



The Marque

"All the news that's fit to soak up oil"

The Marque - October 2023

Marque Editor's Comment

This Marque is coming out early due to VTR'23 (Full report in November Marque) so it might seem a bit "bare bones". Thanks to John Clifford for the tech article and those who submitted events updates and officer reports.

October Events:

- 4 – Monthly Meeting
- 14 – Farm Stand Tour
- 21 – Little Miami River Tour
- 21 – BTM Chili Cook-Off

In This Marque

- Oh stuff, just stuff.



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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 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

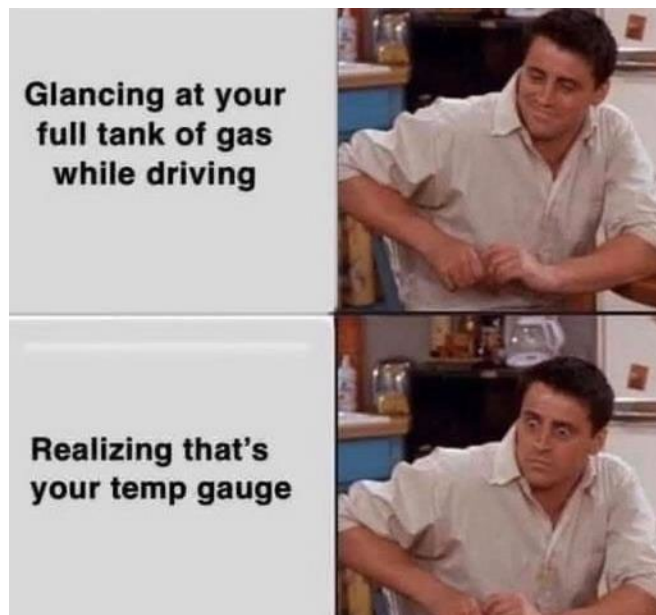
glue for our national organization. TRA is firmly a grassroots organization, which offers many advantages and services for individual members, groups, and local centers.

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/i15/>

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

Fall is in the Air

John Coutant



Fall is knocking at the door. It was cool enough the morning of the Cincinnati BCD that I put the side curtains on and opened the heater valve. It was comfortable on the Interstate at 75 mph on the way to Fairfield. Of course, the day warmed up quickly back to summer temperatures. I love this time of year with cool mornings and a big rise in temperature to comfortable weather.

We have some appropriate fall activities planned this month as the weather is usually great after the morning chill. There will be time to pick up pumpkins and other items on our annual Farm Stand tour. Then hopefully during peak leaf color time, a drive starting with pancakes and ending with steak with lots of fall scenery in between. Check out details later here in the Marque. Rumor has it that some member's project cars are on the road! Will they show up for one of the fall events? Stay tuned.

The TR3 has been running well and there have been lots of events this summer. Since it has been running well, I keep putting off things I want to do like putting the stealth alternator back in, installing Pertronix ignition, and fixing the instrument lights. We'll see if I find time this fall or keep procrastinating. We have not had any tech sessions for a while so schedule one if you're still struggling with something or just need a hand. Fall tech sessions with cinnamon donuts, apple cider, and pumpkin spice lattes could be fun.

I had a good time and great food at the Pool-less Pool party. I want to thank Roger and Carol Rutledge for kindly hosting the party at their home. It takes some time and effort to set up and coordinate everything for such a big group. The pork chops were yummy and really big. All the additional side dishes everyone brought made a great meal. The weather was really nice and made for a nice background to sit and talk. There was even leftover beer from TRA.

Once October arrives it seems Halloween then Thanksgiving and finally Christmas come all too soon one after another. We're already thinking about Holiday events as they will be here before we know it.

But long before that I have a couple of club tours to look forward to, a local car show or two so there is lots of time for Triumph time.

Enjoy your cars in this great weather while you can. Hope to see you on the road in October.

