



The Marque

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

May 2020



Available on line



If it were painted today...

In Memoriam

Betsy Ann (Jones) Coffey, Karen Sipos's sister, passed on last month. In her name MVT made a donation to the Aullwood Audubon Center.

Thank you



John Clifford extends his "thank you" to the entire club for awarding him the Marque of Distinction this year. John noted: "My thanks to the MVT for voting to award me with the Marque of Distinction for 2019. Imagine me shaking Stan's hand as he presented this to me at the Awards banquet which did not happen. It now occupies a honored spot among our small collection of other Triumph awards and photos."

Events this month:

- 6 – MVT Membership Meeting (on line)
- 20 – TRA 2021 Meeting (on line)

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Librarians in their natural state

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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 22nd of the month or when the editor screams...

MVT is a Chapter of the Vintage Triumph Register (<http://vintagetriumphregister.org/>) and Center of the Triumph Register of America (<http://triumphregister.com/>). We actively participate in activities of these clubs and their endeavors to preserve the marque. In addition to the above national clubs you also might want to check out 6-Pack (TR6/TR-250) <http://www.6-pack.org/j15/> and the North American Spitfire Squadron for Triumph Spitfire and GT6 owners <http://www.nasshq.org/>. Yearly dues are \$20 due in May each year.

MVT Monthly Meeting

COVID-19 UPDATE – Until further notice we will not be meeting at Archer's for the monthly meeting, but will be doing a web meeting instead. Instructions on how to do this are in the Events listings just after this month's meeting agenda.

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

Another Month of Virtual Stuff

John Coutant

April has been an interesting month although everything has been virtual it seems. We started out the month with the MVT monthly meeting held via videoconference. This was the first videoconference the club held and it went well even with the first-time hiccups. Right after the general meeting we had a TRA 2020 planning committee meeting (see the summary later in the Marque) and that was the end of MVT meetings.

That wasn't the end for me as I am in a group of about 10 British car guys locally who have met at the local coffee place on Saturday mornings for the past couple of years. After not getting together in March, I relented and set up a virtual cars and coffee each Saturday using Meet. Other virtual things I have been doing is watching iRacing on YouTube or TV. The NASCAR stuff is realistic but just as boring as real life for me. However, the Indy, F1, and Sports Cars are kind of interesting. Hey, I have tried some of those driving sims for the PS4 and I am really terrible at it so I have a lot of respect for those guys.

As I am writing this, the Wine with DeWine show has just finished and the Governor outlined the

steps for businesses to slowly start opening with restrictions. As suspected manufacturing first, followed by retail in the middle of the month. However restaurants and bars are not on the list to reopen in May and restrictions on groups more than 10 and the stay at home order are still in place.

This means for sure the May and June monthly MVT meetings will be videoconferences. It's going to be a challenge to have meetings with the new guidelines (many not yet known) and keep some semblance of "normal" activities. May looks to be another virtual month. Maybe some small, unofficial vehicle "testing" but not much more. So keep working on those cars and the house job jar list.

Vice President's Report



Got the '6 out for its maiden voyage for this year. I had a few copies of the TRA magazine that President Coutant was missing for his project and we met up at the McDonalds in Waynesville on Saturday, May 2nd. Beautiful day to be out cruising with the top down! I hope y'all take the opportunity when it presents itself to get out of the house and enjoy your time cruising the back roads! Be safe and remember social distancing!

Treasurer's Report



As of 1 April 2020, balance in the club account was \$3400.75. For the month of April the club's income included \$20.00 from membership renewals. Total income for April is \$20.00. The club had the following expense for the month of April, renewal for the club's liability insurance with VTR for \$250.00. Total expense for April was \$250.00. As of 1 May, 2020, the MVT account balance is \$3170.75.

For all members, May is membership renewal month. Please read John's presidents column on methods for payment. Be safe out there and I hope very soon the roads will open for the club activities.

Harry Mague.

Events Chair Report



Wow, just wow. The events schedule continues to look a little naked. Some impacts since last month:

- Columbus BCD – cancelled
- Cinci BCD – cancelled
- TRA2020 is now TRA2021
- Tech sessions delayed
- Tours and runs cancelled

Yes, makes it easy for my writing, but I'd rather have too much to write about. Hopefully all are staying well and working on your Triumphs. As we go forward we are going to monitor the rules and as soon as we can do some unofficial vehicle testing we will.

We see light at the end of the tunnel – Bill's Donuts is back open...

Events Tsar Bruce

Marque Editor's Report

We might all be in quarantine, but I'm happy to be here – honest! Keep the articles, especially self reporting on tech stuff, coming in!

Bruce

Membership Chair Report

50

Our MVT family currently consists of 50 individual and family memberships. A \$20 membership renewal is requested in May of each year. Since we aren't holding in person meetings at this time, you will have read details of this year's dues collection process elsewhere in this edition of The Marque. Your \$20 goes toward many things such as club expenses for the web site and PO box, memorial and other community donations, and food purchases for club events like the Holiday Soiree and Pool-Less Pool Party. Your willingness to recommit to our club is very much appreciated! Do your dues, please.

