



Events 2000

April 15	Spring Tour to Southern Indiana
May 13	18th Ky Scottish Weekend - General Butler State Park, Carrollton, KY
May 20	British Car Day in Germantown (A Cruise-in) Kent Southard 855-2017
June 3 - 4	Over-nighter into Kentucky, lodge at Boone Tavern
July 7-8	18th Immke Benefit Car Show, AMC & Italian Sports Cars featured, (614) 876-8200
July 15	Pool Party at the Balls, (513) 746-5189
July 16	14th Cincinnati BCD, Edgewater Park, Jay Kolb (513) 777-1873
August 4	BCD Car display at Court House Square, Dayton (11 to 1)
August 5	BCD Days, MVT and MG Club, Eastwood Metro Park, Dayton, Phil
August 11 - 13	TRF Summer Party, Armagh PA, MGB featured (800) 678-8764
August TBA	Southard Event, TBA
September 10	Concours d' Elegance, Dayton Museum of Discovery, (937) 225-2236
September TBA	MVT Tour to Neil Armstrong Space enter, Wapaconetta,
September 30-1	Indy British Moor Days, Indianapolis, Don Haynam (317) 887-3867
October TBA	Fall Tour

Events Highlights—

April 15 Spring Tour 2000 - See Below



June MVT Summer Tour 2000 Update:

Web Addresses which may be of interest to the June 3-4 participants;

Shaker Village	http://www.Shakervillageky.org
Berea Tourism Center	http://www.berea.com
Berea College	http://www.berea.edu/
Boone Tavern	http://www.nthp.org/main/hotels/kentucky1.htm

Alternative Lodgings ner Berea, if Boone Tavern is full;

Days Inn	(800) 325-2525
Super 8 Motel	(800) 800-8000
Econo Lodge	(800) 446-6900
Mountain View Motel	(800) 572-7352
Holiday Moel	(606) 986-9311

April 30 is the 23rd Antique & Classic Car Show, sponsored by the Sharonville Chamber of Commerce, at Creek & Reading Roads. Registration is from 9 to 11:30 noon, includes tee-shirt, 27 classes. For information, call Dave Cradler (513) 769-4061.

May 5 the Bluegrass British Bash is taking place once again on Kentucky Derby weekend at the Springs Inn in Lexington. The car show is Saturday 8:30 - 10 am and the Bluegrass Country Tour from 10 to 4 pm. Mike Razor (606) 498-8615, <http://206.28.56.243/sbms/index.htm>

May 5-6 Ohio Gas 2000, a Petroleum & Advertising Swap Meet, will be held at the US Air and Trade Show Building, North Dixie side of Dayton International Airport, Vandalia, Exit #74 from I-75. Friday 10 to 7, Saturday and 7 to 4. Ben Staub (937) 890-4486.

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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. Drinks, dinner triumph talk at 6:30 pm, general membership meeting at 7:00 pm. Anyone interested in Triumphs is most heartily invited.

April meeting at Champs Americana, 7880 Washington Village Dr., off Route 725.

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INFORMATION AT YOUR FINGERTIPS—

While we are all waiting for better driving weather, here are some Automotive Museum web addresses which can help make your evenings pass more quickly.

Jerry's Museum
<http://www.jerrysmuseum.com>

Crawford Auto/Aviation Museum
http://www.cwru.edu/buildings/cultural/auto_aviation.html

Classic Cars Com Museums
<http://www.classicar.com/musethum.htm>

Classic Cars List of Museums by state
<http://www.classicar.com/museums.htm#MUESHOME>

A great Website for Ohio covered bridges
<www.atawalk.com/ohio.html



By Bruce Clough

Still Planning For The Spring tour

The more things stay the same, the more things change, or something like that! We had to move the Spring Tour totally away from the weekend of the 29th due to our friend's retirement (we're doing stuff the entire weekend). We could have moved it into May, but we decided to pull it back in front of Easter, on the 15th of April. It still will take up your day, we'll still do a lot of driving, and you'll enjoy it. We'll (the Clough Family) will miss the start of the Bellbrook Maple Festival, that's all. A small price to pay for fun roads. Don't look for us to have a TR, I think the Merc's going to go on this—assuming that I get the power steering back together. Sad story that only Ford fans could love...

We'll still leave from Washington Court House's Bob Evans (a compromise for both Miami Valley Triumphs, Buckeye Triumph Club, and COCTRA—yes, all three clubs are invited—the more the merrier! Should I invite MG clubs also?) I hope the weather is decent so we can go to the parks I scoped out. Look for another flyer on this somewhere else in the newsletter.

