



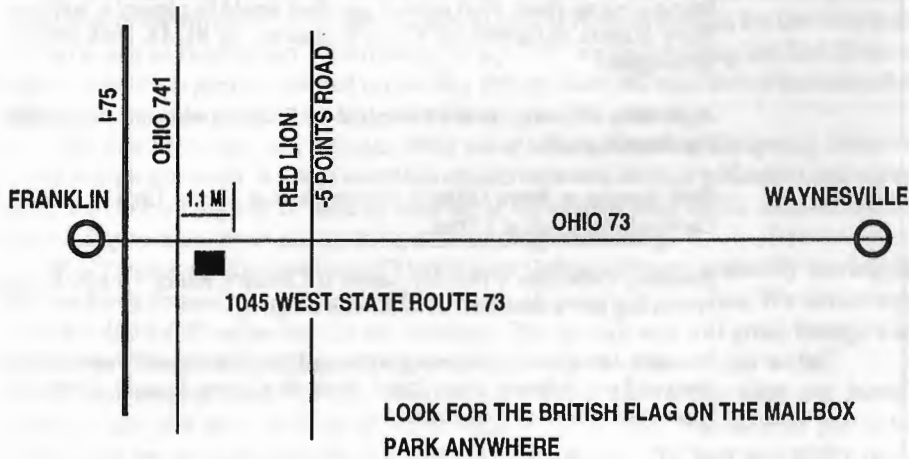
Events 1999

December 4	MVT Holiday Soiree and Business Meeting at Ciboch's
December 11	Waynesville Holiday Tour & Dinner British Isles @ 2pm
January 5, 2000	Monthly Meeting Poelking Lanes @ 7:30 pm
January 7 - 9	Cavalcade of Cars, Cincinnati Convention Center
January 20-23	"Fins to Fast Backs", Indoor Car Show - Forest Fair Mall, I-275 and Winton Rd.
January 30	Super Bowl Party, Location TBA
February 2	Monthly Meeting, Poelking Lanes, 7:30 pm
February, TBA	Ladies Night Out
March 1	Monthly Meeting- New Officers Voting
March 11	Awards Banquet, Details TBA
March 21	BCD Meeting - Marions Town & Country, 7:30 pm



Events Highlites—

- December 11** Meet at British Isles, 258 Main Street in Waynesville at 2 pm, for Holiday Tour of antique shops and dinner at about 6 pm (Der Dutchman or other).
- December 4** Holiday Soiree @ Ciboch's—Party begins at 6 pm. Bring a covered dish for the concours d'hors d'oeuvres. Bring brown bag item for the auction to benefit the club. See Map below for directions. Phone 513-748-4185 for information/directions.



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 Miami Valley Triumphs

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December Events
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Waynesville Holiday Tour - Dec 11, 2 pm

The Marque

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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**. 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...

Thanks for all your input to the by-law changes brought up at the November Meeting. Maybe these can be changed to read a little more understandably. December is the Holiday Soiree to be held the first Saturday in December at Frank and Diane Ciboch's. Bring your brown bags for the auction and also food stuff to be eaten and voted for. New officers are to be elected in March so..... if you want to nominate someone (or yourself) for President be prepared to do so at the January meeting and February meeting with election in March. Elections are for President, Secretary and Treasurer. Thanks to Steve Miller for hosting the Tech Session at his business. There was a very good showing (13) and the topics and help were well worth the trip to Steve's.

See you in December.

Phil

About the Club

At the November Meeting, the attendees voted three of the four proposed amendments to the By-Laws as noted in the "minutes of the meeting" toward the back of this newsletter. Comments sparked a further effort to redraft the section on membership privileges.

Further discussion of the amendments has led the leadership group to ask that the current By-Laws be published for membership awareness. The By-Laws are on the following pages, and are current as of February 3, 1999. The changes voted in the November meeting will be incorporated later.

There was some talk about "keeping it simple". But the reality is that is impossible in this day and age. The By-Laws must accurately reflect the club rights, rules and operability in enough detail so the new member can understand what their dues bring them and both old and new members can be reminded about how the club operates and rejuvenates.

