



Events 2000

February 2, 2000	Monthly Meeting, Poelking Lanes, 7:30 pm
February 12	Ladies Night Out - Look for a flyer
March 1	Monthly Meeting- New Officers Voting
March 11	Awards Banquet, Manchester Inn, Middletown
March 21	BCD Meeting - Marions Town & Country, 7:30 pm
April 29 -30	Spring Tour to Southern Indiana overnight in Madison
May 5 - 7	Scottish Weekend - Carrollton, KY
May TBA	Tour Dayton Daily News
June 3 - 4	Over-nighter into Kentucky, lodge in Shakertown
August 5	BCD Days, MVT and MG Club, Eastwood Metro Park, Fairborn
August 10 - 13	TRF Summer Party, Armagh PA

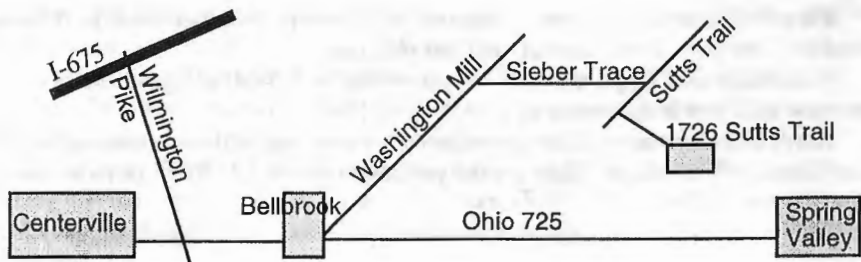


Events Highlites—

January 30	Super Bowl party!
February 12	Ladies Night Out - Separate Flyer for event will be mailed to each lady member.
March 11	Awards Banquet - See enclosed article

DIRECTIONS TO BRUCE AND ALICE CLOUGH'S - 1726 SUTTS TRAIL

Directions from Kettering: Take Wilmington Pike to OH 725 (Alex Bell Rd.) Turn left and follow through the lovely town of Bellbrook. As you leave the town's east side there will be a road on the right, Washington Mill (hard to miss - there is a driving range on the corner and it's across from a closed ice cream shop/stand - it's also the second left after the light in "downtown" Bellbrook.) Turn left onto Washington Mill and follow it until it comes up out of the valley and makes a sharp left turn. Right after this turn is a road to the right called Sieber Trace. Turn on Sieber Trace and follow it until it dead-ends. That's Sutts Trail. Turn right on Sutts and turn down the asphalt driveway on your left which is flanked by two stone mailboxes (only one, "1726" is beside the first one). Go through the woods and cross the creek and we're the first house you come to, a contemporary ranch sitting up a bit with the four car garage.



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 Miami Valley Triumphs

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Ladies Night Out—Feb 12

The Marque

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Miami Valley Triumphs is a registered chapter of the Vintage Triumph Register and a local center of The Triumph Register of America. Meetings are held the first Wednesday of the month at Poelking Lanes, Kingridge Drive, behind the Dayton Mall. Drinks, dinner triumph talk at 7:00 pm, general membership meeting at 8:00 pm. Anyone interested in Triumphs is most heartily invited.

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From the Pres...

Election time is drawing near. Volunteer or have yourself nominated for one of the upcoming offices. Nominations will be open at the February meeting and again at the March meeting. Voting will be at the March meeting. We also need nominations for awards.

As you all may know, John Clark has been ill and we wish him a speedy recovery. We do need someone to fill in for his position of events Coordinator. Volunteers will be appreciated.

Stan Seto informed us, at the January meeting, that he and Norma will provide the Marque through May. We will need someone to take over this thankless task. Speaking of, thanks much for your many months of producing the Marque for MVT.

