

March Election Results

Club Officers

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Dan Stinson

Membership:

Mary Fox

Events Co-Ordinator:

Kent Southard

Club Awards

Press on Regardless:

Dan Stinson

Keep it on the Road

Lorna/Ellis Ball

Most Improved

Ray Bolich

Marque of Distinction

Phil Daye

Rookie(s) of the Gear

Mike and Mara McKitrick

Congratulations to all

Attention!! Here's your April

Marque

from Miami Valley Triumphs

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**. Most Miami Valley Triumphs members have Entertainment '97 books. Meetings are held the first Wednesday of the month at Poelking Lanes, Kingsridge Drive, behind the Dayton Mall. Drinks, dinner, triumph talk at 7:00pm, general membership meeting at 8:00pm. Anyone interested in Triumphs is most heartily invited.

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Membership Corner

"Rookies of the Gear": Mara and Mike McKitrick

Remember when a smile could meet you from across a room and wrap itself around you in such a way as to say, 'I'd like to know you better?' That's precisely what you get when you meet the two newest members that saw a busy year with the MVT Club - Mike and Mara McKitrick

Mike is self described as "old and gray" and in the same breath, Mike describes his better half as "not that you'd notice". He is truly a gentleman and she is sweeter than the pastry at Bonnie Lynn's. Both are British enthusiasts, but objects of interest differ "a bit". Her interests is in novel British sewing accessories (you should travel with her sometime as she scopes out some unique needle holders made of wood!) and Mike's interest is British Sports Cars. At the early age of 17, Mike was hooked onto British car when he drove an MGA (Ugh...really this was Mike's choice of words, not that anyone in MVT would argue with him!!) through the country lanes of Washington County Ohio. In 1972 the McKitrick's bought a 1965 Triumph Spitfire (another Ugh??? sorry Phil, I just had to write this one for Ray and Frank). They stripped the yellow highway paint using 5 gallons of paint stripper, tuned the engine and promptly sold the car.

There next home was . . . hold onto your hats . . . St. Ives, England , courtesy of the U.S. Air Force. This must be British Car Heaven or pretty darn close!. This was definitely a candy store for a person who had a previous record of wanting more cars in his garage than were in the neighborhood. Whilst he was there, he sampled English Fords (is this an oxymoron?), 1972 Mini GT, 1956 and a 1961 Morris Traveler, 1965 Riley Elf (is anyone reading this getting the feeling that this is one lucky fellow?!), and a new 1975 Austin Marina (sigh!).

There return to the U.S. put them into the seats of a 1975 TR-6 which was purchased in 1993. It "barely made it home before the fiberglass/putty body nearly came apart on the road". Never to leave a "challenge sitting idle", Mike spent many nights and weekends curing the ills of the body, suspension, drive train, interior...in other words "he rebuilt the thing"! They love driving the TR-6 as much as possible in non-snowing weather often making the trip to work between April and December. This sounds like a nominee for the 1997 "Keep it on the Road"?

However, for the first year of their membership, the Board so deemed the significance of the participation of these two individuals, they were the first to inaugurate the "Rookie of the Gear" award. If our membership can continue to see new members who are willing to pitch in at the BCCD sales table, travel to Madison, Indiana, take a dip in the Pool, witness the agony of a Super Bowl defeat, and more, we should have an even more exciting 1997-1998. Please join me in welcoming Mike and Mara McKitrick if you haven't met them yet...remember they are the ones that wear the smile from ear to ear!

Mary Fox-Bolich

(Break Down) By The Banks Of The Little Miami - April 1897

ringleader/instigator/rebel leader, held secret planning meetings, clandestine phone conferences, and probably used carrier pigeons to keep us males from finding out important clues.

One thing I thought was interesting was the way the meeting time to start this event off went from 5:30 PM to 10:00 AM. This did not bode well since the change either meant a longer drive to the destination, or more stops along the way.

February 15th dawned cold but clear. We all met at the Hardees, Town Center Mall. We were supposed to leave at 10 AM SHARP, Mary Fox's orders, but guess who was late? Ahhh, the dig felt good... We did get underway by 10:30 AM, and finally learned our destination was Vevay, Indiana.