One new idea coming down the road is to publish the "Marque" as a single sheet competition/events bulletin only for two or three months and then have an issue that collects and reports all the events for that three and four month period. This to save printing and mailing costs. If you have an opinion on this, call the club secretary whose name and number appears on the facing page.

Ian Cunningham's article, "To Shaker Village..." is a prototype for a club event in early June 2000. Ian and I would like some feedback from the active members. Is this a good two day driving adventure?

ZEN Driving by K. T. Berger

I ran across (no pun here) an interesting book on driving, recommended by serious rallyists to hone one's driving skills. The title and approach may seem a bit off center, but there is a lot of heavy worthwhile stuff to consider in this small 1988 paperback of only 164 pages. You probably won't find it in a local library, but I got a copy recently at Border's Book Store, Eastgate Mall, for nine bucks.

The practice of Zen is forgetting the self in the act of uniting with something. In this case, uniting with and becoming one with driving on the road. Zen Driving is an open mind along an open road. The following paragraphs are copied from the back cover, and give a very brief and unclear idea of what the book's about. You have to read the book to fully appreciate the concepts. I recommend it.

"What is Zen Driving?" The Japanese word zen literally means meditation, and meditation means being fully aware, fully in touch with your surroundings. And you can and should be fully aware and in touch while driving.

"But why Zen Driving? The purpose of the book Zen Driving is to introduce you to your natural self, which is what remains when you still your mind and ignore your chattering ego. When you do this, you gain confidence in your natural ability, and finally you are that ability.

"In this case, the ability is driving. Zen Driving can make each driving experience enjoyable, whether it's a daily hour-long drive to work, or a ten minute run to the local Safeway. The frustrations of other drivers cutting you off or causing you to sit through two red lights because they're too timid to make a left turn on yellow will no longer make your blood pressure explode. Zen Driving will teach you to look, simply observe without qualifications, and then make your move.

"Zen Driving is effortless, spontaneous, non-deliberate. It is being one with the road. And, in turn, driving becomes a pathway to consciousness, an activity that clears the mind and soothes the soul, something to take with you all those other times when you're not behind the wheel."

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MIAMI VALLEY TRIUMPHS BY-LAW

1. NAME AND PURPOSE

1.1 Name

The name of this organization shall be Miami Valley Triumphs. It shall be referred to in these By-laws as MVT.

1.2 Purpose

The purpose of MVT shall be to promote the driving, restoration and enjoyment of Triumph automobiles; to assist the owners in acquiring spares; and to arrange meetings where members can further their appreciation of the Triumph automobile.

2. MEMBERSHIP

2.1 Eligibility

Any person sixteen (16) years of age or older who is interested in and capable of furthering the purpose of MVT shall be eligible for membership. Ownership of a Triumph is not a prerequisite to membership. MVT shall not discriminate due to race, sex, creed, age or national origin.

2.2 Installment

Application to MVT shall be submitted on a membership form made expressly for that purpose to the Membership Director along with at least the first year's dues. Upon clearance of the funds, the applicant will be declared a member in good standing of MVT.

2.3 Privileges

As a member in good standing, the individual shall receive the monthly MVT newsletter hereafter known as The Marque, notification of MVT events, access to technical assistance and the ability to contact other Triumph owners. The member will also be notified of the national clubs he/she may join and given an MVT membership card. The annual dues entitle the member to twelve (12) issues of The Marque. General renewal notice will be given in The Marque for May.

2.4 Termination

2.4.1 Any member may resign by letter addressed to the secretary of MVT and the resignation shall become effective upon receipt thereof. Such member shall forfeit all dues paid.

2.4.2 Membership of any member indebted to MVT and delinquent for more than sixty (60) days shall automatically lapse.

2.4.3 The Board may suspend at any time for infraction of any MVT rule or for any cause if the Board shall deem such action to be in the best interest of MVT. Such vote shall be by majority. The Board shall then notify the suspended member of it's action in writing within 30 days. The suspended member shall thereafter be entitled to a reasonable opportunity to be heard in person or through a representative by the Board. The Board may thereafter continue for a definite term, terminate or retract the suspension, or expel the member. The Board's decision can only be overruled by vote

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of the general membership during the next monthly membership meeting. A 2/3 majority vote shall be required for re-instatement.

