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

The Marque – November 2026



The sad truth

November Events

- **4 – Monthly MVT Meeting**
- **7 – Guy Fawkes Fete**
- **15 – Last Tech Session**

In This Marque

- **The AI runneth amuck**
- **Wendell finds out free has a price**
- **It was very chili on Hopewell St.**
- **Fall tour – give us a full report!**
- **Burn the traitor!**

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

Cutoff date for next month's Marque is the 25th of the month or when the editor screams, usually the Sunday before the meeting…

MVT Monthly Meeting

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http://archerstavern.com/archerstavern/

National Affiliations:

Vintage Triumph Register

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

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

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

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

https://vintagetriumphregister.org/whatisvtr/

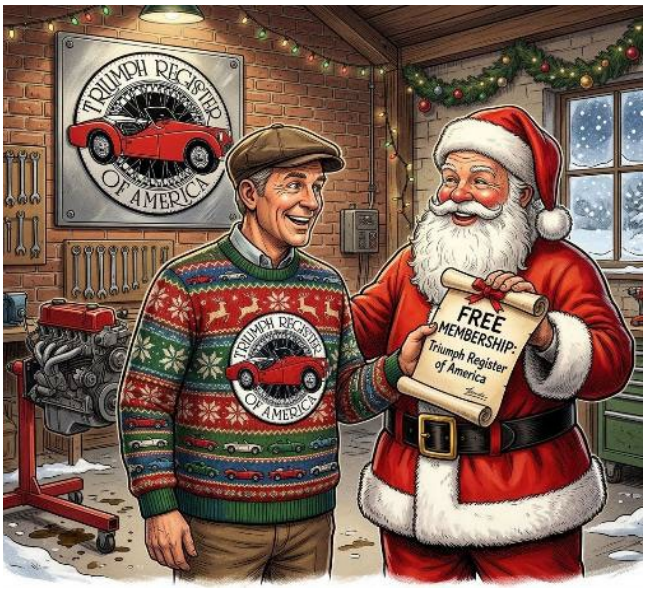
Triumph Register of America

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

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

Speaking of TRA…

Have We Got A Deal For You!



Stumped on what to get your favorite Guy or Gal for the Holidays? How about gifting them a trial membership in the Triumph Register of America's car club. For a limited time, TRA is offering free trial memberships for those who've not been a member anytime during the previous 5 years. They will have access to 4 digital issues of our fabulous and informative newsletter, access to

the members only area of our website plus the opportunity to exchange questions or ideas with other Triumph enthusiasts. Check us out at https://www.triumphregisteramerica.org.

You can email me and I'll take care of the rest.

tra.membership.chair@gmail.com

Please put "TRA Trial Membership" in the subject line of your email and include your name and email address as well as the recipient's name. No malls or crowds, etc. So, give that guy or gal who loves their LBC something to enjoy the whole year. Happy Holidays to all!

Chuck White - TRA Membership Chair

(Ed's Note: This is THE perfect gift for those you can't decide over socks or a new toaster – so get yours today)

Officer's Reports

President's Report



Herding Cats (no, not you Barnaby…)

Jeff Barth

The last couple of years I have commented in my report about the weather turning colder, but that has not been the case this year. Beautiful blue skies and several days without rain and temperatures that have been perfect for being outdoors or even driving a Triumph.





Me, not so much. ☹

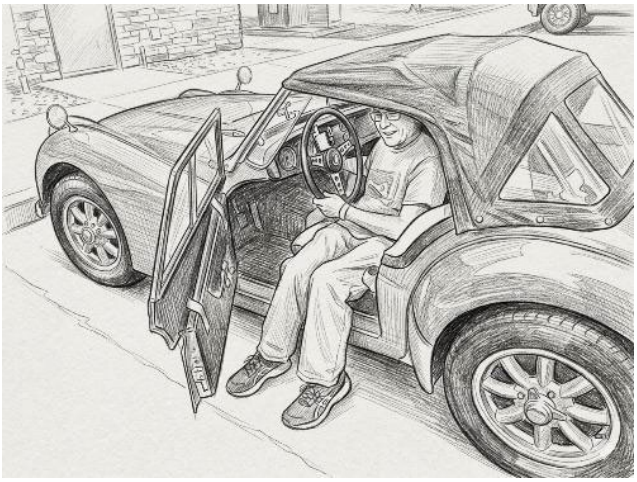
About a week ago though I received my copy of "The Vintage Triumph" magazine for Oct/Nov and as I was reading though it's pages I noticed a WOOHOO! and Congratulations are due to our club and especially to Bruce Clough, the editor of "The MARQUE". Even though VTR had to be cancelled this year, Shawn Frank, editor of "The Vintage Triumph" magazine, has selected "The MARQUE" as one of five for VTR Newsletters of the Year for 2026-2027.