Valerie

How to Pay Dues

Mail-In a Check or Online on the Website

John Coutant

As you read in Valerie's membership report, May is the time to pay yearly dues. In the past this was easily done at the monthly meeting just by giving Valerie a \$20 bill. Since we are not having normal MVT meetings and May is the month for membership renewal Harry suggest that we have members send in a check for renewal directly to him (bypassing the PO Box). I thought this was a good idea and I also to give members the chance to pay their dues online through the MVT website and PayPal. Harry was concerned that the fees PayPal charges would eat into the amount ending up in the treasury (flat fee of \$0.30 per transaction plus a variable fee of 2.9% of the transaction). I did some calculations and if a member is willing to cover the fees and pay \$21 the net deposit would be \$20.09 to our account. Either method is going to involve some effort and expense for the member, \$0.55 for a stamp to mail in or \$1 to cover PayPal transaction fees.

To mail in your dues, a check for \$20.00 can be made out to MVT and mailed to the treasurer.

Harry Mague
4044 Meridell Dr.
Beavercreek, OH 45430

To pay online, got to the MVT website and look for MVT DUES RENEWAL under the MEMBERS AREA on the top menu or follow the direct link. <https://www.miamivalleytriumphs.org/online-dues-payment> - just click on the PayPal **Buy Now** button to be taken to PayPal. The amount is already set to \$21. Just use a credit card to pay like you would normally do online

Instructions on how to pay dues' renewal is on the webpage for both mail-in and online.

CLUB AWARDS - The following is a proposal

to ballot entry of the Miami Valley Club Awards in to the Miami Valley By-Laws.

As you know, the way the system works is to present the item at a regularly scheduled meeting, to sort through the language of the particular item prior to formal presentation of the item to the club. The item then is published in the Marque for two consecutive months. If there are no comments or criticisms, the item is voted on in the third month. If there is a critical comment, the process is held-up until the comment is satisfactorily addressed.

In view of the current situation where there are no gatherings of more than ten people allowed, the item is being placed in the Marque for all the members to see and comment on. All comments will be handled electronically, and as best fits the request.

All comments should be addressed to Stan Seto, stans@fuse.net Comments and their handling will be discussed with their author and results posted either in the Marque or on the Website. Any adjustments to the item will be posted in the Marque for further review by the club.

CLUB AWARDS - Ballot Proposal

8.6 – Club Awards.

8.6.1 - The Miami Valley Triumphs Club has four awards it can give out annually to deserving club members, subject to the following:

8.6.1.1 - Nomination of members for these awards normally occurs in the monthly club meetings held in December (Holiday Soiree), January, February and March.

8.6.1.2 - Voting on the nominees occurs at the end of the March Meeting.

8.6.1.3 - The nominations are for single individuals, but can also encompass the spouse.

8.6.1.4 - Any club member nominating another for one of these awards will be required to provide to the club President, a short 25 – 50 word statement explaining

why he think the nominated individual deserves the award. Statement can be written or sent electronically. Failure to supply this statement will result in candidate withdrawal.

8.6.1.5 - The actual awards made are subject to yearly review and possible revision by the Club President, Vice President, Club Treasurer and the Events Chair, at the January Meeting.

8.6.2 – The awards categories are as follows:

8.6.2.1 - Marque of Distinction - Most prestigious in the club, and should go to a person who most personifies the character of the club in the past year. Most nominees have served as club officers and have promoted and served the club at both internal and external events.

8.6.2.2 - Press on Regardless – A driving award that is normally given to a person who perseveres through times of trouble during the club driving events or trips to far away places, while representing the club, such as going to attend a National Meet, and always manages to complete the trip.

8.6.2.3 - Keep it on the Road – A driving award to the club member who is able to drive his car from January to December, demonstrating good upkeep and the reliability it brings in this day and age.

8.6.2.4 - Most Improved – Normal improvements are car performance or car appearance, for example: A club member who has a car that does not run at the beginning of the year, but has it running in club events by mid- or late year due to the work he has invested in the vehicle to obtain the better performance. A club member who has a rather dilapidated car in January and who has put time and money into the necessary area (seat upholstery, engine compartment, trunk, or body work) to materially improve the car's appearance.

MVT Events

April 2020

**1 - eMVT Monthly Meeting Minutes:
President's Report - John**

A toast to all those first responders: the healthcare are doing a good job do and also to all the people helping out: truck drivers, people working in a grocery stores, everything else to get all those things on our front porch so here's to them.

Review of Video Conference etiquette was done. (Etiquette Rules at end of the Marquee).

So the first thing was no changes to the agenda.

We had one little piece of board business. Appointing a new Vice President as my former VP term actually had a year left. Chuck White has graciously put his name in for the 1 year VP position. So for the remainder of the term by the by laws we basically took votes from the board members which were President, Secretary, Treasurer, Membership, and Events. The vote was a unanimous YES for Chuck to become VP for one year till next formal election. Welcome to Chuck who is now officially the Vice President.

So this year election results are:

- President - John Coutant
- Treasurer – Harry Mague
- Secretary – Mark Senter.

State of the union: as required with the stay at home orders from Governor DeWine, we canceled all meeting events at least through May 1st. The prediction is for the peak to be late April. The May and June events will probably be affected. There's no reason why we can't have additional virtual meetings, and we can even add virtual tech sessions. If you need a 'show me how to do that' I am glad to help if you have questions. I'm hopeful that things will ease up but not right away not with a not packed meeting all stuffed into a meeting room. For social distancing things like Good drives and other types of things we can do in a responsible way. Hopefully we will get back to soon.