2.5 Honorary Member

MVT may elect any person to the status of Honorary Member when such member has furthered preserving the Triumph Marque in an outstanding and selfless manner. Honorary Members shall be entitled to all rights and privileges of regular members, but shall not be required to pay any dues.

3. AUTHORITY

3.1 Membership

All of the rights and powers which may be exercised by MVT shall be vested in the membership. These rights and powers shall be subject exercised or changed by the membership at monthly membership meetings or at a duly called special meet of MVT

3.2 MVT Officers

The MVT Officers shall manage, direct, control and administer the property, affairs and business of MVT. They shall put into effect all general policies, directions and instructions adopted at the meetings of MVT and shall act for MVT in all matters within the jurisdiction granted the Officers by these By-laws and the membership.

3.3 MVT Board of Officers

The MVT Board of Officers, herein known as the Board, is made up of the elected Officers of MVT. The Board shall govern the nomination, installation and removal of Officers and members and other such duties as granted in these By-laws.

4. MEETING

4.1 Membership Meetings

The membership meetings shall be held once a month at a location called out in The Marque. At a minimum, the meeting shall consist of Officer's reports, committee reports, new business and old business.

4.1.1 The MVT meeting shall be held during the first week of the month. The meeting shall start at 8:00 PM.

4.2 Board Meetings

The Board shall meet once a month at a location and time printed in The Marque. The meeting shall be two weeks after the monthly membership meeting. Additional meetings may be set as the Board deems necessary.

4.3 Special Meetings

Special Meeting of MVT shall be held whenever such meeting is called by:

(a) The Board; the President of MVT or in his/her absence, death or disability the Vice-President.

(b) A vote of a majority of the members at the monthly meeting of MVT

(c) A written petition to the Board signed by not less than 25 percent of all members of MVT. The petition shall state the purpose of the special meeting.

4.4 Proxy and Absentee Votes

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Voting by proxy shall not be permitted. Absentee ballots will be provided for Officer elections. The absentee ballots must be given to the Secretary in a signed and sealed envelope prior to the counting of the votes. Nomination by absentee members must also be given to the Secretary prior to the nominations being closed.

4.5 Quorum

At any meeting of MVT members, or Board, those members present shall constitute a quorum for transaction of business.

4.6 Majority

Every decision of a meeting shall be by a simple majority of the votes cast, unless a specific percentage is required by these By-laws.

4.7 Rules of Order

Meetings shall be conducted in accordance with "Robert's Rules of Order" only if necessary for the orderly conduct of a meeting of the membership or at the request of the majority of members attending such meeting. Otherwise, the rules of order are at the discretion of the President.

5. MVT OFFICERS

5.1 Nomination

Officers shall be nominated by nomination opened in the January membership meeting and closed during the February meeting. The nominations shall be posted in The Marque's February and March editions along with the election date. The election date shall be the March membership meeting.

5.2 Election

There are six elected Officers. The President, Secretary and Treasurer are elected in the even years. The Vice-President, Events Coordinator and the Membership Director are elected in the odd years. Election will be by simple majority of votes cast at the end of the regular membership meeting in March. Voting will be by paper ballot. Absentee votes will be accepted as long as they arrive before voting closes.

5.3 Installation

After the current Secretary approves the votes of the membership at the March meeting, the Board shall install the new Officers at the annual Awards Banquet in March. At this time, the Officers ending their term of office without re-election shall relinquish their responsibilities and return to member status. All other Officers still in their term shall continue with their duties.

5.4 Terms of Office

Officer election shall be staggered to insure continuity of the Board. Terms run for two (2) years. On even years, the President, Treasurer and Secretary shall be elected. On odd years, the Vice-President, Membership Director and Events Coordinator shall be elected.

