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# March 2006

3<sup>rd</sup> edition

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or to the P. O. Box.

Cutoff date for next month's Marque  
is the 20th.

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## **The President's Comments, March, '06**

Condolences to Carolyn and Phil Daye on the loss of their daughter, Melissa Miller. Norma and I thought the Service done by Reverend VanNest was well done and it was good to see the club turn-out in support of these two wonderful people.

February will be going down in history as the undecided month. For me it is chocked full of excuses to use my credit card, wedding anniversary, Valentine's Day, GE Geezer Luncheon, and the like. The only worse time is the last two weeks in June and first two weeks in July, when all the birthdays in the family occur. Further, in this month I've finally gotten the new brake line in , but only after stripping the lines off the check valve and dispersing fitting, taking it off the bracket, cleaning everything up, replacing the stop switch with a brass pipe plug and then refitting the valves rotated 90 degrees from normal. This then gave me a means to avoid having any brake lines aimed at the exhaust system. Of course it also meant that the other three lines had to be re-bent to fit into their new respective locations, but that seemed to work out OK. So, now all I have to do it to refill and bleed the lines, put in the new coil I got for Christmas, grease all the fittings and the car is ready to come off the jack stands. So, things are looking up for spring driving.

March is upon us and that means **Elections**, voting for officers and awards. Don't forget, if you can't make the March meeting (1 March, Wednesday) use the absentee ballot in the Marque this issue. Mail it to the club post office box, and be quick because there will not be much time from the time you get the Marque until the meeting. Elsewhere in this issue is introduction to all the candidates you'll be voting for.

The **Awards Banquet** will again be at Patterson Homestead. I would urge the new members of the club to attend, the food should be excellent, and members, for this event, are usually on their good behavior, so plan to come out and meet the people who are the reason the club exists. There will be more about this event at the monthly meeting.

Registrations for our BCD continue to dribble in. We are up to six at this point. Most appear to be Spitfire and MG related.

TRA 06 is also getting some attention. We have about six or seven letters of registration for that event.

Thanks for listening,      Stan Seto

## **The Vice-President's Comments**

Hello lads and lassies. T' is St. Patty's season after all don't cha know? I love the winds and wet of changeable March! What a great way to celebrate the birth of a new weather year. I will be working with National Weather Service again this year as a weather spotter. I love the creators work as it pertains to

large weather fronts. They are exciting to watch. Now that it is a decent temperature outside, I can see if the old TR6 will crank over and run again. What fun it will be to actually drive it again. Some people should just never disassemble anything. I keep waiting on parts, money and weather. Oh well, maybe its over. Pass the Guinness and pop in a copy of Riverdance! Lets rejoice at the idea of a fresh new motoring season.

March 8<sup>th</sup>, the band of Flight will be playing another free concert called Tops in Blue. This is well timed as I always try to celebrate on that Day. See the web site. [www.wpafb.af.mil](http://www.wpafb.af.mil) and click on the events link. March 18<sup>th</sup> is the Mobil 12 hour race at Sebring(Speed). The 23-25<sup>th</sup> is another grand race , the Homestead-Miami 250. I need a Sabreliner. Life would be fine with a T-29.

Now where is that McGuires polish that I won as a door prize. I just got myself all stirred up. R.L.

## **FEBRUARY MVT MEMBERSHIP MEETING**

**02-01-06**

**26 members present**

Pres: Glad to see everyone.

Harry Mague reported getting distributor rebuilt in Cincinnati by Bob Sarana.

Very pleased with results.

Vice Pres: Good to be here.

Membership: Membership chair unable to be at meeting BASKETBALL!!!!!!! Five?

New members

Treasurer: Carolyn reported income and expenses. Will have annual financial report in

March Marque

Sec'y: Minutes of December meeting reviewed and approved

Marque Editor/Website:Randy doing the Marque. Mike maintaining website.

Events Clough family and Seto family went to Burr Oak for organizing meeting for

TRA. Went well except

Norma was not feeling well. Good location, facility will do very well. Make reservations for lodge as

Soon as possible to assure availability. Registration form will be on MVT website.

2-05-06 Super Bowl Party at Clough Ranch. Concours d Food with prizes See email from Bruce and/or flyer in Marque for more details

3-18-06 MVT Awards Banquet. Patterson Homestead

5-13-06 Scottish Weekend at Carrollton KY Mckitricks will have booth all weekend.