Vice President - Chuck

Quoting a past Vice President, I just want to say glad to be here. I'd also like to wish John good health. As you might remember the last time I was Vice President that didn't go so well and I stepped in and fulfilled the duties of the previous President

I hope that doesn't happen this time, I would like to thank the board for the vote of confidence I will try to fulfill the duties of Vice President to the best of my abilities and any such other tasks as John may assign me and with that I'm done.

Treasure - Harry

The checking account has \$10,140.51 in it. The MVT portion is \$3400.75 and TRA \$6739.76 plus what's in the pay pal balance. At the April TRA 2020 meeting we will talk about what we're going to do. We are in a good financial state position. Our big money maker will be BCD if that gets held. The Treasurer of the TRA has offered us money if we need that as we go forward. if we decide to cancel and start refunding money but I don't think that there's going to be a problem but the money is there. So without having to spend all the money for our awards banquet were in pretty good shape that's it for me.

Out Going Secretary - Patti

There were no corrections or amendments to the March minutes. A motion was made to accept the minute as published in the March Marquee, seconded by John Clifford. The minutes stand approved. Thank you to Mark for taking the position over.

In Coming Secretary - Mark

Thank you to Patti for helping me set up to assume the duties, and the support from everyone.

Membership - Valerie

As indicated in The Marquee we have 50 members. As we may not be meeting in person in May and that is traditionally our month to accept the membership renewal fee of \$20. We will either be doing that probably all by mail. Or John might hook us up so that we can do it on line, or anything that doesn't involve me in a hazmat suit in the parking lot at archers with drive by dues collection. I'm on board with so once we figure out how are going to handle everything I will communicate that to the members and also remind them to check their individual entries on the roster so I am notified of any necessary revisions. After minor discussion it was felt that checks could be mailed into our MVT mail

address for renewals. Other online options would add in additional cost to MVT or members. John will check into other options if needed. The MVT mail box is checked regularly.

MVT Mail address:

Miami Valley Triumphs – MVT
Attn. Valerie Relue
P.O. Box 144
Bellbrook, Ohio 45305

Events Chair - Bruce

(Bruce sipping his good Tennessee Bourbon?) (*I was- ed*)

All right we actually pulled out a couple of events in March. On the seventh the fuel pump rebuilding session here at the chateau, we had a pretty good time. People learned a lot of things and decimated lots of donuts and then the next weekend in the morning we had operation yellow jacket. The rear end and a bunch of other parts got cleaned up Jackson how far did we actually get?

Operation Yellow Jacket – Jackson - We did not get as much as I expected. I was expecting to get done the brake lines bent, the gas tank treated/reinstalled. That did not get done. We did get the rear end assembled, and new seals installed. We also pressed in the bushings on the upper rear and lower trailing arms. We were going to get the gas tank done and the rear end finished up. Seems like were on hold temporarily. Thanks very much to all those who showed up.

OK, so that's what we did in March. The Award Banquet was cancelled and we will not be charged for it, which is good news.



2 – TRA 2020 Committee Meeting: We met and we decided to move TRA 2020 to TRA 2021 due to COVID-19. Reset the clock! More in the TRA 2021 section later.



16 – TRA 2021 Committee Meeting -

May 2020

6 - MVT Monthly Meeting –

May's MVT Meeting

Videoconference with Google Meet

John Coutant

The general meeting of Miami Valley Triumphs for May will be by video conferencing again using Google Meet. This will be our second general meeting using Meet and I am afraid we will be doing a few more before the restrictions related to COVID-19 are modified.

Prior to our first meeting I have a few practice sessions that were helpful to those who had never used this technology before. I am not planning on any scheduled practice sessions but I am more than happy to schedule a one-on-one session with anyone that feels like they need a bit of help.

To use Google Meet all you need is a computer with microphone, speakers, and camera (most laptops have these built in) and a recent browser (Chrome, Edge, Safari, Firefox). You can also use a smartphone or tablet but need to download the Meet app first. To join, all you have to do is click on the link for the meeting. All this is explained in detail in the Guide to Video Conferencing on the MVT website <https://www.miamivalleytriumphs.org/videoconfere>

ncing-guide or in the Guide appended to this issue of the Marque.

I hope some new enhancements to Meet will be available for the meeting including the ability to see 16 participants in a grid at one time. Come in early to chat as I will try to open the meeting at 7pm with a start of the meeting at 7:30pm. The link for the May meeting is:

<https://meet.google.com/tpp-vwei-eoh>

We will send this link a few more time before the meeting.

May Meeting Agenda

Opening Remarks – **John**

Review of Videoconference Operation and Etiquette - **John**

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

Introduction of Guests/New Members – **John/Guests**

Officers Reports

- President – **John**
 - Impact of COVID-19, future plans in step with Ohio's reopening
- Vice-President – **Chuck**
- Treasurer - **Harry**
- Secretary
 - Approval of April's Minutes – **Mark**
- Membership Chair – **Valerie**
 - Membership dues renewal for 2020-2021
- Events Chair – **Bruce**
 - Review of Previous Month's
 - Status of Future Events

Standing Committee Reports

- Technical – **Bruce**
- Marque – **Bruce**
- Memorabilia – **Harry**
- Spare Parts – **Chris**

Event Committee Reports

- British Car Days – **Stan**
- TRA 2020/2021 – **Bruce**

Old Business

New Business

- Ballot proposal to add MVT Yearly Awards to By-Laws - **Stan**

Adjourn

Guide to Videoconferencing with Google Meet for MVT

Participating in a videoconference can seem overwhelming if you have never used such technology but improvements over time have made products like Zoom and Google Meet relatively easy to use with a wide range of devices from computers to smartphones. This guide is meant to be a reference on how to use Google Meet for videoconferences/teleconferences for online meetings of Miami Valley Triumphs.