The (Supposed) Triumphs of Clifton

Several people have told me of a TR7 for sale in Clifton (Greene County) at a used car lot. Fine, last Sunday we were in Clifton so I decided to stop by, and sure enough, there it was—a '75 or '76 TR7 FHC. Not bad condition, I mean that I couldn't find any huge rust holes. But, I wanted to talk to the owner so I decided to stop back the next day during my lunch hour. The owner wasn't there, so I stopped in a restaurant next door. "Yup, call the owner's home phone listed on the door. Y'all interested in Triumphs?" one of the folks in the place said. I indicated that I've owned a few in my days. He then proceeded to let me know about four more in the area. I had some time, so I headed back out for a Triumph Tour of Clifton...

1. The TR7 parked on the corner turned out to be a '76 with about 40,000 miles on it. Red exterior with a tan interior. Interior wasn't bad, some facing to the plastic dash and the carpet wasn't original. The seat's weren't torn, and it had a dealer sun roof in it. On the exterior the car had been repainted (marginal—hood wasn't that good and it had some orange peel), and there had been rust repair in the quarters with the driver's rear still showing a bit of rust. The repaint was coming off in a few places on the top of the rocker panels and the window rubber could stand replacing. The floor pan was intact with no breaks where the trailing arms attached. It had a newer exhaust (cherry bomb front muffler with stock rear muffler), and the early four-speed was in it. Stock wheels and tires. I wrote down the phone number to call later. More on this towards the end of this article.
2. "Go up two streets, follow the road until it curves around, and there will be a GT6 on a trailer." Well, I went up two streets, turned down it, followed it way, way past the turn, but saw no GT6. Saw a couple of trailers that might have held a car, but no car. Reversed my tracks up and down a few side streets, but no GT6. Oh well, on to #3.
3. "There's another TR7 up 72 a ways, not too far..." I took OH72 almost to Springfield. No TR7s, a tractor or two maybe, but no wedge. I did run into a couple of antique stores I may revisit on a tour sometime in the future (but they weren't open on Mondays...). Back to Clifton...
4. "A fellow on Wilberforce-Clifton road has a couple of GT7s for sale near the road, and right down from there a TR6 is for sale." I did find the GT6s on Wilberforce-Clifton Road—rusty gutted hulks sitting next to a garage defended by a phalanx of pit-bulls. I don't think they were for sale, I doubt anyone would buy them, and the dogs didn't look like "Bingo", "Fifi", and "Rover" were their names! The TR6 was a bit more interesting. Turns out it was a TR4 sitting in the backyard under a tarp. I've seen that car before! I think it belongs to a guy that used to be in the club, and used to live closer to Yellow Springs. He was a base photographer until laid-off. If it's his, the car is not for sale, and probably won't ever be. It used to be nice, but now it's under a tarp outside with what looks like a tonneau cover on it. Nobody was home, and the yard looked like it might harbor a pit-bull or alligator in some of the stuff, so I moved on.

I didn't find any more cars, so I headed back to work. Later that night I called on the TR7. Seems the current owner has had the car for a while, over 15 years, but it has only 40,000 miles on it. Yes, the head's been replaced (he moaned at what a bitch that was), and it was done a few years back. I asked if he retorqued the head every 1000 miles—he indicted he didn't know that was a needed thing. Yes, it's been repainted and has had some body work done. Yes, it really does have the 4-speed in it (supposedly in good shape, but he has an extra 5-speed to throw in with the deal). The rest is original, and it has the original carbs on it. I asked him the price, "\$2400, but I'm willing to negotiate. That's what the books say it's worth." What books? I need to find those books since our TR4 must be worth \$30,000 by the same yardstick! I didn't have the heart to tell him that car's only worth \$1200 max (#4 car, and I'm being generous here) in all the old car price guides, probably \$800 - \$1000 if he sold it at auction. I'll probably stop back again to drive it and tender a realistic offer (just to get Alice to throw something at me), but I doubt if he'll take it. He's probably looking for \$3500, which can buy a decent later DHC.

So the cars of Clifton turned out to be a car of Clifton, a way-overpriced car of Clifton. I'll let you know if the guy throws something at me when I offer him \$900 for it and the spare tranny...

Hmmm, Somebody Tell This Guy...



This photo was posted to the Internet on the TR7/8 mailing list by Mike Jeffreys. Now, I don't know if it's Mike's car or not, but someone ought to tell them that it was the engine in the TR2/3/4 that was used in tractors, not TR8s! Yes, this was done in the UK, so don't go out looking for this car around here!

