

# Events, 1998



June 18 - 20	TRA National Meet, Rocky Gap, Maryland
July 18	Pool Party at the Ball's. Rain Date - July 25
July 10 - 11	Len Immke Classic Auto Show and Cruise-In
July 12	British Car Days—Cincinnati, Edgewater Sports Park near Miamitown
July 18	Pool Party at the Ball's. Rain Date - July 25
August 1	British Car Days - MVT/MG Car Club
August 7-9	TRF Summer Party - Armegh, PA
Every Fri. Nite	Kettering Jaycee's Cruise-in, See Bulletin in Marque!
December 5	MVT Christmas Soiree

## Out-of-town Events

June 6	14th Annual, Marques on the Green, Louisville, KY
June 27	Indiana Concours D'Elegance, Indianapolis, IN, Call (765) 342-4278
July 18-19	London to Brighton Run, Begins in London, IN, Call (317) 887-3867

## TRA National Meet

The Triumph Register of America cordially invites you and your family to join us at Rocky Gap State Park, Cumberland, Maryland on June 18-21 for the **1998 TRA National Meet**.

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### Events

- Points of Interest in the Park
- Bicycle Tour Along C & O Canal
- Mountain Thunder - 1916 Locomotive, 32 Mile ride in the Allegheny Mountains
- Photo/Model/Art Contests
- Funkhana-Test your driving skills
- Rallye
- TRF Sale/AutoJumble
- Judging
- Auction
- Car Show
- Awards Banquet



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June 1998

**Marque**  
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Miami Valley Triumphs

# The Marque

The **Marque** is the official publication of the **Miami Valley Triumphs Car Club**, P.O. Box 292824, Kettering, Ohio 45429. Views stated in the **Marque** are not necessarily those of the officers or members of the club. Technical data is provided for information only and no liability is assumed for suitability, applicability, or safety.

Miami Valley Triumphs is a registered chapter of the **Vintage Triumph Register** and a local center of **The Triumph Register of America**. Meetings are held the first Wednesday of the month at Poelking Lanes, Kingridge Drive, behind the Dayton Mall. Drinks, dinner triumph talk at 7:00 pm, general membership meeting at 8:00 pm. Anyone interested in Triumphs is most heartily invited.

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## From the Pres...

I have heard some good reports about some of the events for May. Maybe a report at the membership meeting will highlight these events. Good club participation is nice to hear about.

I understand that the Cloughs have an addition to their family. I hope everyone is doing fine. This little girl will be a British car nut in a few years. She might be more interested in the 60s autos.

Carolyn is progressing well after her surgery, we are looking forward to participating in some events in the very near future.

I am sure BCCD will need your help in August, so talk to Ron and see how you can help. I am sure your help will be needed. **If you have not paid your dues for this year, send to Mary Stinson or Mary Fox-Bolich or pay at the next membership meeting.** Get your registration money for BCD to Mary Stinson. We need to have a major showing at BCD since this is our biggest event of the year.

See you at the next membership meeting.

Phil

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DISTINGUISHING FEATURES \_\_\_\_\_

CAR #2  
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**Minutes**  
**MVT MEMBERSHIP MEETING**  
May, 1998 —Poelking Lanes South

- Secretary** Read minutes for May Meeting
- Vice President** Gave updates on BCD meetings and showed the Club our three new 2-way radios.
- Treasurer** Gave new balance and shared information on incoming and outgoing expenses.
- Membership** May is the month that our annual dues of \$20 is to be paid. Only 14 paid members to date for the coming year.
- Old Business** Phil has asked the help of John Clark on the issue with the Sate of Ohio.
- New Business** None.
- Events** Discussed the May 31st Austin Healy Show held at Carrillon Park in Dayton. Discussed the details of the Hardesty Event for May 17th. Kent is reaching members regarding a June event. Nothing set yet. Members will be notified.
- Attendance:** Ellis & Lorna Ball • Phil & Carolyn Daye • Mary & Dan Stinson  
Frank Ciboch • Kent Southard • Bruce Clough • Forrest Gwinn  
& Audrey Johnson • Ray & Mary Bolich • Don & Lois Bigler,  
Mike & Mara McKitrick • Stan Seto • Art & Norma Wood  
Mohamed Flijazi • John Clark • Eric Halbgwoks.