Phil

FAREWELL TO SUMMER by Frank Ciboch

This has come to be the culminating annual Triumph event that I have undertaken to keep alive. Traditionally, this has been held at the Twin Oaks pavilion at Hills and Dales Park. The Twin Oaks shelter has a large fireplace which came in handy more than once to ward off the cold. More recently, we have held it at the site of our British Car Day, Eastwood Metro Park, and this year was no exception. This year we used a newly rebuilt shelter which also has a large fireplace. Over the years the weather for this event has varied from unnaturally spring-like to cool and wet to blustery snowy winter. This year it was kind of a combination of cool fall and early spring. It started out very cool and so the firewood that Ellis and Phil brought added a warm and cheery glow to the little gathering in the shelter. Then, as the day progressed, the sun came out and warmed up the air and it became quite pleasant. We had a very good attendance at this year's event as we usually do with three members actually driving British Sports Cars. Stan and Norma Seto arrived as they always do in their beautiful TR3 top up but side curtains off; Wally Ellifret arrived sans top and side curtains in his newly restored absolutely gorgeous red small mouth TR3; and Ian and Kathleen Cunningham arrived in their MG Midget (blasphemy) with both top and windows rolled up; the rest of us, John Clark, Ray and Mary Bolich, Ellis and Lorna Ball, Phil and Carolyn Daye, Dan, Mary, Shane Stinson, and Diane and I came in American/Japanese iron. Once upon a time when I was newsletter editor, I jokingly listed our Club as the MV Triumph and Dinner Club. Well, I'm not far off actually. The spread of food put on at MVT events is truly incredible. This year we had three types of chile (actually, one was a casserole, but was delicious just the same), cookies, Ellis' peanut butter fudge (a Miami Valley staple), pumpkin pie, veggie tray, sugar creme pie, cheesecake, donut holes and of course, JTM meat burgers, brats, and hot dogs all on the grille (thanks to Mary Stinson for doing the shopping). It was a great day of socializing while listening to the Bengals lose to the Colts, another farewell to summer picnic tradition. So, after a full day of car talk, good food, and good company we bid each other a fond adieu and went our separate ways secure in the knowledge that we had topped off another year of great Triumph fun. Why weren't you there? I'm looking forward to seeing you at next year's annual farewell; but that's a little premature; we've got lots of good Triumphing ahead before the next season's out.

Take care,
Frank

Annual Banquet

Hi everyone. It's banquet time again! Since we all enjoyed the banquet last year, we are doing it the same way this year. The price this year will be \$25.00 per person. The date this year is Saturday March 11, 2000. Drinks are at 6 pm and dinner at 7 pm. We will be in the Garden Room again. The prime rib buffet with almond chicken and lemon fish is on the menu. As always, shrimp, fruit and cheese tray will be available.

Dinner includes coffee, tea and dessert. Please let me know if you are coming. I need to let the Manchester know a head count by the March meeting. You can pay me at the meeting or send payment to P. O. Box 292824 Kettering, Ohio 45429.

Here is the address of the Manchester:

MANCHESTER INN
1027 Manchester Avenue
Middletown, OH 45042
Phone: (513) 422-5481

If you have any questions, you can call me at (937) 254-5955. I hope to see you at the banquet. Come and have fun with us.

Mary Stinson

Triumph Inverse Proportion Rule

This is a rule of physics that simply says that the number of Triumphs you can keep running and drivable is inversely proportional to the number you have. The Bolich corollary simply says that three Triumphs is the maximum number that you can keep running at any one time. I am currently trying to disprove both of these theorems but am having a little problem of late. After running all day in the Spitfire on Bruce's Fall Foliage Tour of Southeastern Ohio, I discovered that the Spit has a slight miss between 1500-2500 rpm. There is no problem during acceleration but at steady state there is an occasional hiccup. For whatever reason, I convinced myself that the problem is the single Stromberg emission carburetor hooked up to my 1500 engine which has all the emission plumbing disconnected. The decision was all the more easy to make as I had purchased a dual SU set up from a Canadian car at this year's TRA meet in Dublin, Ohio. So, I proceeded to make the switch, which actually went along rather smoothly until the time came to start the engine and synchronize the carburetors. As it turned out, the car was totally dead. Checking the battery gave a reading of 4 volts, which of course, ain't going to get it. So I disconnected the battery and started to check out the wiring with my trusty VOM to find the short, which had drained the battery. The first place I started was in the trunk at the rear tail light and brake light. On the tour Ian Cunningham had noticed that the Spitfire's right brake light was very dim. Investigation revealed that the stop light wire was connected to the running light filament. The reason was quite simple: the brake filament was burned out. I left the wiring connected incorrectly since the car had been running fine except for the miss since I bought it about 2 months ago. Couldn't find the short anywhere. After spending the better part of a day (actually wasting would be a better word although in research we always used to say that failure is not a waste because it gives you information on what doesn't work. Great philosophy if you really don't need to get something fixed right away but not much use otherwise.) So, in desperation I took the battery out of Daisy (Diane's TR7) and put it into the Spit. Voila! Again, her was energy to all the vital parts. So I got her started, warmed up, and ready to adjust when I noticed that radiator fluid was dripping at a fairly good rate onto the exhaust headers. Well, it seems there is a threaded opening in the bottom of the manifold which obviously was connected to something but darn if I know what. I did connect the two pipes on top to the cooling system but didn't realize that there was another opening. So, I've spent another couple of hours trying to find a plug or bolt to plug the hole. At this point it looks like a 5/16 coarse threaded bolt will do the job; so, after plugging up the manifold, readjusting the throttle linkage, and connecting the choke, I should be able to adjust the carbs. Interestingly, the TR7 battery is holding up fine so far. You may recall that Phil Daye had a similar problem with his Spitfire on the way to the Der Dutchman restaurant. Turned out that all he needed was a new battery. Wonder if this is a Spitfire weakness—runs with a bad battery until it just gives up the ghost, no warning, no nothing, just instant death. Well, I'm really anxious to get it sorted out because the little bugger is a blast to drive and the number of really good opportunities that we are going to get the rest of this year is waning. Remember, they're cars and are meant to be driven, just ask Stan Seto or Phil Daye; they always show up in a Triumph; and if I can defy the inverse Triumph law of physics, I will too.

