



June 2023

TRA Event Info

Intro

Although there should be no intro needed – TRA 2023 is here this month, and we are hosting it. We have about 80 registrations and lots of fun lined up! There are still some events we are hosting to talk and work TRA 2023 items.

Schedule of Events for TRA 2023 Team

Here are the days in June we are doing activities leading up to TRA 2023

- **6 June** – Tech Presentation run-throughs – Bellbrook United Methodist Church community room, 47 E Franklin St, Bellbrook – Donuts and coffee available, start by 10AM

- **7 June** – MVT Monthly Meeting – the usual place!
- **14 June** – bag stuffing help day if Harry needs it
- **17 June** – Drop off day for supplies and stuff at Hueston Woods Lodge – we will be allowed to pre-stage our stuff in the Council Fire Room
- **18 June** – Arrive at the lodge early afternoon, unload the stuff you brought, and seek out Bruce - he will probably have some stuff that needs to be done – in the evening there will be a staff mixer in the Hospitality Rooms.
- **19-23 June** – Yeee hawww!

**TRA 2023 - MVT Volunteers
Needed!!!**

Volunteers are needed for two events on Wednesday, June 21st at TRA 2023 to sit and be pretty (or handsome) for an hour.

There are two events. One person is needed for each event...or...you could spend the day and do both!

Job Description for Event #1: Sit and "guard" the Arts & Crafts Competition and Silent Auction Items so nothing walks away. Time Needed: Wednesday, June 21 – 8:30-9:30am

Job Description for Event #2: Sit and check off the Arts & Crafts list as items are picked up by the competitors. Time Needed: Wednesday, June 21 – 5:00-6:00pm

No experience needed! Just sitting for an hour and helping your fellow MVT/TRA Committee Members. Interested? Please contact Chris White at midgen54@gmail.com. Thanks so much!!

Note that there will be other opportunities for you to shine that week – so when we ask, don't be shy!

Note from the TRA 2023 Meet Chair

This will be the first month I'm not putting a TRA 2023 blurb in the Upcoming Events section of the Marque since we have arrived at that time – not needed anymore.

So in the calm before the storm (okay, so it's not calm, we are working a lot of things, such as signage and trailer parking) I'd like to thank all the MVT'ers that have helped get this meet together, I'd like to thank my family for pitching in, and also the vendors that have contributed to make this a great meet.

Cheers – Bruce

Thank You from Kathy Graff

Dear Miami Valley Triumphs Club,

Thank you for the generous donation to the Bud Graff Scholarship Fund. We want it to go to a senior wrestler or musician.

We asked the owner of Bud's TR3 to drive his ashes from the funeral home to the cemetery. The TR6 followed. The new owner of the TR3 was moved by the family's reaction to seeing it again. He offered to sell it back to us. We told him maybe someday. Our 13 yr. old grandson (Ace) is learning to drive the TR6 up and down our driveway. He always has a big smile on his face as he is doing that. I think he inherited Bud's love of TR's.

Thank you again for your generous donation!

Sincerely

Kathy Graff

June MVT Events:

- 6 - TRA 2023 Presentations Dry Runs
- 7 – MVT Monthly Meeting
- 14 – Bag stuffing party
- 17 - TRA 2023 Stuff Drop-off Day
- 18-23 June – TRA 2023

In This Marque

- TRA 2023
- FOG with STAN
- Insane lack of tech articles

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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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Club Address – MVT, P.O. Box 144, Bellbrook, OH 45305.

Club Website:
<https://www.miamivalleytriumphs.org/>

We are also on **Facebook** at <https://www.facebook.com/groups/1654893204751113/> - this is a closed group so you will need to request joining.

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...

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 make 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 collector 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.

In addition to VTR and TRA, MVT members are also part of other model-specific clubs such as:

6-Pack (TR6/TR-250) <http://www.6-pack.org/j15/>

Triumph Wedge Owners Association for TR7 and TR8 owners: <https://triumphwedgeowners.org/>.

We actively participate in activities of these clubs and their endeavors to preserve the marque.

