



Events 1999

- July 28 - Aug 1 VTR, Portland, Maine
 August 5 - 8 TRF Summer Party, Armagh, PA
 August 6 BCD Cars on Court House Square—Dayton, 11 am to 1 pm.
 August 7 **British Car Days, MVT & MG Car Club, Eastwood Metro Park**
 August 19-21 Fifth Annual Grand Indiana Auto Tour, Lawrenceburg to Vincennes
Car must be thirty years old or older
- August 22 MVT Tour and Pool Party at Southard's**
- September 12 Dayton Concours, \$10 Admission, \$35 Entry Fee,
 Call Skip Peterson of MG Club
- September Dan's Covered Bridge Tour**
- September 24-26 Indy British Motor Days, Garfield Park, Indianapolis
- October 16 Fall Leaf TourY'all -To the South West!**
- November Technical Session (?)
- December 4 MVT Christmas Soiree at Ciboch's**



Events Highlites—

August 7 BCD Days at Eastwood Metro Park...We do this one with the MG Club—Be sure to register.

August 22 MVT Car Tour and Pool Party at the Southard's.

OK Lois, here's the recipe...

- 1 package of broccoli slaw (*in produce section*)
- 1 bunch of green onions, sliced thinly
- 2 packages of chicken or oriental flavored Ramen noodles (*I used Chicken*)
- I also added water chestnuts, cut to size*
- 1/2 cup canola oil
- 1/2 cup sugar
- 1/3 cup apple cider vinegar
- 1 cup sunflower seeds (*optional*)

In a large bowl mix the broccoli slaw, the sliced green onion and the noodles, broken into small pieces. In a small bowl mix the oil, sugar, vinegar and the flavor packs from the noodles. Stir to mix well. Now mix the green mixture with the dressing. Make a few hours ahead so that the noodles will soften. Wait to add sunflower seeds until just before you are ready to serve. Options: Add mandarin oranges and toasted almonds instead of the sunflower seeds. NOTHING IS HEATED OR COOKED.

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Miami Valley Triumphs

August 1999

August Events

- August 6—Cars on Court House Square - Dayton
11 am to 1 pm, Prelude to BCD
- August 7—MVT BCD East Metro Park
- August 22—Tour and Pool Party at Southard's

The Marque

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From the Pres...

We sure would like to see every member registered for BCD. If you are not registered, why not do it today? Registration form is in this **Marque**. We need everyone to participate in this show. Let's get all of our cars out for this event. Help will be needed at the show, so be prepared to assist if called upon.

Events for the rest of the year are listed also. Why not try to schedule yourself for one of these events.

See you at the next membership meeting on August 4. We will need your help to stuff bags on the Friday before the show at the show site. Try to come out and help.

Phil



Immke Arthritis Benefit Classic Car Show

by Ian Cunningham

On July 10th, my day started at 6:30 a.m. heading north on Route 62 toward Columbus, dodging water puddles. We had 2 1/2 inches of welcome rain the night before, and the roads were still wet. After a hot week of 90+ degree weather, the early morning drive through Columbus would be extra nice. Cool enough to make me wish I had put on long sleeves, but pleasant enough to keep going, with heater on.

With no rain in the air, the car shouldn't be too cruddy to clean up for the show, so it was a good drive up through Hillsboro (some trees were down from the storm) and Washington Court House (stopped for coffee), Mt. Sterling, and on around Columbus to Dublin, totaling 130 miles. The Immke Arthritis Benefit Classic Car Show was held on the commercial grounds surrounding the Wyndham Dublin Hotel, near the intersection of I-270 and Route 161, northwest of Columbus.

Friday night, the Cruise-In had attracted 900-plus cars. Saturday's show had nearly 700 cars registered. On this same weekend, a big Street Rod gathering was being held at the Ohio State Fair Grounds, so there were lots of cars seen on the road nearing Columbus. The almost 700 show cars were spread among 27 classes, plus 5 more shows within the show. AMC, Jaguar, Mustang, Porche and Triumph each held multiple classes appropriate to their entries. A couple MVT members acquitted themselves well in the Triumph classes, reported elsewhere in the **Marque**.

Saturday afternoon the weather couldn't have been nicer, and there were throngs of spectators, far more than just the usual number of car owners. The driver's meeting at 11:30 explained how judging was to be done, and how the awards would be given out at 4:30. All the first place cars would be lined up in class order, and driven one at a time to the announcer's stand for presentation, as each of the class standings was announced. A very impressive awards ceremony, nicely done. And remember, all in front of 700 drivers, an equal number of family members and friends, and still lots of general admission spectators.