Congratulations Bruce for herding the cats and putting together an award-winning newsletter. Congratulations to everyone in the club as well, especially if you submitted an article for inclusion in "The MARQUE". Keep up the hard work.

Looking forward, remember our Christmas Soiree coming Saturday Dec 5th, discussed later in the Marque. Gather your hidden treasures for the Brown Bag Auction

I hope to see everyone at our November Meeting on Wednesday Nov 4th, dinner at 6:30 and meeting at 7:30 pm, at Archer's in Kettering.

Secretary's Report



MVT July Meeting Minutes

Alice Owen-Clough standing in for Stan Seto

MVT Membership Meeting, October 7, 2026

- Archer's Kettering, 16 members in attendance
- Meeting called to order at 7:30PM.

Officer's Reports

- President – New member Scott Robbins ('68 TR250 – "Ms. T") in attendance – owns Urban Stead Cheese (https://www.urbansteadcheese.com/) and reports his wife loves being the passenger. Betsy Coutant had a stroke, she is back home; however, John will be helping her recovery so he will be out for a while.
- Vice President – The old KilKare Raceway is up for sale - Jackson is looking for wealthy benefactors that need a place to park their funds.
- Secretary (Alice Owen-Clough standing in for Stan) – Minutes for September meeting were posted in the Marque. No suggested changes. Motion for approval made by Bruce Clough and seconded by Jimmy Dean. Motion passed.
- Treasurer – as of 1 Oct 26 club balance was $5499.63. No word on BCD funds yet. Jackson will contact John Scocozzo to check status.
- Membership – 55 members as of today.
- Events – covered the September events: Cincinnati BCD, Dayton Concours d'Elegance, 6-Pack Trials. October events include a farm tour on the 3rd, breakfast and Fall Tour on the 17th, and the British Transportation Museum Chili Cook-Off on the 24th. November 7th is the Guy Fawkes celebration and December 5th is the MVT Holiday Soiree (Bruce explained the Brown Bag Auction). TRA National Meeting will be in June 2027, and VTR Convention in August 2027.

Committee Reports

- Technical – President Jeff is learning about body work via his car, Jackson is still sorting out his transmission rebuild – very happy with parts and service he's received from Quantum Engineering and recommends YouTube videos from "Rusty Beauties".
- Marque – Need more technical articles.
- Spare Parts – TR3A projects at BTM for sale – best offer. MGB engine rebuilt – best offer.
- Website – Update is progress, member's cars updates wanted – update information through him (John Coutant)
- Memorabilia – available – tell Harry and he will bring it.

Old Business

- None.

New Business

- Holiday Soiree – Sign up list was circulated for food, will be circulated again in November.

Split the Pot

- $14 won by Scott Huey

Adjournment

- Chuck White made motion, Bruce Clough seconded, all approved.

Vice President's Report



VP Musings – Anyone want a Bimmer?

Crazy Jack

It's been a quick month! I don't know where October went, but it seemed to fly by. With events, illnesses, and repairs I haven't been paying attention to the triumph.

My truck has become the primary means of transportation as the BMW is "not financially viable" to repair. Meaning, it's about to get dumped at auction and removed from my insurance! Which means, the truck is on primary duty and has had a few issues identified like an EGR code in the ECU, leaky radiator, and possibly a leaky master cylinder. So, again, more work on other things than the Triumph.

With some luck, the winter will slow down all my events, and I'll finish the transmission this year! I hope your month was much more productive on Triumph projects than I!

Treasurer's Report

Harry Mague



As of 1 October 2026, the club account had a balance of $5499.63. After the September report was published, I had a late renewal that was not included in the final report. The balance reported is updated for the late addition. For the month of October, the club had the following income: one new membership for $29.79 and 50/50 for $14.00. Total income is $43.79. Our club had no expenses for the month of October. As of 1 November 2026, the club's account will be: $5543.42.

Respectfully – Harry Mague

Membership Chair Report



Michael Meade

55

The current membership is 55. We would like to welcome Scott and Andrea Robbins to our club.

Scott has recently purchased a 1968 TR 250. It is Valencia blue with black top and interior. We look forward to seeing them at our monthly meetings, social gatherings and our driving tours. He is also interested in tech sessions. It is great to have another TR 250 in the club.

Webmaster Corner



(Ed. Note: nothing from John this month – he is updating the website and if you've not sent him some info on the Triumph cars in your stable you just might want to…)

~~Editor's Report~~ Bruce's Corner



Starting to get ready for the new year, but we still have a few things to do in this one…

One of the other things I do is the TRA President's job, and right now we are working with the Western Pennsylvania Triumph Association crew to set up TRA 2027 – working the registration forms, publicity, brochures, in fact, I've just been thinking 2027 for the last week and it dawned on me we still have a lot of 2026 ahead.