Frank

FOR SALE

2 TR3 transmissions \$100.00 ea. • MGB transmissions \$100
Tires 4 Firestone P21560 R16 \$40 all • 1984 Nissan Sentra \$500 • TR3 fuel tank \$25.00
We will trade any or all for TR3 Sheet Metal, accessories, or antiques. Many other TR3 parts available-inquire. Chris Yanity (937) 832-2509

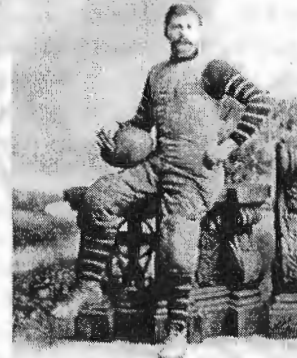
AUTHORIZED MOSS DISTRIBUTOR — Effective Nov 99 any M.V.T. member placing a MOSS MOTORS parts order with MG AUTOMOTIVE will earn a 3% rebate of the total, to the MVT Club Treasury.

MVT Millennium S-Bowl Party



The Clough's Invite You To
The 2000 MVT Superbowl
Party, at which we eat, drink,
cavort, chat - about
everything but watch the
game (although we try to
catch the commercials)!

Sunday, 30 Jan 00 Start:5PM
Bring a covered dish and
alcoholic beverage if you wish,
plates, dishes, and non-alcoholic
drinks will be provided.



More Info? Call 937-376-
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clough@erinet.com. Looking
forward to seeing you!
Map In Here Somewhere!

<u>First</u>	<u>Spouse</u>	<u>Last</u>	<u>Address</u>	<u>City</u>	<u>State</u>	<u>Zip Code</u>	<u>Phone</u>	<u>Year</u>	<u>Model</u>
Ellis	Lorna	Ball	112 Hemlock St.	Franklin	Oh.	45005	746-5189	80	TR-7
Steve		Baltes	41 Hwy. 212	Covington	Ga.	30014	1 (404)784-1300		
David		Barrett	11280 Fairfield	Leesburg	Oh.	45135	780-3535	68	GT6
Donald	Lois	Bigler	104 Virginia Ave.	Dayton	Oh.	45410	253-1580	61	TR-3A
Ray	Mary Fox	Bolich	8961 Patton Rd.	Hillsboro	Oh.	45133	1 937 840-0764	60	TR-3A
Vern		Burnett	14611 Dale Hollow Ln.	Cypress	Tx.	77429		66	TR 4
Scott	Carol	Childers	11800 CloverlickDr.	Bethel	Oh.	45106	937 379-2376	57	TR3
Frank A.	Diane	Ciboch	1045 S. SR 73	Springboro	Oh.	45066	1-513 748-4185	62	TR-3a
John E.	Janet	Clark	1009 E. Stroop Rd.	Kettering	Oh.	45429	298-3796	79	spitfire 1500
Bruce	Alice	Clough	1726 Sutts Trail	Xenia	Oh.	45385	376-9946	61	TR4
ILarry		Combs	101 Highridge Ct.	Franklin	Oh.	45005	746-6873	68	TR-250
Ian	Kathleen	Cunningham	P.O. Box 427	Sardinia	Oh.	45171	1-513-446-2538	72	GT-6
Philip O.	Carolyn	Daye	4728 Primrose Ln.	Middletown	Oh.	45044	423-8175	66	Spitfire
Paul	Judi	DeVfies	113 Country Club	Oxford	Oh.	45056	523-3083	60	TR 3A
Wallace	Claire	Ellifritt	4100 Willowcreek Dr.	Dayton	Oh.	45415	890-5348	61	TR3
Ron	Brenda	Fowler	P.O. Box 609	Lithopolis	Oh.	43136-061	614 833-6885	80	TR8
Bud	Cathy	Graff	4792 Eck Rd.	Middletown	Oh.	45042	513 424-7144	59	TR3A
Forrest H.	Mable	Gwinn	2853 Comanche Rd.	Kettering	Oh.	45420	293-6697	72	Spitfire
Jim	Jodie	Hardesty	6491 Dear Knolls Dr.	HuberHeights	Oh.	45424	667-7141	74	TR6
Martin	Carol	Justice	6531 Dear Knoll Dr.	Huber Heights	Oh.	45424	667-1132	80	TR7
Robert		Kasprzak	4213 Pleasanton Rd.	Englewood	Oh.	45322-261		74	Tr6
Gene	Betty	Kelsey	225 Kesling Dr.	Springboro	Oh.	45066	513-748-1253	80	Spitfire
Jay	Sharon	Kolb	6765 Millikin Rd.	Middletown	Oh.	45044	513 777-1873	73	TR6
Rodger	Rebecca	Larson	5200 Pollard Way	Huber Heights	Oh.	45424	233-4371	63	Herald
Scott	Debbie	Lipps	22 Ruppert Ct.	Franklin	Oh.	45005	513 746-5535	80	Spitfire
Dale		Martin	5348 Nan Linn Dr.	Willoughby	Oh.	44094	216 570-3187	79	Spitfire

