



The Marque

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

November 2017

MVT Club Info

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

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Club Website:

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

We are also on **Facebook** at

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/1654893204751113/> - this is a closed group so you will need to request joining.

Please send comments/suggestions to: miamivalleytriumphs@gmail.com or to the PO Box.

Cutoff date for next month's Marque is the 22nd of the month.

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/>.

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/>

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Miami Valley Triumphs is a registered chapter of the Vintage Triumph Register and a local center of the Triumph Register of America. Membership is \$20 yearly and is usually paid in May. Non-renewing members are deleted from the mailing list.

Meetings are held the first Wednesday of the month at a location as published on the MVT website or in "the Marque", and/or by Email. General membership meetings are at 7:30 pm with informal dinner starting at 6:30 pm prior to the meeting. Anyone interested is most heartily invited to attend. Triumph car ownership is not required.

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Officer's Reports

President's Report

Hope to see you at Archer's Restaurant on the 1st of November. I encourage anyone who knows club members who are not regularly attending, to give them a call of invitation.

The engine and transmission are gone from the garage. Originally, John Coutant and I made plans to start work on Sunday, 15 October. Those plans fell through. We did get together on Wednesday afternoon. He worked to assemble the engine lift. I continued to work disconnecting things and finding plastic bags for all the nuts and bolts I was removing. The engine and transmission were free of the chassis but there

were electrical hook-ups and lots of little mechanical connections that had to be undone and then a bag was necessary or duck tape, to fix things on the fender. Eventually we both were ready, so Friday afternoon he came over again and we moved the car backward a couple of feet, and rolled the lift into position in front. I had borrowed a ratcheting sling from my brother and we hooked that up and locked its ends into head studs on the engine. For the next hour we lifted the engine, canted the engine, removed stuff from the engine, swore at the engine and pushed it this way and that way to clear chassis parts. Suddenly it was free, and we slowly rolled it out of the way.

Randy DeRuitier, and his F150 showed up Saturday afternoon. By this time I had removed the transmission from the engine. Randy actually backed his truck part way into the garage. It took us an hour and a half to load in the engine, transmission and all the bags of parts. We carefully tied the engine and transmission down and stacked all the loose stuff around them. Randy and his wife left the Cincinnati area Sunday morning and were in Shreveport, LA, by Monday evening.

We're into Autumn now, and the local temperatures really are dropping off. Not much to say about Fall leaf tours, except that they would be great if you like brown as a color.

Time to start thinking about elections in 2018. The positions up for vote are the President, the Secretary and the Treasurer. Nominations will open with the December meeting and voting will be in March. Installation will occur at the Awards Banquet. Speaking of awards, you need to start thinking of candidates for Press on Regardless, Keep it on the Road, Most Improved (car) and Marque of Distinction.

The wrap-up of BCD. We normally do it in October, but like last year have decided to just split the money and look ahead to 2018. Skip has already reserved the Park for 2018. Got the check in the mail on the 25th, so the club now has another \$1500.00 for 2018.

We volunteered Chris Yanity to handle Memorabilia, as Pete Stroble is no longer in a

position to provide that support. When I told him after last month's meeting (which he missed), he was so surprised he did not say "No". So, there you have it!

As a club, and having volunteered to do TRA 2019, a small group of us met at Frisch's, Lebanon, to begin the search for a meeting location. If any member has an idea, bring it to the November meeting. The hotel or lodge has to have about 70 -100 bedrooms meeting rooms, access to restaurants, gasoline and not be city-locked.

We still have some November events to go, and the Holiday Soirée and brown bag auction sit out in the future, so everyone pay attention at the November meeting.

Best regards, Stan Seto

Vice President's Report

Did you realize that somewhere over the rainbow skies are blue? What's with that – was that sky dye approved? Does it cause cancer? Why can't it be another color? What's wrong with gray anyway – can't we love hues? What's wrong with a world where hues are pushed to the background? Not the world I want to live in!

VP

Treasurer's Report

As of 1 November 2017, the club account had a balance of \$2644.56. For the month of October, the club income was from 50/50 for \$15.00 and one BCD shirt sale for \$5.00. Total income was \$20.00. The club had only the following expense: mailing of the marque for \$4.20. The account balance as of 1 November 2017 is \$2660.36. As always, your humble servant Harry.