6-14,18-06 TRA Burr Oak State Park[southeast Ohio] Reservations can be made for lodge,

Cabins also available.

7-18,23-06 VTR Dallas/Fort Worth,Texas

8-05-06 British Car Day Dayton

Bruce proposed possible event schedule

March Tech session[could do Midnight Tech Madness Session at Bell's]  
April Madison, IN Will check with Bolichs' to see if planning event in April  
May Metamora, IN  
July Cincinnati British Car Day[need date]

Old Business: British Car Day August 05 at Eastwood Park. Registration form will be on website.. There will be a planning meeting sometime in March.

Discussion regarding awards banquet. Chanrtelll's restaurant not available.  
Will go to Patterson

Homestead. Vote taken by membership for catering, will have Chef-A-GO1GO! Members will pay \$25.00 per person and MVT will pay any additional cost.

Checks payable to MVT. Reservations to Lois Bigler[9372531580].

New Business.

Nominations

President Bruce Clough  
Stan Seto

No additional nominations. Nominations closed

Secretary Ellis Ball  
Phil Daye

Nominations closed

Treasurer Carolyn Daye

No additional nominations. Nominations closed

Marque of Distinction Lois Bigler  
Randy Wakefield

No additional nominations. Nominations closed

Keep It On The Road Stan Seto  
Chuck White

No additional nominations. Nominations closed

Most Improved Tonda Macy  
Forrest Gwin

No additional nominations. Nominations closed

Press On Regardless Bruce Clough

No additional nominations. Nominations closed

A ballot will appear in Marque. Absentee ballots must be mailed to club post office box.

Bruce will check box day of meeting.

Stan received letter fromJessa Quick of Rock Auto.com. Company offering discount. Stan will

Check to see if they offer any British parts.

Gentleman who lives near Stan has 2 TR3s for sale, one is a parts car, other is good possibly

For restoration.

Question if MVT should adopt[sponsor] a vehicle at British Museum of Transportation. Randy

Will discuss with Pete and Dick of Museum regarding particulars of sponsorship.

**REVIEW MARQUE AND/OR WEBSITE FOR PARTICULARS ON EVENTS:**

50/50 Raffle Stan Seto

Next meeting March 01,2006 at Fuddruckers  
RMEMEBER YOUR NAME BADGE!!!!!!!

**The Election Lowdown or Learning about the Candidates.....**

**For President there are two candidates.**

Bruce Clough, current Events Chairman (one year left) and a past president of the club. Bruce is acknowledged as a strong leader and one of the Go-to members for technical questions.

Stan Seto, current President and ready to serve another two years. Stan is noted for his on-the-job training of the Vice President to succeed him, having always been taught that the older and wiser should always lead the younger and less experienced, and give them "hands-on" experience.

**For Club Treasurer there is one candidate.**

Carolyn Daye has agreed to reprise role as treasurer for another two years. Carolyn is a top notch financial person and while she's been in charge, the club's never run out of money.

**For Club Secretary there are two candidates.**

Ellis Ball, Ellis has been a past Secretary in the club, and is current Fudge Chairman. He has agreed to serve if elected and will continue to be provender of the best peanut butter fudge this side of Waco, Texas.

Phil Daye, has his name in the circle for this critical job in the club. Phil has a strong record as past club president and has served as a key club touchstone with the MG Club for the BCD event.

Both men are constants at the club meetings and either would make an excellent Secretary.

**The Club Awards Nominees:**

**Marque of Distinction:** This is the club Prestige Award, to go to the person who has most personified the character of the club in the past year. Most nominees have served as club officers and also promote and serve the club at both internal and external functions.

**There are two nominees this year:**

Lois Bigler. Lois is current MVT Secretary and has served more than one term at this function in an exemplary manner. She is extremely active in the club events, organizing both the Awards Banquet, the Holiday Soiree and their locations for the past two years. Lois participates in the driving events, and works diligently at BCD. She is, in addition, well involved in other car events in the general Dayton area and promotes MVT at these venues.

Randy Wakefield. Randy is the current Vice President of MVT and has served well in the year 2005 as the President had a busy travel schedule that year. Randy has also done an excellent job as registrar for BCD for the past several years. He carried us from paper to electronics and has really reduced the work load of the Register Crew on the day of the event. Randy is also very active in the Spitfire Squadron (his car of choice).