Secretary's Report/Last Month's Meeting Minutes – September 23

Meeting called to order 7:32 by President J Coutant. 32 members in attendance

Opening Remarks John Coutant: Short business meeting this time.

Request for Changes / Additions to Agenda
None

Introduction of Guests/New Members: Welcome new member Jimmy Dean with a TR 7

Officer Reports:

President: Not much today

Vice President Report: None

Treasurer: Checking balance on 9/1/23 is \$5474.17 with \$2868.83 from TRA. BCD income estimated at \$1000 and John noted the value of relationships built by the events. Report approved by all

Secretary: August minutes under Events Committee Reports had some suggested improvements from Stan. Under bullet point BCD Various voices is changed to Stan Seto. 150 is changed to 158 registered and in the same sentence, and expect is changed to and we expect 110 more. Approval of minutes with corrections and otherwise as they appeared in the Marque was requested and approved. Thanks Stan

Membership: We had 55 paid members after the addition of Jimmy Dean and loss of a few who did not renew after her final notice e mails.

Events:

- Past:
 - August BCD event went well, John and Stan noted more Triumphs than MGs. Jeff Barth added that competition was tough.
 - August 12 Indianapolis British Motor Day show attended by Stan, Jeff Barth and John Clifford and company.
 - August 19 JP3 tour north was a success.
 - August 26 – Bob Pool “Orphan” Car Show at Young’s Dairy was well attended.
- Upcoming:
 - September 10 - Cincinnati BCD;
 - September 14 – Wedge Shop Reunion at Stow Vermont;
 - September 16 – MVT Pool-less Pool Party;
 - September 17 – Dayton Concours de Elegance at Carillon;

- September 27– VTR 2023 in Dillard, Georgia.
- October 21 – Valley Vineyards, need reservations.
- Bruce stressed that drivers in tours need to keep close enough together and with the right distance between each other to avoid issues with the caravans.

Standing Committee Reports

Technical: Read about it in the Marque

Marque: Send articles and pictures to Bruce. Consider an MVT calendar.

Spare Parts: Chris had items and will have a spot at the Cincinnati BCD.

Website: None

Memorabilia: Has club related items

Event Committee Reports

Stan said 5 TRA shirts left

Old Business

Valerie said that the MVT large poster is now up front at BTM - The other MVT poster will travel to the Cincinnati

BCD: Stan said: We had 235 cars on the field, as nearly as he could figure. We had 158 pre-registered, but there were 17 no-shows and about four double registrations, 2 registers where the registrant said he wasn't coming, but then one of them came. On the day of the show we registered 99 cars.

We had good spectator attendance, some in wheel chairs and a few with walkers or canes. I was not able to get out to the soccer field to see how full it was, but we normally run 900 to 1200 spectators during good weather. Stan noted that wheel chairs and walkers were present and adds how good it was for them to enjoy the show.

New Business

Jimmy Dean asks for continued relations with BTM and suggests a fund raiser for record number of TR 4s in one place.

50-50 Raffle

\$20 to Carol

Adjournment moved and passed at 8:14 PM

Respectfully submitted, Clyde Collins

Vice President's Report



I have nothing. Really. Nothing. The absence of anything is nothing, and that's what I got. If I had anything that would be something, but since I got nothing, I got nothing. You can equate my nothingness with a vacuum, I suppose, but vacuums suck, and that's something, but I got nothing, so the analogy really doesn't work well...

Chuck

Treasurer's Report



As of 1 September 2023, the club account had a balance of \$2848.32. For the month of September, the club's income was \$20.00 from 50/50, \$30.00 for new a membership, and \$5.00 for the sale of leftover t-shirts from BCD. Total income

was \$55.00. We had the following expenses: \$5.00 for new member names tags and \$142.50 for the Pool Less Pool Party food. Total expenses for the month of September are \$147.50. I have added the final accounting of TRA, \$2738.83. We end the month of September with \$5251.67 in our account. Still waiting for the final payout of our share of the BCD profits.

Respectfully submitted, *Harry Mague*

Membership Chair Report

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...and holding...