Membership Chair Report

There is nothing new to report reference membership. We currently stand at 42 members.

Valerie

Marque Editor's Report

Much shorter Marque this month – no real events to speak of, and not too many events to go, and that's a good thing since I don't have a lot of time to set it up this month. Speaking of set-up, John Coutant has linked Dropbox to the MVT website to make it easier to share pictures – check out the webmaster's report.

MVT Events

No official MVT events this last month. The Fall Foliage Tour I was going to host was usurped by a pop-up event (my 40th High School Reunion). BTM had a Chili Cookoff on the 28th - maybe Pete will have a report!

Bruce

Past Month's Events

October 2017

4- MVT Monthly Meeting

The meeting was called to order by President Stan Seto at 7:35PM with a hail to the Queen. There were 35 members in attendance.

Agenda

Changes & Addition – None

Guests and/or new members

Stan welcomed guest Al Smith. Al has a 1976 TR6, which he has had for 15 years. He is a retired Dayton Firefighter who currently lives in Lebanon. Al is planning to join our club with his wife, who is a quilter.

Officer Reports

President –President Stan Seto says the car repair is coming along. He is still taking it apart. We had a lot of good runs in September. Stan says we are almost ready to settle BCD. They are discussing if a meeting is needed or just split the profits, which will be about \$3000.

Vice President – Dan Stinson said he was glad to be in attendance and even more glad that Stan was here.

Treasurer – Harry Mague reported we have \$2644.56 in the account. Harry says we are in good shape, and we need to consider spending some money.

Secretary – Patti Clifford said the minutes were in the Marque and asked for additions or corrections. No corrections. Patti made a motion to accept the minutes, seconded by Bruce Clough. Motion carried.

Membership Chair –Val Relue reported that we have 42 members.

Events Chair

Review of September Events

- Tech session at Roger Rutledge’s to work on the wiring harness. Harry Mague almost cut the new one! The dashboard is done, still having a few problems.
- The Dayton Concours d’Elegance at Carillon Park. Jackson Galloway attended the show and said there were a lot of cars.
- Farm Stand Tour – We started at the Orphan Car Show in Yellow Springs across from Young’s Dairy, and then toured farms for pumpkins and festive fall items.
- Sept 30 – Fabled Yanity Run – We met in Bellbrook, drove to Oregonia, Oh. We stopped at the Secret Garden, and then ate a late lunch at the Stonehouse Tavern in Waynesville (since the Little River Café was busy with a slew of motorcyclists).

OCTOBER

Bruce is still looking for help for October. There may be a flash run if he has time to put it together.

- Oct. 21 – Fall foliage tour – Will end up at Valley Vineyards for dinner.

NOVEMBER

- Nov. 4 - Guy Fawkes run to Little River Cafe, then to Bruce Clough’s for a traditional bonfire.
- Nov. 16 – 19 – Undercroft Players Radio Play. We will have a 1 page ad in the program to promote the club. The play will be each evening at 8pm and Sunday at 3pm.
- Nov. 18 – Tech Session TBD

DECEMBER

- Dec 2 – Save the date for the Holiday Soiree. Lois Bigler will be sending a sign-up sheet for food at the next meeting.

Committee Reports

Regalia – Harry has taken over the regalia. Thanks to Pete Stroble for heading this committee in the past.

Technical –Bruce Clough demonstrated using a stethoscope for listening to problem inside the engine.

Spare Parts – Bruce Clough is looking for someone to take this over, Chris Yanity was suggested since he was not in attendance. Are you interested, Chris???

Marque –If you have articles or pictures for the Marque, email Bruce at clough-owenclough@outlook.com. Please let him know if you find errors on the webpage. Our club email is: miamivalleytriumphs@gmail.com. Stan Seto suggested we send it in to the sports car newsletter award. Bruce Clough said he will look into sending it to the VTR also.

British Car Days – We had discussion on adding and changing some classes, possibly an international class to allow other types of cars that do not have a venue to show their cars. More discussions will follow.

Old Business

No old business

New Business

Harry Mague said since we have extra money, maybe the club could pay for the holiday dinner

this year? Stan Seto suggested license plate covers for the club. Bruce Clough thought we should have a representative in each of the national clubs, and the club could possibly pay for all or part of their membership cost.