**Press on Regardless, and there is one candidate.**

Bruce Clough. Bruce was nominated for the job he did keeping the Stag on the road for the TRA National meet in Branson, MO this past summer. He was having overheating problems but the daytime travel temperatures were so high that even Alice was (actually) sweating (I mean women don't sweat, do they?? They perspire! But, Alice was dripping!!!) Never the less they made it in on a day that was in the high 90's, and traveled over 700 miles that day.

**Keep it on the Road, there are two candidates.**

Stan Seto. Stan normally has his car to many events in the year, but due to lots of repair work to the '3 in 2005, was only active in July to October. He logged about 1500 miles.

Chuck White. Chuck has averaged 3 trips a month in 2005. He and his wife, Chris, totaled in excess of 2500 miles and attended numerous car shows in the spring, summer and fall. His long distance runs were the Indiana London to Brighton run and going to VTR in Rockford, Ill. They also attended BCD in Columbus, the Second Street Market show and the Tipp City Cruise-in.

**Most Improved (Car), there are two candidates.**

Forrest Gwin, '72 Mk IV Spitfire – Forrest worked his car all year, making the following improvements – new brakes, tires, Painted it, rugs in the cockpit, rebuilt the engine with rings, bearings and a valve job, put on a new top, but kept original those parts that still looked good. The car is in his living room, ready for gas and oil and warmer weather.

Tonda Macy, TR4 - built-up from the hulk of car that had a poor body and rough frame. See [http://www.macysgarage.com/myweb6/TR4\\_floors.htm](http://www.macysgarage.com/myweb6/TR4_floors.htm) for details. The car was built from halves rejoined to new floors. Not mentioned on the web site are the accessory items such as new rugs, rebuilt door panels and a soft top. Tonda's car has taken awards in 2005, including at VTRRockford.

**Absentee Ballot – Mail to: Miami Valley Triumphs, PO Box 144, Bellbrook, OH 45305, Must arrive by 01 March, 2006.**

**President:**

Pick one -

Bruce Clough \_\_\_\_\_

Stan Seto \_\_\_\_\_

**Treasurer:**

Carolyn Daye \_\_\_\_\_

**Secretary:**

Pick one –

Ellis Ball \_\_\_\_\_

Phil Daye \_\_\_\_\_

**AWARDS –**

**Marque of Distinction**

Pick one –

Lois Bigler \_\_\_\_\_

Randy Wakefield \_\_\_\_\_

**Press on Regardless**

Bruce Clough \_\_\_\_\_

**Keep It On The Road**

Pick one –

Stan Seto \_\_\_\_\_

Charles White \_\_\_\_\_

**Most Improved**

Pick one –

Forrest Gwinn \_\_\_\_\_

Tonda Macy \_\_\_\_\_

## The Official Events

### Update: Marching In...!

March already? Time to order mulch already? Time to finally fix the Stag gas tank? You bet!

Due to work I'm not going to be at the next two club meetings, so I will try to throw my voice from where ever I'm at. Be quiet, listen!

### **Superbowl Party Post Mortem**

Pittsburgh won. MVT'ers showed up at our house. We ate food. The winners of the concourse al la food were

#### **Appetizer Class:**

*First – Was it the Biglers, or Rutledges? Maybe the McKitricks?*

*Second – Some combo of the above...*

#### **Dessert Class:**

*First- It wasn't Ellis, now who was it?*

*Second- Was it Ellis?*

Nobody got drunk, nobody got into a fight, and the bulb lasted on the projector. Duncan got into a tizzy since he had to go to bed earlier than the rest of us (what's new), and we filled up the recycle bins with bottles.

Oh, Ellis did bring fudge...

### **Anyway, this month.**

**MVT Meeting 1 Mar** – at Fuddrucker's behind the Dayton Mall on Kingsridge Drive. Across from Poelking Lanes – you know the place. Dinner at 6:30, Meeting at 7:30. Fun times will be had by all, and maybe the Prez will show up! The topics will be elections – vote early and vote often for Stan – and probably the Awards Banquet! As usual, kilts are in vogue...