What Equipment do you Need?

To participate in a Google Meet conference there are a number of devices that you can use.

- Desktop or laptop computer with camera, microphone, and speakers (Windows or Mac) – This setup lets you join just by clicking on a link using a supported browser (Chrome, Firefox, or Edge – *Internet Explorer is not supported*).
- Desktop or laptop computer (Windows or Mac) – This setup lets you join just by clicking on a link using a supported browser (Chrome, Firefox, or Edge – *Internet Explorer is not supported*). To join the audio portion, you can click on the [Join and use a phone for audio](#) and dial in.
- Tablet or Smartphone (Apple or Android) – This setup lets you use your tablet or smartphone to participate. However, to use them you first need to download the Google Meet app from the Apple or Google store and install on your device.

Videoconference Etiquette

Participating in a videoconference/teleconference is different than being in a regular meeting. We are accustomed to talking to each other and having side conversations when we have a meeting. It is one of the social aspects we love.

In videoconferencing all the sound ends up in one place so that means everyone has to mute their computer/tablet/smartphone unless they are the one who is talking. How to manage this. Well the organizer needs to indicate clearly who has the podium and sort of pass the virtual microphone around. How do you ask for a chance to talk? You will notice that Meet has a chat function where you can type and ask to talk, text chat with others (like on our Facebook page). You can also ask with a quick "I'd have something to say." by voice and wait for the organizer to recognize you. It will take some time to get comfortable with this new way of communicating so relax as everyone goes through a learning curve.

How to join a Meeting

When a meeting is scheduled by the organizer, you may receive an email from them with just the link to the Google Meet. To join just click on the link. <https://meet.google.com/tpp-vwei-eoh>

You may also receive an email directly from Google Meet that looks like the invitation below.

You have been invited to the following event.

MVT General Meeting

When Tue Mar 24, 2020 1pm – 2pm Eastern Time - New York

Joining info Join Hangouts Meet
meet.google.com/hbu-epzj-dox

Join by phone
[+1 904-323-0173](tel:+19043230173) (PIN: 626033018)

[More phone numbers](#)

Calendar jecoutant@yahoo.com

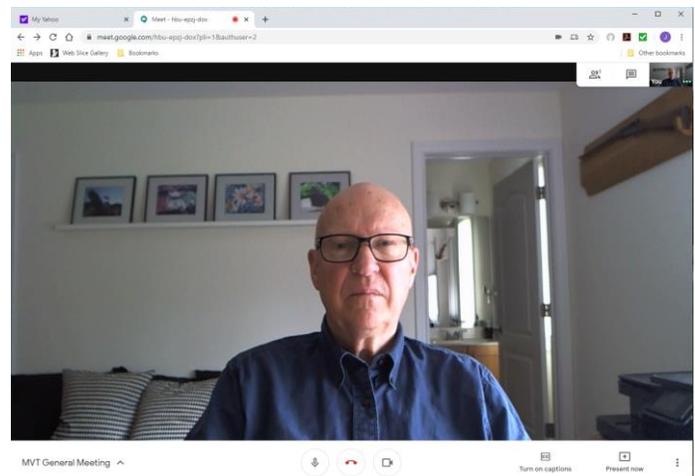
Who • john.coutant@britishtransportationmuseum.org - organizer
 • jecoutant@yahoo.com

When the meeting time comes, all you have to do is click on the link for Join Meet. If you have a computer this will just open the meeting in your browser, if you have a tablet or smartphone it will automatically open the app (which must be downloaded first -see Equipment above). *NOTE – the phone number is only for teleconference by phone only. If you plan to use your phone for audio, you must first sign in your device and then select Join and use a phone for audio (see below).*



When you first join this is what you should see. If you have a computer with camera, speakers and microphone or a tablet/smartphone just click on the Join now button. If you are going to use your phone for audio, click on Join and use a phone for audio. *NOTE: If you have speakers on your computer and just want to attend, listen and not talk you can just by clicking on the Join now button. You can then decide to join by phone at a later time by selecting the option list (3 dots on lower right) any time.*

Once you join, this is what you should see.



Once in the meeting, you'll want to be familiar with the below tools, so you can adjust them during your meeting, if necessary:

Mic/Video: Enables you to mute/unmute your microphone and camera, respectively.



Leave call: Enables you to leave a meeting, or the host to end the meeting for all.

Captions: Enables real-time automatically generated captions.

Screen sharing: "Present Now" enables you to share a screen or window with participants.

More options: Allows you to change the layout of the Hangouts/Meet windows (up to 16 in the new version) switch to full screen mode, turn on the Live Captions feature, or click settings where you can flip to a different microphone or camera. This is also where you can connect audio by phone if you joined with a computer in listen only mode and now want to connect audio by phone to talk. Just remember to turn off your computer speakers if you do this or you will get feedback.

● Record meeting

☐ Change layout

⌘ Full screen

☒ Turn on captions

⚙ Settings

📞 Use a phone for audio

! Report a problem

? Help

At the top of the screen, the following tools are also available:



Chat: Enables participants to type and view quick notes to others.