From the "So That's Where It Started From" File



How about some MVT'ers getting together and give me some cool captions for this, like: "This is how the Daimler SP350 really came about!", or "Chrysler sales came out on top of MG for that year..." No prizes, but the laughs we get when we reprint them in a later newsletter!

See y'all on the road.

Bruce (Clough)

Ed: The new British Car Carrier looked suddenly smaller, when demonstrated in Detroit.

On the Road Again...

Well here it is deja vu all over again. Seems like it was just a short four years ago that I was Pres. I decided to call the monthly President's column ON THE ROAD AGAIN because that's where I think these little cars belong and it's where I'd personally like to be. Sure, we'll have lots of car shows and social events to enjoy; but the real fun of a LBC is driving with the sun and wind in your face, the open winding road ahead, the roar of a mighty engine (we hope), and the sight of a line of Triumphs ahead and behind; I hope to see a lot of you out there with me this year. Before my tenure is official, I'd like to thank some of the members that have really made the club work the past years. Phil Daye for his service these last four years, it would be hard to find someone more dedicated and "sure to be there guy" than Phil. Unless there's a catastrophe of the first order, he'll be there in the Spit driving to the limit leading the way top down with the First Lady right next to him. Mike McKittrick for all his help and material contributions this past year. In addition to running the MVT website (you didn't know we had one? Go to: www.celtic-gifts.com/mvtpage2.html) and getting loads of door prizes for BCD, Mike supplied most of the door prizes for the banquet which came from his and Mara's store, The British Isles, in Waynesville. John Clark for his mammoth compilation of events; we all wish him well in his fight and hope to see him back out with us soon. Ian Cunningham who has unselfishly volunteered to take over the duties of events coordination and seems to have found just about as many events as John has. Lorna and Ellis Ball. Lorna was formerly our MVT Secretary and of course Ellis is the official "MVT Fudgemaker and morale booster. Bruce and Alice Clough. For the great driving and antiquing events they stage and for Bruce's technical help and advice. Bridget Clough for making us smile. Stan Seto who works faithfully to put together this newsletter for no pay and little thanks and who also always drives a TR to all the events-even Nationals. Ray and Mary Bolich, Kent and Pam Southard, and Don and Lois Bigler for their help in hosting events and helping out in general. Last and certainly not least Dan and Mary Stinson who could rightfully be called Mr. and Mrs. MVT. Dan is membership chair and Mary was Treasurer; but their contribution goes far beyond just board duties. They too, always show up in a Triumph with the top down and anytime there is a thankless, time consuming, take you away from the fun job to be done they'll be there spending their whole day doing registration and barely getting away to enjoy the event. And the general membership, for coming and being part of the Triumph experience. Have I forgotten anyone? Probably, but not on purpose; it's all of you that have made the club work this year; I hope that I can count on your continued support this year as well.

Now, onto the new. As I see it, we've got a lot of work to do/finish. We're in the process of finding a new meeting place, although it seems as if we're always looking for a new meeting place. Be sure to check this newsletter for the location of our trial meeting at Champ's this month. In the meantime, we have several other locations to explore in our quest for the "perfect" spot. We've just this past year revised the By-Laws and we need to get updated versions to all the members. I'd like to put together a budget to see how cost of all the new membership privileges affect the Treasury and look into getting some additional regalia made up. I'd like to take up with the membership the prospect of eliminating the monthly board meetings and make them quarterly with special meetings called on an "as needed" basis. In that regard, I'd like to clarify what the exact duties of the board are; i.e., what exactly is the board to accomplish at its

meetings. Currently, the board meeting and general membership meeting are pretty much exactly the same with the general membership meeting being longer because more people attend and take part in the conversation. Quite a few of our members now travel a long way to attend and maybe we can shorten their travel time or use it to talk Triumph or enjoy a real sit-down dinner. And I'd like to see some really new events this year. Of course, I enjoy all the old events but participation seems to be waning to some of the events. This year, for instance, the banquet attendance was way down. Now maybe some of this decline is due to unusual circumstances rather than a lack of interest; still, I'd like to see us broaden our list of things to do. Another idea is to see if the MG, Healy, Mini, or any other club might be interested in holding a combined event. We had a cemetery tour a few years ago to which we invited the MG club. Several came and it was kind of neat so maybe we can try something like that again. We could also see if other Triumphs clubs around our area might be interested in a combined event; the people in Columbus always seem to drive their cars a lot. Anyway, there's room for lots of new events so if you have any suggestions, even if you don't want to host the event, please let us know. And I'd like you all to feel free to speak to me about any change you'd like to see even if you're not comfortable with bringing it up in a meeting. Well, the weather's pretty nice outside so it's time for me to go out and work on one of the cars; I hope to see you at the next meeting or better yet, the next rolling event.

