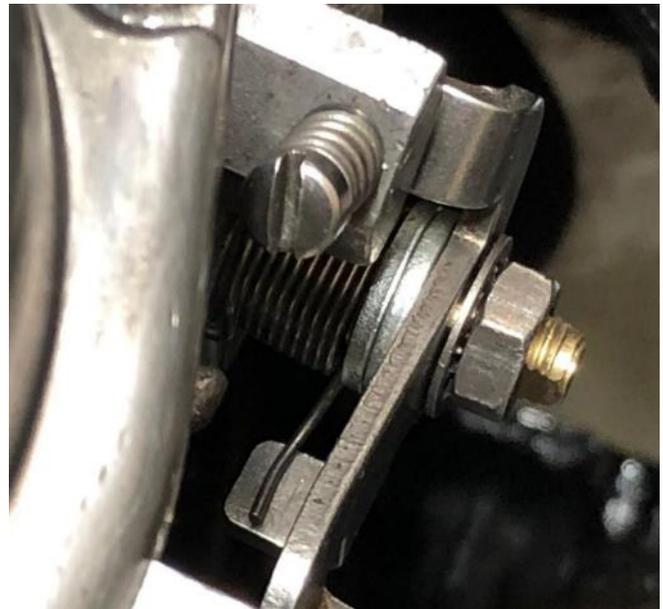
Leak was between the float bowl body on top and the hexagonal jet pipe holder

I've learned over the years not really to connect a lot of linkage until you confirm fuel integrity, so getting that back carb off was quick - swapped in a new o-ring (I have a few) and stopped that leak.

Back on the car we checked with the fuel pump again, and no leaks this time. Great attached the accelerator cable, but was not happy with the throttle plate return - wasn't really snappy and really never pressed the throttle plate closed. Looked at the throttle plate return springs. Yup. Springs were on the wrong tab. On both the front and back carb the one side of the spring was against the tab the idle screw goes against, not the tab the spring is supposed to be against - in both cases that adds another 240 degrees of preload to the spring. Probably wasn't done since a) didn't know, or b) didn't want to do it. My guess is (b) since it can be a real PITA getting that spring on there.

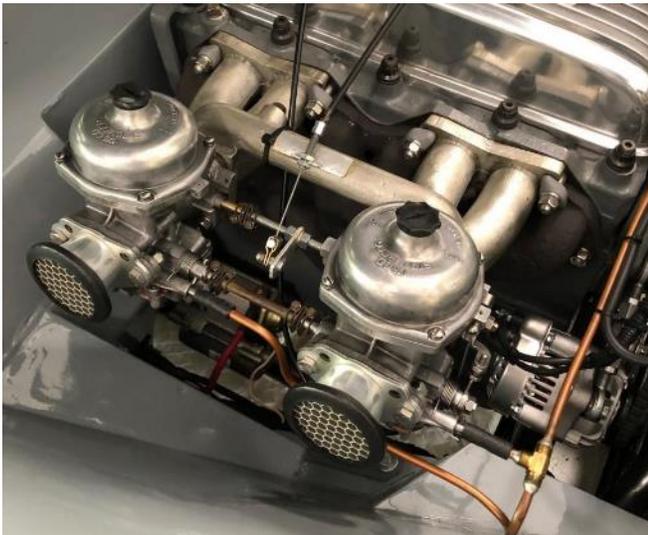
It's a lot harder carbs on the car.

Anyway, I made a little tool that allowed you to push the spring end past the tab and then bring it back on the tab. You can do it without a little tool, but it's even more a PITA...



Front carb throttle shaft spring end resting on the correct tab - incorrect would be its resting on the tab the idle screw goes against

Car fired right up. Mixture was a bit lean so I richened up both carbs and synched them using my trusty 5/16 fuel hose - it really does work and it has a lot less effect on the engine operation during measuring than a Uni-Syn.



Good to be back together again!

I have not tested on the road yet - that will be today (2 May) but it is running okay - we shall see. Shame I had to make a few fixes to "rebuilt" carbs. That said - these were much better shape than the last set I got back from Apple Hydraulics - you can go look that story up in old The Marque issues - maybe 2014??

Now watch the original carb set I sent off show up with a bill...

