



The Marque

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

The Marque – February 2025

Wow, spring is just around the corner!



February Events:

- 5 – MVT Monthly Meeting
- 10 – Drive Your Triumph Day
- 22 – V-Day Dinner

In This Marque

- Updated Events List
- Long trips, better bring a trunk!
- Harry wants you to buy MVT Merch – trust us!
- Harry also wants you to look at our finances – no kidding

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

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 25th of the month or when the editor screams...

MVT Monthly Meeting

MVT Monthly Meetings are held on the first Wednesday of each month at **Archers Tavern Kettering**, 2030 E Dorothy Ln, Kettering, OH 45420, (937) 291-1015.



We are in the meeting room off the bar at the front of the tavern. We have dinner and socializing at 6:30PM and the president usually ruins our fun by starting a meeting at 7:30PM.

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

National Affiliations:

Vintage Triumph Register

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



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

industry news. In addition to the magazine, membership in VTR also includes:

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

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

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

Triumph Register of America



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

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

Other Clubs

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

- 6-Pack (TR6/TR-250) <http://www.6-pack.org/j15/>
- Triumph Wedge Owners Association for TR7 and TR8 owners: <https://triumphwedgeowners.org/>.

We actively participate in activities of these clubs and their endeavors to preserve the marque.

Public Service Announcement



Officer's Reports

President's Report



The February Message

Jeff Barth

Well, January is over and hopefully everyone has been able to cope with the cold as best you can. I know that I thought about the LBC, but spent my time inside staying warm and doing other challenging things to divert my attention.

A puzzle given to me a couple of Christmases ago. 1000 pieces and challenging based on the basic color of the whole puzzle and the need to focus on the colors of each fungus to get little sections created.



There's a fungus amongst us..

This next one given this year and plays to my interest in wood, trains and engineering/moving parts. After it was completed and wound up it would travel a few feet across a surface. Now placed in an area where it is on public display until someone asks about it.



Jeff in training

Meanwhile they are caught challenging their endurance skills while snowshoeing in Northern Minnesota and training Georgia squirrels how to survive in a snowy climate.



Whatever kept you sane in January, have no fear we are 30 days closer to driving weather with our tops down.

Cheers!



Secretary's Report/Last Month's MVT Meeting Minutes

MVT Monthly Meeting – Agenda – 08 January, 2025

Call to Order at 7:02, Members present – 16 (attendance was down due to Weather)

Agenda – Changes and Additions: Charles White, Old Business, an update.

Introduction of Guests and /or new members: None

Officer's Reports

President – Thanks for Braving the Elements and a Happy New Year to you. Am glad to be here and Welcome back to Lois Bigler.

Vice President – I am grateful the President showed up.

Treasurer – The club closed out 2024 with \$7253.15 in the Treasury, and the BCD Check was for \$1800.00, greater than last year's \$1500.00. Harry also commented he was starting to gather the awards for the Banquet and explained some of the other Treasurer duties he attends to as the club faces the Brave New World of 2025.

Secretary – Requested a Motion to accept the November Minutes as published in the December issue of the Marque. Got it from Bruce Clough and seconded by John Coutant. There was no Discussion so a vote was called and the motion passed by voice vote, unanimously. The Secretary then asked for a Motion to accept the December Minutes as published in the January issue of the Marque. Obtained and seconded by Bruce and John respectively. Again, there was no Discussion and the motion passed by voice vote, unanimously.

Membership Secretary – Reported no change in Membership in the last month, so we remain at 56 members (and Spouses).

Events Chair –

- January– Did the year's events planning meeting on 04 January. There will be an email reminder for the Awards Banquet, set for 15 March.
- February – 10th is "Drive Your Triumph" Day, so do it and take a picture to send to Bruce. Chris White reported that she is starting to contact "Jimmie's" (use to be called "Franco's") for St. Valentine's Day Dinner on the 22nd, and needs a head count.
- March – Bruce wants to have a Tech. session on 22nd, no person or subject, as yet.
- April - 23rd, planning for a Tour and a Back Porch Party, Details are scant, but it was noted that the President's house has a porch, and that worthy commented he planned to be on vacation. Sounds like a good bet!!

