



"The Marque"

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It's getting there! ~Mike

November 2015

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The 2015 holiday soiree will be on December 5 at Queen of Apostles meeting room in Bergamo St John, 4400 Shaker town Road in Beavercreek.

We will have social beginning at 6:30PM and plan to eat at 7.

I will cook the turkey and ham. Everyone should plan to bring a side dish to share.

I will have a sign-up sheet at November meeting, so contemplate your favorite dish to share.

If you will not be at the meeting, I can be reached at

937 253 1580 [home]

937 603 4194 [cell]

Thanks. See you at November meeting

Lois

President's Report~ Lorna Ball

Hello Gang!

Goodness.....the end of the year is upon us and I just don't know if there will be anymore great weather or if it is time to tuck our cars in for the winter. Where did the year go?

Keep in mind that December is our Christmas party. Lois is planning on passing around a sheet at the November meeting...letting her know how many are coming and also what covered dish you are bringing. If you are not going to make the November meeting, but know you are coming to the party, PLEASE reach Lois with what she needs. Well, this is the November news letter.....it's time for Thanksgiving. I hope each and every one of you have a wonderful thankful Thanksgiving.

Treasurer's Report:~ Harry Mague

Treasurer's Report: As of 1October 2015, the club account had a balance of \$1955.31. For the month of October, the club had income only from 50/50 for \$10.00. Total income for October is \$10.00. The club had no expenses for October. Account balance was as of 1November 2015 is \$1965.31.

Secretary's Report: ~ Karen Sipos

MVT October 2015 Meeting

The October 7th meeting of the Miami Valley Triumph Club began with Hail to the Queen at 7:30 pm with 27 members present.

President Lorna Ball had nothing to report. There was no Vice President Report;

Minutes from September were corrected to reflect spelling corrections. Patty Clifford moved the minutes be accepted and Lois Bigler seconded the motion. Minutes were approved by voice vote.

Treasurer Harry Mague reported a balance of \$1939.31. He is still waiting for the check from BCD.

Membership chairperson, Valerie Relue, thanked the group for the card and reported a membership of 39 people.

Events: Bruce Clough reviewed last month events. All events were great and it was announced that Tim Moore received Best in Class at the Popcorn Festival. Lois Bigler thanked all members who volunteered, participated and attended the Concourse. Tim Moore also won Best in Class at the Concourse. Upcoming events: Oct. 11 – Fall

Tour meet at Clifton Mill; Oct. 17- Tech session; Oct 31 Fall Morning Tour meet at Waynesville McDonalds. Bruce needs a count of all who are planning on coming to the Christmas dinner at the Golden Lamb. November Meeting there will be the sign up for our club Christmas dinner covered dishes.

Committee Reports: Harry announced that he had a spare TR6 engine if anyone wanted or needed one

There were no other committee reports.

No Old Business

New Business: Lorna stated that she was still trying to get a final total on the BCD 2015 profits. She will send out an email to the club as soon as she receives that figure. Lorna again thanked all who helped with BCD.

Comments: October birthdays were announced and then Lorna and Ellis announced that they had their pool filled in!!!! The pool is no longer!!!! 50/50 of \$10 was won by John Clifford.

Motion to adjourn was put forward by Chuck White and Seconded by Jim Sipos. Meeting was adjourned at 8pm.

Respectfully Submitted:

Karen Sipos

Events ~ **Bruce Clough**

***MVT Events
Calendar as of Nov
2015 – By Bruce
(Earl) Clough***



“Hmmm wonder if this car is too heavy....”



“Thar’s color in them thar trees!”

October –what a month! Nice weather (or maybe not so...), wonderful colors, and pumpkin spice everywhere! My favorite month for events, and we had a lot!