My modest entry in the MG (all years) class was honored with a second place award, but it must be noted that the MG class was very small, only 6 or 7 cars judged. Last year the class consisted of only 4 MGs judged, where the Midget also got a second place award. A bit unusual, in a show of 700 cars, but worth remembering and trying for.

Some years ago, there was a story about Woody Allen, in an interview he had been asked for the secret to his success. His reply was, "Show up!". Yes indeed, show up. It does work, some times at least.

MY CLUB

(REPRINTED FROM APRIL 1983 REV RECORD)

What kind of club would my club be, if all the members were just like me?

If you can thoughtfully ask yourself that question, If not, perhaps it's a swell suggestion.

You can sit by the fireside smoking your pipe, find fault with the officers, censure and gripe,

Or you can be the one who is always on call, both ready and willing to carry the ball.

To your fellow members you soon will be known, as a true, loyal worker, or else as a drone.

You can pass on new members, or you can refuse, to take any part beyond paying your dues.

You can stand on the sidelines, or jump in and play, attend every meeting or just stay away.

You can visit his home when a brother is ill, or leave all the calling to Joe or to Bill.

Whatever your talent, some job you can do, so say to yourself as you pass in review,

What kind of club would my club be, if all the members were just like ME?

Anonymous



Technical Chat (With a tip of the hat to The Buckeye Club)

This month's input comes from Jim VanOrder/Murry Mercier who found a web site which compared and contrasted oil filter types. It's a long document, so only the conclusions are reprinted here in detail. You can view the whole article by visiting the website at <http://minimopar/oilfilterstudy.html>.

Conclusions

All of this information can be a bit overwhelming. When it comes down to it, all of the lower-priced filters (\$5 or below) have their ups and downs. In reality, there are only five different manufacturers available. Here are the low-cost filters that I feel safe using, based on all this information (in alphabetical order): AC Delco, Purolator, and Wix.

Here are my reasons for each:

- I like the deep pleats of the AC Delco's filter element and the fact that it is not weak like the Champion. I also like the way that the anti-drainback valve diaphragm makes a positive seal to the filter cartridge and to the bypass valve, which sort of "snaps" into the diaphragm. The fact that the bypass valve seats against the backplate metal-to-metal is not a big deal. It probably doesn't leak anyway, but if it does, only clean oil can get back into the pan. In case you haven't noticed, I like this filter. :-) It is the best filter that you can buy for \$3.
- The Purolator is a very solid design. It seems to have the toughest paper filter element of them all and the bypass valve is built right into the cartridge. There are no internal sealing problems with this filter at all. I wish the inner diameter of the cartridge was smaller so that the pleats could be fewer and deeper. The Premium Plus version looks like it flows fine, but the Pure One or Motorcraft versions seem to be packed a bit too tightly. That assembly string still bothers me somewhat, but not enough to avoid these well made filters completely. My '88 Shadow ES (as of 2/24/99) has a Purolator Premium Plus in it right now. I plan to cut it open and see how it holds up at the next oil change.
- I don't care for the Champion filters. The filter elements are way too fragile to give me much confidence in them. That, along with the rusty backplates, makes me shy away from them. Some decent filter material and a little oil used during assembly would make this into a fine filter. Like the Purolator, I like how the bypass valve is built right into the filter cartridge. This filter has no internal sealing problems, either. Even so, I won't be using them.
- The Wix filter is a very well made filter. My praise goes to Dana for putting some effort into it. Aside from being a stronger case, it also uses a much better filter element (about the same as the AC Delco). Like the AC Delco, it also has a minor internal sealing problem. In this case, the bypass valve has a metal-to-metal seal to the filter cartridge. It probably doesn't really leak either, but if it did, dirty oil could get to the clean side of the filter. Otherwise it is a good filter. Given the choice between the Wix and the AC Delco at the same cost, I'd pick one while blindfolded. However, the Wix is about twice the price, so...

If money is no object, I would go with the Mobil 1. Although it has Champion internals, it has a really tough synthetic fiber filter element, which is the Champion's only major downfall. The element is stronger and thicker than the Purolator, but they claim that it flows just as good as paper. As with the other Champion filters, it has no internal sealing problems. The \$10 price tag is a bit steep, but it is the best filter you can buy retail. Watch for "Mobil 1 Oil Change" sales, which includes 5 quarts of Mobil 1 synthetic oil and a Mobil 1 filter. Granted, there are probably better filters available through mail order, but I haven't tested those yet...