Standing Committee Reports –

Technical – No report

Marque – Would like to see more Tech Articles in 2025.

Memorabilia - Club has it if you need it.

Spare Parts – None available right now, spring thaw might reveal otherwise.

Old Business

VTR Benefit - The president brought up the subject of VTR's agreement with O'Reilly's Car Parts business that allows VTR members to buy spare parts for any model car, from O'Reilly's at a discount, and he urged the club to take advantage of this deal.

Embroidered Clothing - Chuck White reported that the committee working to re-establishing a business for embroidery garments for the club, is now working to allow the business person to make a number of test runs (9 each) of our software on his sewing machine to determine that his computer can correctly read and sew the designs we want. We have about 14 designs (car silhouettes, MVT badge and TR badge designs, etc.) in total. Nine designs of cars and badges were selected by the committee for these tests.

Chuck also requested a Motion for the club to pay for this testing, (much to Harry's surprise), \$10 for each test, a total request for \$90.00. Moved by Stan Seto, seconded by both Bruce Clough and John Coutant. Again, there was no Discussion, so we moved to a voice vote and the motion was passed, again, unanimously. Someone handed Kleenex to Harry.

Nominations, for Officers (Current Candidates are):

- Vice President – Jackson Galloway
- Events Chair – Bruce Clough, incumbent
- Membership – Adrianna Meade, incumbent

Club Awards:

- Keep It on the Road – Jeff Barth (Driving his Spits year-round and everywhere)
- Most Improved – Harry Mague (Work done recovering Greg Relue's TR6, which is now owned by Jackson G.) and Bruce Clough (for continuous work on "the Mule")
- Press On Regardless - Roger Rutledge (all the pain and suffering on the trip to, at and return from TRA).

- Marque of Distinction – Harry Mague (All the work done to incorporate the club and to keep Club up to date for National and State IRS requirements. Included in the nomination was all the time and money donated to restoring the Relue TR6) and Chris White (for her steadfast efforts to gain restaurant and celebration room bookings for the club and her full-time participation in the monthly club activities and drives, she does not work on the cars but seldom misses a chance to be in club activities).

New Business

Chris White requested a Motion for a \$100.00 Honorarium for the Passing of Don Bigler. The Honorarium will go to The Dayton Theater Guild. Chuck White made the Motion; Bruce Clough seconded it. There was no Discussion and in the call for Vote, the motion passed unanimously.

Note that the Budget for the Year has been published in the Marque. We vote on it soon.

Split the Pot Drawing

Amount_\$14.00, Winner: Jeff Barth

Adjourn

Time: 8:11PM, Motion: Chuck White, Second: Clyde Collins

Vice President's Report



TR6 Update

Chuck White

First, let me say, Happy Valentine's day! I hope to see y'all at El Meson's on the 22nd.

Many of you know I turned my TR6 over to Jason Sipos at Wendell's Garage (Jim & Karen's son) for paint. The car is currently disassembled, the rust on the lower lip of the driver's door has been repaired, various dents and dings pulled, and is in primer. It should be in paint in the next week or two. Then, it's on to Macy's Garage for some mechanical issues. Hopefully, we'll have her back for most of the driving season.

Don't forget Drive Your Triumph Day on the 10th! Get her out and get a picture! Cheerio,

Chuck

Treasurer's Report



As of 1 January 2025, the club account had a balance of \$7253.15. For the month of January, the club's income was only from the 50/50 for \$14.00. For the month of January, the club had the following expenses: \$16.14 for Christmas supplies, \$100.00 Donation in Don Bigler name, and \$300.00 deposit for the awards dinner. Total expenses for January 2025 were \$416.14. As of 1 February 2025, the club's account balance is \$6831.01.

Also, included in the Marque is the proposed 2025 budget which was presented to the membership at the January meeting and will be voted on in the February meeting.

Editor's note – due to the way Word works on formatting, the proposed budget is the last page of this Marque

Respectfully submitted, *Harry Mague*

Membership Chair Report

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...and welcome to 2025!