— 50/50 drawing was \$12 won by **Roger Larson**.

**A Note from the Secretary:**

Just an update on two of our members: Our Past President, **Frank Ciboch** is doing great. His heart surgery was May 7th. He is home recuperating—he says we will see him at the Austin Healy Show May 31st... that will be wonderful!

Our first Lady, **Carolyn Daye**, is doing well after he reconstructive surgery on her foot. She hopes to be putting some weight on the foot by July. This is quite an adjustment period for both our friends (AND their spouses!) We wish them nothing but the very best and are glad they are both doing so well. Take care all,

Lorna

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**New Triumph Fanatic Report**

Bridgett Renee Clough popped into this world on Mother's Day, May 10th at 4:08 AM. For those of you who track these things she weighs 5lb 14 oz, 19 in long, and Alice was in active labor about 4 hours. The baby's first words were "waaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaa", obvious in reference to knowing that her dad never has clean fingernails.

We'd like to thank all of you for the gifts, cards and good wishes. The MVT shower for us was a real treat. You guys shouldn't have! We feel blessed, and I know that Alice is feeling much lighter and a lot less bloated. We'll start acclimating her to MVT events in a few months. I've been asked if another TR is in the offing as "her" car. Nope - I'm buying her a '71 Newport and sticking a slant-6 in it! Safety slow!

**1998 MVT Spring Tour: Romp To Roscoe - The Report!**

Twelve people (well, really 12 and one cooking), six cars, and a bunch of luggage spent a weekend driving down some excellent roads, visiting neat spots, and just generally having fun. This is just one of a continuing series of road tours that I'm planning on doing since I firmly believe "Cars are not art, but for driving". Not all cars were Triumphs. We brought the Blazer since the TR gave Alice back pain (one neve-never argues with pregnant women). The caravan consisted of Bolich's and Stinson's TR6s, Gwinn's Spitfire, Cunningham's Spridget, a Pontiac and our Blazer.

We left from the Bob Evans early that April morning. First stop was Chillicothe and the Hopewell Mounds. For various reasons, some lost to time, the Hopewell culture built large mounds that we call "art", unlike modern man who builds mounds we call "land fills". For those of you travelling out that way we encourage you to stop and learn a bit about those who lived here well before us.

From Chillicothe we headed east into the Hocking Hill region. For some reason I like wind chimes, and the best wind chime shop in Ohio is a little place just east of Cedar Falls. We stopped by there. I bought a chime, Alice bought a plastic buffalo, and Mary & Ray bought a couple of angels (which I mention since we brought them home in the Blazer - since the TR6 was full of fishing gear!). Lunch was in Logan, at a nice Amish-style restaurant that happens to be in front of an antique mall. After stuffing ourselves, and buying more stuff, we headed toward Zanesville via some of the best sports car roads to be found in Ohio. Needless to say they weren't as fun in the Blazer!

After a short "nature stop" at Zanesville we pressed on to Coshocton to get there before the shopping closed. We did that, but to our (Alice & Bruce) dismay, a neat antique store we wanted to visit went out of business the day before. Rats. We did manage to find a wooden fishing pole to embarrass Ray with, and we gave it to him at...

Dinner! The Roscoe Inn has a great menu, which all twelve of us had the chance to sample. I can't remember what I had, but it was good! We paused to reflect on what we saw that day, and said some goodbyes - the Biglers were heading back that night, and the Bolichs were leaving early Sunday morning. The rest of us got up later on a truly dreary morning and headed west in the rain.

We didn't stop much that Sunday morning, just for gas and coffee. We did manage to pass the Longaberger (did I spell that right?) headquarters. Folks, this thing looks like a six story basket (ten if one includes the handles)! One wonders what the eventual resale value will be! The rain let up just around lunch (at Tim Horton's, oh I'm getting to like those places), and afterwards we made a few more shopping stops around the Washington Court House area until we ended up the trip at Mike and Mara's shop in Waynesville.