Had a great time on the fall tour on the 17th, we managed to make most of the stops on the list and managed to load up the cars with goodies. From the feedback a great time was had by all.

Next event is the Guy Fawkes Fete – a celebration of foiling the nasty traitor's plot. The long-range weather look decent for that night. We'll meet up for a drive through the remaining fall foliage that afternoon and end up at Chateau Clough/Owen-Clough for the burning and appetizers – more in the events.

The "Last Tech Session will be the morning of the 14th at our place. As of now I do not have a solid list of things to do, that will hopefully solidify over the next week or so. If not, I'll invite Chuck over and break something so we can fix it.

One more thought - it is never too early to be planning your brown bags for the brown bag auction at the soiree. I note we have collected some items of dubious use here. I just wonder if John Coutant will get the "Best Bag" award…. Will we see more flying chickens? Will the thermostat work?

The Marque

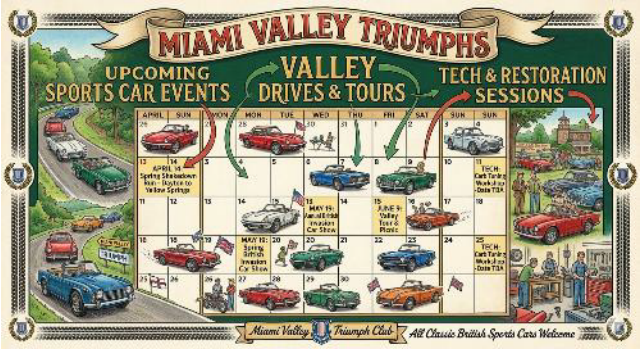
Thanks to Wendell for an article about his latest TR6 acquisition and re-build. Also, thanks goes out to Steven Solomon and Jimmy Dean for the BTM Chili Cook-Off report. They are making the rest of you look bad for not sending me anything, as they should. Do you feel the shame? Do you feel that empty pit in your soul knowing you could have contributed to the greater good but didn't? Did you tie your shoes today? Good! Send me stuff!

Also, thanks to VTR for selecting The Marque as one of the five best club newsletters over the last year. Despite what the AIs might tell you there is

a lot of work that goes into this and I am humbled for receiving the award.

But that still doesn't relieve the rest of y'all from having to send me articles – I want content!

MVT Events



October 2026



The crew at the end in the Caesar Creek Winery parking lot – the blue skies and flat cumulous clouds say it all – a cool fall day, but perfect…

17 – Breakfast & Fall Foliage Tour

Bruce Clough

It was a cool day, the cold front had come through on Friday the 16th and left us with a Saturday morning of clear skies and 36F temps – no frost since the wind was blowing on the back side of the front. We decided to take a TR since it wasn't snowing, and The Mule has a good heater in it. Duncan wanted to come along so he got to drive the Z4 since Inca was up on the 4-post lift and The Grey Ghost is a bit chilly…

Anyway, we left a bit after 7AM to gas-up and get to Clifton and the Clifton Mill before 8AM. Drive there was great watching the sun come up as we headed northeast.



Shot along the back side of the Clifton Mill next to the gorge. Water was running good in the Little Miami here.



Breakfast is served – that is an omelette on the lower right. Butter and jelly are being dispensed.

Now, if you have never had breakfast at the Mill, well, it's hearty. They give you a lot of food. The pancakes are 14" across and offer a chance for your stomach to expand to a size not usually experienced. Also found out that the Barth's could not make it today, so our 15 was now 13.



A single pancake. Can Roger actually finish this? Can his upper GI handle the challenge? (Hint – no…)



The flotsam and jetsam after action. Take home boxes galore!

After the mill the Lowery's had to head back, so our 13 was now 11.

The first leg of the journey was passing through a couple of covered bridges on the way to the first destination. We did a drive-by of the Stevenson and Charleton Mill bridges and then ended up at the Charles Young/Buffalo Soldiers National Monument.



Stevenson Bridge

From Wikipedia: *"The Charles Young Buffalo Soldiers National Monument, a National Monument of the United States, commemorates the life of Charles Young, an escaped slave who rose to become a Buffalo Soldier in the United States Army and its first African American colonel."*



A view of the historical marker from the porch of the Charles Young Monument.

The monument has a lot of displays on Col Young, the house, the history and impacts of the Buffalo Soldiers as well as videos and interactive exhibits. They also have a decent gift shop where the MVT'ers went wild.



It's you…



Doing the little dance on the catwalk.

After the Charles Young House we headed south of Xenia and stopped by the Apple Country Farm Store. Since I couldn't do a farm tour in September I decided to make up a bit for that. The store was quite busy and MVT'ers added to the business buying apples and other delectables.



Bruce and Duncan on the porch at ACF



Still plenty of pumpkins left!