October Recap: 3rd – 2015 Farm (Market) Tour

Score: Triumphs – 0, Miatas – 2, MGs – 0, Audi-1



I don’t know what everyone was complaining about, it was a nice day

What a little rain, driving east wind, and 50 degrees outside have to do with not having a great tour – that’s right, nothing, unless it’s bringing your Triumph. We did have three

convertibles show up, but none sported Triumph on its front, two were . The day was a bit blustery.

I think the biggest let-down of the day was the fact the Donut Haus was out of apple fritters by the time we got there. No, that’s a crime and Tim did mention the fact if he wasn’t retired they would have been hauled off in chains. We had four cars show up at the start – and two of them were even convertibles, an Audi and a Mazda, so we figured it was a slight win! It was a short day and we had 6 stops, so we headed out into the late November, err, early October weather.



Hidden Valley Fruit Farm – the cider was good!

First stop was Hidden Valley Fruit Farm and the Apple Cider Festival, or maybe we should have called it, the “few folks wandering around in the rain and getting hot cider” festival. Felt sorry for the outside vendors and the Bluegrass band (believe it was Sugar Grove – good group BTW) that didn’t have anyone around. The hot cider was good.



MVTers Enjoying The Cider At Hidden Valley



It may have been raining, but the roads were still picturesque...

Next we headed off into Clinton County for the Fire-trucks-are-blocking-our-path festival, followed by the Bruce-has-to-pull-over-and – recalculate-route run. We did blow by Stop 2 when Bruce determined they had little cover and it was raining.

Stop 3 was Windy Acres, and as usual Dick Cheney was there to greet us...



We still don't know why we were re-routed...



Dick is starting to look a little moldy.



Nothing to look at in Windy Acres <smile> - Tim is at the back comparing cheeses....

Windy Acres is great since they carry the retro candy that you might have grown up with but can no longer find, like Chuckles or Zero bars. We filled our bags with goodies, and they also had the side room open with knick-knacks and foods – MVTers bought a goodly amount of stuff and headed back to the cars, but not before posing for a group photo.



MVT'ers at Windy Acres

We headed northwest back into Greene County via some neat roads. If you get a chance, try Ogelsbee Road – a nice stretch of it is tree covered.



Ogelsbee Road in Clinton County, One Lane, Tree Covered, Winding, Need We Write More?

We had a “road is being fixed” detour, but generally headed northwest back to the Little Miami River Valley and stopped at Apple Country Farm just north of Spring Valley for some Sizzling Bacon Salsa and potty break. The Port-a-Johns are clean and vertical.



Pumpkins at Apple Country Farm Market – excellent selection despite the reported shortages



Salsa Tasting at Apple Country Farm Market – the Apple Cinnamon Salsa was actually quite delicious

Next came Jackson Farm Market and some great pie pumpkins and fudge. They also stock old-time candy and old time soda drinks, and have fudge....

BTW – turns out the fruit at Hidden Valley is about twice as expensive as the other farm markets we visited, so you might want to maybe just get hot cider there and buy fruit somewhere else...



Pigs at the farm that said it was getting chickens. Well, you do know they are the other white meat...

Right on time (4PM) we rolled into Caesar's Creek Vineyards. And were greeted by a wonderful display of Fall-Halloween-whatever-October Trees:



"We bought these lighted piles of vines so we're going to use them whenever!"

Due to the weather we were the only ones there, which was great since we could park next to the building (and stay dry)! First course of business was to order up some wine, second course to put some tables together, and third to bring out the vittles!



Hearty snacks are deployed at the winery, we had too much food, but nobody was complaining



Little British Roadsters lined up at the winery

We had a feast beyond imagination, and the wine was fantastic. After a while a few more folks showed up to taste wine so the room wasn't empty anymore as well as a Miata from the Miata Club – yah! The proprietor gave us a premier tasting of a new dry red they are

releasing in a month and all had a big time. About 6PM we broke up and all headed home – but what a great tour it was even if the weather **SUCKED!**

October Recap: 10th – Fall Foliage Tour

Forecast for the day – sunny and in the mid-60's, 7am temp, somewhat under 50 degrees. I asked Duncan which car he wanted to take (Alice and Bridgett had a volleyball game to go to – the one that got scheduled into this weekend) and without much thought said “The Grey Ghost”!