5.5 Duties of Officers

5.5.1 President: The President shall be the administrative head of MVT, shall exercise general supervision over its affairs, shall perform all duties required of

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him/her by the By-laws and shall perform all other duties which are usual and incidental to this office. The President shall prepare and give a "State-of-the-Club" statement at the Annual Awards Banquet in March of each year. This presentation shall not be limited to, but shall include MVT membership status, treasury transactions over the last fiscal year, the budget for the upcoming year and any administrative changes over the last year. The President shall appoint all committee chairs and be an ex-officio member of all committees and shall submit an article to The Marque monthly outlining MVT in the month. The President shall preside at every meeting of MVT and whenever possible, attend all MVT functions. The President, together with the Secretary, shall sign all the contracts and legal documents for and in the name of MVT, but only when so authorized by these By-laws. The President shall call Board meetings and preside over them.

5.5.2 Vice-President: The Vice-President shall in the absence of the President preside and perform all the duties as may properly be assigned to him/her by the President and these By-laws. The Vice-President shall be in charge of all committees and shall submit an article outlining committee action to The Marque bi-monthly.

5.5.3 Treasurer: The Treasurer shall be responsible for all financial activity of MVT. The Treasurer shall receive all monies and shall deposit them in a financial institution. The Treasurer shall keep regular and systematic book of accounts, shall exhibit such books and any and all papers and vouchers when so directed by the President, shall prepare monthly reports for the MVT meeting of treasury activity, shall assist the President in an annual budget and in reporting the prior year's financial activity, pay only such bills as are presented to the Treasurer by the authority of MVT, shall sign all checks for MVT and serve as steward of all MVT owned equipment.

5.5.4 Secretary: The Secretary shall take charge of and be responsible for the performance of all clerical work pertaining to the business of MVT. This includes minutes at monthly membership and Board meetings for submittal to The Marque.

5.5.4.1 The Secretary together with the President shall sign all contracts and legal documents for and in the name of MVT.

5.5.4.2 The Secretary shall keep a record of all the MVT monthly meetings and Board meetings, shall maintain the official membership list as provided by the Membership Director, shall issue notices of all meetings of MVT to all members as provided by these By-laws, shall submit quarterly reports of the affairs of the Secretary's office to The Marque, shall present a written summary of the affairs of his/her office at the last monthly meeting of his/her term, shall count all votes of elections and shall cause to be exhibited any and all data, records, correspondence, documents, membership rolls and any other information in his/her care or possession whenever so directed by the President.

5.5.5 Membership Director: The Membership Director shall solicit MVT membership amongst the general public, shall develop and distribute membership forms and new member information packets, shall log incoming members on a membership list and give a copy to the Secretary to keep as the official membership list and shall do such other duties as delegated by the President.

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5.5.6 Events Coordinator: The Events Coordinator shall assist MVT people staging events with whatever help is possible, shall insure proper event notification is posted in The Marque at least a month before the event, shall insure MVT resources are used in a practical manner in support of the event and shall maintain an events list to publish monthly in The Marque.

5.6 Vacancies

Should a vacancy occur in an MVT office, other than because of the regular expiration of a term of office, it shall be the duty of the Board to fill the vacancy for the unexpired term of office.

5.7 Resignation

Officers may resign by submitting a written resignation to the President. The President may resign by writing a letter to the Board in general. The resignation becomes effective immediately.

5.8 Impeachment

Proceedings to relieve an officer shall only take place at a monthly membership meeting. The notice of impeachment must be posted in The Marque prior to the impeachment vote. The motion to relieve an officer shall require a concurring vote of not less than 2/3 majority of the members present at such meeting.

5.9 President Emeritus

The Board shall have the power to grant the status of President Emeritus upon any MVT member that shows exceptional loyalty to MVT's mission "to preserve the marque". Once nominated, a 2/3 majority of Board members is required for election. Once elected, the honor cannot be revoked. A President Emeritus is automatically a member of the Board for life, but has no voting powers beyond that of a normal MVT member.

6. STANDING COMMITTEES

The MVT Standing Committees are established to assist the Officers in operating MVT and assisting the general membership in preserving the marque.

6.1 Appointment

The President shall appoint all committee chairman. The chairman may appoint such committee members as they see fit.

6.2 Removal

A 2/3 majority vote of the Officers is required for removing a committee chairman.

6.3 Duties of Committee

6.3.1 Newsletter: The Newsletter Committee shall be in charge of laying out, publishing and distributing The Marque. This newsletter shall be published monthly with issues released in the week prior to the monthly meeting.