I'd like to thank the crew that came along. We had an excellent time, and due to the positive results I'll keep putting these trips together. How about a trip to Lake Erie, say Kelley's Island, this fall? Hmmmm, fall foliage time, I'd say.

### Tune Before Roscoe - The Report

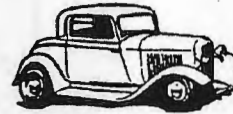
The eleventh of April dawned sunny and cold. Great day to mess with someone's TR. Now traditionally MVT tech sessions have spotty attendance, and that happened here. No matter, the idea is to share information, and by doing so keep people on the road longer (i.e., enjoy the ride). This was our first experiment with early morning tech sessions, there will probably be others, but maybe later in the summer!

Tom Tweed, Ellis Ball, Bruce Clough, and Dan Stinson enjoyed the donuts and coffee. Well, that's not quite accurate. Tom enjoyed beer and donuts (he just got off work), Ellis had enough food and drink to last while Dan and Bruce sucked down the coffee to stay warm. Dan drove the only Triumph, so we decided to wrench on it. It was either that, or try to reschedule the fuel injection on Ellis's truck. Dan had the TR6 out, and it needed several things fixed.

- The passenger wiper was non-operative. We thought it was just a bad wheelbox, so we cut the old one off. No go, the wiper cable didn't go to the passenger wiper to begin with!
- The trunk light didn't work. The bulb was burned out. Guess what? The Lucas lights that fit TR7 doors will not quite fit the TR6 trunk. Close, but no bananas!
- The car had oodles of wires that went nowhere from the prior owner. We ripped all of those out and shortened the ones remaining. Much less spaghetti under the dash and the car's about 10 lbs lighter!
- The stereo speakers were erratic. It's important that Danny experience that good 8-Track sound, so we rewired the speakers. Now he can listen to Earl Scruggs and Lester Flatt in stereo. Yee-haw!
- We decided not to try and fix the hazard warning light switch since we thought it would explode like a hand grenade. We did manage to discuss every topic under the sun including "The Titanic" and cheap wine.

We thought about crossing my Plymouth Valiant and Tom's Renault as something else to do, but the thought of their result made everyone sick. Some things are too perverted for even us.

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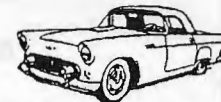
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**1976 TR7.** 76,000 miles, 5 speed, Runs, \$750.00, Tom Noble (937) 258-3179.

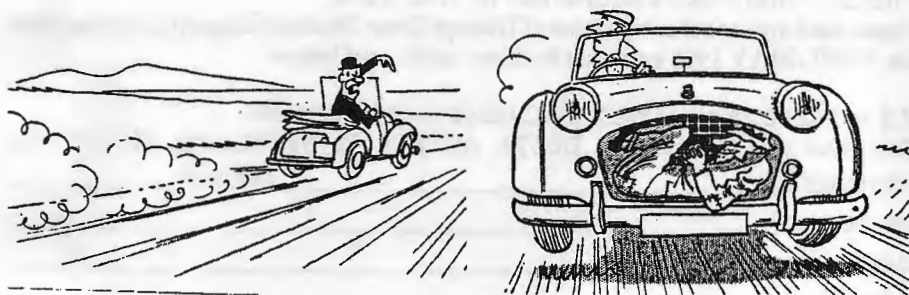
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*Once in your life own a convertible.  
Teach some kind of class.*

## Laughs



The 12th Annual British Car and Motorcycle Show of Cincinnati will be held this year rain or shine on Sunday July 12, 1998 at Edgewater Sports Park in Southwestern Ohio.

If you're a collector, owner, buyer, seller or just an interested spectator, this is a great opportunity to display or view the many makes of cars and motorcycles produced in England. Parts vendors will be in attendance as well as assorted British regalia.