MVT Monthly Meeting



MVT Monthly Meetings are held on the first Wednesday of each month at **Archers Tavern Kettering**, 2030 E Dorothy Ln, Kettering, OH 45420, (937) 291-1015. We are in the meeting room off the bar at the front of the tavern. We have dinner and socializing at 6:30PM and the president usually ruins our fun by starting a meeting at 7:30PM.

<http://archerstavern.com/archerstavern/>

Officer's Reports

President's Report



It's all about TRA

John Coutant

Wham! Bam! The two days of Spring have gone and Summer is here with some heat and humidity. What is it about SE Ohio weather that we have

short springs where it is enjoyable (not raining and warm enough) but we have really nice Fall for a couple of months. Oh well, can't complain. Time to put the Bimini top up on the TR3A and think again about putting AC in the Volvo for the next 3 months.

We just finished the Memorial Day weekend and wanted to take a moment to recognize the many veterans who are members of MVT and thank them for their service. That also goes for all of our friends and family who served our country.

You'll notice that the events calendar looks bare in June. No tours, tech sessions, or social events. It is because so many are working super hard on last minute issues for TRA 2023 at Hueston Woods, June 19-23. For those of you who are not on the organizing committees, it might not be evident just how much work is being done to make sure the event is enjoyable for our guests. I'm really proud of everyone who have pitched in to take ownership of one aspect of the event or another.

We still can use short term help even if you are not planning on attending. We can always use extra hands during the registration crunch on Monday, the Concours and car show on Wednesday morning, the Idle Threat on Wednesday afternoon as well as Auction set up the same time. Plenty of other activities and times that can use a hand also. Check out the events on the events page on the website.

<https://www.miamivalleytriumphs.org/tra2023-events>

If you are coming to the meeting on June 7th, you can still sign up to help for specific events then or contact the person responsible for the event to sign up directly.

We are still in our renewal period for membership. Valerie Relue, our membership chair, has already sent out the first notice and will be happy to collect your dues at the general meeting. We've kept our dues low and, even so, they are important to cover our fixed expenditures like insurance, web services, PO Box, etc. Remember you are also part of the membership team so when attending car shows or just driving around, take the time to introduce yourself to a Triumph owner, hand out a

MVT business card, and encourage them to try out a meeting or event.

We have no tech sessions on the calendar for June but at 10am on the 6th of June (yes, a Tuesday) we will be running through our TRA 2023 Tech Session Presentations. We will have coffee and donuts. If you have nothing to do on a Tuesday morning, stop in and give us some constructive criticism. Community Room at the Bellbrook United Methodist Church (47 E. Franklin St, Bellbrook) Bruce will be there at 9am to start setting up. He will be talking early TR Fuel Pumps, and I will be talking LED lights.

Keep yourself cool and keep those Triumphs on the back roads in the cool of the morning or evening! Remember, only mad dogs and Englishmen go out in the mid-day sun.

No excuse not to keep those Triumph on the back roads!

Vice President's Report



Whaa? You looking at me???

Secretary's Report/Last Month's Meeting Minutes

Meeting called to order 7:19 by President J Coutant. 16 members, no visitors

Opening Remarks John Coutant

Welcome and Hail to King Charles

Request for Changes / Additions to Agenda

- None

Introduction of Guests/New Members

- None

Officer Reports:

- President John Coutant: circulates sign-up sheet for TRA assistants and surmises it may be responsible for the low attendance
- Vice President Report Chuck White: Glad we are all here
- Treasurer Harry Mague: Checking balance is \$2033.14 at end of April. Harry was not getting mail recently. Report approved by all
- Secretary Clyde: Noted that address for donation to Bud memorial fund not in the Marque. Scott requested approval and all approved as written.
- Membership Valerie Relue: We have 56 members. MVT dues are due in May.
- Events Chair Bruce: Went through past and upcoming events.
 - Past: Cancelled tech session 5/19. Cancelled tech presentations 5/6. BTM car show also 5/6. 5/7 wine flash mob to Caesars Creek. TRA planning visit to Hueston Woods 5/13 - meet at 7:45 AM @ Austin Landing restaurant *Another Broken Egg*. 5/21 TRA food event/meeting. 5/21 Columbus British Car show. July's tour TBA.
 - Upcoming Events by Bruce: TRA June

Standing Committee Reports

- Technical: Bruce: Header problems. Chuck has handy pump for trans or diff fluids usable for members.
- Marque: Send articles and pictures to Bruce.
- Spare Parts: Chris Yanity says go to BTM event
- Website: John Coutant none

- Memorabilia: none.