Dress layered.

So off we headed to meet everyone at The Clifton Mill for breakfast at 7am. I was toasty warm – long pants, high socks, winter undies, sweatshirt, biker leather jacket, leather helmet, gloves and goggles. Duncan also bundled up and had a neat full coverage cap I found. When we pulled into Clifton Mill I was a bit cooler, but not frostbitten, not yet at least. Duncan was still warm and waved hi to all the MVT'ers that were, for some reason, pointing at us. Dunno...



**Dawn Patrol rides again - Team Clough @
Clifton Mill**

...but I do know that it was great seeing all the folks there and breakfast, as usual, was huge. Duncan and I split an order of pancakes, eggs and potatoes.



Roadsters and a Coupe In The Morning

I couldn't eat everything – I am getting old. The portions are huge, did I say that?



Duncan finishing up his pancake – these things are the size of manhole covers – don't know where he put it!

After breakfast we said goodbye to Jeff Barth (had other things he had to do) and John Clifford (TR8 was acting up) and headed to our first stop – the Charleton Mill Road Covered Bridge.



Parked to look at the Charleton Mill Road Covered Bridge – this new bridge, built like the old bridge it replaced, has been in place since 2013.

The original bridge was torn down, but a new one just like it was built using similar construction techniques (but modern materials). Not to be outdone, we headed east from that bridge to the Ballard Road Bridge – not a cloud in the sky...



Parked at the Ballard Road Bridge – this bridge is original and still in decent shape, but does not support much traffic since the 4-lane US 35 cut Ballard Road. Temperature is up above 50 degrees by this time...

Now we headed south down some great roads, past trotters, deer, squirrels, and road construction on US68 that put us on a detour... Although cool, the sun felt warm as we went past fields and woods. The best thing about an open roadster is the fact I could yell at the deer on the road in front of us...



If you were with us that day this is a view you would have had that morning...

What would be a fall run without another bridge? Nothing, that's right, so we drove by the Engle Mill Road Bridge.



Engle Mill Road Bridge – a little walk from the place we parked on the road.

As we headed south from there to catch a road west I wondered if that same guy was still around that pulled out in front of Danny and Mary on a Covered Bridge tour in the MVT distant past. Sadly that lot looked overgrown now...



Fall foliage? You bet! Some of the foliage near Engle Mill Bridge

We headed to Spring Valley to both gas-up as well as stop at some shops. Sadly, most of the shops were closed except for Vickies, who is trying to start a gift shop but is selling a lot of furniture. I noticed both the Yanity's and Moore's wandered out of that store with things...



Vickies Gift Shop and Furniture Store – did a brisk MVT business that day!

From Spring Valley we headed south crisscrossing the east bank side of the Little Miami River Valley ending up in Corwin and the Corwin Peddler. Took a few roads that I've not been on since the last MVT Fall Tour in this area.



MVT at the Corwin Peddler – we shopped at their gift shop, but didn't eat there since the food is now Columbian (Arepas & Co) and folks wanted a burger...

I wanted to stop the group at The Corwin Peddler since it used to be a staple of my tours. They have gone through a couple of owners since and now have a Columbian Restaurant inside. The food looked good, but quite frankly those huge pancakes were not gone yet...so we kept heading south...



On Corwin Road south of Corwin – MVT in a row and John Coutant right behind!

Had I been on top of my game I would have tried to get a stop at the Stout's garage which we passed by – maybe next time. The road to Orgonia was twisty and turny – took the crew up Elbon road past the Caesar's Creek Soaring Club (sailplanes, not gliders!), but the weather was not conducive to soaring, so all the planes were on the ground.