6.3.2 Special: Special Committees may be appointed by the President or by 2/3 majority vote of the members during a monthly meeting or special meeting, when necessary. The Special Committee will be disbanded by the same methods. At the

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time the Special Committee is appointed, the purpose, function, duration and report or products of the committee shall be determined. Special Committees automatically lapse at the end of their duration unless continued by 2/3 majority vote of MVT members at the monthly meeting.

7. FINANCES

7.1 Fiscal Year

The fiscal year of the club shall begin the first day of June and go through the last day of May.

7.2 Dues Payable

All dues shall be good for twelve (12) issues of The Marque and any other membership regalia as determined by the membership. Dues will be payable to MVT on receipt of the May issue of The Marque. Membership shall lapse if dues are not received sixty (60) days after the first of June.

7.3 Amount of Dues

7.3.1 The amount of annual dues shall continue from year to year until changed by the Officers. Dues paid after one-half of the fiscal year has expired are 1/2 the normal amount and run until the end of the fiscal year.

7.3.2 No refund of dues shall be made under any circumstances.

7.4 Annual Budget

Before the May membership meeting, the Treasurer, with the help of the President, shall prepare the annual budget showing in detail the upcoming fiscal year's anticipated income and expenditures as well as the income and expenditures of the last fiscal year. Unless directed by a membership meeting of MVT, the Officers shall not budget the expenditures to exceed the income. The budget shall be adopted by a majority of the members present at the May membership meeting.

7.5 Expenditures

7.5.1 No member, officer or representative of MVT shall have authority to contract any obligation for MVT or expend any monies of MVT unless the contract or commitment has been authorized by the President or by a specific resolution at a membership meeting.

7.5.2 Every expense and financial liability of MVT and every expenditure of MVT money shall be evidenced by a voucher or other appropriate instrument signed by a person, or persons, properly authorized to incur the expense, liability or expenditure with Presidential authorization of such expenditure.

7.5.3 The Treasurer shall have the authority to establish petty cash accounts as authorized by the President. These funds shall be disbursed for the petty cash purposes by the person named in the authorization of the account. Both the Treasurer and President must authorize each account. Statement of expenditure shall be duly recorded and the expenditures approved by the Treasurer before the account is replenished. Transactions from any such account set up shall follow the rules established in section 7.5.2.

7.6 Special Funds

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7.6.1 The Treasurer and President, or the membership at a membership meeting by 2/3 majority, may establish special funds to be set aside for specific purposes and may appropriate deposits of monies to such special funds from time to time. Transactions using such monies shall follow rules established in Section 7.5.2.

7.6.2 No expenditures shall be made from such special fund other than for the purpose designated when the fund was established, except that MVT by concurring 2/3 majority vote of the membership may borrow monies from the Special Fund provided a notice of intent to borrow, stating the amount, the necessity and reasons and the method of repayment shall be published in The Marque prior to the membership meeting.

7.6.3 MVT, by the concurring 2/3 majority vote of those assembled at the monthly membership meeting, may eliminate a special fund and cause such fund to be stricken from the records, provided notice of the intention of elimination, stating the purpose for which the monies therein, if any, shall be used and the reasons and the necessity shall be included in the newsletter issued one month prior to the meeting in which the motion is considered. Any remaining funds will revert to the normal MVT treasury account.

8. GENERAL PROVISIONS

8.1 Endorsements

Neither MVT, nor any individual member acting on behalf of MVT, shall make endorsements or recommendations directly, or indirectly, of a political party or nominee for public office or of a commercial material or object.

8.2 Official Attendance Record

Every member attending an official membership meeting, or Board meeting, shall sign an official attendance record. Record is kept so that quorum can be established.

8.3 Relations with Other Organizations

MVT shall have no financial interest in the property, assets or liability of any other organization unless specifically agreed in writing by both parties and approved by 2/3 majority vote during an official membership meeting of MVT.

8.4 Post Office Box

MVT shall establish a Post Office Box as the official mailing address of the club.

8.5 Insurance

MVT shall establish liability insurance for itself and members against third-party loss during MVT events. MVT shall insure that the competitive events it sponsors are covered by insurance.