Thank you.

Valerie Relue

Events Chair Report



September was a great month – in general the weather held out, like Septembers usually do - warm, but not too hot. Dry, but that is to be expected. No remnants of tropical storms moving

through the area, great. Perfect time to drive your cars, and folks did!

October has a few events of note. Some of us will be coming back from VTR, hopefully in one piece with all wits retained. I'm sure it will be a great time, and we will have pictures!

I will be leading a couple of events in October.

- On the 14th we will be doing the farm stand tour – this is a couple of weeks later than usual due to VTR, but we are hoping there will still be produce to be had, and mums to plant. We will not be going near Waynesville...
- On the 21st the Little Miami River Fall Leaf Dinner and Whatever Tour will go from Clifton to Morrow. Since we end up at Valley Vineyards for dinner I need to know by October 5th (the day after MVT October meeting) if you are going to be there for dinner – we have a group reservation I will update on the 6th.
- If you are not going on the tour BTM has its chili competition that same evening - the 21st.

November is a final tour and at least one tech session planned. We are also firming up December events. Should be a good end of the year!

Bruce Clough, MVT Events Chair

MVT Events

Past

September 2023

10 - Cincinnati BCD

We have pictures from folks. Not quite sure of all the titles, but the Editor will guess as good he can. Evidently, it was a good show with a number of MVT members in attendance.



TRs on the green...



Rock on!

Hope all had a great day and hope the BCCOGC did better than last year.

16 – Pool-less Pool Party



Meanwhile Spits were relegated to the tarmac...



Free beer sighting

Hat's off to the Rutledges for hosting us at their house that doubles as a party center. The food was great, conversations wonderful, and did we mention we had free beer?

Also, hat's off to those who brought the fantastic side dishes and appetizers. Burp. Our bellies approve. Oh, and yes, thanks for the free beer.

21 – MVT Board Meeting

John Coutant called an MVT Board meeting to pre-discuss some things to bring up to membership as well as BCD topics to bring up to the MG Club. It was held at Franco's on 5th Street in Dayton. Food was good and we will let John and the Board report out as they work through the minutes.



Just a little Anglophile stuff

Between Past and Future



27 Sep - 1 Oct VTR 2023

In Dillard, GA (NE GA)

<https://vtr2023.org>

There will be a couple groups headed to VTR this year. We are packing as I (editor) type this. We are also assuming we will report out on how it went on the 4th. Stand by...

Future

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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Agenda – October 4, 2023

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**
 - Summary of recent Board meeting
- Vice-President – **Chuck**
- Treasurer – **Harry**

- Secretary – **Clyde**
 - Approval of September's Minutes as published in the Marque
- Membership Chair – **Valerie**
- Events Chair – **Bruce**
 - Review of past events
 - Upcoming events

Standing Committee Reports

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

Other

- Memorabilia – **Harry**

Event Committee Reports

Old Business

New Business

Split the Pot - **Harry**

Adjourn - **John**



14 - Farm Stand Tour

A bit later than usual, but I have a feeling they will still have some produce. We have learned our lessons; we will not be going to Peifer Orchards!

We will end up at Caesar's Creek Winery to munch on things we have discovered along the way.

We will gather at the BellHOP Café in Bellbrook at 10AM. Get some coffee, and head out. We are hoping for a nice, cooler, sunny fall day since we know the roads are good!



21 - LMRT/FFT/RWTGTVV Tour

A lot of letters, but yes, we are combining the Little Miami, Fall Foliage, and Valley Vineyards dinner into one tour.

Yes, the Little Miami River calls you, the fall foliage calls you, covered bridges call you, and so does that winery near Morrow! Plan on starting at Clifton Mill for manhole cover pancakes, and plan on ending at Valley Vineyards for their dinner. It will be a day of driving, and I have a feeling light lunch at Pleasant Plain for those that remember that place.