Jim Sipos asked if anyone was interested in setting up a tour of the Dorian Racing Facility near Lebanon. They design and build sport racers. Let him know if you are interested. This could be part of a tour or just a night out.

Split the Pot

Roy Owens won the pot of \$15.00.

Adjourn

A motion was made by John Clifford to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Tim Moore. Meeting was adjourned at 8:15 PM.

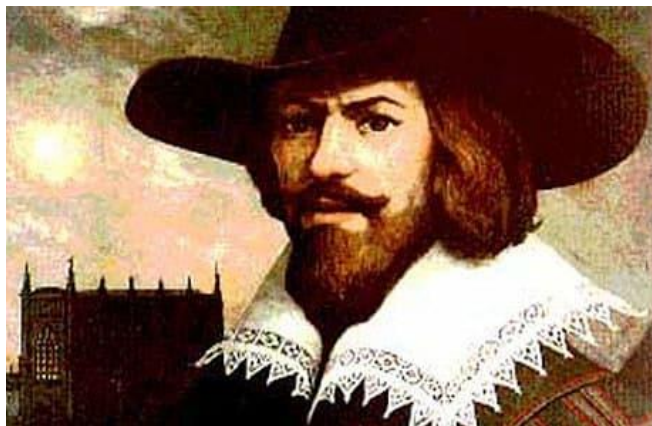
The next meeting will be November 1, 2017, at Archer's.

This Month's Events

November 2017



1 - MVT Monthly Meeting at Archer's Tavern Kettering, 2030 East Dorothy Lane, Kettering, OH 45420 (937) 291-1015. We are in the meeting room literally behind the bar towards the Dorothy Lane side of the tavern. Dinner starts at 6:30, meeting at 7:30.



4 - Guy Fawkes Tour and Party – who is Guy Fawkes? Well, let's just say that had he succeeded in his dastardly scheme the world would be a bit different!

<http://www.who2.com/bio/guy-fawkes/>

The theme will be "Great Britain", so we are going to start at Wise Choice British Foods, 6171 Brandt Pike, Dayton, OH 45424 - arrive at 11AM. We can shop for biscuits and other goodies for about 30 minutes and then we will be off headed east. Stops we know of include the Little Miami Café as well as somewhere to procure adult beverages. We will end up at Clough's and as of now the evening looks good for sitting around a fire and watching Guy burn!

16-19 It's a Wonderful Life: A Radio Play – Undercroft Players. This beloved American holiday classic comes to captivating life as a live 1940s radio broadcast. The story of idealistic George Bailey unfolds as he considers ending his life one fateful Christmas Eve. Auditions Oct. 3 & 4, 2017

***Special Note: We will have commercials for local businesses during this production. If you would like to purchase an ad for the program, you will also receive a commercial performed by the cast in our show. See the Donation/Sponsor tab for more information. ***

We will have to decide at the November meeting

18 – Last MVT Tech Session of 2017. Who needs what fixed??? As of now (29 Oct) we do not have any lined up.

December 2017

No separate membership meeting due to the Soiree.



2 – MVT Holiday Soiree – Queen of Apostles Community, Bergamo Center. Lots of food, lots of brown bags for the MVT-is-the-charity Brown Bag Auction. Fun is always had by all! As of now Lois is saying they will provide turkey and ham, everyone else will bring side dishes. Lois normally coordinates these so we do not end up with 45 green-bean casseroles. You are saving things up for your brown-bags, right?



17 – MVT Christmas Dinner – Location TBD but maybe around Austin Landing – getting a lot of head-nods for that. Always looking for someplace

quaint, but maybe not the Golden Lamb since that's where we "always" have it.

June 2018



Triumph Register of America National Meeting: Reservations are now available at Chetola Resort for Triumph Register of America's National Meeting 2018 (TRA 2018), hosted by the Triumph Club of the Carolinas (TCOC). The dates are June 18 through 21, 2018, with Concours on Wed. the 20th, Banquet on the 21st, and check out on Friday. We went with mid-week since June is a big wedding month. Individuals can check in 2 days early or stay 2 days longer at TRA price which is \$139/night for one bedroom lodge room – quite a deal for this upscale resort.