I reserve the right to change my opinion at any time. It could easily change if another filter (or one of the filters I am waiting on) comes around and is better. It should be clear that Mopar filters are really nothing special. Unless you are trying to have a perfect restoration and need that Mopar logo, there is no reason why you should be buying Mopar oil filters. Most of them seem to currently be Purolators or Champions, but that could change at any time.

See the AC Delco, Champion, Fram, Purolator, and Wix sections for information on how to identify these manufacturers by looking at the backplate. The tell-tale signs are always there.

Parts Dealers On The Internet (Buckeye Triumph N/L)

Thanks to Ron Fowler, we got a list of websites to visit the next time we actually have free time!

The following is a "partial list" of some of the companies that sell parts for Triumphs. Most have toll free phone numbers and many have free catalogues. Doug's Parts is owned by our own Doug Braden of Galloway, Ohio. TS Imported Automotive is another Ohio firm that is operated by Ted Schumacher who is well known in the British Car trade.

<http://TriumphParts.com/>

Doug Braden, Doug's Parts, 606 Pub Street, Galloway, OH 43119

Phone: (614) 878-6373, Fax: (614) 878-6374

email: braden.13@osu.edu

British Car Parts - Triumph TR3 - TR8, Spitfire and GT6, MGA, MGB, MGBGT, and Midget, Jaguar 1950 - Present, Austin Healey 1955 - 67. Distributor for: Moss Motors, The Roadster Factory, and Victoria British. Specializing in New Old Stock, quality used parts and rare hard to find parts.

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

Ted Schumacher, TS Imported Automotive, 404 Basinger Rd.

Pandora, Ohio, USA 45877

Ph. 800/543-6648

Ph. 419/384-3022 - tech./general information

New-Used-Rebuilt-NOS-Performance British car parts, and used sports cars for sale. Always 200 - 300 cars for parts in their British-only salvage yard.

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

British Parts Northwest, 4105 S.E. Lafayette Hwy

Dayton, Oregon 97114

(503)864-2001

They include a small candy bar "free" in each shipment. Charge for catalogue - full page ad in Hemmings listing their Monthly Specials.

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

Moss Motors, Ltd. P.O. Box 847, Goleta, California 93116

1-800-235-6954

New - On-line ordering of parts.

<http://www.the-roadster-factory.com/>

The Roadster Factory 328 Killen Road, P.O. Box 332, Armagh, PA 15920

Level II Phone Sales 800 234-1104

Level I Phone Sales 800 678-8764

Technical Assistance: 814 446-4491

If they have your part in stock the service is fantastic. They will ship backordered items at no additional charge. Great "Summer Party" in early August.

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

Victoria British, Ltd., P.O. Box 14991, Lenexa, Kansas 66285-4991

1-800-255-0088

One of the worlds largest suppliers of British Sports Car Parts & Accessories.

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

Spit Bits, P.O. Box 281, Lincoln, CA 95648

1-800-201-0494

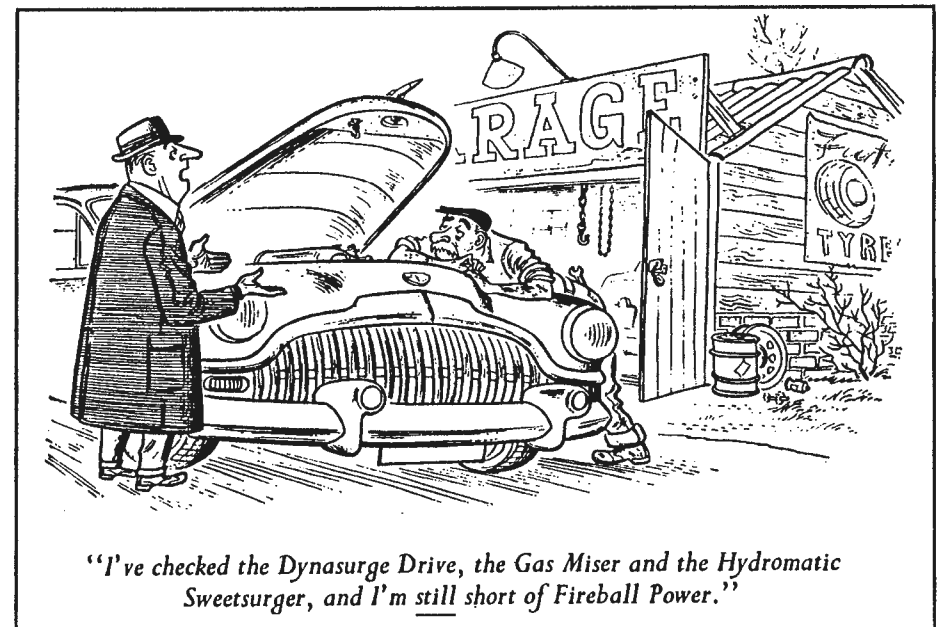
Own a Spitfire? This site and catalogue is a must! On-line ordering and Monthly Specials.