As typed above, plan on starting at Clifton Mill at 8AM for breakfast. They do not take reservations, so it is first come, first serve for tables. After breakfast you can wander around the mill for a few before we head south.

Itinerary? As of now we know we start at 8AM at Clifton, and dinner is 6PM at Valley Vineyards. Beyond that it is a secret, but I also have a feeling we might just have a little lunch snack at Pleasant Plain if we can work it in. This is a drive, right?

So, I (Bruce) need to know if you are going – we have 16 spots reserved for their standard cookout dinner (choice of NY Strip, Salmon, Shrimp, or Crab Cakes for \$40 which includes two drink tickets) – I plan on updating them on the count the

weekend of October 6th and will be asking for a head-count at the October MVT Meeting. It will be a pay as you go, and if you want to know more about Valley Vineyards and their cookout then head to:

<https://valleyvineyards.com/cookout/>



21 – BTM Chili Cook-Off

Sample chili at the British Transportation Museum's annual chili cookoff Oct. 21st.

Proceeds will benefit the building fund of this all-volunteer educational museum

The British Transportation Museum is having its Seventh Annual Chili Cookoff and Cruise-In on Saturday, Oct. 22 from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. in its 83,000- sq.-ft. building at 321 Hopeland Ave. Prizes will be awarded for best overall chili and people's choice.

"Enter your favorite chili or come enjoy the talents of others," said Pete Stroble, BTM president. "We had 75 attend last year's event and are hoping for 100 this year."

Proceeds will benefit the building fund at the only all-volunteer 501 (c3) educational, non-profit museum in the United States dedicated to the preservation of British-built transportation vehicles. The collection includes all forms of British transportation – including cars, trucks, motorcycles, and bicycles – and especially the British-made vehicles that have been used in the United States.

There will also be a Ben & Jerry's ice cream cart at the kickoff.

Tickets are \$10. For tickets, more info, or to enter the cookoff contact Amanda Hawker at BTMkids1@gmail.com or 937-238-8451.

November 2023

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4 - Guy Fawkes Roasting – let the traitor burn! Current plan is to meet somewhere for an early dinner (still working that, might even be at the Bellbrook Brewing Company depending on the food truck that day), then had back to the Chateau on Crooked Creek (I need to get that all in French – hang on... Google gives me Château sur le Ruisseau Tortueux, so we'll go with that....) for a burning good time with Guy!

11 - The Last Tech Session – who needs work done on their car? All you need is donuts and coffee and we show up. Roger, is this you? Who else might we help. Free labor, and we can bring the beer if needed.

December 2023

? - Holiday Soiree – We are firming up the location and time now. This might be the last time we go to Bergamo for this. Despite the little bit of unknowns here, we hoping you are saving up your brown bags for the brown bag auction. Show us your fish! Where is that sketchy music and old parts? Bring it on!

? - Ugly Sweater Gathering - yes, we will plan another one of these at a watering hole around SW Ohio – we usually plan this in conjunction with Caesar's Creek Vineyards last open day in the year, but we have options at several local breweries.

Just one more thing:



32 members at the MVT September meeting – new worlds record!

Technical Talk

Edited by Bruce Clough

BEARINGS and BUSHINGS and BRAKES, Oh MY! Repeat multiple times, faster and faster. Think OZ

John Clifford

So it's the middle of August and my thoughts turn to VTR. OMG that's only 6 weeks away.! Well my TR8 is ready, just needs detailing, right??? Hmm, there has been a lot of talk about axle bearings and seals lately. I have been saying that I ought to re-pack the front bearings (it has been 20,000 miles), so OK off comes the hubs. Drop the bearing into mineral spirits and scrub them clean. Inspect them and the races very closely. Crap are those outer bearings just ever so slightly not perfectly smooth? Check my stash and yes, I have a complete set of inner, outer bearings, races and seals. Bite the bullet and drift out the races. Go to HF and purchase a bearing race seating kit. Carefully press in the races, grease everything up real good and put it back together. Yeah, it didn't go that quick. More than a day, less than a week. You know how it goes.