Vevay, Indiana?

Oh, Vevay! Along the Ohio River between Cincinnati and Madison, Indiana. Named after Vevay, Switzerland. Of course! We drove straight to Vevay from Middletown. That drive will forever be known as "The Drive Of The Expanding Bladders" since our tour leader didn't see fit to cut the rest of us caravanners a break and schedule a potty stop. Felt I was back in a drinking contest in college! The dash to the powder rooms at the hotel was a sight to behold.

We checked in to the Ogle (pronounced "og-lay") Haus hotel/motel/inn, then proceeded to Madison for lunch and antique shops. Pam Southard picked the lunch location, a quaint sandwich shop that probably never saw a party of 16 before in its existence. Not that the food was bad or the service slow - at least not for other people in our party. Do I have "sucker" tattooed on my forehead? I eventually was fed, and the food was good. Gave me something to complain about, what the heck.

We then spent the next few hours wandering around Madison. Now, one would think that moi would end up buying something interesting, like the remote controlled XK120 for \$295, or the 8-Track/Cassette recorder for \$35? How about all the Elvis memorabilia? Or maybe the T-handled dynamite detonator for \$225? WWII German hand grenade for \$110? Nope, none of that...

...we bought a cheesy picture of Batman for Alice's brother in law and a Bambi children's book for future reference. That's all. The Bambi book was

in reference to a Ray/Mary disagreement over the origins and last whereabouts of Bambi's father. No, we can't argue about world peace or the national debt, can we? I'll let them tell that story!

When we got back to the Ogle Haus (thanks Chris and Cris Yanity for driving) it was just in time for dinner. Buffet style for salads and desserts. Burp. Needless to say we pigged out. And afterwards, when I wanted to hibernate? Parlor games in the Solarium, or should that have been the Lunarium? First, the gals presented us guys with V-Day gifts. None had a better gift than Phil. Just call the guy the "happy packadern". One wonders whether he models it. Next came the champagne. Finally, the games. Half the crew played strip-poker, or was that a different game? The other half went with charades. Never play charades with a "Commotion" game clue cards. Too damn hard! Oh well, any excuse to drink.

Sunday morning came too quickly, and after breakfast we wandered back into Madison, but none of the stores opened until noon. Fine, on to Miamistown. We spent the rest of the afternoon wandering the shops of Miamistown and buying knickknacks. We did not buy the cute little children's sleigh that was going for a not-so-cute \$3000. I also didn't buy the Delta Airlines Convair 880 picture. Maybe next time!

Speaking of next time - We should let the similar chromosomes do more of the planning for our events. As Alice would say "that darn Y chromosome" gets in our way sometimes. Us dissimilars will stay out of the way. Or at least until we pass a Bambi book!

Grand Ohio Tour Update

Remember - June isn't that far away! If your going on the tour you need to make your reservations. We already have some MVT'ers signed up, and more will follow. Check the info sheet in this rag for more information. We have a fun schedule planned, and we'd like to see you come along.

Later people...

Bn

Be Truthful - Have you driven your Triumph today???

FROM THE PRES

CONGRAGULATIONS TO THE AWARD WINNERS AND WELCOME ABOARD TO THE NEW OFFICERS. LET'S MAKE 97 A BANNER YEAR FOR MVT. THE BANQUET WAS A SUCCESS AND THANKS TO MARY STINSON FOR HANDLING ALL THAT WAS REQUIRED. I WOULD HAVE LIKED TO SEE MORE OF THE MEMBERS AT THIS EVENT, BUT THAT IS THE WAY IT GOES.

APRIL EVENTS ARE LISTED SOMEWHERE IN THIS MARQUE AND ALL MEMBERS SHOULD TRY TO SCHEDULE THEIR CALENDAR TO PARTICIPATE IN THESE EVENTS.