After ACF we continued to head south, south to The Secret Garden since we knew there were Halloween and Fall goodies on sale.

I love looking around at The Secret Garden since you never know what you'll find. This time I found a melted whiskey bottle, while Alice found a couple Halloween goodies and Duncan found a drawing for his desk. A good day.



US 42 a bit north of Waynesville. By this time fair weather cumulous clouds had formed.



Hard to believe the car on the left is over 40 years old, and the one on the right is over 20…



One of the goodies you can find at The Secret Garden…

After we had bought our precious goods we headed back east to Corwin and a shop we've never stopped at (but should have), the Simple Roots Bulk Store. Not only do they sell bulk foods, but dairy, meat, and they will make you lunch! We bulked up with bulk and headed back to the cars. At this point the Stout's peeled-off back home, so the 11 was now 9.

The place was packed, so we had to park and walk. Busy place with all the families that now live around Northern Warren County. It literally is an adult candystore. We bought two bags of stuff, but the chocolate milk bottles didn't last by the time we got back to our cars.



Hey Chuck, Chocolate Peanut Butter Pie! On sale!



Just say no!

Next was on to a place we have driven by many, many times, but never stopped – the Caesars Creek Visitor's Center. They have displays, they have a theater, they have a nice deck overlooking

the lake. Why have we never stopped by here before?



Lake view from the Visitor's Center deck.



Carol Rutledge taking in the movie in the theater. Unfortunately, it was some sort of educational program about the lake rather than Bugs Bunny.

At this point the Clifford's had to get back home, so the 9 was now 7. The next stop was Carrol Creek Farms – we have stopped by there before – a self-serve butcher shop at the farm for everything from milk and eggs to steaks.

We were greeted by a pony that didn't want to be photographed by Roger, bought some nice looking ex-live animal parts, and headed on our way. I highly recommend this place - it's self-serve and the checkout process is very easy.

Time for the final stop, the Caesars Creek Winery. The skies were partly cloudy, it had warmed up to a bit above 60F, the sun showing off the changing leaves, and the ready fields of corn and soybeans rustled in the breeze.



Hey, it's Caesars Creek Winery



Hey, look at the food and wine.



Hey, look at Carol and Roger eating!

We headed in to grab a table and some wine. We brought out the food to add to the wine. We ate, we drank, we laughed, we noted what a great day it had been, and how it was going to be a nice drive home. Then we went home. Yes, it was a great day.

24 - British Transportation Museum's Annual Chili Cookoff

From Jimmy Dean

The chili cookoff was a great success. The event ran smoothly starting at 4 PM. The location was at 321 Hopeland St. the home of the British Transportation Museum . The event actually started two months ago was getting the prep done and the advertising out and planning. We had many volunteers to help with set up of tables, chairs, and cleaning the area for guest. We also have a TV set loaded with a drive that has pictures of all the activities that we do at the museum during the year provided by Dave Lindsey.

We had chilly out and ready for guest at 4 PM. We had 13 contestants, 12 regular chili and one vegetarian chili. We received a lot of compliments on the flavor and the quality of the chili plus there were some great homemade with desserts.



The Gribler's having a bit of chili cheer

At about 6:30 PM the votes were counted, and the awards were given out. I'll start with the best vegetarian chili it was one again by Jennifer Dean, but as she said, she didn't have any competition this year and hopes that next year we have some more contestants for vegetarian chili. Funny when we counted the votes she even won four votes for regular chili.

Then we come down to the people's choice award. I don't know if this ever happened before, but we had two contestants tie. Wanda Belknap and Ed Wolf tied for first place in people's choice chili. We were able to give them both a first-place award then it came down to judges choice.

Our guest judge this year was Margie McCullough when she handed in her vote her choice was number two. The winner was Erica Dean. We also gave an award to Nancy Stroble for the years of service and participation to the best of my knowledge she has brought a chili every year for the past 10 years. I also want to thank the Stroble family for the example they set in the effort they've put in over the years on this event. As you well know, this was The Tenth chili cookoff.

I also want to mention we had our youngest single male member and contestant who came up as a runner-up with his jelly Chase Burns. He was close to being a third first place. My daughter asked him. How was he inspired by his chili. Chase being a gearhead of course used a recipe that was inspired by Carol Shelby.



Belly up to the bar folks!

We raised $990 net from the event. We had a lot of support from the Ohio Mini owners group is a pre-Bought tickets for the event. I am looking for a volunteer to take on the chairmanship for next year. We are going to write up an SOP to make management easier. We definitely have enough supplies of crockpot, plate, plates, bowls cups, knives, forks, and spoons to do event for at least two more years.



The cars look on as the humans consume vast quantities.

We have also received some very nice additions to our Car collection. You will have to read our newsletter, which is now posted on our website monthly to see what's new at the museum. Thank you, John Coutant , and Nathan Vaughn.