Adrianne Meade

Bruce's Corner



Somewhere Southeast of Dayton – I can smell spring now

Bruce Clough

I've started the to-and-from planning for this summer's conventions. Right now, on the "yes, we are" list are:

- TRA 2025 in Kalamazoo, MI
- VTR 2025 in La Crosse, WI,
- The British Invasion – Stow, VT.

We're planning multi-day drives to each, although Kalamazoo is 4 hours away by interstate and you can make it to La Crosse and Stowe in 9 and 12 hours if you drive fast on the interstates.

We don't do that. Sure, there might be places where it makes sense taking interstates, but by and large we stay off them and spend the time taking in local sights and opportunities.

- Yes, breweries are opportunities.
- So are antique stores and junk shops.

For TRA we're planning a stop in Shipshewana, IN, on the way to Kalamazoo. Quilt and music stores (not so much bourbon, though), what could go wrong?

VTR is a bit different – Alice and I have family along the way, so trying to figure out how to work those in. We'd like to synch up with the Wedgemites heading that way also.

Stowe is, well, passing the Finger Lakes along the way, as well as wine regions in Ohio and Pennsylvania. You guessed it. I will need to reserve space for bottles. There might also be family and friends, definitively not just jump on I-90 and go.

For these trips I'm also thinking about the TRs, what should I be doing to them in preparation. Check/replace fluids? Absolutely. Lubricate stuff? Of course. Check/repack front bearings? Yep – other's experiences on the road means that I will spend a couple hours cleaning, checking, and repacking bearings. I'm also thinking maybe I should check the timing chains and tensioners on the TR7's – again, a few hours of bliss, okay, maybe more since to do this right might mean hoods off and radiators out. Inca's is original, I have a feeling that The Mule's has been replaced, but I should check.

I also might replace the tops on the 7's since they both are impossible to put up when the temp falls below 80F for The Mule and 75F for Inca. I'm not sure a new top will fit on The Mule due to it being a salvage car - I'm thinking that is from the accident that caused some body distortion – but I know Inca's top is just old.

So, look for a few technical articles in the next couple months.

The Marque

Nothing much to report – send me articles! Thanks to Stan and Jeff Barth for articles.

Events Chair Report

We have the updated 2025 Events List posted – thanks to all who came and helped put it together.

February doesn't have a lot of events – historically it is the snowiest month – cold air still in place, but Gulf moisture is starting to head north – so no drives and/or tech sessions, at least official. We do have a couple of things besides the monthly meeting:

- Drive your Triumph Day on the 10th.
- Valentine's Day dinner on the 22nd.

More info below. We also need to flesh out some events in March. Thanks for the Awards Banquet info Chris – looking forward to that!

MVT Events

Past

January 2025

4 – MVT 2025 Events Calendar Planning Meeting

We gathered at 4PM at the fantabulous Bellbrook Brewing Company, Bellbrook, taking in their ales. Oh yes, we did do a little events planning. Thanks for all that showed up, and the results are below.

8 – MVT Monthly Meeting



All had a great time – minutes posted above in this Marque.

Future

February 2025

5 – MVT Monthly Meeting



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10 - Drive Your Triumph Day

This in from Rye Livingston:

Dear Triumph Enthusiast,

Happy Holidays to the Triumph & Standard community around the world,

It's three days until Christmas, and it's also only 50 days until Drive Your Triumph Day, February 10th, 2025, for Sir John Black's birthday.

I'm amazed at how DYTD has grown around the world, and why not? It's a fun event to get out and drive your Triumph with family, friends, and other Triumph owners. Remember, if you live in snow country and your car is in hibernation for the winter, you can still join in with a photo of your Triumph in the garage next to your snow shovel. Or as some have done in the past, they rolled their Triumph out of the garage even in some snow for a quick photo, then back in the garage.

Please send a high-resolution JPG file to DriveYourTriumphDay@gmail.com. Also please try to email them in the first 10 days. I've received some several weeks to a month later and by then it's too late to add them to the collection.

Best Regards,

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

I will be looking for pictures, but I also have a few stored away from those who sent me them as rainy-day pics.



22 – MVT V-Day Dinner

We have a room at El Meson in West Carrollton reserved. Cut-off for participating was 13 January, thanks to all who have responded – should be a good time and we will have pictures!