<u>First</u>	<u>Spouse</u>	<u>Last</u>	<u>Address</u>	<u>City</u>	<u>State</u>	<u>Zip Code</u>	<u>Phone</u>	<u>Year</u>	<u>Model</u>
Mike	Mira	McKitrick	2369 Pine Knott Dr.	Beavercreek	Oh.	45431	429-5331		
Murry	Jacqueline	Mercier	6721 Markwood St.	Worthington	Oh.	43085	614 888-0838	73	TR6
Steve		Miller	3733-c Willmington Pk.	Kettering	Oh.	45429	294-7623	54	TR-2
Gary W.		Morrow	3049 Ridgeway Rd.	Dayton	Oh.	45419	229-2048	72	TR-6
Bill		Moss	1340 Central Park Av.	Kettering	Oh.	45409-160	293-1693	81	TR8
Channing	Marian	Posson	7388 Bellefontaine Rd.	Dayton	Oh.	45424	236-1194	71	TR6
Roger	Carol	Rutledge	1369 Elizabeth Ct.	Springfield	Oh.	45503	1 937 399-1003	63	TR3B
Russ		Seto	14610 Dale Hollow Ln.	Cypress	Tx.	77429	281 373-0637		
Stanford	Norma	Seto	1754 Lindenhall Dr.	Loveland	Oh.	45140	1 513 683-7974	62	TR-3B
Mike		Sheehan	1282 Upper Bellbrook Rd.	Xenia	Oh.	45385	372-2784	66	TR4 A
Mike		Smith	246 N. Diamond Mill Rd.	Clayton	Oh.	45315			
Kent	Pam	Southard	106 S. Cherry St.	Germantown	Oh.	45327	855-2017	62	TR-4
Daniel L.	Mary	Stinson	5311 Logan Ave.	Dayton	Oh.	45431	254-5955	63	TR-3B
Tom		Stroup	P.O. Box 17	Leesburg	Oh.	45135			
Ken	Charrie	Tolliver	8705 Withersfield Ct.	Springboro	Oh.	45066	748-2794	76	TR6
Tom		Tweed	256 N. Main St.	W. Milton	Oh.	45383	698-5015	68	TR-250
Randy	Kattie	Wakefield	5621 Harlamert Dr.	West Caralton	Oh.	45449-280	439-5025	74	Spitfire 1500
Tom	Joan	Wilson	2317 E. Rahn Rd.	Kettering	Oh.	45440	434-6427	80	TR-7
Dick	Barb	Wood	3890 Murphy's Crossing	Dayton	Oh.	45440	937 8487719	75	TR 6
Chris	Chris	Yanity	105 Aleshire Farm Cr.	Union	Oh.	45322	832-2509	60	TR3 A
Dale		Katzfey	6637 Bejay Dr.	Tipp City	Oh.	45371	667-1536	74	TR6
Roy		Owens	5345 Cobb Dr.	Riverside	Oh.	45431	256-7374	64	Spitfire
Mark	Debbie	Titus	1121 N. Murry St.	Springfield	Oh.	45503	937 525-0295	79	Spitfire
Vic		Snively	275 W. Alkaline Springs Rd.	Vandalia	Oh.	45377	898-3208	75	TR6
Walt	Karen	Fogle	14717 168th Ave. NE	Woodenville	Wa.	98072	425 402-0943	73	Spitfire 1500

About the Club

By-Laws Revision - Proposed Change

Para. 2.3 Privileges, *Currently reads:*

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

Recommended Revision:

Para. 2.3 Privileges

2.3.1 — A new member (first year) shall receive personalized MVT name badge for the member and spouse, a brief history of the club, a copy of the current By-laws a copy of the current membership list, choice of three back issues of the MVT newsletter, hereafter known as The Marque, a subscription to The Marque from the effectivity date of membership until the annual membership renewal date, and any other club information concerning activities, maintenance and/or restoration of Triumphs.