Chili Judge Margie McCullough with Husband Jim a.k.a. Chain Saw



The winners

Shameless plug - You can also mention we have a almost empty warehouse and that we are looking for people to store their cars. The fee is $50 a month for members and $55 a month for non-members. If you haven't been to the museum come on-down things are changing.

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7 – Guy Fawkes Fete

Bruce Clough

We all know the story of Guy Fawkes – tried to blow up the Parliament and the King, was caught, and died a horrible death. The heartwarming story we all want to hear.

Well, in celebration we will gather at the newest coffee house in Bellbrook, Demarest Coffee, for a little late-afternoon ride around Greene County before ending up at our place for appetizers, libations, and a gathering at the fire pit.

Given the fact our clocks will have fallen back, let's meet at Demarest's at 3PM for a latte and hit the road after that. I cannot say we won't visit The Secret Garden once more. The address for Demarest is 3424 Upper Bellbrook Rd, Bellbrook, OH 45305.

https://demarestcoffee.com/

Bring along an appetizer and any drinks you want to share. We obviously have plenty of wine and bourbon…

15 – Last Tech Session

Bruce Clough



So, okay, maybe it won't be the last tech session, but at least it will be the last tech session we will formally announce.

Time will be at 10AM-until whenever at Chateau Clough/Owen-Clough. If you don't know the address contact me and I will give it to you.



MVT does great work!

As far as what we will be working on, well, that depends on what we have. If nothing else we will do something electrical.

There will be donuts and coffee, but of course!

December 2026



5 – Holiday Soiree: never too early to get your brown bags together – at the Xenia FOP as last year. Below are details from Chris White:

Location:

Greene County FOP Lodge 37, 258 Dayton Avenue, Xenia Ohio 45385

Agenda:

6 pm - Social Gathering and FOP Doors Open

6:30 pm (approximately) – Dinner is served!

A short membership meeting after dinner followed by the highly anticipated "Brown Bag Auction".

You may bring your favorite "Spirit" or wine to consume. Non-alcoholic beverages will be provided by MVT. And of course, do not forget to bring your wonderful "Brown Bag" item to be auctioned off!

PLEASE RSVP to Patti Clifford NLT Monday, 30 November at booklvr45@gmail.com .

Patti will need your name; how many are coming and what food dish (or dishes) you would like to bring. ie – appetizer, salad, veggie or potato dish, dessert, etcetera , etcetera… Turkey and Ham are provided by MVT and prepared by Alice Owen-Clough and Patti Clifford. Thank you Ladies!

Patti will provide me with how many will be attending so we can have the room set up appropriately.

Patti also will have the Holiday Soiree Sign-up List available at the November Membership Meeting.

Looking forward to seeing everyone at the Soiree! A fun night had by all!

Chris White



TBD – Ugly Sweater Contest – Details TBD

June 2027

2027 TRA National Meet
Seven Springs Mountain Resort
June 21–24, 2027
Champion, Pennsylvania



Featured tour to include Fallingwater, a UNESCO World Heritage Site
Hosted by the Western Pennsylvania Triumph Association
Save the date…details to follow

August 2027



Fond Memories Department

The story of the free TR6

Wendell Terrill

Memorial Day weekend 2025, we went to Des Moines for a wedding. A cousin of the bride came up to me and said, "I asked who the British car guy was and they sent me to you." He started talking about the 1974 TR6 his dad bought in California in 1986. Pretty quickly, I decided he was trying to sell me a parts car, and I was only half interested until he mentioned it had overdrive. I'd really like to add overdrive to the 1975 TR6 I bought from one of the so called "Nazi rocket scientists" who came to the US after WWII, so I asked to see pictures the next night. When I saw the pictures, it didn't look like a parts car, and I asked what he wanted for it. Tim responded, "I'll give it to you." He told me he was driving the car with no brakes! His wife was ecstatic when I agreed to take the car.



A fateful wedding discussion…

I had it shipped from Lincoln, Nebraska and it arrived on Friday the 13th, June 2025. I'm still trying to decide if that was my lucky or unlucky day.



Home at last?

Needed a battery, one tire wouldn't hold air and no brakes, so we pushed it from the trailer to behind my barn. I replaced the brake master cylinder, drove it just under a mile feeling great until I got to my driveway and couldn't get out of second. The tapered bolt that holds the throw out bearing fork in place had broken! It didn't make sense to pull the transmission without replacing anything showing wear: the clutch, pressure plate, throw out bearing, cross shaft and the fork had to be replaced. Free was starting to get expensive. Tires came next. Driving it a little more revealed leaking clutch hydraulics so I replaced the clutch master and slave cylinders. Having it up in the air, we saw the flexible hoses to the calipers needed to be replaced. Back on the road briefly and the

tachometer cable broke. Once that was fixed, it was time to address the convertible top patched with duct tape and the seats that looked like raccoons had torn them apart to make a nest.