March 2025



5 – MVT Monthly Meeting: Come for food by 6:30PM (it might take some time to get it depending on how busy they are and wait staff available), meeting starts at 7:30PM. The meeting will be held at Archers Tavern Kettering, 2030 E Dorothy Ln, Kettering, OH 45420, (937) 291-1015.



15 – MVT Annual Awards Banquet: You are cordially invited to attend the 2025 Miami Valley Triumphs Annual Awards Banquet.

Where: Jimmy's Italian Cuisine & Bar (formerly Franco's), 824: E Fifth Street, Downtown Dayton

When: Saturday, 15 March 2025, Social Gathering at 6:30pm, wait Staff will take Dinner Orders promptly at 7:00 pm.

There will be a brief meeting, announcement of the newly elected officers and the highly anticipated presentation of awards following dinner.

As in the past years, you will place your order with your server from our menu selected for MVT. Dinner will include a House salad with your choice of dressing, Garlic rolls, an Entrée of your choice, a non-alcoholic beverage and ending the evening with your dessert choice – a Cannoli or Tiramisu - more info in the menu below.

Dessert choices this year are full size – no minis. Jimmy's Italian Cuisine has asked that I give them the total number of Cannoli and Tiramisu ahead of time so they have enough of each on hand. Please include your dessert choice with your RSVP. Thank you!

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

Your RSVP is important! Jimmy's does require a firm head count for setting up the room and staffing.

PLEASE RSVP to me at midgen54@gmail.com NO LATER THAN FRIDAY, 28 FEBRUARY 2025.

Again – Did I say that your RSVP is important! Unfortunately, if you show up without having given me your RSVP, you will be turned away. Those are the Rules!

Thank you to those who have given me your reservations! Please remember to let me know your dessert choice, I'm looking forward to receiving your RSVP!

Menu you say? Sure, we can select from one of the following Entrées:

A Bowl of Soup and a House Salad – Choice of Soup and Salad Dressing

Spaghetti – Fettuccine, Spaghetti, Ziti or Gnocchi pasta (your choice) served with Marinara Sauce or Olive Oil & Garlic

Spaghetti Works – Spaghetti in Meat Sauce, Mushroom, Meatball and Sausage link

Meat Lasagna served in Marinara Sauce

Parmesan – Your choice of: Chicken, Eggplant or Veal topped with Mozzarella; each dish is served with a side of spaghetti in Marinara Sauce

Piccata – A white wine, lemon butter and caper sauce served with your choice of chicken or shrimp. Entrée is served with a side of Linguine

Trio Delight – Chicken Parmesan, Lasagna and a Stuffed Cheese Shell

All Entrées include: Your choice of Beverage (see below), Garlic Rolls and a Tossed Salad with your choice of salad dressings.

Salad Dressing Choices: House Italian, Ranch, Bleu Cheese and French

Beverage Choices: Coffee, Hot Tea, Iced Tea, Lemonade, Soda (Pepsi Products) or Water.

Dessert: Ending our evening with your choice of a Dessert – a Cannoli or Tiramisu.

Remember – RSVP by February 28th!

22 – Tech Session: We have a date set aside, but we don't have anyone wanting help, yet. Think about it.

April 2025



2 – MVT Monthly Meeting: Come for food by 6:30PM (it might take some time to get it depending on how busy they are and wait staff available), meeting starts at 7:30PM. The meeting will be held at Archers Tavern Kettering, 2030 E Dorothy Ln, Kettering, OH 45420, (937) 291-1015.

? - Caesars Creek Winery Opening Celebration: Yeah, we do not know exactly when, but we know where.

11-13 The Gathering, Dobson NC: Put on by the Triumph Club of the Carolinas – awaiting more details at <https://triumphclub.org/the-gathering/>

Late Apr – Tentative run/tour: looking for a sponsor

May 2025

3 May – Derby Day Breakfast Flashmob: 8 AM at Clifton Mill, get your huge pancakes on!



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10 – British Transportation Museum Car Show: Tentative date more info TBD

16-17 – Carlisle PA Show: Details at <https://carlisleevents.com/events/events-detail/index?id=import+and+performance+nations>

18 – Columbus BCD: Details TBD

June 2025

7? – Louisville British Bash: Details TBD but will be at <https://britishbash.com/>



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7 – Early Jun Rally: Tentative – setting up a TSD rally for us folks that need TSD Rally practice – fun will be had by all!