<http://www.rimmerbros.co.uk/>

Rimmer Bros.Limited, Triumph House, Sleaford Road, Bracebridge Heath, Lincoln, LN4 2NA, England

Export Sales (UK+44) 1522 526200

Outstanding website with on-line catalogue and ordering. They generally have two to three periods a year where they ship to the States for free.



Pool Party and Summer Cook-Out at the Ball's

By Stan Seto

It is a social event. About twenty-five members showed up from between 2 p.m. and 5:30 p.m. at Ellis and Lorna Ball's country estate in nearby Franklin, Ohio. The estate is set on what has long been a sleepy little street just off Route 73, coming into Franklin. Urban sprawl has caught up with them. The new homes appear fashionable, so property values will be little hurt, but having woods where now stands concrete construction and framing, was so much easier on the eyes.

Norma and I had to go to a wedding (somewhat distant relative related, and second generation, but you know you are going to see friends and relatives not seen in a Coon's age, so you go!) before repairing to the peace and quiet of the Ball's back yard. We arrived just as the steaks came off the grill. That was good timing! When the food is served, you don't have to alibi to anyone, they're busy doing other things, like eating... So, Norma put her dishes with the others and we got busy rustling up grub too. The steaks provided are bought just down the street and over the hill from the party, Zink's is the name of the store, I think. The meat is so tender that cooking does not do anything toward making it tougher. You could cut it with a fork, but a knife helps. (Norma and I went to the store last year after the party. I spent about a hundred bucks, but we haven't been back, pity, they have good service and are very friendly folks.) Everyone bringing a dish, many very healthy salads, two potato dishes, chips and desserts sustain the party. But, the whole thing seems to pivot around the host's peanut butter fudge and the hostess's strawberry pie (with whipped cream).

The pool is as I remembered it (last year was our first to attend). It got more of a workout this year, as the weather was very hot and muggy. When the sun was out we were looking at 90 degrees or so. Later, cloud cover moved in, which helped some. Even so, about eight people found their way to the pool after dinner. The rest gathering in small discussion groups, as these things go, and talking of the world. One of the wonders of Franklin is Ellis's wood working skills. His creations are varied and wide-ranging, and he delights in showing his latest to the assemblage. The piece seen this Saturday afternoon was a Longeberger basket design done in carved blocks rather than a strip weave. At a distance, which is about eighteen inches for me and my eyes, the basket looked woven. Up close, it is immediately apparent that it is a hog-out. Deftly done and well put together, a skill most of us wish we had.

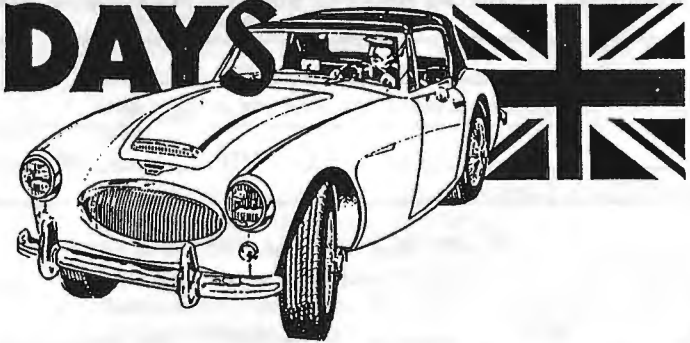
When it was apparent that Eric (No Name) was not going to show up in his Polyester best and corrupt the pool with a "death defying" leap, things began to break up. Members began drifting out around 8:30. As we left, Norma started noodling on an "Ellis Original". She wants to commission him to build something, but no ideas yet—she's thinking about it...

Another interesting day with the club membership.