Hey – wait for me!

I was too far into rebuilding it to stop, but upholstery work is something I can't do and expensive. I bought an aftermarket hardtop from Chris Yanity. I ordered a correct top, carpet, seat foam and seat upholstery, but decided to put those into my '75 TR6 and swap the good used parts into the '74 TR6.



NP - just a little extra effort required…

After all this I decided to pull off the wheels and repaint them. Nope, a floor jack wouldn't go under the front of the car! Front springs and shocks came next and made a remarkable difference driving the car. This got me to the point I was driving the car long enough to realize the four shatter marks in the windshield were directly in my line of sight. Time to replace the windshield and seals.

By British Car Day 2026, I had a decent looking, driver quality TR6. My grandson and I had registered my TR250 and '75 TR6 for BCD, but the morning of the show, it was raining hard so we drove the "free" TR6 instead. By the time we got to the show, we both had wet knees due to the front seal on the top needing to be replaced. Amusingly, nobody with a really nice TR6 was willing to drive in the rain and we took first place in the late model TR6 class. Really, an award for having enough tenacity to drive in a hard rain.



Winner, winner, chicken dinner!

Last weekend, I discovered I couldn't set the air control to blow air on both the windshield and floor, only on the windshield. That's where I am now. Waiting for a new cable from the Roadster Factory.

Thankfully Jeff Miller at MG Automotive was willing to do the work I couldn't do myself. I now have a decent driver quality car I've driven 525 miles without any problems, but "free" has cost me a year of work and a crap load of money..



Just got the new subwoofer installed

Hobby Update

NEWS RELEASE:

British Transportation Museum names officers and board members

Cars, trucks, motorcycles, bicycles and a boat on display in Carillon neighborhood of Dayton

The Society for the Preservation of British Transportation in America announced the new officers and board members who operate its 28-year-old museum in the Carillon neighborhood in Dayton. The British Transportation Museum is the only all-volunteer 501 (c3) educational, non-profit museum in the United States dedicated to the preservation of British-built transportation vehicles.

- James Dean, president
- Sean Hogan, vice president
- Joe Jefferis, treasurer
- Terry Happensack secretary
- John Kovalo, member at large
- Paul Strieby, member at large
- Symon Blackwell, member at large

"Our focus is on all forms of British transportation – including more than 70 cars, as well as trucks, motorcycles, bicycles and one boat, and especially the British-made vehicles that have been used in the United States," Dean said.

The museum recently held its 10th annual chili kickoff fundraiser and will hold its 22nd annual car meet next year.

The British Transportation Museum, at 321 Hopeland St. in Dayton's Carillon Park neighborhood, is open Saturdays and Mondays from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and other days by appointment. Admission is free. BTM is rated at 4.5 out of 5 on Trip Advisor. Visit the museum's website at britishtransportationmuseum.org. For information, call 937-313-8236 or email info@britishtransportationmuseum.org.

Technical Talk

Edited by Bruce Clough

TR7/8 Rear End Info

This was stolen from the Triumph Experience since I was chasing what rear end I had in Inca since the speedo was always 5mph faster than what we were actually traveling – it has some decent explanation, but I still have questions… The original questioner was wondering if he had a TR8 axle in his TR7. The poster here is Todd Kishbach who has a lot of wedges sitting around…

The 5-speed rear axle came in 3 different gear ratios. Early 5 speed coupes had a 3.90. Later TR7 convertibles had a 3.45. All TR8s, coupes, convertibles, 5 speeds and automatics, had a 3.08. There were a handful of 81 TR7 automatics that came with a 3.08.

Extremely unlikely that your 1980 has had an axle swap and is rocking a TR8 3.08 rear axle. Highly probable that you have a 3.45. If you crawl under there and wire brush away the crude on the bottom of the center section strengthening webbing, you will find a stamped in number starting with either CH(3.90), CK(3.08), or CL(3.45) There are references on the internet that list a 3.08 as a CM prefix, but I have never seen that. Almost certain that is flat out wrong.

Currently 11 TR8s in the /garage/driveway and maybe 3 spare 3.08s in the basement. The 5 speed rear ends are relatively weak and rebuild parts like crush sleeves and shims are hard to come by. I like to narrow, rebuild and swap in Ford 8.8 rear ends with disc brakes and limited slips, but have also done a Dana 44. Hope this helps.

MVT Merch

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



MVT Cloth Patch - $12.00



MVT Pin - $5.00



MVT Window Sticker - $1.00



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



They look very spiffy on a TR7…

All the memorabilia is available at each Club meeting upon request. Please contact our MVT Memorabilia Manger, Harry Mague harrymague@aol.com

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”. In addition, we run these until someone tells us not to, so things might be already sold, but then again, life is an adventure!