BIG note on reservations. The Lodge itself at Chetola only has 41 rooms. The majority of their accommodations are condos. They have one, two, three, and four bedroom units. They have agreed to give us the same price per room on the condos as rooms in the lodge. So a one bedroom will be \$139/night, a two bedroom will be \$278/night, etc. Please take a note of that and visit their website (below) to see where the condos are in relationship to the Lodge – all are within walking distance. We can foresee 3 couples from a club getting a 3 bedroom and then it can become "party central" for the rest of the members of their club – hint, hint, nudge, nudge. Condos also have kitchens, multiple rooms with

living space and most have a pull-out couch for more sleeping space, in other words, a deal!

When registering please mention that you are registering in the "Triumph Register Block", registration phone number is: 828-295-5500. The resort website is:

<http://chetola.com/>

TCOC is planning on having a TRA2018 website up and running by October. If you need to contact anyone in that club prior to that message me and I will give you contact info.

July 2018



Technical

Early TR Man



Let's talk about Auctions!

Bruce Clough

This last month I reported about an auction of a TR3A. If you looked at the photos and read the description you might have thought you could get in on something good.

But you need to always look further.

The listing talked about a "Mint" car with a fairly fresh restoration. The listing said there would be two days to look at the auction stuff before the auction, so Alice and I took a trip up to Mechanicsburg. This is the car we saw:



Nice looking and very nice paint job, but when you look at any car you have to take emotion out of it and look, just look. So what can we see from just examining this photo?

- The nose does not have lettering – it would have from the factory, so there has been a lot of work done on the nose.
- Headlamp trim rings are from a small-mouth car. Nice.
- No generator control box – Hmm?
- TR4 Valve Cover

A lot of “misses” for a “restored” and “mint” car. So let’s head around to the passenger’s side on the engine:



What does this show?

- Thermostat hose outlet on upside down.
- Alternator conversion – explains the lack of control box – connections must be under the dash.
- Amco battery box – check the underside of that in the interior.
- Fuel line routed wrong with wrong fittings.
- No horn.
- Commission plate is TS43000L, and it is a new plate.
- Fuse block mounted where control box should be.

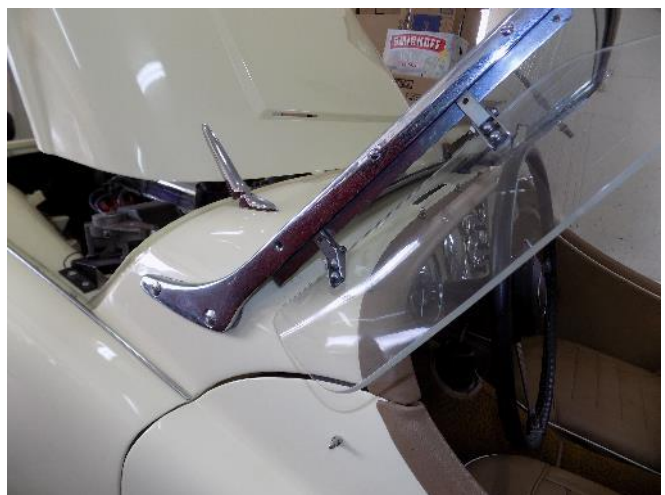
Okay, some originality issues here - so around to the other side of the engine – what do we see there?



Looking here we can see:

- No horn on this side either.
- Mallory ballasted points distributor.
- Non-Lucas coil.
- Electrical temp sender not connected to anything.
- Non-stock fuel line to the fuel pump.
- No fuel shut-off valve.

At this point I’m wondering what I’m looking at since a decent restoration shop should have caught some of these – at most I would think anyone with a TR3 would want the temp gauge to work. So let’s look at the driver door - first the front gap at the top:



Here we can see the gap is a bit more than the factory – and we can see it is missing the bottom

screw securing the windscreen to the stations.
What does the bottom of the door look like?



It might not look it, but this tells me there is significant filler in the door and fender since the edges look rounded and you can see a slight bowing out of the door side. Now let's look at the back of the door:



<snickering noise> Well, besides the door handles being on backwards - and they could have been reversed - you can see the rear outer rocker seam has been filled with putty - again an indication of the use of plastic to repair. Time to open the door and look at the driver's floor...