“Krupp Shot” on Corwin Road headed towards Orgonia – if you don’t know what a “Krupp Shot” is, ask me

Orgonia is a sleepy little Little Miami River Valley village except for one weekend – the second weekend of October when the Devil’s Staircase Hillclimb is held on a hillside just south of town. That would be tomorrow, so I had some trepidation as to the crowds, but the Little Miami Café has great food, so we headed to downtown Orgonia.



Little River Café in Orgonia. Great food as long as your name wasn’t Chuck...

No need to worry – although roads and driveways were blocked off in prep for the next day, the café was open and business normal for a sunny fall day – lots of bike riders, both pedal and motor. The Harley guys liked the Grey Ghost for some reason...

Food was good – Chuck was the odd-guy-out, getting the wrong food and getting it late –

Carolyn Daye used to have the same problem, so we are going to start calling Church Carolyn...

Plan after lunch was to head to Wilmington via Cowen Lake area and then to cruise southern Clinton County before heading back to Cowen Lake are for dinner.



Nike Missile Site C-27 outside Cowen Lake built in the 1950’s to defend Southwest Ohio from the Commies, or Cleveland, or maybe Detroit? Dunno...

On the way to Wilmington we took some great roads around Cowen Lake, one of which goes past an old air defense missile battery (it’s owned by a private owner so you cannot visit – sad). Foliage was great and we were still looking for clouds! Once in Wilmington we found our way to the destination blocked by fire trucks (arrgh, why does this happen each tour!) doing an exercise, so we had to re-route through town.

If you get a chance, make it to the Shoppes at the old Mill in Wilmington – it’s kinda like having all of Waynesville smooshed together in one place. It can keep you busy looking for a while.



Shoppes At The Old Mill in Wilmington. As long as the fire department isn't blocking the street it's a great place to visit – gobs of stuff to look at!

After visiting more MVT'ers headed to home to attend to things, and three roadsters continued on for a drive around southeast Clinton County roads. We headed southeast to New Vienna, and as we turned west on OH 28 at the stop light I paused to think that this was the last place that Daye's Stag was on the road – it was at the gas station at this corner we discovered that the rear tire was leaking and that we couldn't get the wheel off the splines – after that it was in the garage until it was sold after both Phil and Carolyn passed.

I had a concern while driving down 28, I smelled hot brakes – thought it might be the TR3, so just after the covered bridge I pulled over to smell, but nothing smelled bad on the TR3 and everyone else smelled it also – someone else was having an issue! Covered Bridge? Well, yes, had to get one more in – in this case it was the Martinsville Road Bridge across the East Fork of Todd's Fork (Todd's Fork drains much of western Clinton County and enters the Little Miami at Morrow). We had to stop for a photo op, or two, of course!



Just about ready to cross the Martinsville Road Bridge



Of course, Duncan is out standing in his field...

The drive to Cowen Lake from the bridge was via several roads I've not been on before, but should have. Nice twisting paved roads with some elevation change and wooded to boot! When we got to Cowan Lake I headed for a photo op at the dam, there is ample parking by the dam, blue skies, and changing trees.



Duncan trying his hand at driving The Grey Ghost – give him time!



“Hmmm, O-H-I-O and Walk-Like-An-Egyptian, what could this mean?”

After having a little fun at the dam it was off to dinner at The Spillway Lodge. The Spillway Lodge is a restaurant made out of an old farmhouse that has a great view of the Cowen Lake Dam spillway into Cowen Creek, hence the name. This used to be a regular stop for the club back in the 90’s due to the presence of the Ciboch’s and Bolich’s, but we have not been there in years. Time to change that. We got there and in a little bit Harry and Chris joined us as well as Alice rolled in from being at Bridgett’s volleyball game, so we had a nice table of people!



Spillway Lodge – site of dinner and more wonderful views!