15-20 – TRA National Meet – Kalamazoo, MI.

Reservations for the 2025 TRA National Meet hotel can be made by calling the front desk to make their reservations. 269-888-4800 option 0 and ask for the Triumph Register group block for 2025.

If you would prefer to make your reservation online, please follow the link below for our group block. You just need to click on the “View Prices” tab at the top of the page then select the dates of your visit and your rate (\$139 per night) should come up.

<https://www.holidayinn.com/redirect?path=hd&brandCode=HI&localeCode=en®ionCode=1&otelCode=AZOSS&PMID=99801505&GPC=TRA&cn=no&viewfullsite=true>

If you would like extra time to explore the area before or after the National Meet, rooms at the same rate are available starting Sunday June 15th thru Sunday June 22.

Address: Holiday Inn & Suites, 1247 Westgate Drive. Kalamazoo, MI 49009

28 – Northern Ohio BCD: Joann Corporate Center, Hudson.

July 2025



2 – MVT Monthly Meeting: Come for food by 6:30PM (it might take some time to get it depending on how busy they are and wait staff available), meeting starts at 7:30PM. The meeting will be held at Archers Tavern Kettering, 2030 E Dorothy Ln, Kettering, OH 45420, (937) 291-1015.



15-18 - VTR National Convention. La Crosse, WI. Facebook link:

<https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=61564869557762>

Website:

<https://www.mntriumphs.org/vtr2025/>

From the organizers: *"The Minnesota Triumphs Sports Car Club is excited to be your host for the*

2025 North American Triumph Challenge! We had a terrific event hosting VTR in 2018, so we're heading back to the same great location and host, with even more fun to fill your week."



19-20 – Schenley Park Vintage Races: Pittsburgh, PA – more info at <https://pvgp.org/events/schenley-park-race-weekend/>

19 – Arthritis Classic Car Show – Columbus: Details TBD but should be at <https://www.arthritis.org/events/autoshow/event-details>

August 2025

1 – Dayton BCD Set-up: 6PM at Eastwood Metropark – all hands-on deck for this one since we will be at a different location in the park



2 – Dayton BCD: Details at:
<https://britishcardaydayton.com/>



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9 – Indianapolis BCD: Details TBD, but they will be at <http://www.ibcu.org/indy-british-motor-day.html>

23 – Bob Poole Orphan Auto Show: Details TBD, but they will be at <https://youngsdairy.com/bob-pool-orphan-car-show/>

September 2025



3 – MVT Monthly Meeting: Come for food by 6:30PM (it might take some time to get it depending on how busy they are and wait staff available), meeting starts at 7:30PM. The meeting will be held at Archers Tavern Kettering, 2030 E Dorothy Ln, Kettering, OH 45420, (937) 291-1015.

14 – Cincinnati BCD: Details TBD, but they will be at <https://www.bccgc.org/british-car-day>

19-21 - Stowe British Invasion - The British Invasion is a British lifestyle event that started "over a pint of ale" in Stowe, Vermont, in 1990. It is a three-day event that includes "all things British", with primary focus on classic British motorcars.



Beautiful Stowe, Vermont, hosts this dazzling collection of classic British Motorcars every year in September. The British Invasion is the largest all British motorcar show in the United States annually attracting over 600 British motorcars from the US and Canada.

27 – Farm Stand Tour: Get your mums!

October 2025

2-5 - 6-Pack Trials: <https://6-pack.org/trials-2025/>



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11 – Photo Op Tour – Details TBD

18 - The Usual Fall Foliage Tour - heading a different direction than last week's tour...

November 2025



1 – Guy Fawkes Fete: Ale and burning effigies – what could go wrong?



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15 – Put-it-away Tech Session – Donuts anyone?

December 2025

6 – Holiday Soiree: Revenge of the Brown Bags – Xenia FOP Lodge and we are hoping the thermostat is fixed...