TR3A Rebuild Update

Jeff John



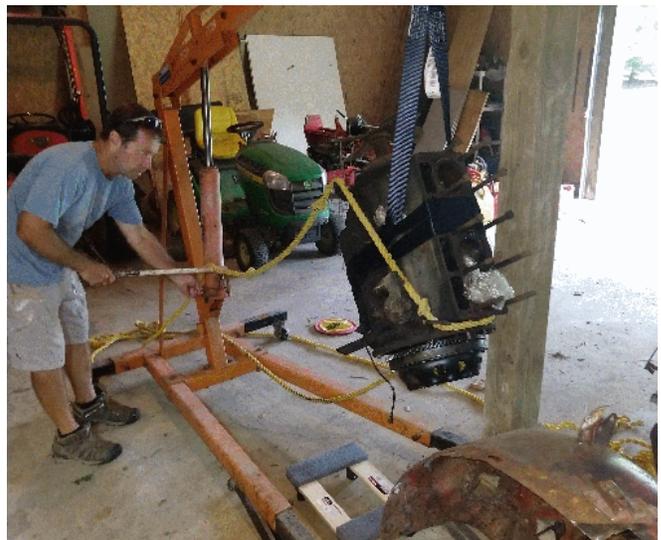
As I got it

My first very own car, a 10-year-old Alfa Romeo Spider, came with cylinder head and carbs in a box in the front seat. I got that running and sold it at a small profit, and then bought a '62 TR 4 that

was my college car, followed by a TR4A I parked for a summer so I could do the valves, carbs and brakes. I drove the wheels off it and finally bought a TR3, which I drove for three delightful fall months until I realized I couldn't afford to fix it.



Original Engine



And the engine comes out!

Forty years later I returned to my youth. In Beaver Creek I found a TR3 (TS78998L) that had been parked with electrical problems in 1973, the year I graduated from Bowling Green. The seller offered to move it as part of the deal, so for the past 20 months it's been parked in a friend's barn near Waynesville, shedding rusty parts and a frozen engine.



Swapping Engine Parts



Floors out!

As the photos show, it reminded me of my Alfa. Now the old engine is out, and the parts are being swapped with a block I bought from Chris Yanity. I had the transmission rebuilt after it fell off when

we pulled the motor. Brakes were the first parts to come off so I could roll the car, with new tires to replace the flat rotted ones, out of its old garage and onto a trailer. I have cut out the Flintstone-style, mostly absent rusted floors and totally rusted driver's side sill. The driver's side now has a new floor and sill, and the passenger side is the next project. Body work continues to be a challenge.



Fitting rebuilt fender

The "new" engine and transmission will go in next, followed by a new wiring harness. After that it's going to be all stuff I have done before, if I remember correctly: refit the gas tank, add manifolds and distributor, carbs and the radiator, and battery. I fully expect water, or brake fluid, or gasoline, or all of them, to come pouring out when I turn the thing over.

Body Snatchers

Bruce Clough

As I've opined before, I sent the set of Stromberg 175CD carbs I had on Carma off to be rebuilt. As of early April they have not made it back home yet, but I want to drive Carma. I originally toyed with the idea of using the spare HS6 TR7 carb set we have, but since the throttle shaft rotates in the opposite direction than the 175CDs I'd have to rig up a bell crank, and I am too lazy.



Transplant was successful!

About this time I remember that The Grey Ghost has a set of 175CDs on it. It also is on the lift and kinda out of the way anyway. Therefore, I transplanted the TGG carbs to Carma - fired up on the first try and engine runs smooth - 2L to 2L engine, about right. It's on the road again!

Since then I have found out the guy I sent the carbs to has undergone cancer gallbladder surgery as well as dealing with COVID, has a full voice mailbox, and will not answer text messages. There is chatter on some groups if he even will survive - oh no!

I pray the best for him and his family, and maybe even seeing the carbs back someday, but I still have the TGG without carbs. Time to search - ebay was filled with \$200 carb sets that need a LOT of help, but I got a hit on an add I posted in British Cars and Parts group on Facebook and ended up buying a set of rebuilt carbs at an attractive price.

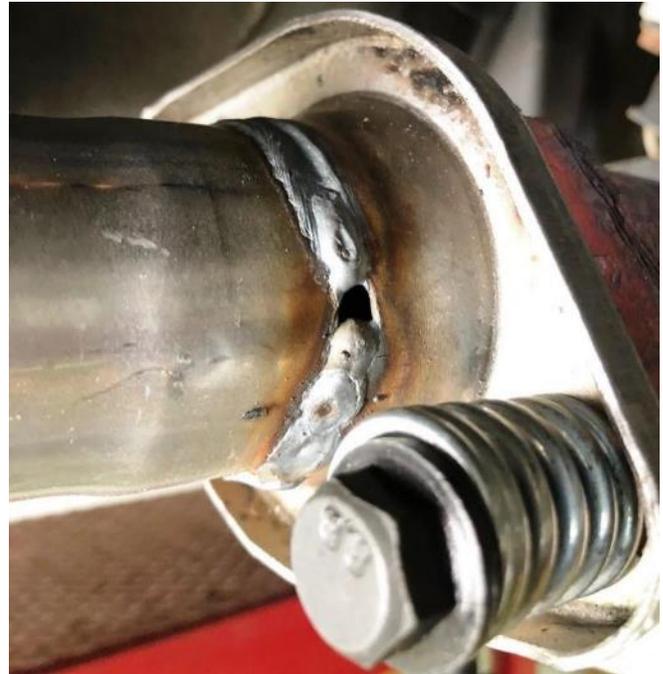
One more thing on shoddy work...