Event Committee Reports:

- TRA 2023 – Bruce needs big coolers and more clipboards for TRA
- BCD 2023 Stan says Zoom meetings are moving it ahead.

Old Business:

- None

New Business:

- John received a nice thank you note from Bud's family for the scholarship donation.
- By-Laws - Stan requests comment for amendment regarding emergency cancellations as appeared in Marque. Valerie had written comments and discussion was heard. Stan suggests we need new members.
- MVT Sign at BTM - Chuck suggests permanent signage at BTM and inquiries about known restrictions and what it could look like. More discussion. Chuck suggests permanent e-mail addresses for officers like <http://president MVT@.....> So correspondence is not affected by name changes of officers but problems maintaining that were discussed.
- IRS Update - Harry notes that IRS wants an agent to get with us about paperwork. He will continue interactions.

50-50 Raffle

- \$10 to Scott

Adjourn 8 PM

Respectfully submitted, *Clyde Collins*

Marque Editor's Report

I'll keep it short this week – TRA 2023.

Okay – maybe a bit longer. We had several events last month, including tech session at the Rutledges as well as the Run the Rutledges led, but you will notice we might have a few pictures in here, but not much text at all – simply stated, I had TRA 2023

Program and other materials to get out the door and I didn't have the chance to write up anything on the events except for:

Thank you Carol and Roger!

I think in the future I'm going to back off on writing anything on events I was not the one running and give other folks to write about them. Not getting lazy, but my time is getting sucked away!

So if you are hosting an event, I would love a blurb afterwards on how it went from your view, and I'll integrate any photos folks send me from it with cheesy captions...

Bruce

Treasurer's Report



Treasurer's Report: As of 1 May 2023, the club account had a balance of \$2033.14. This is corrected for additional membership monies for \$120.12 and an extra expense of \$7.82 occurring after the Marque was published. For the month of May, the club's income was from 50/50 for \$10.00 and \$340,04 in membership renewals. We had no expenses for the month of May. As of 1 June, 2023, the club's account balance is \$2383.18. **Remember all, it is membership renewal.**

Respectfully submitted, *Harry Mague*

Membership Chair Report

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As you are all aware, we are in the midst of our annual MVT \$20 dues renewal process for 2023. We started collection in early May, and slightly over 50% of us have already paid. Thank you! Thank you! If you are in the unpaid group, no worries, there is still time. See below for the **Way To Pay** options and make your choice. We appreciate your continued support of our car club and for assisting us in our efforts to preserve the Triumph marque!

Valerie

Way To Pay:

1. **Pay in person** (with **\$20 cash or a check** payable to MVT) at a monthly membership meeting.
2. **Pay by mailing a \$20 check** (payable to MVT) to our treasurer, Harry Mague, at 4044 Meridell Drive, Beavercreek, OH 45430.
3. **Pay at our MVT website** <https://miamivalleytriumphs.org/online-dues-payment> This method is convenient but it will cost you an **extra \$1.25** to cover the PayPal fee.

Valerie Relue

Events Chair Report



Thanks to Rutledges for hosting the fantastic drive to the Bologna Sandwich Capital of the World as well as other parts of west-central Ohio last month, besides that, I'll keep this short:

TRA 2023 – be there or be square.

Bruce Clough, MVT Events Chair

MVT Events

Past

May 2023

7 – MVT WineFlashMob:



Another good time was had by all – it was a beautiful day for a drive, and drive we did! Thanks to all who came out and CCW thanked us for our patronage!