**MVT Banquet, 18 March** – At The Patterson Homestead off of Brown Street south of Stewart – across from the Pine Club – Cocktails, horse-tails, and blatant lies start at 0600. Dinner followed by the gala awards ceremony. Scantly-clad implanted women? No. Tanned hunks

brimming with testosterone? Probably not. Thank you speeches that drag on for ever? Hope not. For your thrills Stan is going to give a state-of-the-club speech. Who knows, maybe Bruce will show his underwear again....

### **Farther Out**

*Spring Tune-Up Workshop* – Clough Ranch sometime in April. I'm thinking the 15<sup>th</sup>?

*Marion, Indiana Tour* – Hate to tell folks this, but right now this is driven by availability of rooms at Clifty Falls Park, and they be chock-full in April! Will try other months...

*Appalachian Rim Tour* – Good think you got your car tuned up! We are going to drive out to Adams Country where the glaciers stopped and the hills begin. I think a stop at Miller's is appropriate, but I'm not quite sure of the funeral home museum...

*Pandora Run* – Trip in May up to see Ted's Shop in Pandora?

### **TRA 2006 Update – Burr Oak State Park, OH – 14-18 Jun 05.**

Stuff all been sent out, lodge is almost full, homework to committee members is given – now the fun starts – coordinating all this stuff.



As TRA National Committee Chair I'm hosting the party! Haggis for all, bring your banjo! Get your registrations in!

**Dayton British Car Day and NASS Meet. 5 August.** Be there or be square! The usual fun stuff!

## A letter from our friends to the south...

Dear Editor:

I would like to request that the following advertisement be included in your Calendar of Events.

Cincinnati Ohio, **Sunday July 9th**: The 20th Annual British Car and Motorcycle Show co-sponsored by the Ohio Valley Austin Healey Club and The British Car Club of Greater Cincinnati. New Location: William Harbin Park 1300 Hunter Rd, Fiarfield Ohio. The featured cars are the A.H. Sprite & MG Midget.

Door prizes, vendors, shade, food, 75 trophies, 20 classes based on Popular Judging. Gates open at 9am. Judging closes at 12 noon, Trophies awarded by 4 pm. Cost \$12.00 per car pre-registration by July 2nd or \$15.00 the day of the show, \$5.00 admission for spectators, Children under 12 free.

Info: Bob Merten (513)941-4911 e-mail jagaus@fuse.net

Web site <http://hometown.aol.com/ovaustinhealey/>  
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Sincerely:

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# Here We Go!!

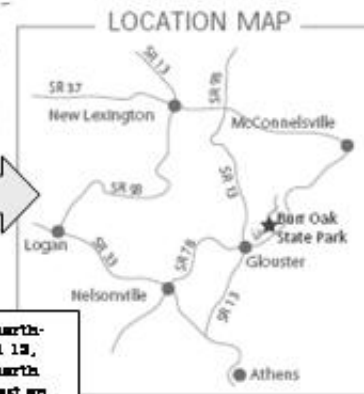
Hello,

You and your club are invited to the 2nd Annual Hillside Cruise-In at Hillside Chapel in Beavercreek, OH on **September 30, 2006**. It will be a benefit for Habitat for Humanity of Greene County. I've attached a flyer with details. Please feel free to share on your website or other means with all who may be interested. If you have any questions, please call or e-mail. Thank You!

Gary Mathis  
Event Coordinator  
937-427-3976

# Spring is Here!





**Directions:** Burr Oak State Park is roughly between Zanesville and Athens [north-south line]. From I-75, go south from Zanesville on Ohio Routes 60, 93, and 13, heading east on Ohio 78 from where it runs into 13. From the south come north on US 33 from Athens, take the Ohio 13 exit and head north, also turning east on 78. Once on 78 the park entrance will be a few miles up on the left.

*Hello - Triumph Enthusiasts, especially those with a wet-liner 2l engine in their hearts!*

The TRA National Committee is pleased to host the 2006 Meeting at Burr Oak State Resort Park, Glouster, Ohio, 14-18 June 2006. Nestled in the rolling hills of Southeast Ohio, Burr Oak is far from the busy bustle of everyday living - but close to wonderful rural roads that bring back the exciting motoring of yesteryear, before the advent of interstates and fast food. Our themes this year can be summed up in six words: "drive, intimate, family, rustic, fun, drive". "Drive" since that is what cars are about. Art hangs on a wall, cars you drive - we will have plenty of chances for you to air your cars out in organized tours. "Intimate" since the lodge is small enough so TRA can have the whole thing. "Family" since we encourage the whole family to attend with events catering to young, old, gear-head and not-so-gear-head. "Rustic" since not only the location in wooded hills, but also the hearkening back to meetings long past when impromptu gatherings chatting about Triumphs, while Triumph mugs in hand held the beverage of choice. "Fun" since we decided to focus on events all can enjoy, without the hectic events schedule that leave one breathless or in a quandary as to which to attend. This is a wonderful place to relax, and relax we will. "Drive" at the end just reflects the meet - we will start with a driving tour, and end with one also! The location is no accident - TRA was last here in 1979 for one of the most memorable meetings, and this will be one also to remember.