Nice - pop riveted flooring patch and also note the front right driver's seat rail attachment bolt is missing - this is indicative of laziness on the restorer's part since fixing those caged nuts can be a pain, and if the caged nuts are okay and they just didn't put the bolt in - even more lazy...

We are now in a good position to look under that dash:



Yep, no heater unit as I surmised and you can also see a new bottom of the battery box pop-riveted into place - the Amco battery box also hid that issue.

The listing stated that the car had 72K miles on it, and from the looks of the rubber pedal covers (one had fallen off) it was at least that:



...the trim board between the trunk and gas tank was missing but a check of the trunk floor showed it original and in decent shape. The trunk seal was coming out at the corners, and one can also note the trunk prop rod holder rubber was in place when the inside of the trunk lid was repainted – seriously? How much effort does it take to remove and replace that? Not much!

The spare tire compartment cover fit wasn't the greatest, but still looked okay. Again filler was used to fix issues and resulted in the back side looking a bit fuller and rounder in areas, but in general it looked okay. Sadly I forgot to bring my Dzus key to take it off and peek.

So let's keep going around the car.



Both back fenders looked okay – you could tell that filler was used, but if you didn't know what to look for you'd be hard put to find it. Looking closer...

Coming around to the passenger's side we noted the same issues as the driver's side:





Filler evident again at the rear outer rocker edge and the door clearly can be seen to be up a bit at the back. The passenger's floor was also pop-riveted in.

The interior was okay.



Obviously it look good, but it has some issues.

- The carpet is well worn in several areas, and you can see where bits of it had been pulled off by what I would guess were being glued on before and then pulled off????
- No sidecurtain brackers on the doors – this indicated there are no sidecurtains. From looking around and talking to the auctioneer we confirmed that there were no sidecurtains with the car.
- Hoodsticks (convertible top frame) was painted white rather than body color.

We pulled up the seat bottoms and discovered that the old seat buckets were reused, but the springs were new.

Next we took a gaze at the dash:



This is interesting:

- TR4 temperature gauge installed, but not connected.
- Steering wheel probably cracked since it's covered.
- Handbrake handle missing.
- Logo disc on top of the shift knob missing.

Besides that it looks pretty good. The passenger side forward also showed a windscreen screw missing:



It also showed a BIG door gap and is that the outer rocker showing a slightly different angle to the fender?

What I haven't shown are pictures under the car. All those would show the fact that everything under that car was painted black – rubber, lines, and suspension parts, all black. That is a big red flag for me. It looked like some parts were originals, some replaced, some??? Actually looked like someone was trying to hide something. Frame was intact.

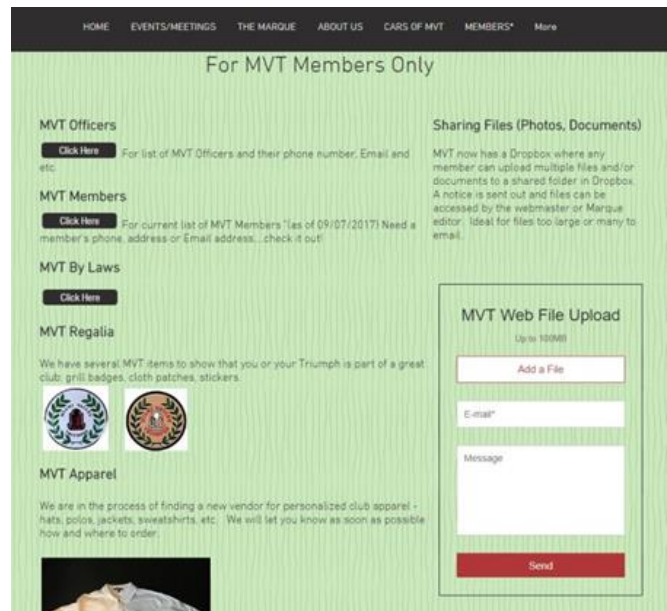
Since some parts of the TR3 electrical system do not need a key to turn on I fired up the lights (worked), tried the horn (obviously did not). The wiring harness was new and the wiring seemed safe and functional.