Frank

MINUTES — MVT MEMBERSHIP MEETING, 03-01-2000

- Secretary: Read minutes for the February Meeting.
- Vice President: Glad to be here.
- Treasurer: Gave new balance and shared information on incoming and outgoing expenses.
- Membership: We have 53 paid members. Newest members are Jim Carter and Marlene Mongi. They live in Beavercreek and are looking for a TR-4.
- Events: Discussed the MVT Summer Tour 2000 and the Awards Banquet. Kent Southard discussed the May event in Germantown. It was suggested by Bruce and decided that April 8th will be a tech session at Phil Daye's house beginning at noon. It is titled "Phil Daye Day." (We heard through the grapevine that Phil's vehicle is in MANY pieces!)
- Old Business: No further officers nominations were made. The membership then voted. Results are: President, Frank Ciboch— Secretary, Lois Bigler—Treasurer, Carolyn Daye.
- New Business: None
- Attendees: Mike and Mara McKittrick, Carolyn and Phil Daye, Mary and Dan Stinson, Jay Kolb, Ellis and Lorna Ball, Stan Seto, R. L. Wakefield, Lois Bigler, Audrey Johnson and Forrest Gwinn, Ian Cunningham, Kent Southard, Bruce Clough, Diane and Frank Ciboch, Mary and Ray Bolich, Carol and Roger Rutledge, Ken Iwanski, Dick and Barb Wood, Jim and Jodie Hardesty,
- 50/50 won by ?

Recipe of The Month

This month's recipe was given to me by my mom (if I remember it right). It's one of those festive dishes more appropriate in the winter months of the year.

FRUIT CAKE

Ingredients

1 cup water	1 cup butter
1 cup sugar	4 large eggs
2 cups dried fruit	1 tsp baking soda
1 tsp salt	1 cup brown sugar
2 cups flour	1 tsp lemon juice
1 cup chopped nuts	1 gallon red wine (Pinot Noir)

Directions

- Sample the wine to check for quality. Take a large bowl. Check the wine again to make sure it's of the highest quality. Pour 1 level cup and drink. Repeat if you're not sure.
- Turn on the electric mixer and beat 1 cup of butter in a large fluffy bowl. Add 1 tsp sugar and beat again. Make sure the wine is still okay. Cry another tup.
- Turn off the mixer. Break two legs and add to the bowl and chuck the cup of dried fruit. Step around the two eggs that fell on the floor. Mix on the turner. Look out for the dog licking eggs off the floor.
- If the fried druit gets stuck in the beaterers, pry it loose with a drowscriver.
- Sample the wine again to check for tonsisticity. Next sift 2 cups of salt, brown sugar, or something. Who cares...
- Check the wine. Now sift the lemon juice and strain your nuts. Add 1 tablespoon, of sugar or flour or something. Whatever is left over.
- Grease the oven and sprinkle with flower. Line the floor with wax paper. Turn the cake pan 350 degrees.
- Don't forget to off the turner dog throwing up eggs and strained nuts. Throw dirty bowls out the window. Check the wine again. Go to bed.

I haven't tried it myself, er, well, we have, but we never got past instruction (a). Bon Appetit!

The Biglers, Carters, and Stinsons make a table at the Awards Banquet.



Bethany Seto and Norma Seto talking to Sharon Kolb.

Awards Banquet

Held at the Manchester Inn, Middletown, on a cold and blustery evening, the Awards banquet was a highly successful event for those who attended. Over thirty were signed up for the event, but the inclement weather forecast (and it really was snowing there at the end), and rain during day cut the attendance number to about twenty-five. As has been true in the past, the fare was of high quality and excellent. The entree was any of beef, chicken or fish with new potatoes, string beans and rolls. Dessert was an assortment of cakes and pies. This year several folks took the yummy leftovers home. President Phil Daye was unable to attend because wife Carolyn had a medical problem. The Master of Ceremonies job then fell to the incoming president Frank Ciboch, who rose to the occasion.

The awards themselves were well deserved.

Marque of Distinction - A well deserved winner was Mike McKittrick, and from a pretty good field. Mike and Mara run a Celtic gift shop in Waynesville, and boost Triumphs to whoever comes into the store and shows an interest (The store, by the way, is well worth a visit, ed.). He is the door prize chairman of the club's Year 2000 BCD's day event and did an excellent job in 1999. Mike also has set up and edits the club home page on the Internet.