Participants: Allows participants to see who is in the meeting (and the host may mute one or more of the participants mics/cameras, here).

For technical help, contact the organizer by phone (John Coutant 513-560-7434) for help



21 – TRA 2021 Committee Meeting: This will be an on-line meeting - John Coutant will email meeting info to the club.

Note: from now on forward in this events schedule you can assume the information is tentative. As we receive updated info on events we will update.

June 2020

2 - eMVT Monthly Meeting The general meeting of Miami Valley Triumphs for June will be by video conferencing again using Google Meet. This will be our third general meeting using Meet. Details will be emailed to members.

7 - The British Return to Fort Meigs, the annual British car and motorcycle event sponsored by Lake Erie British Car Club in northwest Ohio. This year's event is Sunday, June 7th from 10am to 3pm. We would appreciate your help in spreading the word about the show to those in your British car circles.

We typically draw vehicles from throughout the region and expect 150+ this year. Our event includes parts and food vendors, a silent auction, a 50/50 raffle, and popular-choice voting for the awards.

Our venue is the Fort Meigs Historical Site in Perrysburg, Ohio, near Toledo. Our hosts allow us to park on the grassy and somewhat shaded areas of the property and also provide us with a "Fort's Choice" award.

Hope you will join us this year! Please contact me with any specific questions.

Carol Fingerhut, Secretary, Lake Erie British Car Club. 419-855-8567 www.lebcc.org



13 - Operation Yellow Jacket – 10 AM at the British Transportation Museum (321 Hopeland Street, Dayton, Ohio 45417)

Vintage GRAND PRIX of Mid-Ohio

26-28 – Mid-Ohio Vintage Grand Prix - this year is the Kastner Cop. One of the great events we will get to participate in this year is the Kastner Cup at the SVRA Event at Mid Ohio, June 26-28. Tickets for the event are currently being sold at a discount on the Mid Ohio web site. Below is a link to the site if you chose to pre-purchase your tickets:

<https://midohio.com/tickets/1/vintage-grand-prix-of-mid-ohio-svra>

Following note was provided by John Clifford:

Note that Triumph is the featured marque. The Kastner cup race will be Saturday at 3:35 and another "reunion" event on Sunday at noon that weekend and will bring in a lot of cars. I have heard that the Huffaker TR7 and TR8 race cars will be there from CA. There are lots of other races all weekend. Patti and I plan to go up for at least one day, most likely with an overnight. Camping is available on the grounds and there are hotels within 25 miles. Provisional schedule of events is at link below. Early ticket sale is \$40 for weekend but only until March 2nd.

Anyone else up for it????

John Clifford

July 2020



2 - MVT Monthly Meeting at Archer's Tavern Kettering, 2030 East Dorothy Lane, Kettering, OH 45420 (937) 291-1015. We are in the meeting room literally behind the bar towards the Dorothy Lane side of the tavern. Dinner starts at 6:30, meeting at 7:30.



11 - Operation Yellow Jacket – 10 AM at the British Transportation Museum (321 Hopeland Street, Dayton, Ohio 45417)



31 – Dayton BCD Set-up: Be at Eastwood Metro Park by 6 to help set up the parking and registration materials for BCD.

August 2020



1 - Dayton BCD: yes, our local, award winning, HUGE British Car Show is here! Have you registered? No, then go to:

<http://www.britishcardaydayton.com/>

Yes, we will be looking for volunteers, yes, we will be bugging you to get registered, so why don't you just save the grief and volunteer/register now? See Stan for volunteer details.

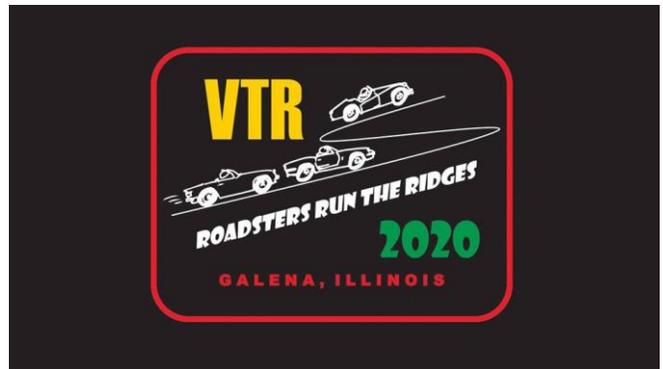


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31 Aug – 4 Sep – Vintage Triumph Register National Convention – Galena, IL. Your Marque editor will be heading there as well as others. Will you?

<https://www.vtr2020.org/>

September 2020



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19 - Talk Like a Pirate Day: I think we should make this an MVT event... Keep calm and say "Arrrrrrrrrr...."



26 – Farm Stand Tour: Never too early to lay in the harvest for winter. I think this year we will end up at Caesar's Creek vineyards to see how the grapes are coming along...

October 2020



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10 – Spring (Now Fall) Classic Driving Tour VII, Scenic Driving Tour featuring the most

picturesque roads in Southern Ohio, visit an Amish Market, historical points, and more as we tour Clermont, Brown and Adams Counties. The drive Benefits a number of charities, support the cause that speaks to you. Open to all roadworthy, licensed and insured vehicles; drive your "everyday car" with the Classic, Collector and Specialty vehicles.

<http://www.springclassicdrivingtour.org/home.html>



17 – Fall Foliage Tour: Exact direction unknown, but it will be in some direction!