A MEETING WAS HELD ON MAR 11 FOR BCD AND THERE WERE NO MVT REPS ON HAND. I ADMIT THAT I FORGOT ABOUT THIS MEETING AND OFFER MY APPOLIGIES TO THE BCD COMMITTEE. I WILL BE THERE FOR THE NEXT MEETING AND SUGGEST THAT OTHER MEMBERS ALSO ATTEND. THIS EVENT TAKES A LOT OF EFFORT ON EVERYONE'S PART TO MAKE IT A SUCCESS. LAST YEARS EVENT WAS WELL DONE AND A GOOD TIME. LET US ALL WORK TO MAKE BCD 97 BETTER THAN LAST YEAR. THIS WILL REQUIRE EFFORT FROM ALL MEMBERS OF MVT AS WELL AS THE MG CLUB!

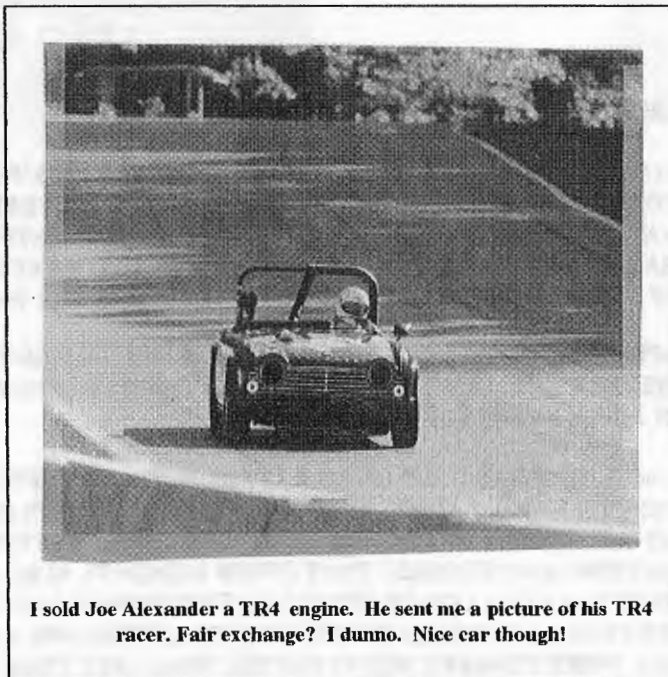
SEE YOU AT THE APRIL MEETING.

PHIL

by Bruce Clough

Hey look, the weather's warmer than it's been in a while. Gosh - what's that in the garage? Hey, a Triumph - right over there under the gaudy holiday decorations and snow shovels! Wow, should we drive it?

Some of you might have noticed I haven't been at the last few meetings. That's your tax dollars at work sending me around the world. Don't worry, you'll still see my ugly face at MVT Events!



I sold Joe Alexander a TR4 engine. He sent me a picture of his TR4 racer. Fair exchange? I dunno. Nice car though!

LTD, of Warrington, England. Glad to see I'm keeping it in the family...

Warning: Eastwood's "Nylac" clear-coat product cannot be sprayed over enamel paint. That is unless you like a wrinkle-finish on your paint. The TR4 engine will sport a wrinkle-finish fan. Actually, it's kind of neat. Actually, I kind of knew that would happen, but I wanted to experiment anyway. Nylac also doesn't like cold weather. I found out the hard way that those "wait until the temperature is above 70 F" comments do make a difference. Oh well, that's why steel wool was invented.

E-Mail Notes

Some of you out there know that I'm an active member of the Triumph email list. I usually spend my time firing off sarcastic, cynical comments to

LBC (Little British Car) nuts around the world. I save some of the messages I see for late publication in The Marque, but I never seem to get around to putting them in here. Well, what do you know, I'm actually going to do it!

- Did you know that there is a TR7 & 8 mailing list? Of course you didn't, that's why you read my columns for advice, you silly people! To subscribe all you do is send a message to

tr8-request@mercury.lcs.mit.edu

Leave the Subject area blank and in the area reserved for your message type in the following word: *subscribe*. Send your message. It really is that easy!