9. MVT RULES

MVT may adopt such rules as it desires to govern its competitive and usual activities, without previous notice, by a simple majority at any membership meeting. The rules adopted must not be in disagreement with these By-laws. The President has jurisdiction to decide whether a rule is actually a rule or a By-law change. MVT rules thus adopted must be published in the next issue of The Marque and may be

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suspended at any regular membership meeting by a majority vote, or the rules may be amended or rescinded by a 2/3 majority vote. If notice of the proposed action was given in The Marque prior to the monthly meeting, MVT rules may be amended or rescinded by majority vote.

10. AMENDMENTS TO BY-LAWS

These By-laws may be amended at any regular membership meeting of MVT providing the notice of change is printed in the prior issue of The Marque along with the specific meeting information and a statement stating that absentee ballots will be accepted as long as they arrive prior to the close of voting. A concurring vote by 2/3 of the members at a monthly meeting shall constitute acceptance of the amendment.

11. DISTRIBUTION OF ASSETS UPON DISSOLUTION

Upon dissolution of MVT, its net assets, after payment of claims and expenses, shall be equally divided between every member of MVT at the time of the dissolution.



To Shaker village & Natural Bridge, KY

(last chance at fall colors & top-down driving)

By Ian Cunningham

I had been thinking for several weeks that the fall colors and weather can't get any better, yet they still did, so Kathy and I decided to have one last hurrah for fall colors and top-down driving.

More than 20 years ago we made a number of day trips with our kids into Kentucky to see Shaker Village, Natural Bridge, and the Red River Gorge area. We've also been to Natural Bridge with a camper, and with a tent, and backpacked some of the overnight trails in Red River Gorge.

We decided to see it all again, but this time we wanted to do all the stops on one 2-day trip in the Midget, without the 'kids', and with some importance given to the route driven to, from, and in between those destinations. After all, a fun set of wheels should add a new dimension to the trips we have made in the past. We also wanted to eat and sleep at Shaker Village - hadn't done that before. So with these general goals, I made a phone call, threw a map in the car, and we were ready to go driving.

There was plenty of time, the plan for the first day being to travel only 150 miles, and spend late afternoon and evening at Shaker Village and environs. I made reservations for dinner at the Trustee's Meeting House, and accommodations for the night there in the restored Shaker surroundings. We had something additional in the backs of our minds by this time, also, but more on that later.

Early Wednesday morning, October 27th, we took US-68 east from Ripley, Ohio to Aberdeen, and followed US-68 south across the Ohio River on the Simon Kenton suspension bridge, which was built in 1931 as a prototype for the San Francisco Bay Bridge. Stayed on US-68 out of Maysville for 48 miles of easy driving, becoming more scenic as we got closer to Bluegrass country, heading straight into Paris, KY.

I made note of the fact that downtown Paris could be considered Mecca for antique crawlers, but we didn't succumb. We learned that the Duncan Tavern (1788) on the square no longer serves food to wayfarers, so we brunchd at Hardee's, and took off again on US-68 south for another 12 miles. In order to get deeper into horse country, we went west on Ky-1973 (Iron Works Pike) which goes into the heart of the Bluegrass, just north of Lexington. (Refer to the Lexington area on the back of any KY road map if you want to follow along our route).

These wonderful narrow lanes past big horse farms are a nice contrast to the open miles we drove on US-68. Miles and miles of old stone fences and white board fences as far as you can see in any direction. Old trees in rows line the road right up to the edge of the blacktop. We passed the Kentucky Horse Park on the right after 6 miles, just before crossing over I-75. (That would possibly make a good day trip for MVT.)

We were taking the long way around the northwest side of Lexington, staying in Blue Grass horse country. At a flashing red light, we turned south onto US-62, through Midway, then through Versailles, picking up Ky-33 and then on to Ky-169. We worked our way around Lexington to the southwest, hoping to stay out of ordinary traffic.