There will be over 70 trophies presented in 24 "popularity" classes plus one premier class award, one long distance, on chairman's choice, and one best of show award. Trophies will be awarded according to the number of cars in each class. Classes may be combined depending on the number of pre-registrants. Commemorative dash plaques for the first 250 cars registered. Entry fee for pre-registration is \$6 per judged vehicle; the last day to pre-register is July 1. Entry fee on the day of the show will be \$10. Gates open at 9am with registration for judging closing at 12:00 Admission for adult spectators is \$3; children under 12 are free. Door prizes to registrants will be awarded throughout the day with trophies awarded at 4 pm. There will be additional door prizes for pre-registrants. Food, refreshments and restrooms are available with plenty of parking and tree shaded areas.

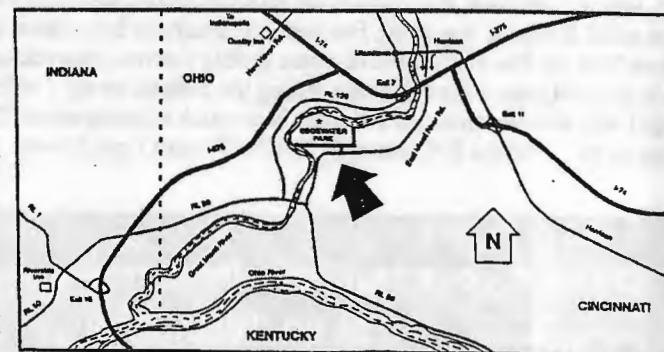
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As an extra added attraction, Edgewater drag strip will be available exclusively to all registered British cars. For an additional \$20, participants may time their vehicles individually on the track throughout the afternoon. Drivers must wear long pants, seat belts, rated safety helmets and have working coolant recovery containers on the cars.

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## From the Editor

Seems strange to me! Only 9 of 49 have paid their 1998 dues. The cost is very nominal, \$20/Year. If you have not yet paid, it is time! It's June.

Try as I might, getting clear pictures of club members eludes me. Part of it is the new Kodak films that show contrast too well and part of it is technique... Bear with me as I work through this.

The little red car is coming apart. Took it to work yesterday for the first time ever. Parked it, smelled antifreeze! Open the hood to tons of steam. When all the water boiled off, took a good look. Backside of the radiator looked like mice had been at it. Engine was solid, Radiator was solid, Fan was still attached! But a closer look revealed a bolt loose from the fan! Had a heck of a time getting that out, but eventually freed it and was able to slowly drive the car home, filling the radiator every 3 miles from the 6 gallon jugs I was able to scrounge. I wonder how much recoring costs? I'm glad that did not happen on "Wallace & Grommit". That's 58 miles from home!

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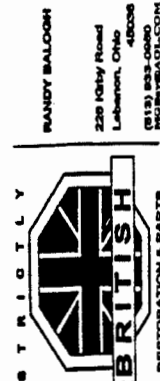
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Marty and Carol Justice, First Place

The seven teams who turned out to participate in the May rolling event were treated to sunny skies and great weather. Wallace and Gromit's "Grand Day Out" featured a combination question and answer park tour. The tour visited eight local parks including Charleston Falls in Miami county, Huffman and Taylorsville reserves and the Air Force Museum. Special thanks to Cold Beer and Cheeseburgers for hosting the event.

Newcomers Marty and Carol Justice in their Russet 1980 TR7 convertible got 129 out of a possible 133 points to take first place. Marty and Carol have been MVT members for about a year but this is their first Triumph event. Hopefully, we'll be seeing more of them, perhaps at a future meeting where someone can explain how to permanently adjust his door strikers so the doors close flush for more than a couple of weeks.

Stan and Norma Seto in the 3 took second place and won the long distance award coming all the way from Loveland. Stan and Norma also won the slowpoke award. We had pretty much given up on them with speculation running from "broken down" to "went home" when they wandered in 45 minutes after everyone else.

Dan and Mary Stinson took third place in their 3B, although they were seen driving the wrong way through Carriage Hill Reserve. Kent Southard was unable to get his 4 out of the garage. Seems the Corvette was in the way and wouldn't start. Instead they finished fourth in Pam's car, a Triumph model not often seen in America, the 900 turbo convertible.