TBD – Ugly Sweater Contest/Last Day for CCW – Let's beat Roger & Carol this year!

Monthly Tech Tip(s)



Always be truthful with your better half.

HONEY WE NEED THIS
AIR FILTER, OR THE
CAR WON'T WORK



Technical Talk

Edited by Bruce Clough

Intro – not much this month, at least not by me

Bruce Clough

January was usually a slow month for tech stuff. I'm building USB and 12V power outlets into the Z4 without modifying the original stuff, but that is hardly a Marque article. However, Stan and Jeff came to the rescue...

Spare Parts for a Long Trip

Stan Seto

Disclaimer: These are just **my thoughts**, each of you reading this will have your own thoughts, but the whole idea is to give you some way to create a list that works for you.

OK, you've decided that it's time to take your favorite (though ancient) car for a really long drive perhaps as short as Cincinnati to Chicago and back or as long as Dayton to San Francisco (and let's find a good route through the Rockies while we are about it!).

What do you take to insure you'll get home on time and in one piece? Some questions to ponder may help you make good decisions.

Are you planning to travel alone or is this a group effort? (Hint: the further the drive, the better to have company.) Example: MVT goes to TRA and VTR meets which are anywhere from 100 to 1000 miles away. We normally field 4 – 8 cars and members to do these trips. Four or so of these members have mechanic's experience, Chassis, tire change, engine repair, etc. So, we carry stuff, but not everyone carries the same stuff. If you have a group going, spread what you need out amongst the cars.

Further, I drive to Houston alone, it's about 15-16 hours and about 1100 miles, I've done it over 14 times and what I carry on those trips is a little more than what I carry to the national meets. So,

here are some questions you can ask yourself to get started:

- *What tools do I need in my bag?*
- *What parts and tools do I need to keep the engine running?*
- *What parts and tools do I need to keep the car running down the road?*
- *What do I need to keep up the car's appearance at my destination?*
- *Do I need under arm deodorant to keep up my appearance at the destination?*

Note that if you drive a TR7 or TR8, Bruce C. made a recommendation as to what you might carry in the Oct. 2024 issue of the Marque, as well as some comments for TR3B Cars.

I'm thinking of TR2's to TR250/5's.

One thing to remember is pack the car so you know what is where. Things such as small packages (bottles of oil and hydraulic fluid, car polish, microfiber cloth, etc.) can add up to a lot of stuff tucked into the trunk, spare tire well and spare tire, behind the seats, while the bigger stuff (tool kits, luggage, tire inflator, etc.) ends up on the shelf behind the seats, takes up a major portion of space in your trunk or goes into the spare truck bed if you have one in the group.

So, let's look at the questions:

Tools in the bag:

- Plastic bag of bolts, nuts and washers of various sizes. Work Gloves.
- Flashlight, spare batteries.
- Assorted fuses.
- 6 inch and 10-inch adjustable wrench.
- A set of ¼ in. drive sockets and wrenches (could include 9, 10, 11, 12 mm sockets and extensions).
- Set of ignition wrenches.
- Set of needle files, a rasp and a fine metal 10-inch file.
- Hose clamps, ½ to 2 in. several each.

- Wire ties, 4, 6, 12 in. packages.
- Box wrenches, Straight and off-set.
- Open end wrenches.
- Screw drivers, 4 in. long to 10 in. long, flat blade, Cross hatch and Torques (if needed).
- Spark plugs, new, 4 or 6.
- Razor knife and spare blades.
- 3/8 drive handle and set of large sockets (such as 5/16th up to one inch). Two extensions, 2 and 6 in.
- At least one roll of Duct Tape.
- Magnetic wand or two in side pocket.
- Roll of electrical tape.
- Scissors, sharp, 4 or 6 inches, perhaps in medical kit.
- Pinch nose pliers.
- 4 in. and larger regular pliers.
- 4 in. and larger diagonal cutters.
- Short handle hammer and a couple of drifts or punches (brass and steel) 1/4, 5/16, 3/8, suggested.