Got onto US-68 south again for the final 14 miles to Shaker Village. The second half of this short stretch of US-68 was particularly good driving as we neared our destination. This part of the road really causes one to have to choose between the desire for spirited driving, and going slow enough to rubberneck at all the new scenery. You just can't do both, safely. And there is sometimes much to see "up", when hills or cliffs obscure the distant view. Fortunately, on this trip there was enough variety of scenery and interesting driving conditions that we enjoyed a good measure of them each, at different times, and yet sometimes together. The next day we were to drive this particular section of US-68 in the other direction, and I looked forward to it.

Made a right turn into Shaker Village entrance, and followed the signs to the right for the Lodging Registration parking lot. Today's total mileage from home, a leisurely 150 miles.

Located 27 miles southwest of Lexington, Shaker Village at Pleasant Hill is the largest restored community of its kind in America and is operated by a privately owned nonprofit educational corporation. The preservation and interpretation of 33 original 19th-century Shaker buildings and 2,700 acres of farmland is made possible by the income generated from visitor services.

There is virtually no commercialism anywhere to be seen near Shaker Village. No food, no gas, no motels or stores, nothing to intrude, because the 2,700 acres of farm land surround the Village.

The rural tranquility and peaceful atmosphere, begun here at Pleasant Hill in 1805 by the Shakers, can still be seen in the restorations, and there is a magical aura that can be sensed, almost felt. The enduring Shaker architecture and authentic furnishings in their original setting are unequalled among Shaker restorations anywhere in the country.

And now very suddenly, especially by staying overnight, we were going to enjoy again an easy immersion in what remains of the Shaker culture in Kentucky. This was all in noticeable contrast to the horse farm scenery and modern highway driving we had enjoyed since early morning. An abrupt and very pleasant kind of culture 'shock'.

We checked in, got keys to our room in the West Family Sister's Shop, and secured a 2 o'clock reservation for lunch at the Trustee's Meeting House. Almost missed out, but the time was OK because our dinner reservation was for 7:30. Accommodation rooms total 81, all in original Shaker buildings scattered among the other restored structures open for self-guided tours. All the rented rooms are furnished appropriately with authentic Shaker reproductions, and modern private baths are in each room.

We did the self-guided tour, and saw a couple buildings which have been restored since we last visited. After lunch, more walking/looking, then at 4 a short drive to Shaker Landing, where we took the one-hour Dixie Belle Sternwheeler excursion on the Kentucky river. The Shakers maintained a dock there in the 1800's, so they could enter into commerce with the "world", shipping and receiving goods.

Dinner in the Trustee's Meeting House was by candlelight, a real treat. After strolling through the now dark Village, lit by strategically placed street lamps, we got back to the room at 9 pm. It had been a big day, and I had about reached sensory saturation.

Thursday morning was the start of our second day, with what turned out to be 243 miles to go, and some more contrasts to experience. In order to accomplish the rest of our travel schedule, we had to make a compromise between short driving time, and a reasonably interesting route toward Natural Bridge State park, so we skirted southeast Lexington closer in, and got onto the Bert T. Combs Mountain Parkway, east of I-64,

near Winchester.

The Mountain Parkway is quite a contrast to the mixed route we drove from Shaker Village to get around and away from Lexington. For more than 30 miles, the parkway is an easy, relaxing drive into the mountains, at almost any speed you want, and although it's a wide divided highway, the Mountain parkway has long gentle sweeping curves, with broad distant vistas and grand scenery. It might be more fun at twice the usual cruising speed of the Midget, but that's OK. This is still the nicest way to go east into the real boonies, to get to Natural Bridge, and we were soon on the roads I remembered, meant for our little car.

We took the Slade exit (#33) toward Natural Bridge State park, onto Ky-11 for 2 miles. After entering the park, a left to Hemlock Lodge. It was too early for lunch, so we hiked up to the Natural Bridge arch, a comfortable 45 minutes round trip on the short trail. (There are longer trails.) But it seems they have made it a lot higher now, and it's farther than I remember, and I know I can't carry up someone sitting on my shoulders as easy as before.

The Lodge has 30-some rooms and extensive dining facilities, but we had more driving to do, so on we went. From Hemlock Lodge, we drove back under the Mountain parkway, into Slade. We were facing about 65 miles of back country and forest roads through Red River Gorge and Boone National Forest and beyond. The next reliable chance for food and fuel was in Mt. Sterling, so we emptied what was full and filled what was empty, and left Slade on Ky-15.