Don and Lois Bigler finished fifth wearing matching purple Concours D'Elegance shirts in their TR7. Don also won for best hat with a bright green frog hat (you'll have to see it) beating out a couple of nice straw hats and a pack of baseball hats. Tighe Stinson and Rebeka Wendeln finished sixth in another unusual Triumph model the Spit-Firebird, the only hard top participating.

Last but not least, finished seventh and winning the Press On Regardless award were Ellis and Lorna Ball in the fireball orange TR7. Lorna also won honorable mention for her matching orange hat. Holding up the TR6 banner were the organizers in a blue 1974.

The goal of the tour was to provide a fun afternoon of driving and an introduction to several local parks. If everyone had an enjoyable drive and said at least once "I never knew this park was here", then the event was a success.

Marty and Carol Justice	Russet 1980 TR7	129	1
Stan and Norma Seto	Red 1962 TR3	125	2
Dan and Mary Stinson	Red 1962 TR3B	122	3
Kent and Pam Southard	Black 1997 Saab 900 Turbo	121	4
Dan and Lois Bigler	Green 1980 TR7	120	5
Tighe Stinson and Rebekka Wendeln	1991 Pontiac Firebird	119	6
Ellis and Lorna Ball	Orange 1980 TR7	116	7

Wallace and Gromit Presents...  
**“Another Perspective”**

It wasn't raining! There wasn't a cloud in the sky! That was too bad, we were going to stew in our own juices on "A Grand Day Out". I thought, as we blasted up I-75 to Dayton! Sunday after church, a 3 hour Park Rally to the East and South of I-70/I-75 Interchange, visiting the Miami/Clark County Parks, answering a few questions and getting to put another 130 miles on the TR-3. We arrived at Start/Finish five minutes before the first of seven cars were flagged off. Had to be back by 4:37 or lose points. But Norma and I were hungry, so we chased into the "Cold Beer and Cheeseburgers" for lunch.

Half an hour later, off we went, right off course when the driver misunderstood the third instruction. 3 minutes later made up that mistake, wow, glad there are no mileage checks on this trip! Four minutes later we were off course again... The park names are not at the entries to the parks but midway between "In" and "Out". Eight minutes later we were back on the course and things seemed normal... "Did you see any ducks?" No! "Let's go back to the school and look again!" Did you see a duck?" "No Duck...", "Hmmm..., Oh! Wait we can go two more instructions before we have to give up on the Duck!" Rooaarrrr..., "There's the Duck!" And the afternoon wore on. Here come all these Triumphs toward us! Wave, Honk, Smile... I wonder how far behind we are? Hey! Was that McKittrick?" It was an acute right! The street sign's behind that pole... Com'on you dumb car, slow down! Back we go, yeah it was McKittrick! What are we looking for? What's the next question and the next driving instruction? Stan, I don't see an animal on the Dam sign! Look behind it! "It's a duck!" Come on, let's go. Barreling down narrow country roads, reading every sign we see, butcher, **Baker**, Candlestick maker, Dang we should've turned onto Baker Street! Wow, Stan, that guy almost hit us when you pulled into that driveway!

How we doing on time? What has to do with an "Onion?" Hello, Mr. Park Ranger, What's the name of the picnic grove in this park?... Thanks!" "Dead end! Norma, we should have gone straight across Route 40, not out along the dam! It's about 2 miles back to that instruction. How many questions left? One? That's a street address, what's at **7641**? Hey, 7500 and climbing! 7600! Where's 7641? That's strange, I didn't see anything, Whoops, there's Penske's, gotta turn in. Stan, wait, that store is 7541. I'll bet... Yeah, it's "Cold Beer..."

"Hi Folks, wait long for us?" "Bonus Questions? Fire Away!" "What do you mean how many parks did we visit?" "All of 'em", well **we drove** into about 7 or 8, but if you got the instructions right, probably 5! Did anyone get the "Onion" question?

We drove a 55 mile course in about 62 miles, we missed one bonus question and failed to answer two or three others, we got sunburned, parched and headachy. We got second place... It was a ball! Come on out!

Stan

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