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21 – Tech Session Day - TBD

December 2020



5 – MVT Holiday Soiree: Queen of Apostles Community, Bergamo Center. Lots of food, lots of brown bags for the MVT-is-the-charity Brown Bag Auction. We start at 6:30 PM with some light appetizers and dinner is at 7PM. Short membership meeting then the auction. You are saving things up for your brown-bags, right?



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20 – MVT Christmas Dinner: People enjoy this every year, so we are going to do it again - We will shoot for a 5:30PM seating at The Paragon in Centerville.

TRA 2021 Update

By Bruce Clough, TRA 2021 Chair

This used to say TRA 2020. We reset the clock, just too much uncertainty with viruses and the economy. The goal is to do the exact same thing, only a year later. Might we have to make changes? Dunno, maybe. Here are the steps we have taken so far:

- Contacted club that was to host in 2021 – they graciously have moved their hosting to 2022.
- Contacted the hotel to cancel the contract for 2020 and get a new one for 2021. We have that now and need to discuss whether we try to enhance this or not.
- Contacted all the venues to delay a year.
- Contacted the registrants to let them know we cancelled and ask them if they want to get a refund or just roll the money over until next year.
- Updated websites and Facebook groups to reflect TRA 2021.

John Coutant did some heavy lifting here – updating the website as well as turning our email

chimp loose to let the registrants and enthusiasts know what was going on.

So here we go:

Just a reminder that MVT is hosting the 2021 meeting of the Triumph Register of America in Lexington KY. This multi-day event will feature car shows, tours, fun runs, workshops, auction, banquet and gobs of other events. Focused on TR2-4A models, but it is open to anyone with an interest in Triumphs. A good time is always had by all. We are going to need your help MVT – this is your club putting this on and it is an excellent time! If you need info of any type head to the MVT TRA 2021 web page:

<https://www.miamivalleytriumphs.org/tra-2021>



Tentative – 14-18 June 2021, Clarion North Convention Center, Lexington KY

This now means we need to update all the forms, but pretty much the rest will just roll-over to 2021. If you have registered for TRA 2020 you are registered for 2021 – just leave everything alone. If you want to cancel your registration and get your money back you can contact Harry Mague at any time. We will let you know when hotel reservation block has been established so you can get into that block.

April 2020 TRA Committee Meeting

We held a virtual TRA 2021 committee meeting thanks to John Coutant. In attendance was Alice Owen-Clough, Bruce Clough, Chris White, Chuck White, Karl Ludwig, Jackson Galloway, Stan Seto, Chris Yanity, and Harry Mague.

In general we talked about the reset of TRA2021. Most of the open actions are now not actions anymore. We looked at what we need to update in the hotel contract and assigned Bruce to make the changes and get the contract back to the hotel. Besides that, we need to wait and see how things shake out.

John Coutant comments:

- Prudent to schedule a summer trip to Lexington give us a feeling what it's like in the summer. Suggest mid-August after BCD.
- Pick the heads of the Lexington brit cars guys - tours locations - meet with them in Aug
- Updated TRA 2020 website to TRA 2021 and web redirects set up – need to get around to all the other places on the Web.
- Will send another update out to TRA folks and the registration mailing list at the end of May with updates. Shoot for 1 Sep 20 as the reopening of registration for TRA 2021.

Harry Mague comments:

- We need to apply some lessons learned - we can change the registration form or process to make things easier.
- We need to see if the direct billing for the hotel will roll over
- The awards are no big issues, almost all things have not been made up yet, and for those that have we can redo or just use as is.
- Of the 42 registrations, 17 will roll-over and 1 refund. 24 we don't know about. Will keep trying!

Chris White comments:

- The issue might be the horsepark shelter depending on other users. We will not know whether we have it until 15 June.

The rest of the trips and catering should roll over.

Chris Yanity comments:

- We will restart with the vendors this fall. We will talk to the vendors that have given us money to see if they want it back.

Since then we have resigned the hotel contract for next year, done a bit more work on at least the fuel pump workshop, and looked around the web to see where the TRA 2020 info is that needs to be changed.

We will have another TRA Committee Meeting in May on the 21st. Yes, it will probably be virtual.

Technical Talk

Edited by Bruce Clough

Carmine (Carma) Update – “Got nuthin’ else to do...”

Bruce Clough

If you remember last month I had discovered that there was coolant under the car and that the heater core was leaking. I had removed the core from the car, the hot matrix from the core, and determined that the pipe sealing washers were not. Since these are unobtainium, I ordered a new hot matrix from Robsport International (UK) that has actual hose connections. This is where we pick up the story...

1. Heater Box Fix

The matrix took two weeks to get here, given all that is going on around the world with COVID-19 I think this was acceptable! I opened it up and it looked just like the picture on the website:



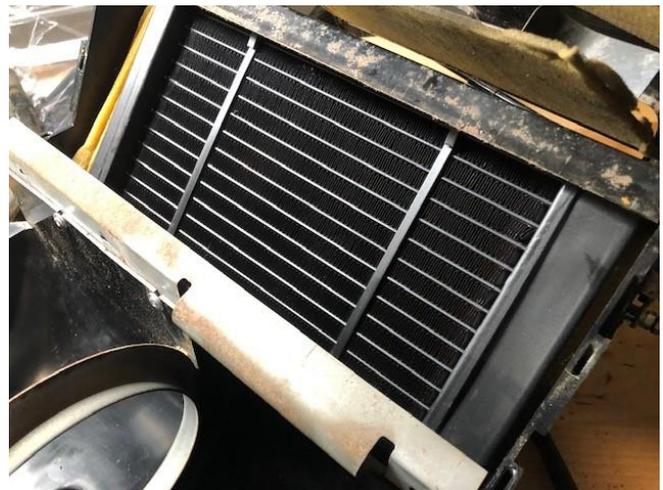
The picture on the website.