13 - Hueston Woods Acclimation Visit/Driving Event

Bruce Clough



Big day for the TRA 2023 team – about a dozen of us descended on Hueston Woods and got a lot of work done – rooms, parking, parking lots, - you name it, we looked at it. Really helped us prep for TRA. Thanks to all who came out.

First watch is better than Another Broken Egg.

There, I said it. Prove me wrong!

17 - TRA 2023 Team Meeting



What a fantastic meeting we had – full of taskings, discussion, action items, and everything that make good meetings, meetings. We solved world hunger, but then decided that was not our job, so we just ironed-out a few TRA 2023 thingies. Needless to say, it was a big time for all! Thanks to the TRA 2023 team for attending!

20 - The "Rutledge Tour"

Bruce Clough



Man, were we all over the place – thanks to Carol and Roger for planning a true “day-out”, a day that saw several of us put several hundred miles on the odometer.



TRA Gothic

Highlight was lunch at Waldo where we had the world-famous bologna sandwich. We also stopped at a lot of places, ask for a few directions, bought a few things, and enjoyed a perfect day for a lot of driving – thanks Carol and Roger for putting this together!



IYKYK



MVT On Tour

...and thanks to Frank for taking all the pictures!

Rutledge Tech Sessions

Bruce Clough

Had a few of them. Thanks to the MVT'ers that helped – got the OD wiring going and got him some clutch action on the TR3B. We were well fed and watered!

Future

June 2023



6 - TRA 2023 Tech Session Dry Runs

Those of us that have Tech Sessions at TRA 2023 will be meeting in the Community Room at Bellbrook United Methodist Church (47 E Franklin St, Bellbrook, OH 45305) 9AM-12PM (but we probably won't get started until 10AM. We are going to work through the charts and props to make sure they make sense. Coffee and donuts will be provided. C'mon down, help us get presentations honed, and maybe learn a thing or two.

7 - MVT Monthly Meeting

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Opening Remarks and Welcome – **John**

Request for Changes and Additions to the Agenda
- **John**

Introduction of Guests/New Members –
John/Guests

Officers Reports

- President – **John**
 - TRA at Hueston Woods
- Vice-President – **Chuck**
- Treasurer – **Harry**
- Secretary – **Patti**
 - Approval of May's Minutes as published in the Marque
- Membership Chair – **Valerie**
 - Membership renewal for 2023-2024. Dues accepted at meeting
- Events Chair – **Bruce**
 - Summary of past events
 - Upcoming events

Standing Committee Reports

- Technical – **Bruce**
- Marque – **Bruce**
- Spare Parts – **Chris**
- Website – **John**

Other

- Memorabilia – **Harry**

Event Committee Reports

- TRA 2023 – **Bruce**
- BCD 2023 - **John**

Old Business

New Business

Split the Pot - **Harry**

Adjourn - **John**



18-23 - TRA 2023 - Hueston Woods State Park

If we have to tell you a lot about this, then we have failed (lol). C'mon down for fun, education, beer, and squirt guns - it is here....

July 2023

5 - MVT Monthly Meeting - The meeting will be held at Archers Tavern Kettering, 2030 E Dorothy Ln, Kettering, OH 45420, (937) 291-1015. We are in the meeting room off the bar at the front of the tavern. We have dinner and socializing at 6:30PM and the president usually ruins our fun by starting a meeting at 7:30PM.

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15 - J3P (Jeff, Jodi, John & Patti) Tour – away we go on another fantastic tour – look here for more details very soon!

22 - Dublin Car Show

August 2023

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5 - Dayton BCD – Due to TRA 2023 we have not said much about this, but expect us to ramp up real soon (like 24 June) on this. Actually, we have a lot of stuff done, but we can always ask for volunteer help.

12 - Indy BCD

26 - Orphan Car Show & something tour

September 2023

6 - MVT Monthly Meeting - The meeting will be held at Archers Tavern Kettering, 2030 E Dorothy Ln, Kettering, OH 45420, (937) 291-1015. We are in the meeting room off the bar at the front of the tavern. We have dinner and socializing at 6:30PM and the president usually ruins our fun by starting a meeting at 7:30PM.