- One message, from tomherb@aol.com, discusses TR7/8 five-speed tranny fluid. instead of the ATF recommended by British Leyland, Tom uses GM five-speed fluid. This stuff, part #12345349, is about \$8/quart from Mr. Goodwrench.
- Tom Cartwell, of Dixon, IL, is Trying to get rid of several 1976 TR7s. Wants to know if anyone wants the whole car(s) since he doesn't have the ability to strip the vehicles. He can be reached at cart6540@kish.cc.il.us, or (815) 288-1300.
- Hey, did you know that TR7 firewall steering bushes are now available? Hah! Got you! Well, yes, we do since they are available in the UK, no listings yet for the US or Canada. They are Super Pro/Super Flex part no. SPF1063 and replace the Triumph part no. UKC2322.
- Paul Richardson, son of Ken Richardson, is coming out with his own Triumph magazine. It will be called "Triumph Over Triumph". This puppy will be going for 32 pounds sterling (about \$50) per year subscription for airmail overseas shipment of 6 issues. Paul will be looking for articles. I'll pass along more details as I get them.
- We spent quite a bit of bandwidth arguing TR3B engine numbers and carpet colors. One of the rules in the TRA Judging Guidelines states that all TR3B cars had grey carpets. Len Drake, drake@direct.ca, says this ain't so. He bought a TR3B new in 1962 and the car had

blue carpets. Food for thought as the 1997 TRA National Meeting nears.

- Net wisdom: "I didn't fight my way to the top of the foodchain to be a vegetarian"
- Martin Libhart, mlibhart@feist.com, has found a source for custom color touch-up paint in spray cans at <http://www.vicksburg.com/~carpaint/>.
- The 1997 VTR Eastern Regional will be held 25-29 June at the Radisson Pen-Harris (Harrisburg, PA). If you don't want to go to the National Convention in Dallas, this is the next best thing. For more information contact Don Taskey at dltaskey@gte.net. They are working on getting the registration form on their web page as soon as possible.
- Hardy Prentice, that notable TR3 SCCA racer, needs to get rid of some TR3 parts at his parent's house in Cleveland (OH). He wants to put together a package deal. Contact him at capusher@aol.com if interested.
- Of late, there has been a lot of talk about those funny TR7 head studs, and how they like to weld themselves chemically to the head. Hu Stanley, stanleyh@hsvaiv.hv.boeing.com is wondering if they make a long lasting, high temperature, zinc chromate lubricant.

V-Day, MVT Style

I supposed us macho males asked for it. Here we were, making those plans for hairy-chested sports cars fun, and leaving our significant others out of the equation. They rebelled, and took us for a good time along the banks of the Great Ohio.

This was supposed to be a "MVT Ladies Night Out" event. Nah, baby, nah. It became much more than that. Next thing I know it's an overnight trip to somewhere on Valentine's weekend. Trouble spelled with a capital T. I could see it coming now, a trip to Cancun...

...not that we could find out. The veil of secrecy that can down over the event was complete. Alice wouldn't tell me squat. But even without knowledge of what was in store for us one could see that their planning was intense. Mary Fox, the



Spring Grove

Cemetery & Arboretum

Tour de Grave
Saturday, April 26th.

Welcome to the first (hopefully annual!) Tour de Grave! Located in what used to be the outskirts of Cincinnati, the Spring Grove Cemetery was chartered in 1845. It encompasses 733 acres with 35 miles of roads, 14 lakes and a waterfall. It is the largest private cemetery in the nation and has been designated a National Historic Landmark. Its founding fathers were committed to making it a place of beauty and tranquility for all. Scattered throughout are interesting sculptures from numerous eras as well as state and national champion trees, rosegardens, and floral pockets.

The MVT members will meet in Middletown and will tour to the cemetery to connect up with the British Car Club of Cincinnati. We then will make two loops in our cars through the cemetery taking about 1 hour. We then will park at the entrance and will either go on the 1 hour self-guided walking tour or do whatever people want to do. There is a mausoleum with beautiful stained glass and a serene setting for those opting for a quieter moment. We leave the grounds at 5:00 pm for supper at Shuller's Wigwam. A long time favorite in Cincinnati which is about 10 minutes from Spring Grove. We hope you will join us, as others are dying to be there.