The only issue is the heater box was designed for a hot matrix that had pipes that pushed into it, not that had pipe inlets and outlets on it that are actually splayed out a little bit. That meant the hole for the piping in the box needed to be bigger.

Take apart the heater box?

Heck no, bring out the Holy Hand Grenade of Antioch!

I have this little rotary file, nice hardened steel that can chew through most things. So a cordless drill and a battery later we has large enough holes for the ends to fit through and the matrix went in.



New hot matrix in place



Hot matrix pipe ends coming out of the heater box

I reassembled the rest of the box without drama – now to attach the pipes that lead to the engine bay. Since they can no longer go into the hot matrix they need to be cut down. This is what the supplied hose and clamps are for. So time for words of wisdom:

If you choose to go this route with your heater box, get rid of these hoses and buy a couple of 1.5' 5/8 heater hoses instead at your local car parts store. Then cut the existing pipes at the firewall mounting plate where the pipe begins its curve heading towards the heater box. You will have an easier time fitting the pipes and be less susceptible for screaming words you do not want the rest of the family hearing.



All back together - time to put this in...

Heater box went back in without issue. Rest of dash went back in with no issue, as long as you

do not count 40 year old cracked British plastic, prior owner wiring mods, prior owners using wrong nuts and bolts, as well as that 40 year old dirt, now cleaned.



It's in!



Discovered this (again – I had seen it the last time the heater box was out) – there are a lot of parts on this car from a '77 TR7 donor.

While I had the center console out I put a plate in where the radio would go with a couple of USB charging ports as well as a voltmeter in it. I also added another 12V power port (aka cigarette lighter) below that – can never have enough power!

We started the car up and let it warm up a bit. No leaks found so we think we are good to go.



Back together

So now to get that front carb leak fixed and start driving it!

2. Front Carb Leak

It took a while, but the carb kits from Rimmers finally made it here. Replacing the o-rings on the jet assembly fixed the leak, and a drive around the neighborhood on a nice sunny day confirmed that the car was running well. No fine tuning until I get a chance to drive it a bit. Oh, the new air filters arrived also – TR4A type...



Yeah, air filters

3. Gas Cap Saver Cables

If you're a wedge owner there is nothing more disturbing than the discovery that you left off the gas cap at the last gas station you were at and now it is long gone. New gas caps are unobtainium unless you want ugly locking types. Used ones are becoming very rare and more

expensive – in fact, on 12 Apr 20 there were none, none of either the early or late type being offered on ebay at any price.

It's better as of 1 May – there is at least one early (large) gas cap for \$50 starting bid...

So you do not want to lose your cap.

In steps Gary Klein of the TWA who has started to manufacture gas cap saver cables – attaching your cap to the car by a small lasso attached to a screw under the cap.

<https://www.tractld.org/wedge-gas-cap-cable.html>

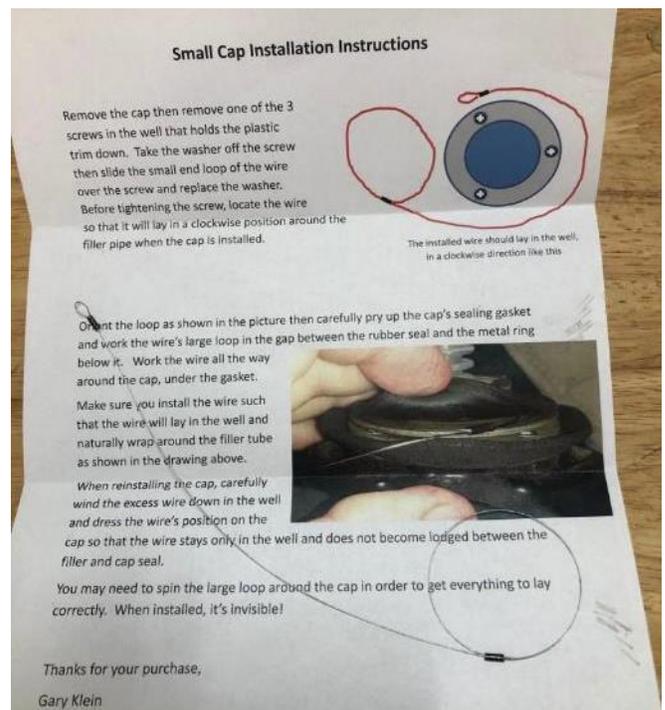
\$4.00 each, and I think that includes shipping.

I ordered two.

They came about as fast as first class mail – two days as a matter of fact. Included were instructions on how to attach to the car.

The strap is stranded steel and has two loops, small one for the screw and a large one for the gas cap.

Installation was straight forward. Unscrew a screw, put the small loop over the screw, screw it back in, put the big loop over the gas cap under the sealer washer, put the cap back on the car. Done.



Instructions and a cable



Unscrew one of the screws that holds the plastic splash guard to the filler tube



Loop it this way...