We have four days planned filled with driving TRs down twisty-turny country roads, car shows, the infamous TRA Auction, as well as other events. Explore the western edge of Appalachia with the top down, wind it your hair, and smile on your face!

Registration packets are available on the TRA web site [www.triumphregister.com](http://www.triumphregister.com) along with information on past meetings. For more information please contact Bruce Clough, TRA National Meeting Coordinator at (937) 376-9946 (or [clough@erinet.com](mailto:clough@erinet.com)), or Stan Seto, Registration Chair, at [stans@fuse.net](mailto:stans@fuse.net). If you want to reserve a room, please call the resort at (740) 767-2112 and let them know you are there for the Triumph Register Of America Meeting. Reserve early due to limited rooms - weekly cabin rentals are also available, and a small block of those have been reserved for TRA.

***Bruce Clough***  
TRA National Meeting Coordinator



**TRA 2006 14-18 June 2006, Burr Oak State Park. Info at [www.triumphregister.com](http://www.triumphregister.com), call Bruce at (937) 376-9946, or email at [clough@erinet.com](mailto:clough@erinet.com)**

The Triumph Register Of America National Committee  
Is Pleased To Present:

## TRA National Meeting 2006

Burr Oak State Park, Ohio 14-18 June 2006

"drive, intimate, family, rustic, fun, drive"



Marty Lashover (TRR 15) Artist

**Welcome home to the rolling forested hills of  
Eastern Ohio, caves, waterfalls, quaint Pioneer  
villages, fantastic roads, and fervent TR passion!**



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## The Missing TR By Randy Wakefield

There are I suppose, great moments in automotive history whose details thrill and mystify us as we unravel the details. Still others must shock and sadden. I was pulling some of my archive to do a model car correctly when I came upon an article written by an author unnamed for the magazine Thoroughbred and Classic Cars. June 1990 Ed. I was immediately intrigued by the authors' treatment of the history during that time when the TR3 was getting a bit long in the tooth. It seems that a veteran designer took exception to the intrusion of a new man hired to redesign the TR and Herald bodies. That veteran was Walter Belgrove. Mr. Belgrove is credited with penning the flowing lines of the TR2 as well as many others.

Manager John Black appointed independent Carl Otto as the designer of the Vanguard series 3. A sour time must have followed and Mr. Belgrove soon left Triumph.

The staff at Triumph set the course for the creation of what would be termed a TR4. The design team began work on a car named "zest". There was then the arrival of a dynamically talented designer. By 1956, the Herald was designed by Giovanni Michelotti. Triumph began to gain a new look.

1955 saw the debut of America's sweetheart, the Corvette. The American market, in which MG added its lovely MGA was of interest to designers of the next TR.

By July 1956, the clay model pictured had been created.



The effort produced a car with Wrap around glass. In 1955 and 1956, many designers used the look then in production on Ford, Buick and other



cars.

The designs that were to break the 60's away from its past were being set. By September 1956 the zest project had resulted in attaching an almost Ferrari like nose on the existing TR3 body work. This was soon rejected. Rather than facelift, Triumph decided to re-body.



Design team offered a slippery alternative for the TR3 facelift. In April of 1957, a new Zest body was in the works. It was swoopy and sexy.



The TR was to have its first roll up windows, rounded windscreen and modern coach work all on a proven chassis that was not a monetary departure from reason.

Now at the same time this was developing, there was this nice little Zobo (Herald) project being funded. To launch it in 1959 as it was, cost Triumph the time and engineering abilities needed to launch either of the cars pictured below. October of 1957, sitting in the studio were two designs that by our standards of sports car appeal today would either take the market numbers significantly. On the right, the first Michelotti TR. Sigh.