Keep the Engine running:

- Coil
- Red Distributor rotor (Maybe a couple).
- Distributor cap (new).
- Ignition wires, 5 or 7, caps.
- Points and condenser/new electronic ignition set (Petronix, neg. ground).
- Fan belt (thinner than original and a couple of mm longer, remember you may have to change in middle of night and not in a safe place, so you want it to just go in).
- Fuel filter.
- Fuel pump (Mechanical or consider an electric pump wired to attach to coil).
- 3 or 4 feet of gas line.

- Gasket material (sheet, 1/32").
- Several quarts of oil (I normally try to carry 3 each, Valvoline VR-1, 30 SAE*).
- Spare generator or Alternator.
- Overdrive relay or two.
- Spare radiator cap (4 psi).
- Rebuild kits for Clutch Slave and Master cylinder.
- Shop Manual.
- Timing light.
- Spare Thermostat (180 deg.).
- Water Pump with pulley.

Keep the car Running:

- At least an 8 oz. container, brake fluid (No.4 or 5).
- Jumper cables and assortment of electrical connectors
- Rain-X glass cleaner, Roll of white paper towels. Keep Shop towels for engine work.
- Razor blade glass cleaner and/or snow brush and scraper.
- Soldering iron (12 volt) and resin solder.
- Volt-Ohm reader (lit dial or digital read-out).
- Wiper arm/ spare blades.
- Wiring Diagram.

Miscellaneous:

- Camera and charger.
- CB radio, compatible with group and charger.
- Cell Phone with everyone's number entered.
- First Aid kit augmented by "liquid bandage", Tincture of Methiolate, Plastic sandwich bag of Q-tips and some wide bandages.

- Several LED flashlights, scattered around the passenger compartment and trunk.
- Garmin or map case (Large print in my case).
- Car polish, Microfiber cloths, maybe a bucket or empty coffee can (50 oz) for water, (Folgers with snap on lid, suggested), roll of blue shop towels.
- Slime Tire inflator, 12 volts.
- Tire pressure gauge.
- Two-liter (Coke or Pepsi) bottle of water.

Sounds like a lot, but if you are traveling with a group, find out who's carrying what and if it fits your car delete it from the list. If you are alone in the car (spouse or significant other is at home) then you have all that space in the right foot well and seat. Put your clothes and toilet articles in soft luggage and there is still room in the trunk for the tool kit and spare shoes or sneakers, rolls of towels quarts of oil, etc. The spare tire in a '3 is a great place for car polish, bottles of brake fluid, tubes of gasket maker (not included above) and similar small items, as is the space around the tire in the wheel well.

If spouse or significant other is traveling with you, you may have a space problem, so consider asking others in the group to carry some of the stuff you are unable to pack in your car.

At one of the 5-day conventions I attend, one engineer always came with a single suitcase, but his wife always had between 12 and 17 pieces of luggage. I knew the smaller cases carried cosmetics, but could never figure out what the 8 or 9 larger cases carried.

Finally, it is a good idea to wrap some of the liquid container caps with tape to prevent them from unscrewing during the drive. Place some of the smaller things in plastic bags (like ignition parts for example) to keep them dry, because on some trips, it does rain, and British cars have no reputation for being weather tight.

Again, this list is just a recommendation, each car owner needs to think about his car's

vulnerabilities, the distance to be traveled and pack accordingly.

* - O'Reilly's tends to carry 20 W- 50 VR-1 oils, but if you ask they can get any weight you want. The 4 cylinder engines want 30 Wt. so that's what I buy.

(Editor's Note – you want to buy 20W-50 oil with zinc additives for the sidescreen Triumphs. Valvoline VR-1 is the oil of choice for both Stan and myself)

Upkeep and Improvements

Jeff Barth

In an effort to share some information that results in a more technical article I thought I would share what will be going on in the Barth garage in the near future.

This article will not share any tricks for how to install tricky bits, but I thought I would minimally share parts and pieces that have been accumulated for the Spitfire.



Some of these parts need to be installed soon to correct or resolve current issues that make life safer and less aggravating. Such as replacing the seatbelts that are currently frayed and make it difficult to properly use.



Another is to simply replace a gauge that has fallen out of calibration and do not give a true picture of how the Spit may or may not be performing. A little plug here though, I do love my dual gauge for temperature and oil pressure.