So, after looking at the car my assessment was this:

It looks like a nice car, but when you examine it a bit closer you discover that it has a lot of flaws, some more hidden than others, that cause one to suspect how well it was restored. A shop that knew what they were doing, that cared to take the time and do a bit of research, would not have made some of the mistakes I saw, or left some of those issues, which calls into question what I couldn't see. Could be it was done to a set price, but for a "mint" car it had a lot of issues. Bottom line: walk away and let someone else take the risks.

So what's a Dropbox? Dropbox is a large, cloud based file storage and sharing company. Simply put they provide storage space (think remote hard drive) for individuals and businesses to use.

I thought that was a good idea as Chuck and I have struggled to move groups of photos between us. I have created a Dropbox account for miamivalleytriumphs@gmail.com and put the plug in on the members' only page of the MVT web. In this way, only members who log into the members section can upload files. (screen shot below)



What's Up With the Web

John Coutant – webmaster

Sending one photo or document to the Marque editor, MVT Facebook coordinator, or the MVT webmaster is OK but not the best if you have a group of high resolution photos.

While working with the person who is redoing the Cincinnati British Car Club website with Wix (the same service we are using) he pointed out that there is a plug in for Wix that allows file uploads from the web site to a Dropbox account. He is planning using that to get pictures, documents, and other files to him to put on their web site.

When files are upload, a notice is emailed and editors can access to download for whatever specific area they are needed. (MVT web, Facebook, Marque). Bruce, Chuck, and John are current editors.

I am hoping to get people to use this on my campaign to update member's garage sections to add some more photos and documents to their area.

Classifieds

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



1980 Triumph TR8 for Sale \$12,000 Canadian

This is a very nice original owner Poseidon Green TR8 with an unusual combination of convertible, automatic transmission and optional factory Air Conditioning. The factory wheels are in excellent condition. This TR8 has always been stored indoors since day one, absolutely no rust. Any required maintenance/repair was done as needed. The car has been currently in storage for the past 11 years. Tires were replaced in 2000. Car is original except for a replaced Offenhauser Intake Manifold and American Carburetor. This was done for ease of maintenance and performance. The current owner of this TR8 is Pauline Renpenning, but her deceased husband was the original purchaser. Pauline can be reached by e-mail at cadillac.sask@gmail.com or by phone at 306-625-8040. This car is located in Cadillac, Saskatchewan, Canada. Chris Linke, who is more knowledgeable about this car, can contact you to answer any questions you may have. Just let me know the best time of day for him to call you.

For Sale – 1973 Stag, 40K miles, very nice condition – same owner for last 40 years. Green w/tan interior. Claude Heslow – 419-217-4547.

Cars For Sale from British Car Club of Cincinnati:

1. For Sale: 1974 Jensen - Healey 75 k miles, 4 cyl 2000 cc DOHC Lotus engine, 4 speed manual trans, Show and AutoX winner - First \$ 9,999 takes it! Dale Ballinger 859-384-1345
2. After 40 years of ownership my Triumph Stag is for sale. Could you pass the word around please? There is a member who already has one (or two) and was interested a while back , but I forget his name. Can you help me on that? There is also another local guy (not a member) who is interested. My asking price is \$14,000 less money I need to spend to fix a few problems (new radiator being installed now.) This is a sad day but my wife says that it needs to go before my 80th birthday this November, so..... Basil Madox.

FREE - USED TR6 TIRES SUITABLE FOR A SPARE - 3 MICHELIN X REDLINE 185-15 TUBE TYPE, 1 VREDESTEIN SPRINT CLASSIC 185HR15 BLACKWALL. SCOTT HUEY 937 299 9747 hueydds@who.rr.com. I CAN DELIVER TO NEXT MEETING. IF NO TAKERS THEY ARE GOING TO THE DUMP – THANKS

WANTED - TR3 Luggage Rack in as new condition (No drill , Hinge pin mounted type) Contact Chris at tryanity@gmail.com.

Wanted – old unwanted Triumph parts. Starting to make art from old Triumph parts. Looking for smaller parts that you are keeping since you feel guilty about throwing them out. Especially electrical parts and smaller engine items. Contact Bruce at clough-owenclough@outlook.com