Oh yeah, coming home from Indy on damp roads back in August, I had to stab the brakes and Squeech, the left front locked up rather quickly. That got the heart pounding! That needs to be looked into. Consulting with others and trying various things, maybe the left caliper is dragging or not retracting as much as the right side. Lets order up some re-built calipers. Only one source has a set on the shelf. This is the last week of August. The day after Labor Day, I get a call that one of the two calipers on the shelf has a cross threaded bleeder screw. No way can they get another set rebuilt in time!!! Which one of theirs is bad? The right, and it is my left brake that is suspect. So we worked out a deal to ship me the left caliper with the right to follow "later" (after VTR).

It shows up on the 15th, a few days later I tear into the left side and swap the calipers. Then it takes over six ounces of brake fluid to get the air out. Does it help? NOT a BIT! More consultations, now the next culprit would be the brake hoses. They were changed back in 2013, but maybe something

ain't right. Where to find hoses for a Triumph? It turns out that O'Reilly's has some, but I did some checking in another box on my shelf and Eureka! I had bought a TRW set a few years back that was on sale at Rock Auto. Changed both of the hoses, bled the brakes, torqued everything up and took it for a ride. Much better! Still just a little left side prone but certainly safe to drive. Whew!

After several drives, confidence has been re-established. And I still have 5 days left to clean up the car, pack all the stuff for the week-long trip, attend the dog obedience trial this weekend and get other things attended to. Oh, and we were able to get the entire brake fluid system flushed with new brake fluid (only had the rear left to do).



Replaced Parts

In between the other items, I wanted to pull the rear suspension links to lube the urethane bushings. Needless to say, that was not a quick job as I discovered one of the bushings definitely had some wear. Then I had to get some parts overnighted and get them pressed in. Simple, right? I hate trying to get those links back in, They never line up without some convincing using a ratchet strap.



Straps and Training Arms

Let's see how this trip to Dillard goes. I wrote this on Friday the 22nd..... to be continued....

Tech Tip of the Month:

Forced induction on a budget. Using the cabin blowers as the compressor. Ice cold AC means not intercooler required. It even comes with 4 boost setting



MVT Memorabilia

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



MVT Enamel Car Badge - \$30.00 – only a couple left – buy now!!!!



MVT Cloth Patch - \$12.00



MVT Pin - \$5.00



MVT Window Sticker - \$1.00



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



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

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 - 1980 TR-8

Car was purchased in 1998 and currently has approximately 39,000 miles on the odometer and has no rust and has always been garage kept.

Work done by The Wedge Shop- (TWS) (Woody Cooper) who did a complete engine rebuild (4bbl.with Edelbrock intake manifold, high lift camshaft and new lifters, headers, ported and polished exhaust ports), and there are less than 14,000 miles since the rebuild. It now runs the way it should have from the factory, with the engine now producing about 285 h.p

Many other wear parts were changed at that time including clutch, pressure plate, throw out bearing, reconditioned gas tank, and suspension rebuild with poly bushings, replaced tranny mount and shift bushings, clutch master, front pads, high torque starter, replaced radiator.

Other work done includes, new Robbins stay fast cloth top as well as a new radio and speakers, electric cooling fan, front brake lines, rear wheel cylinders, rotors, battery, battery case, alternator, electric fuel pump, water pump, stainless steel exhaust system, door cards, seat upholstery and padding . Top boot and many spare and original parts are included. Bills for work done are available.

Even the clock is working. A/C not working although compressor and dryer were changed by TWS at time all the reconditioning was done. Not used in a long time and probably needs a charge or new expansion valve.

The car is registered and inspected in NYS and is very quick and really a lot of fun to drive.

I have too many cars to drive them all. Someone will really enjoy getting into it and driving away.

Shelly Sackstein 516-521-1276
ssackstein@sacksteinllp.com

(Editor's Note: I've known Shelly through VTR for years – his cars are the real thing.)



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."*