2.3.2 — A member renewing annual membership is entitled to a subscription to The Marque, from the effectivity date of the renewal until the next annual membership renewal date, notice of MVT events and activities, access to technical assistance from MVT members and , upon request, a copy of the current by-laws and a copy of the current membership list.

2.3.3 — Membership renewal is covered in Paragraph 7.2, Dues payable.

What Should We Do About TRF? My Thoughts...

No matter what the rumor mill is generating, it's obvious to this writer that TRF (The Roadster Factory) is struggling. Charles is quite candid about this, and is appealing to us to spend our money with him. His request for a \$200K operating capital loan struck me as extremely indicative of problems. I'm asking BT (Buckeye Triumph) members to shop TRF first when looking for parts. I know that some of you with cars that aren't TRF's main bread-n-butter, such as Spits, have had troubles in the past, so maybe TRF isn't your first choice. I know I try to shop TRF first (but of late every thing seems to be on back order). I also make it a point to stop by the Coventry Inn as much as possible (always for lunch driving to and from the East Coast), and the food has always been excellent. Many of us in BT have seen the rise and decline of TRF, and count the TRF staff as friends. I know that many have invested most of their prime years in TRF, and I'm not sure what retirement investments have been made, nor what employment opportunities exist if TRF isn't there, but I tend to be more pessimistic about these issues. Will prices go up due to lack of competition if TRF is forced to close? Not sure, but I don't think they will. Will the quality of parts go down? Again, unsure. Will a bit of the charm of the hobby die and bittersweet memories of the "old days" take some fun away? Well, for us TR freaks that have been around for a while, yes. So, I'm asking you to support Charles, John, Deb, Brian, Dolly, Dave, and the rest of the TRF staff (and the economy of a rural mountain community) by sending your business to them first.

Bruce

MINUTES — MVT MEMBERSHIP MEETING, 1/5/2000

Treasurer:	Gave new balance and shared information on incoming and outgoing expenses.
Membership:	51 paid members! New members: Walt and Karen Fogle of Woodenville, WA. He is a Dayton native and visits the area often. They own a 73 Spitfire. Welcome Walt and Karen!
Events:	January 30 — Super Bowl Party at the Clough Ranch! February 12 — Ladies Event: Lois Bigler is in charge of this event and a separate mailing to the ladies will follow. Be looking for it and respond as soon as possible.
Old Business:	Stan Seto and Ian Cunningham presented the suggested rewording of the by-laws: Privileges section: Paragraph 3.2. It was decided the revision would be posted in the Marque for all members to review and will be voted on at the February meeting.
New Business:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Kent Southard informed the Club that John Clark must resign his position as Events Chairman due to health reasons. John does so much for our club. We wish him God's Speed and hope to see him again soon at the meetings.• Stan Seto announced that he and Norma will be giving up the publication responsibilities of the Marque effective the May issue. More hard shoes to fill. They've done a great job for the club.• We discussed a new meeting place—Champs. It was decided that several of us check out the location and report to the membership at the February meeting.• Nominations were opened for upcoming officers election. Those nominated: President, Frank Ciboch; Treasurer, Carolyn Daye; Secretary, Lois Bigler.• Nominations were opened for upcoming awards: Those nominated: Marque of Distinction, Ellis Ball and Mary Stinson; Keep It On The Road, Ian Cunningham, Stan Seto and Dan Stinson; Press On Regardless, Ellis Ball, Phil Daye, and Stan Seto; Most Improved, Frank Ciboch. 50/50 Drawing won by Dan Stinson
Attendees:	Mike 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

Membership

I would like to say hello and welcome to our two newest members. Both have come to us by way of the Internet, and our web page.

Walt and Karen Fogle are from Woodenville, WA. Walt is a graduate of Fairview H.S. and is the owner of a 73 Spitfire 1500.

Harry and Christine Mague are retired Air Force and will be relocating here from Rome, NY in March. They are the proud owners of a 74 TR6. Hope to see you soon.

Dan Stinson