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11 - Cincinnati BCD - Aubrey Rose Foundation British Car Day, Sunday, Sept. 11, Noon – 3 pm in Village Green Park

Presented by the British Car Club of Greater Cincinnati. Live music by British Invasion from 1 - 3 pm, All British Cars Welcome to Display

70+ Awards by Popular Vote, Live Music, Food and Beer Trucks, Split The Pot, all proceeds Benefit Aubrey Rose Foundation

Entry Fee: Early Bird: Register before September 1st \$20.00 + FREE T-Shirt, after that \$25.00 per car. Registration is now open at:

<https://www.bccgc.org/bcd-registration>

14-17 The Wedge Shop Reunion at Stow British Invasion - TWS Gathering 2023 - Sept 14 - 17 - Stowe, VT USA

Join us for the premier British Car gathering in the Northeast! Our event will be alongside the British Invasion show in Stowe, VT.

[Show Info & Registration](#)

- Full schedule and host hotel info soon.
- Mix of back road drives, car show, dinners, driving events and socializing!
- Driving events (auto-x, dyno day) for all the on road cars, along with an off road driving event (back woods, dirt roads) for all the Land Rovers.
- Rover V8 Tech session by TWS (Clint & Woody Cooper).

Free T-Shirts and other swag for all attendees.

16 – Pool-less Pool Party - @ the Rutledges

17 - Fairborn Car Show



27 Sep - 1 Oct VTR 2023 - Dillard, GA

<https://vtr2023.org>

There will be a couple groups headed to VTR this year – if you want more info corner Bruce or John Clifford.

October 2023

4 - MVT Monthly Meeting - The meeting will be held at Archers Tavern Kettering, 2030 E Dorothy Ln, Kettering, OH 45420, (937) 291-1015. We are in the meeting room off the bar at the front of the tavern. We have dinner and socializing at 6:30PM and the president usually ruins our fun by starting a meeting at 7:30PM.

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14 - Farm Stand Tour

21 - LMRT/FFT/RWTGTVV Tour

November 2023

1 - MVT Monthly Meeting - The meeting will be held at Archers Tavern Kettering, 2030 E Dorothy Ln, Kettering, OH 45420, (937) 291-1015. We are in the meeting room off the bar at the front of the tavern. We have dinner and socializing at 6:30PM and the president usually ruins our fun by starting a meeting at 7:30PM.

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4 - Guy Fawkes Roasting

?? - The Last Tech Session

December 2023

? - Holiday Soiree - so let's talk about this. Can we find a different date so those of us that might want to go to Trans-Siberian Orchestra might be able to go?

? - Ugly Sweater Gathering - yes, we will plan another one of these at a watering hole around SW Ohio

FOG & STAN 2023

Stan Seto

The trip planned for 2023 was up through middle America, from the Houston area to Lake Superior and return. Most of the Texas Triumph Register participants were going to travel about 4100 miles. My plan was to meet them in Indianapolis as they drove North and to leave the group in Carrollton, Missouri, as they came South. I planned to stop in Chesterfield, MO. to visit brother Steven before returning to Loveland, but that part did not work out.

Left home during the afternoon of 11 May, drove to Greenwood, IN. just south of Indianapolis, and joined the group (ten guys, eight cars, TR3, TR4A, six TR6's and a pick-up truck) at a Holiday Inn Express. My TR3 stayed home with an electrical problem, story for another time, but as I am normally the last car in the caravan, it was OK, because the blue VW I drove was very visible to the group leader, some eight cars ahead. I'd be with them for some nine days out of fifteen.

On our travels, we'd be joined by a TR3 (Joe Alexander and Nolan Meggers, who live in Iowa), which would be with us for three days, later in the journey. Not with us was Franz Bachmann, from Florida, who had pre-deceased several weeks earlier. Franz was a good friend who would be missed, as he has been on a number of these tours.