Bruce Clough

We normally beat on LBC parts suppliers for bad work and lack of quality control. When Bridgett's Subaru Forester started sounding like a race machine I asked Wagner Subaru how much to replace the resonator and muffler - the quote was a bit more than \$1100. Yikes. Went to Rock Auto and a complete Wagner Muffler set was \$200. Since we have a lift and since the exhaust aft the back catalytic convertor is very easy to get to I ordered the Wagner Kit. Not only did the Wagner Kit come with inferior muffler hangers (reused the

ones that were on the car), but it was missing a few nuts and bolts as well as missing the resonator hanger which is a lot different than the muffler hangers. As I wrote I reused the hangers and dug up a couple bolts - not a problem here - but it was supposed to be a "complete hardware kit".

Anyway, got it installed in about 15 minutes (really is that easy, and that includes scrounging the bolts) and was looking the install over and found this:



Gap in weld on resonator-to-cat pipe flange

Really? Gap in the weld? How does QC not see that? Complained to Rock Auto and they told me to ship it back - I asked who was going to pay me for the time to take it off, ship back, and install. Who was going to provide a ride for my daughter? Silence. I told them I would just keep the part and publically berate Wagner, more fun that. Oh, based on the packing someone at Rock Auto also has hands-on this part for a while - evidently they don't check either...

To fix the hole I found a stainless sheet metal screw the right size, sealing it with red (high temp) silicone sealant - screwed in tight. Fixed it. If anyone needs spare parts they sent me cat-to-head gaskets for some silly reason in this kit that were not used as well as those dismal rubber

hangers. Free to good home. So if you buy Wagner stuff - look it over before buying...

Back on the Bimmer

Bruce Clough

The Z4 is back on the road - turns out the overheating problem was just trapped air, and if you follow exactly a specific process you can get that air out - do not assume the process that works on American, British, and Japanese cars will work on this. No new fan needed. Moral of story - when working on a car you don't know, but think you do, watch a few YouTube videos on the subject.

TRA 20?? Post Mortem

Bruce Clough

The dust has settled. When we tallied (okay, when Harry tallied) everything up we ended with these expenses and an estimate if we could use them again based on doing TRA 2023:

Expense	Amount	Use Again	Loss
Copies	\$96.91		X
Yard Signs	\$95.85	X	
Awards	\$646.00	X	
Car Class Signs	\$12.81	X	
Dash Plaques	\$74.84		X
Overpaid refund	\$25.00		X
Paypal Fees	\$169.08		X
Total	\$1120.49	\$754.66	\$365.83

So of the \$1120 total we will be asking for \$345 from TRA National Committee in an email to be sent 2 May 21.

Thanks again for all who have helped on this journey - it didn't end quite as expected, but we did have some fun times planning!

Vintage Triumph Register Membership



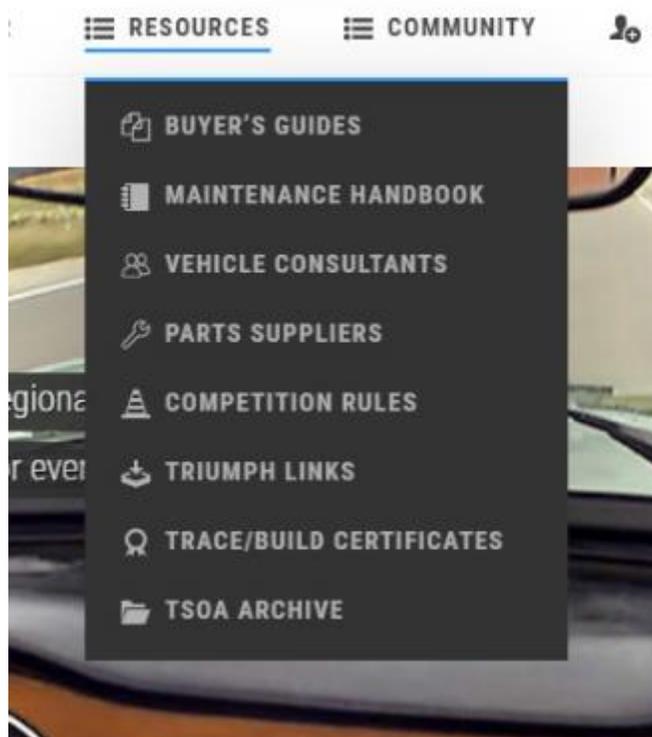
Miami Valley Triumphs is a chapter of the Vintage Triumph Register (VTR). From that we as a club derive benefits, such as our insurance coverage. Individuals also derive benefits. As the VTR website states:

Welcome! The Vintage Triumph Register (VTR) is a North American Triumph car club of over 2,800 Triumph owners and enthusiasts supporting and showcasing all models of Triumphs. This award-winning VTR web site has been assembled through the co-operative efforts of many VTR members to make these pages 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 click here for complete information.

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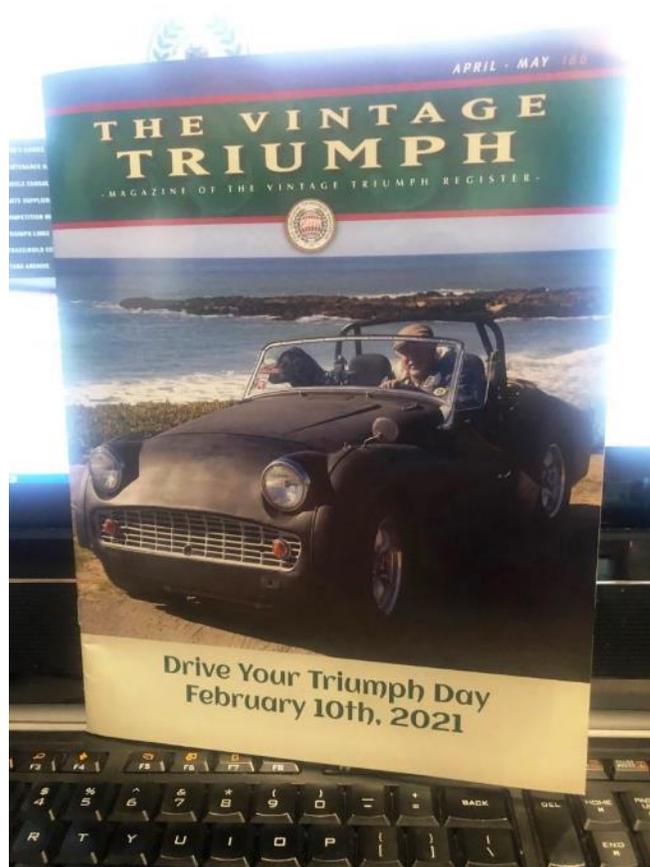
So what are the benefits for the individual? How about TRIUMPH BUYER'S GUIDES - Who better to give advice on purchasing a Triumph automobile than Triumph owners? Get lots of useful information written by volunteer VTR members. What to look out for and tips to help

you find the perfect car to match your budget and capabilities. Want more? How about the VTR TRAVELERS' ASSISTANCE NETWORK - As fun as these cars are to drive, let's face it, it's good to plan for... let's call them 'issues.' A free service VTR provides is an online, downloadable directory of Triumph owners across the country who've volunteered to help you should you need it as you travel. Since I'm lazy I didn't list out all of them, but here is a screen shot of the resources menu on the VTR website that shows you more:



You also get this little magazine below sent to you in the mail six times a year - Shawn Frank is the editor and does a fantastic job!

If you want more info on VTR and what it's like to be a member and got to the VTR Conventions you can talk to John Clifford, Stan or me. Stan is our VTR MVT Contact, so feel free to talk/email with him. If you are not a member and want to join you can do so online. If you are a current member, please login and ensure you mention you are in MVT in the chapter affiliation. Thanks!



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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 Cloth Patch - \$12.00



MVT Window Sticker - \$1.00



MVT Pin - \$5.00



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



MVT Car Flag - \$5.00

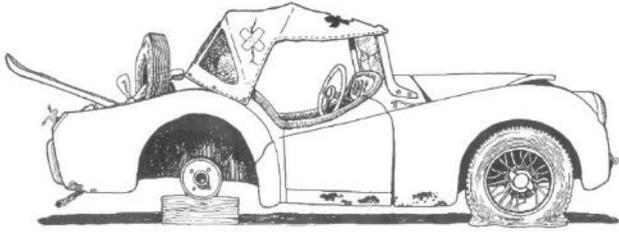


They look very spiffy on a TR7...

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