Keep It On The Road - Had a number or worthy candidates, but who could deny that Ian Cunningham was the hands-down winner. Ian and his wife Kathleen probably put a million miles on his Midget in 1999. He is a total participator in regional and state-wide shows (as evidenced by all the articles he has submitted this year, ed) and has won more than his share of prizes with the spiffy little green car.

Press on Regardless - The field of candidates was scant this year, perhaps a tribute to the state of condition of the club's cars. Winner was San Seto, with two notable travel problems, a water leak on Bruce's Fall Tour, and a failed generator help way to Newport, Maine. In one case it was fix it, in the other case it was soldier on until a spare part could be acquired (three days later).

Most Improved - The winner was Frank Ciboch, from a very narrow field, and for the resurrection of either the Spitfire or the TR-3, take your pick. Either way, both cars show the effectiveness of Frank's ministrations.

Also presented for installation were the new officers for 2000 - 2001, Frank, as the new President, Carolyn Daye as the new Treasurer and Lois Bigler as the new Secretary. There was a word of thanks for services performed to the outgoing officers, Phil Daye, past President, Mary Stinson who has filled the post of Treasurer ably for a number of years, and Lorna Matteson-Ball, who has completed a competent term as Secretary. The Club wishes the new offices well as they start terms of office.

Announcing...

Spring Tour 2000!

Oh folks, it's that time of year again, the birds are chirping, flowers are out, and the smell of tuned twin carbs is in the air! Join us for a romp through the beautiful rolling hills of South-Central Ohio with the sun in your face, wind in your hair, and a smile on your face. This is an open invitation to COCTRA, Buckeye Triumphs, And Miami Valley Triumphs members, see ya!

Join Us, Saturday

April 15, 2000

- Quaint Shops
- Beautiful Parks
- Interesting Places
- Good Food
- Great Roads
- Wonderful Folks
- Memorable Memories
- Sporty Little Cars

Meeting Information:

Meet For Breakfast At Bob Evans,
1800 Columbus Ave, Washington
Court House (North Of Town On US
62) Breakfast Is At 7:30. We Leave
Promptly At 8:30

A Vivid Testimonial:



"I went on this run sometime ago, had a good time, grew hair, and got lucky... (the car never broke)"

Quick Itinerary:

- 7:30 - Breakfast
- 8:30 - Head South
- 12:30 - Lunch
- 6:00 - Dinner

In-Between? A Bunch
Of Stuff! Trust Us!

**Need To Know More? Contact Bruce Clough At
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MVT Summer 2000 Tour

Reservations Required

The weekend of June 3-4 is now on the MVT event calendar, and plans for the MVT Summer 2000 Tour to central Kentucky are being firmed up. At the March 5th MVT meeting, there will be brochures available about Shaker Village at Pleasant Hill, KY which will describe what that place is all about.

Our first destination for Saturday June 3rd will be Shaker Village, 25 miles SE of Lexington, KY. We will have lunch in the Trustee's office, explore the restored Shaker Village buildings in the afternoon, and take a ride on the stern-wheeler Dixie Belle. The Shaker Village accommodations are not available to us, so Saturday dinner and overnight accommodations will be at the historic Boone Tavern, on the campus of Berea College. (Jackets for men are required for evening meal.)

Sunday morning we'll drive 70 miles northeast to Natural Bridge State Park, take the short hike to Natural Bridge Arch, and have lunch in Hemlock Lodge. And as if that isn't enough, this leg of the tour also emphasizes the driving part. After all, we'll be going into (and hopefully returning from) some geographically scenic (rugged) territory. Sunday supper will be somewhere along the road near Mt. Sterling or Maysville, depending on the time. The total Kentucky mileage is a bit less than 350, south of the Ohio River.

Boone Tavern in Berea has only 59 rooms, so make room reservations immediately, by calling 1 (800) 366-9358. Rates are around \$65 - \$75, and several options are available. Mention MVT Car Club; I have asked for some rooms to be reserved for us until April 6th, after which time they will be released to the world at large.

For a general description of a similar trip, please refer to the December '99 issue of the Marque, and the article entitled "To Shaker Village and Natural Bridge". The MVT Summer 2000 tour will generally repeat that route and those stops and more along the way.

We have had snow here on the ground for many continuous weeks, and while the cold snow and winds of winter are still blowing, please read the foregoing December article, and try hard to imagine the warm June top-down driving weather that's coming again, and these exciting destinations, and imagine being part of the largest group of MVT cars ever put on the road at the same time.

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