Other items are simply for aesthetics such as replacing the gasket behind the door latch and while I am at it installing new door locks on the door since I have no key for the current ones.



Last but not least, in an effort to improve comfort for the upcoming trip to VTR in La Crosse, Wisconsin I also hope to install the new foam in the seats.



Share your parts and pieces and we can schedule a tech session to go along with them to help with any upkeep or improvements you have planned or in mind to install.

MVT Merch

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



MVT Enamel Car Badge - \$30.00 – believe these are now gone!



MVT Cloth Patch - \$12.00



MVT Pin - \$5.00



MVT Window Sticker - \$1.00



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



They look very spiffy on a TR7...

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For Sale: TR3A engine TS32387E complete with carbs, generator, distributor, fuel pump and transmission parts. \$1800 OBO. Bought as extra 5 years ago, never touched. Stored indoors. Glenn Hamilton, glennchamilton46@gmail.com, 937-477-3298.



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

For Sale: Triumph TR3 original steel hardtop for sale \$300. Inquire tryanity@gmail.com

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

Wanted – TR6. Ben Helm is looking for a TR6. Feel free to contact him at 859-391-7395 and/or mayraben@zoomtown.com.



Last Thought



Purposed Budget 2025 Miami Valley Triumphs

Expenses

| <u>Description</u> | <u>Month</u> | <u>2022</u> | <u>2023</u> | <u>2024P</u> | <u>2024A</u> | <u>2025P</u> |
|---------------------------|---------------------|--------------------|--------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| Awards Banquet | March | \$1120.00 | \$850.00 | \$1000.00 | \$1056.00 | \$1000.00 |
| Year End Awards | March | \$504.00 | \$355.00 | \$400.00 | \$295.00 | \$400.00 |
| Club Liability Insurance | August | \$250.00 | \$250.00 | \$250.00 | \$315.00 | \$250.00 |
| Summer Party | August | \$290.00 | \$325.00 | \$350.00 | \$250.00 | \$350.00 |
| Web Hosting | July | \$235.00 | \$340.00 | \$350.00 | \$300.00 | \$350.00 |
| Post Office Box | August | \$182.00 | \$194.00 | \$200.00 | \$200.00 | \$200.00 |
| Donations | Yearly | \$0.00 | \$150.00 | \$100.00 | \$150.00 | \$100.00 |
| Christmas Party | December | \$195.00 | \$160.00 | \$250.00 | \$230.00 | \$250.00 |
| Misc Expense** | Yearly | <u>\$300.00</u> | <u>\$545.00</u> | <u>\$300.00</u> | <u>\$45.00</u> | <u>\$300.00</u> |
| Summary | | \$3076.00 | \$3169.00 | \$3200.00 | \$2840.00 | \$3200.00 |

Income

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|-------------------|---------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|
| Membership Dues | Yearly | \$1200.00 | \$1030.00 | \$1150.00 | \$1175.00 | \$1200.00 |
| BCD Final Payout | October | \$1000.00 | \$1500.00 | \$1500.00 | \$1800.00 | \$1500.00 |
| 50/50 | Yearly | \$157.00 | \$185.00 | \$150.00 | \$200.00 | \$175.00 |
| Brown Bag Receipt | January | \$186.00 | \$207.00 | \$200.00 | \$138.00 | \$150.00 |
| Misc Income* | Yearly | <u>\$187.00</u> | <u>\$2865.00</u> | <u>\$200.00</u> | <u>\$335.00</u> | <u>\$200.00</u> |
| Summary | | \$2730.00 | \$5787.00 | \$3200.00 | \$3648.00 | \$3200.00 |

Annual Club Financial Status

| <u>Year</u> | <u>January 1st</u> | <u>December 31st</u> |
|--------------------|--------------------------------------|--|
| 2022 | \$4105.21 | \$3754.63 (\$350.58) |
| 2023 | \$3754.63 | \$6397.09 (\$2642.46)*** |
| 2224 | \$6397.09 | \$7233.15 (\$836.06) |

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

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

***The largest Misc income is the final payout for TRA2023.