For Sale: Transmission parts for a TR3A 3-synchro transmission in good condition. Can deliver in the area. $250 OBO. Glenn Hamilton, 937-477-3298, glennchamilton46@gmail.com - Thanks. Let me know what else you need, Glenn



For Sale: TR3A: 1960 TR3 (built in 1959). There's a fiberglass hardtop and some spare parts that go with this. Asking $15,000. This is Bud Graff's old car, BTW. Located in Middletown, Ohio. (513) 435-1111 Craig Moon

For Sale - Original TR3 steel hardtop. No dents - good window -no headliner -could use new paint-black-$300 - Inquire tryanity@gmail.com.

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

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

For Sale – 1958 TR3A. Kit car – it's all there, body on frame, four pallets of parts, and a title - just needs some assembly – looking for best offer. Proceeds go to the British Transportation Museum. Contact Jimmy Dean at alpenajimmy@gmail.com.







For Sale – 1976 TR6. 1976 TR6, 42k miles original owner. Runs well, just needs a few minor maintenance items the owner will fix. Asking $20K. Car is near Georgetown Indiana (adjacent to Louisville KY).









Contact John Banet 812-725-3579, j51.banet@twc.com - call text or email for pertinent info.

For Sale – 1979 TR7 – Owned car for 15 years. Well upkept, runs and drives well. Asking $5K for MVT members. Contact him at donlblank@yahoo.com.















Just one more thing…

Bruce Clough

Since I was bored one afternoon waiting for Alice to get back from a trip to Conneaut, I decided to waste some electricity and challenge Goggle's AI,

Gemini, to write me a short story, seeding it with this ask:

Write a slapstick, yet touching, short story about Jeff Barth, the Miami Valley Triumphs (MVT) President, a fanatic triumph spitfire owner that is obsessed with fedoras and his wife Jodi who herself is obsessed with Mac Davis, and has to work with Jackson, the MVT vice president himself enamored with faulty transmissions and his cat Barnaby, Stan, the MVT secretary, patriarch of MVT and collects rubber chickens when his car breaks down, Michael the MVT membership chair, a home brewer who is obsessed with keeping his TR6 out of the rain, Harry the MVT treasurer, a retired B-52 pilot who is proud of his green shade and the keeper on MVT memorabilia, John the MVT webmaster, a person who tries to get everyone working as a team while enjoying his cats and his concours TR3A, and Bruce, the happy-go-lucky newsletter editor and bourbon fanatic, to build the best MVT monthly meeting agenda that ever was.

Fedoras, agendas, and those chickens

Gemini, the AI

The smell of burnt transmission fluid, boiling homebrew wort, and premium bourbon filled the air of Jeff Barth's garage, competing with the faint aroma of cat dander floating near a meticulously polished, concours-prep Triumph TR3A.

Jeff adjusted his pristine, charcoal-grey fedora, planting his hands firmly on his hips as he looked at the assembled board of the Miami Valley Triumphs (MVT). "Gentlemen," Jeff announced, his voice echoing under the open hood of his beloved Triumph Spitfire. "Tonight, we don't just write a monthly meeting agenda. We build the Magna Carta of British car club agendas."

"I hope this agenda includes a strict rain policy," muttered Michael, the membership chair, nervously monitoring a bubbling carboy of his latest IPA. He glanced out the window where a light evening mist was forming. "If a single drop touches my TR6 on the drive to the meeting, I'm resigning. It's a clean car, Jeff. Clean!"

"Relax, Michael, the forecast is clear," John, the webmaster, said soothingly. He was trying to type on his laptop while balancing a large tabby cat on each shoulder, occasionally glancing over to ensure no one stood too close to his prized, showroom-perfect TR3A. "Look, if we can just align our digital calendars and collaborate as a cohesive unit—Barnaby, stop stepping on the backspace key—we can optimize this meeting for peak camaraderie."

"Speaking of Barnaby," Jackson, the vice president, interrupted. He emerged from underneath Jeff's Spitfire, his face smeared with grease, holding a mangled gear shaft. "Look at this beauty! The teeth are completely sheared off. It's a classic faulty transmission! Barnaby and I think if we spend the first forty-five minutes of the meeting diagnosing this mechanical failure, the members will be riveted." From inside Jackson's overalls, a small, equally greasy black cat let out a loud meow.

"No time," popped up Bruce, the happy-go-lucky newsletter editor. He raised a crystal tumbler of single-barrel bourbon to the garage lights. "We need at least thirty minutes for the 'Bourbon and British Steel' column review. It's what the people want, Jeff! It's smooth, it's punchy, it warms the carburetor!"