British Car, or Reef Life? Your Choice

Other participants were Dave Smith and his son, Tyler, Dave does all the planning for these trips, Hal Sharp, TTR President, Bryan Roy, Mike Hado, Randy DeRuitter, James Jones, Karl Rettenmaier, and John Reynolds.



Warning, loud noises expected

Next afternoon, the group traveled north after spending most of Friday morning at Indianapolis Raceway Park, where practice for a non-Indie race was going on, using part of the Oval and part of the infield and racing clockwise. The cars were open four wheelers with smaller (but just as Noisy) engines. We also spent time in the (infield)

museum, only little changed from the time we were there some ten years ago. We left to drive over to Auburn, IN. for the hotel and to spend the afternoon at the Auburn, Cord, Dusenberg Museum.



ACD & FOG



Stan's Dream Car?



Or maybe this?

Next morning, we had our first chicken, as John Reynolds, TR3A, complained about how hard it

was getting to shift gears. Upon very close inspection, the lower bolt holding the clutch Master cylinder to the box was missing, allowing the cylinder to pivot up when the pedal was depressed. Took about 20 - 30 minutes to find a correct bolt and get it installed. Later in the trip the chicken got passed around the TR6's due to carburetor problems and oil leaks, one car ran out of gas one morning, just little things, but all solvable.



Not a bridge too far...

Just one serious problem, one guy had just purchased his (used) TR6 and was driving it to determine what problems he had to address once home. Some thousand five hundred miles into the trip, and on a fairly lightly traveled road and just past a fair-sized town, he suddenly pulled over with zero Oil Pressure. He had been losing oil on the trip, but only slowly. Everyone donated and we came up with some 5 quarts, finally. Filled the engine, and then he started it. Nothing, nothing and suddenly "I see the leak!!" Oil pressure transmitter was not seated. Out it came. Not a straight thread, a plug thread. The hunt was on for a substitute. Amongst all the bagged parts a substitute was found. There was trouble threading it in, but we finally got it tight. No more leaking, Chicken changed hands yet again. An O'Reilly's was found that evening and their oil was bought out.

Places Visited

Besides the Indianapolis Motor Speedway and the Auburn Museum, we visited the Henry Ford museum, Kalamazoo Aviation Museum and restore shop, Gilmore Car Museum (huge place and many more cars than we saw in Auburn), Tom

Chandler Car Collection, Elkader, WI., not so much for the odd and interesting cars he had, but for the Opera Theater in town that was beautifully restored, Field of Dreams (most of us limped away from those ball diamonds), Lind Brothers Racing, Alexander Racing Enterprises (where we put Dave Smith's TR6 up on the lift and changed out the front disc brake pads, 40 minutes, but the chicken changed hands again), Skunk River Restoration (ever seen 250 or three hundred cars in a single spot, on the floor of a "barn" and on racks along the walls, ranging from Fiats to a D-4 Cat, he had a Berkley (modified motorcycle engine, I haven't seen one of those since the 1960's). Just an enormous collection of racing and touring cars, but packed so closely you had to climb over some to see others.



...but a bridge from afar.

We ran along Lake Michigan, crossed the Mackinaw Bridge (Lake Michigan on left and Lake Huron on the right), and went West to Munising, MI., Lake Superior.

Tour Statistics

On the tour I drove about 2100 miles of the 4000 calculated, plus some 90 miles to start with and about 585 miles from Missouri to Loveland on the return. My gas mileage was around 26 mpg. Gas costs were around \$4.50 to \$5.59 a gallon, give or take. The available Octane dropped from 93 here in Ohio/Indiana to 91 on the east side of Lake Michigan to 87 on the west side of Lake Michigan. The cars didn't like that a whole lot and the cost per gallon in spite of Octane level was high. Same was true of Hotel costs, although these did change with

where we were, for Hampton Inn and Holiday Inn Express, after you added in the local taxes, \$160 - \$170 seemed typical, further, in Dubuque, Iowa, the motel was in the city and they charged \$15.00 for breakfast to boot. Highest cost was in Cedar Falls, Iowa, basic rooms were \$184 plus 15% room tax.