MG CAR CLUB

MIAMI VALLEY TRIUMPHS

BRITISH CAR DAYS



15TH ANNUAL EXHIBITION OF BRITISH AUTOMOBILES

Saturday, August 7, 1999

9am to 4 pm

Eastwood MetroPark

Harshman Road — Dayton, Ohio

Dash plaques to all entrants, popular vote car show,
vendors and swap meet, concession stand
spectators admitted free

Registration \$8 in advance, \$10 day of show
registration from 9 am till Noon

Classes:

Lotus, MGT, MGA, MGB (chrome & rubber bumper), Midget/Sprite,
TR 2-3, TR 4 & 250, TR6, TR 7-8, Spitfire & GT-6, Jaguar XK, Jaguar E type
Jaguar XJ/Sedans, Austin-Healey 100/3000, Mini's, Competition Cars
Open Class through 1960, Open Class 1961 & later
Premier Class (97 inners) and Diamond in the Rough
Special Awards, Rangers Choice, Best of Show and Longest Drive

For more information:

Dan Stinson, BCD 99 Chairman, (937) 254-5955
Skip Peterson, Car Show Director, (937) 293-2819 or MGBSkip@aol.com
Dan and Mary Stinson, BCD '99 Registration Chairs, (937) 254-5955
MG Car Club Hotline (937) 434-1287 (leave message)

Eastwood MetroPark is located on Harshman Rd.

**From I-75, take Route 4 north to the Harshman Rd. exit, turn right onto Harshman,
park is on the right, 1/2 ile from exit.**
**From I-70, take Route 4 south to the Harshman Rd. exit and turn left onto Harshman,
park is on the right.**

MIAMI VALLEY TRIUMPHS MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION
\$20.00/YEAR

mail completed application to:
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NAME _____ BIRTH DATE _____
ADDRESS _____ PHONE _____
CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

TRIUMPH VEHICLE PROFILE

CAR #1
YEAR 19__ MODEL _____ COMM. NUMBER _____
COLOR: _____ BODY _____ INTERIOR _____ TOP _____
DISTINGUISHING FEATURES _____

CAR #2
YEAR 19__ MODEL _____ COMM. NUMBER _____
COLOR: _____ BODY _____ INTERIOR _____ TOP _____
DISTINGUISHING FEATURES _____

APPLICATION DATE _____ DATE PAID _____

MVT REPRESENTATIVE SIGNATURE _____

I HAVE THE FOLLOWING EXPERIENCE/EXPERTISE THAT I AM WILLING TO SHARE WITH MVT COHORTS.
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May 1999

MINUTES — MVT MEMBERSHIP MEETING

July 7, 1999 - Poelking Lanes South

Secretary: Read minutes from June meeting.
Vice President: Glad to be here!
Treasurer: Gave new balance and shared information on incoming and outgoing expenses.
Membership: We have 40 paid members! We welcome our newest member, Dale Katzfey, from Tipp City. He is the owner of a TR6. It's great to have you with us, Dale, and we look forward to meeting your wife, Karen!
Old Business: None
New Business: None.
Events: We discussed the great turnout and great evening at the Fraise. Upcoming events are listed elsewhere in the Marque.
Attendees: Lorna and Ellis Ball, Carolyn and Phil Daye, Dan and Mary Stinson, Stan Seto, Frank and Diane Ciboch, John E. Clark, Kent and Pam Southard, Ian Cunningham, Bill Moss, Forrest Gwinn, R. L. Wakefield, and Dale Katzfey.
50/50 drawing was won by Diane Ciboch—\$7.00.

MVT Membership

July was the month to pay your membership dues. The amount remains the same—a bargain at twenty dollars per year. Dues may be brought to the August membership meeting. Your other option is to mail your dues to:

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About the Club—

July has been a busy month for car meets, and for MVT members. Saturday, July 10th at the Len Immke Classic Car Show,

Bruce Clough was awarded First Place, TR-4, Alice's Car

John Clark was awarded First Place, Spitfires

Ian Cunningham was awarded Second Place, MG Class

John Clark commented that the Buckeye Triumph Club deserves special thanks for their hospitality at this show. Thanks also to Bruce, Alice and Bridgett Clough for heading up the caravan for this most worthwhile event in Dublin. See Ian's account, elsewhere.

Sunday July 11th was Cincinnati BCD at Edgewater Raceway. Thanks to Phil and Carolyn Daye for heading up the caravan for this event. In the show competition:

Bruce Clough was awarded First Place for Alice's TR-4

John Clark received an Award of Excellence for his Spitfire.

John, our Competition Chairman, comments that Jay Kolb and other members of the show committee deserve special thanks for their hospitality. John estimates there were over 250 cars and motorcycles at the show, a record breaking year.

In note of correction, at TRA in Dublin, Vern Burnett scored Second Place in the Concours with his TR-4, congratulations Vern.

I noted last month's Marque that new members are entitled to twelve issues of the Marque, for their membership fee. Retrospectively, maybe we need to amend the bylaws to further specify what new members are entitled to, like the nameplate, and maybe a membership package of club information, like the bylaws, for example. Comments are welcome.