Just then, the screen door banged open. Jodi, Jeff's wife, strode into the garage blasting "Baby Don't Get Hooked on Me" from a portable cassette player.

"Jeffery!" Jodi shouted over the music. "If Mac Davis isn't listed under 'Special Entertainment' for the annual banquet section of this agenda, I am throwing your entire fedora collection into the Ohio River!" She did a dramatic spin, pointing a finger-gun at Stan. "You believe me, don't you, Stan?"

Stan, the venerable secretary and unquestioned patriarch of MVT, sat in a creaky lawn chair. He didn't look up from his clipboard, though he did gently squeeze the bright yellow underbelly of an object in his lap. A distinct, high-pitched SQUEEEAAAK emanated from a rubber chicken. "Jodi, my dear, Mac Davis is always welcome in

the minutes," Stan said with a warm, steady smile. He looked down at the squeaking bird with a sigh. "The fuel pump on the way over gave out. Every breakdown gets a chicken. That makes twelve this month."

Jeff gasped, clutching the brim of his fedora. "Stan, we can't have a meeting dominated by breakdown chickens! It'll ruin our reputation!"

Suddenly, the Spitfire's hood prop slipped.

With a loud CRASH, the heavy metal hood slammed down, catching the edge of Jeff's favorite fedora and pinning it to the cowl. Jeff lunged forward to save it, tripped over Jackson's faulty gear shaft, and crashed directly into Bruce. Bruce stumbled backward, his hand flying up and launching his glass of premium bourbon directly into the air.

The airborne bourbon rained down, entirely soaking Michael.

"RAIN!" Michael shrieked, horror twisting his face. "THE CORROSION HAS BEGUN!" He began frantically wiping his arms with a shop rag, completely mistaking the 90-proof alcohol for a sudden roof leak, and tripped backward right into Stan's chair.

Stan's arms flailed, launching his breakdown chicken straight into the air. John's shoulder-cats hissed and leaped toward the rafters, while Jackson's cat, Barnaby, began chasing the stray rubber chicken directly toward Harry, the treasurer.

Harry, a retired B-52 pilot who approached MVT financials with military precision, sat in the corner under a towering, hand-crafted green eyeshade. He was meticulously organizing a massive stack of vintage MVT dash plaques and original club t-shirts. Seeing the incoming projectile, his military instincts kicked in.

"BOMBS AWAY! Protect the payload!" Harry bellowed, diving over his table like a pilot shielding his cockpit. He blocked the flying rubber chicken with a 1994 car show flyer, his green shade knocking sideways against his aviator glasses.

Jeff, now on his knees, desperately yanked his fedora free from the hood. It was completely flattened, looking less like a classic detective hat and more like a stepped-on pancake. He looked around the garage: Michael was hyperventilating while smelling like a distillery, Bruce was mourning his spilled whiskey, John was frantically checking his TR3A for stray scratches, Harry was holding a perimeter defense around the club t-shirts, and Jodi was happily singing along to "Hard to Be Humble."

Jeff slumped against the tire of his Triumph. The perfect agenda was ruined. The club was a circus.

Stan walked over, his boots crunching on the garage floor. He reached down, took the flattened fedora from Jeff's hands, and with a practiced, grandfatherly pop, pushed the crown back into its perfect, dapper shape. He placed it back on Jeff's head.

"Look around, Mr. President," Stan said softly, gesturing to the room.

Jeff looked up. Jackson was laughing, using a rubber chicken to playfully entertain Barnaby. Harry was proudly wiping a speck of dust off a 2002 grill badge, showing it to a now-calming Michael, who was realizing the 'rain' was just delicious bourbon. John was handing Bruce a fresh glass while checking on his cats, and Jodi was pulling Jeff up to his feet, humming a sweet Mac Davis melody.

They were chaotic, eccentric, and completely obsessed with their own niche piece of the British car world. But they were a family.

"You see?" Stan smiled, picking up his clipboard. "This is the agenda, Jeff. The cars bring us here, but the madness keeps us together."

Jeff smiled, adjusting his newly restored fedora to a rakish angle. He grabbed a marker and walked over to the dry-erase board on the garage wall.

"Alright, MVT board," Jeff called out, his voice full of pride. "Section One of the agenda: 7:00 PM. Call to order, transmission diagnosis, a flight check from Harry, a toast of Bruce's bourbon, a tasting of Michael's homebrew, a mandatory

three-minute tribute to Mac Davis, and a ceremonial squeak for every broken fuel pump!"

The garage erupted in cheers, a chorus of meows, and a glorious, unified symphony of rubber squawks.

The End

Yeah, not bad – had me laughing in a few places. In my first try I forgot to put rubber in front of chicken, so Stan (and the rest of the club officers) had to deal with rouge live chickens. I did ask it to draw a picture that encapsulates the story - it's missing the rubber chickens!



Oh well – have a great November!