Play Ball!

Compared to room costs, the dinner meal cost we spent seemed fairly reasonable, Entertainment costs aside (museum fees, etc) I was able to hold spending to about 50 bucks a day.



Not something you see every day, unless you visit ARE...

Weather

Long pants every day of the tour. First Friday (Indie) it was clear as a bell, but windy. Most other days it was lightly or darkly overcast and windy. Ambient temperatures did get up into the eighties in the late afternoon, some days, but in the main we wore jackets and sweatshirts or long sleeve

shirts most days. No rain, though one day we did run through light showers. Due to the wind the cars had dust on them throughout.

Photos

Took over 400 stills, had only real camera in the group and on several occasions was asked to do close-ups of the cars and drivers, Easy, when you have a telephoto lens.



Optimized parking

Return

Left the group 12 miles south of Carrollton, MO. as we came to I-70. Peeled off and drove 585 miles in just under 9 hours, getting home around dinner time. Washed the car and clothes and slept like a rock for 12 hours that night.

In 2024, I think Dave Smith is thinking Utah and Idaho.

Dayton British Car Day

Stan Seto

Dayton British Car Day (aka BCD) is August 5th, and it's never too early to prepare. Registration and other information can be found at:

<https://britishcardaydayton.com/>

Since this is an MVT event, and since we all want to support the club, I can think of no excuse besides a zombie apocalypse not to register.

It is still at Edgewater Metro Park, the registration cost has increased by \$5 to cover increased park

costs, and to take advantage of the early-bird free t-shirt special you need to register by July 22nd.

Volunteers? Yes, we will need them. We will start asking for volunteers to help various jobs soon - sign-up sheets will probably starting the rounds next month.

Remember - it's your show, so come out and support MVT and the hobby.

Ballot Proposal for MVT By Laws, May 2023

Stan Seto

Background:

At the May meeting there was discussion on the proposed ballot below. One set of changes has been submitted, considered and partially incorporated. If any Miami Valley Member has a suggestion for change, they may submit it to Stan (stans@fuse.net) in the next two months.

The June issue of the Marque will become the start of the ballot consideration. The second review will be in the July issue with the ballot that will be voted on at the August meeting if no changes are required.

Ballot Proposal:

4.0 – Meetings

4.4 To quickly communicate any very near-term meeting cancellations or some other important news item to the club members, the MVT elected officers will divide up the membership list, each officer calling a portion of the membership to provide the emergency information.

One way to determine the number of members that each officer will contact is: {Total membership minus No. of Officers} divided by No. of Officers. Value to be rounded to a whole

number. If fractional value is less than 0.50, round down, if 0.5 or greater, round up..

Technical Talk

Edited by Bruce Clough

No tech articles this month – why?

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Cheers - Bruce

MVT Memorabilia

The Club has the following fantastic, wonderful memorabilia for sale. Show your colors iblic, on your car or on you! Look at all we have:



MVT Enamel Car Badge - \$30.00



MVT Cloth Patch - \$12.00



MVT Pin - \$5.00



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



MVT Car Flag - \$5.00



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



MVT Window Sticker - \$1.00

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”.



For Sale: TR3 -3B steel hardtop for sale \$300,
TR3 -3A rear seat with brackets \$100 Inquire - tryanity@gmail.com



TR7's for sale - From Bruce Miller: *"The seller lives in Preble Co., @ the corner of "Four Mile Straight Line Rd." & Fairfield-Concord Rd. Greg Issacs - Home phone: 937-465-1989. He wants to be rid of the brown TR7 (which I formerly owned)*

a/w/a red 75 TR7 coupe. It was a parts car for him. He says it runs, too; BOTH for \$2500.00."



For Sale - I no longer need the following so they are for sale: One-ton engine hoist, good condition; used maybe 10 times. \$125. Engine stand, good condition, \$50. Or both together for \$125. Jeff John - jajohn1469@gmail.com