We turned north onto Ky-715 at the crossroads of Pine Ridge, which immediately took us over the Mountain parkway for the 1st time. A welcome sign proclaimed "Red River Gorge Area, Daniel Boone National Forest". Thus began another distinct section of driving. We were now on a narrow but nicely paved, curvy stretch of 2nd and 3rd gear driving.

We stopped at Devil's Canyon overlook. It's easy to understand why Red River Gorge is sometimes called the "Grand Canyon" of the midwest. Then we did the short, mostly level hike to Sky Bridge, not as large an arch as Natural Bridge, but the view from on top is just as spectacular. Continuing on Ky-715, we drove along the Red River to the bottom of the gorge. I looked up for Sky Bridge from the road below but missed it. Maybe the trees have grown a little since more than 20 years ago.

The Red River here is a popular white water rafting stretch in the spring, when the water is high and swift. Again I faced the choice between driving with spirit and verve, or going slow enough to be able to look up at the distant rock cliffs, without risking examining rock up close and sudden, and bending something.

Ky-77 northward took us out of Dan Boone National Forest, gradually leaving the hills and rock formations, interspersed now with a few rural home sites. We turned west onto Ky-460 for 40 miles toward Mt. Sterling. The driving was still great, though a lot faster now (normal cruising speed), and the blacktop was smooth and wide.

We picked up Ky-11 in Mt. Sterling, and found lots of fast food and fueling opportunities in a strip-mall on the north edge of town. Here was another jolt to the senses, and we are suddenly thrown back into the present. The best was pretty much behind us now.

On Ky-11 we continued north for 48 miles, all the way into Maysville, then took US-68 north again to cross the Ohio River into Aberdeen. Got back home in good time. Total mileage this second day was an enjoyable and very satisfying 243 miles.

MINUTES MVT MEMBERSHIP MEETING

October 6, 1999 - Poelking Lanes South

- Secretary: Not present. Minutes from October meeting read by President.
- Vice President: Glad to be here!
- Treasurer: Gave new balance and shared information on income and expenditures from BCD Car Show held in August.
- Membership: No activity this month. Membership stands at 54.
- Old Business: Held discussion and voted on the proposed changes to By-Laws as printed in the November Marque. There were 19 members present and the voting was as follows:
- Proposed change to By-Law 2.2 passed 19 votes for. Proposed change to By-Law 2.3 failed 2 for, 7 against, 10 abstained.
Proposed change to By-Law 7.3 passed 19 for.
Proposed change to By-Law 7.2 passed 19 for.
Proposed change to By-Law 2.3 will be written by Stan Seto and Ian Cunningham brought to the Board at the December meeting. This will be published in the January Marque and voted on at the January meeting.
- New Business: A copy of the current By-Laws will be sent to all current members in December. Mary Fox-Bolich will send most current copy to Stan Seto for mailing.
- Two new places for our monthly meeting were presented as possibilities. Randy Wakefield recommended Champs Restaurant on Rt. 725. They have a separate room, food is good, and they would be pleased to have us. Mary Stinson recommended Elsa's Restaurant on Rt. 48. Both will be investigated.
- A calendar of Events for 2000 needs to be finalized and published in the February Marque.
- Events: Tech Session at Steve Miller's, November 6 at 10 am. Girls to meet at Carolyn's for lunch at 12 pm.
- Saturday, December 4 Holiday Soiree at Ciboch's Ranch - 6 pm. Bring brown bag and a food dish. Awards will be given.
- Saturday, December 11 an outing is planned for Christmas in Waynesville. Meet at 2 pm at British Isles, 258 S. Main St. (Scioto Square). Dinner to follow about 6 pm at Der Dutchman.
- Attendees: Mary and Ray Bolich, Mara and Mike McKittrick, Carolyn and Phil Daye, Frank and Diane Ciboch, Randy Wakefield, Jay Kolb, Ian Cunningham, Stan Seto, Mary and Dan Stinson, Audrey and Forrest Gwinn, Kent Southard, Dale Katzfey and Wally Ellfritts.
50/50 drawing was won by