Schedule:

- 1:00 pm Meet at Middletown Hardee's
- 2:00 pm Meet at Spring Grove Cemetery
- 2:30 - 3:30 pm Motor Tour
- 3:30 - 5:00 pm Walking Tour/Mausoleum Tour
- 5:00 Leave for Shuller's Wigwam
(Hamilton Ave and N. Bend Road)

Questions or need more info contact the tourmaster: Ray Bolich at 513-677-0605 or on e-mail JKVK79A@PRODIGY.COM.

EVENTS CALENDAR

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| March | 15 | MVT Awards Banquet |
| | 16 | Import Automotive Swap meet (see ad in this newsletter) |
| April | 6 | Tech Session (Mindi Wynne) |
| | 12 | St. Rita School - Car Show |
| | 26 | Tour de Grave Cemetery Tour - Ray |
| May | 3 | Antique Tour (Phil & Carolyn Daye) |
| | | British Car Day Statesville, NC |
| | 9-10 | Scottish Weekend Carrolton, KY |
| | 18 | British Car Day Columbus, OH |
| June | 15-23 | Tour of Ohio (Bruce Clough) |
| | 25-29 | Eastern Region VTR meet Camp Hill, PA. |



BRITISH CAR SHOW

KENTUCKY SCOTTISH WEEKEND 10 MAY 1997*****CARROLLTON,
 KENTUCKY AT GENERAL BUTLER STATE PARK GROUNDS. THIS
 WILL BE THE 7th YEAR FOR THE BRITISH CAR SHOW, ONE
 OF THE MAIN EVENTS TO BE SCHEDULED DURING THE SCOTTISH
 GAMES AND ACTIVITIES ALREADY PLANNED...THE CAR SHOW WILL
 BE HELD SATURDAY 10 MAY 1997....RAIN OR SHINE...REGISTRATION OPENS
 AT 9AM.....BRITISH CAR PARADE AT 10 AM.....CLASS JUDGING STARTS AT NOON

.....AWARDS CEREMONY AT 4 PM...TROPHIES FOR TEN CAR CLASSES PLUS SPECIAL AWARDS...CARS WILL
 BE DISPLAYED ON HARD SURFACE IN THE EVENT OF RAIN.....DASH PLAQUES FOR ALL CARS ENTERED.....
 SPECIAL PARKING AREA FOR BRITISH CARS DRIVEN TO SHOW EVEN IF NOT COMPETING FOR TROPHIES
SO COME AND ENJOY THE HIGHLAND GAMES AND DANCING WHILE COMPETING IN THE CAR SHOW!!!

ONLY THE FIRST 100 CARS WILL BE JUDGED FOR AWARDS.....PRE-REGISTRATION IS ADVISED

- JUDGED CLASSES: * EARLY MG * EARLY MGB * LATE MGB
 * AUSTIN HEALEY * JAGUAR TO '75 * TR2, TR3, TR4 & SPITFIRE
 * TR6, TR7, TR8 * SPRITE/MIDGETS * OTHERS TO '75 * OTHERS '76 AND UP

PRE-REGISTRATION FEE OF \$10 SAVES :
 YOU \$2 AND INCLUDES

- * ADMISSION FOR TWO FOR WEEKEND
 * DASH PLAQUE (6th YEAR)
 * POSSIBLE TROPHY OR SPECIAL AWARD

FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: CONTACT LARRY OR DANA HUTCHINSON AT 606-781-2838

PRE-REGISTRATION FORM---TEAR OFF AND MAIL

MAKE CHECK PAYABLE AND MAIL TO:

BRITISH CAR CLUB OF GREATER CINCINNATI
 C/O LARRY HUTCHINSON
 P O BOX 75202, FORT THOMAS, KY 41075-0202

INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION:

NAME _____
 ADDRESS _____
 CITY _____ STATE _____
 PHONE _____
 CAR INFORMATION _____



DON'T FORGET YOUR PAYMENT WITH REGISTRATION FORM