I wasn’t very hungry, so I ordered a dinner I knew would make great leftovers and others did the same. The food was as good as I remember and I had no room for the desserts (I’ll have to go back soon) – great table talk and reliving of our experiences that day.



Even the sky put on colors on the way home!

On the way home I took Clinton County Road 150 that runs along the Cowan Creek – that was probably the best road of the day and nobody except Alice and Duncan got to go on it. It was getting colder as I headed up OH 380 towards home, but the LED headlights were nice and bright! Once again on the backroads I hit the high beams and the combo of those Truck-Lites and the 10W LED driving lights really, really lit up the road ahead. I’m keeping that combo.

Thanks to all for a wonderful day – Duncan and I made it home in one piece along with the car (and the front turn signals ARE working for those hearing me complain – the driver’s brain was not). Sorry we did not get a chance to drive Clinton County Road 150 as a group, maybe next year!

October Recap: 17th – Tech Session

Ted has been asking us to schedule a tech session to work on their Stag – fix an electrical problem – no brake lights, no tach, no instruments, so when a camp up Duncan had scheduled for this weekend didn’t happen I called up Ted and set up a time to delve deeply into the confusing and complicated Stag wiring system – to go as deep as we needed to. So when 0830 came along we all headed to Allison’s and were treated to the traditional sight:



Coffee, Donuts and more coffee. Perfect for a chill morning!

After the obligatory consumption of the mass consumables we launch into trouble shooting. After 10 minutes of death-defying work we determined the fuse holder was corroded and that the fuse contact blades need to be cleaned with some fine sandpaper. That’s it. 0900 – we’re done!



Ted working on his car while the rest of us ate donuts



Team MVT and the offensive fuse....

We then stayed around for another two hours just to make Ted feel better and to eat donuts. Ted ended up being correct in a technical discussion with the Events Tsar and did his happy dance for well over 30 minutes. Ted will need more tech sessions, for instance, he wants to replace springs in the TR8, soooo more tech sessions will be coming in his soon-to-be HEATED garage. Thanks to all who came out!

October Recap: 25^h – Eudora-2-Yellow Springs Run

Okay, so originally Tim Moore called an audible for us to take a tour on the 24th when the long-range forecast looked great for that day. Then, as it usually happens, the weather took a turn for the worse – rain, wind, just yucky. We cancelled the run for the 24th, but since the 25th looked like it would be nice, albeit a bit cooler, I went ahead and planned a brewery run, then invited anyone from the club that wanted to join.

Weather on the 25th was partly to mostly sunny, slight breeze from the north, and about 59F. Top down time! Top was down on the FrankenStag (we shall see if I can get it up again), windows cracked, and heater on full bore as Alice and myself pulled into the Eudora Brewing Company in Kettering.



Eudora is a place for homebrewers to buy supplies and use equipment, but they also make, and sell their own brews in the taproom. Alice and I purchased a flight of the beers they had on tap and sat down to wait to see if anyone else showed up.



Just waiting around...the one that looks a bit cloudy in middle left was their Pumpkin Spice beer – we were not quite sure on that one, but the rest were good.

We didn't have to wait long. John Coutant pulled in driving the TR3A and then Danny & Mary Stinson showed up in the TR7V8. Folks, we have a quorum!



Ah, now that's better – looks like an MVT celebration in progress!

Once we sampled all the wares we piled into our trusty steeds and headed north and east. The direct route to Yellow Springs would be I-675 to Dayton Yellow Springs Road. Not for this group, we headed to the Little Miami River Valley and followed it up to Yellow Springs. Much more photogenic..



Maples in full blaze on Hilltop Road



More colors near Yellow Springs on Hyde Road



Yellow Springs is more like Red Springs now....

restrooms, John headed toward the food truck, and I headed towards the Peanut Butter Stout.



MVT @ YSB

Couldn't drink a thing....



Burp.

We even stopped by the S&G Distillery for a taste test as well as a couple of bottles...

Once in Yellow Springs we headed to the Yellow Springs Brewery that is on north side of town off Walnut Street. Danny headed towards the table, Alice and Mary headed towards the



Contrary to first impressions we are not a bunch of drunks, but enjoy our spirits responsibly! Honest!

After we had tasted and purchased it was time to head home. The Little Miami River Valley looked beautiful as we headed south and a reminder Thanksgiving is just round the corner - even the oak in the yard by the driveway has started to change color...



Not long now...

Glad all had a good time, and it was fun to lead this drive.



31 – Fall Breakfast Run – The leaves are mostly on the ground, there is a chill in the air, what better time to head for breakfast and maybe a short tour/shopping later? We will meet at the Waynesville McDonalds (get your coffee here for the start) at 8AM. We will head to the _____ right after that. Costumes are optional.

November

4 – MVT Monthly Meeting – Logan’s Roadhouse, Fairfield Mall (Beavercreek) location (off N Fairfield Rd in front of the Best Buy). Meeting starts at 7:30PM, but if you’d like to join us for dinner at 6:30PM that would be fantastic! We are in the separate meeting area behind the bar to the left as you come in.



7 – Last Tech Session 2015 – More coffee & donuts – details TBD – maybe we might actually get to working on Ted and Eden Stag’s electrical system...

December



5 – Holiday Soiree – You can never get your brown-bags done too soon! Will be at Bergamo as the last few years, it will be fun as usual. Rest of the details are TBD, but you do not need those to collect your White Elephants....



20 – Holiday Dinner Out – Golden Lamb in Lebanon, 6PM. We will schedule a shopping trip beforehand to Warren County shopping establishments and hope the weather is a bit Christmas like, but not too wintery. I need a head count to set the room and the menu, so if you and yours are planning on going I need to know – and I will remind folks at the next three meetings. We will arrange it so if we have an influx at the last moment we can handle it!

January 2016

6 – Events Planning and MVT Monthly Meeting - If you want to be in on Events Planning for 2016 show up at 5:30, if you are coming for the dinner and meeting – dinner is at 6:30, meeting at 7:30.

June 2016



15-19 – TRA National Meeting, Painesville, OH. There will be a tour there and back this year.

September 2016

8-11 – 6-Pack TRials:



TRials 2016 will be at the Mohican Lodge and Conference Center in Perrysville, OH
<http://www.mohicanstateparklodge.com> [mohicanstateparklodge.com]

We do not have a website or pricing setup yet. The dates are September 8th through the 11th 2016. You can start to reserve your rooms - rates are as follows:

- Lodge Double / \$109.00
- Lodge Accessible Queen / \$109.00
- Lodge Queen / \$130.00
- Lodge King / \$150.00

There is a 6% room tax and a 7% Sales tax added as well, along with a \$2.00 per night “technology fee”.

Reservations can be made by calling 1.800.282.7275 and notify the reservation agent that they are booking a group room for September 8th through the 11th at the Mohican State Park Lodge under the “Six Pack TRials” block. A deposit of the first night’s room, tax and technology fee is due at the time each reservation is made and the room deposit remains fully refundable up to 72 hours prior to arrival.

You can also call the lodge directly at (419) 938-5411

MVT Breakfast Run – Saturday October 31st.

Wunderbar run today. Thanks to all who came out to enjoy this. Cloudy, but the sunrise was beautiful (Tim has pictures), roads dry, twisty-turny, and not leaf covered. Breakfast location not crowded, but the biscuits and gravy were not up to the Gold-Star Bobby E’s standard. Several pictures attached including a land-shark sighting....

Don’t think this will make the Marque, so consider this one a wrap – thanks to all who came out. There was some discussion of having dinner at Valley Vineyards - the 14th doesn’t work out so we will have to reschedule. We have next weekend or event the 15th, so think about it and we will discuss Wednesday, you know, at the MVT Monthly Meeting....

Events Tsar



Sunrise over Waynesville