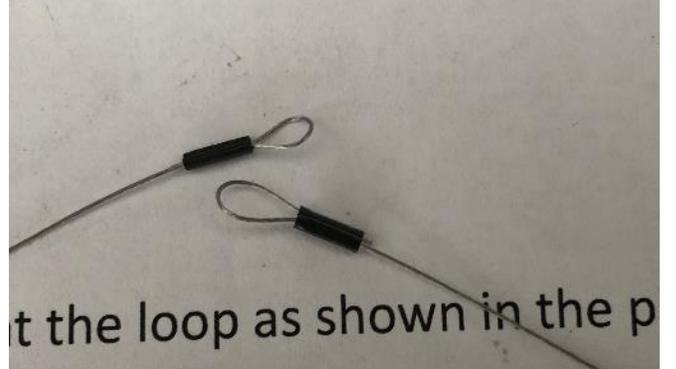


Slip it between the body of the cap and the sealer washer and you are done

I didn't fit the cable to Carma - the small loop was too small to fit around the screw. I let Gary know

about it and he sent out another cable and changed the manufacturing process.

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Too small a loop on one of the cables

The new one he sent fits great. Just a little piece of mind for us wedge owners...

4. Changing out the engine temp sender

The one last issue before seriously driving Carma this summer was getting a temp sender that was compatible with the stock gauge. The one that is in there now is for the aftermarket gauge that was in the FrankenStag. The hole is a different size than the stock sender. I needed to find a sender with similar electrical characteristics as the stock unit but would fit a 1/8 NPT hole.

Two things came to the rescue - I found the resistance vs temp curve of the original sender on line and that fit well the 2254 sender AutoMeter sells. So, I bought a sender...



AutoMeter 2253 sender with similar electrical characteristics as the stock sender

Okay, now to swap them, but I hate draining the coolant out since there isn't a drain petcock and I always make a mess, and a mess with Evan's Coolant is an expensive mess. Since I am a Red-Green kinda guy I noted a couple of things:

1. The 1/8 NPT hole is actually small enough for a thumb or finger to cover the hole.
2. If I close off the system from external air at the reservoir the fluid will be hesitant to drain from even the open hole.
3. Bingo.

First of all I needed to make sure air could not get in the top of the system, so I cut out a plastic baggie and put it under the reservoir cap.



Air Trap in place

Next I made sure that any fluid that did leak out would not make the floor, or the side of the engine block for that matter:



Towels in place around the sender location to capture leaks

Then I just swapped senders. That easy. Of course the sender there took a 1/2" socket and the new one a 7/16", but besides that not any drama.



New sender in place

Does it work? We will find out....

Another day in Paradise - Wedge Bliss brought to you by John Clifford

(John posed these on-line in the MVT Facebook Group page, I just had to share! Ed)

From 1 April 2020

OK will try this. Don't usually post anything but it is hard to chat during the web meeting. BTW, Good job Mr Coutant.

See if this type of sequence sounds familiar.

1) Got a NOS rear bulkhead panel for the TR8 and decided to install it. Determined that both seat needed to be removed.

2) Discovered that the driver's seat foam and rubber bottom were shot and had to be replaced. Had the parts so a week later finally got it done. Looks great!



Nice – New Bulkhead Panel



Yikes!

3) Can't get the bulkhead panel in without removing the top (hood) frame attachment. It's just 4 bolts. Easy.

4) Trim panel around this behind drivers seat is broken in 3 places. \$100 from Rimmers but back ordered.

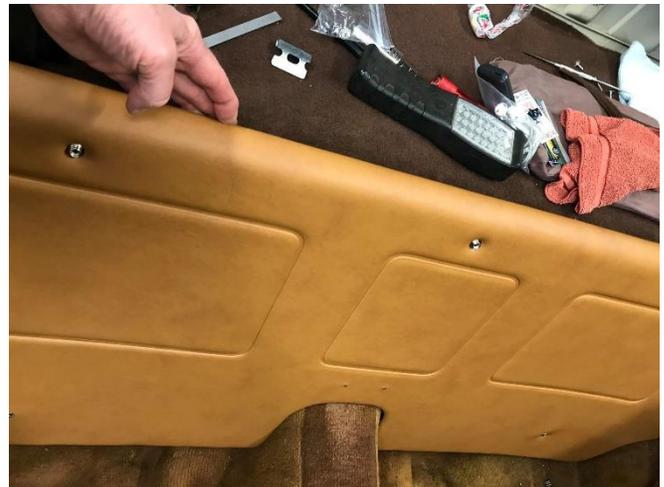
5) Decided to bite the bullet and replace the old top. Requested vinyl swatches. Then ordered new top. Hope they are still working. Will need to line up an installer.

6) Had to remove the trim around the rear deck. One section was broken in several places. Fixed that.



Fixed!

7) Finally managed to get the bulkhead panel in place. Required significant bowing to clear "B" pillar reinforcement. Yikes, though it would crack! Looks good!



New Bulkhead in Place

8) Door cards now really look terrible with NOS panel and seats. All faded. Maybe get a vinyl dye to redo. Hunt starts.

9) Center console has screw holes to go thru bulkhead panel. Should say DID have screw holes. Plastic is broken, now just a larger hole. Need to fix. In progress with some plastic panels cut to fit and JB weld.

10) Carpet looks really faded. Should be brown. Maybe clean and dye them? Checking into that. Anyone try this before? Will need to clean them first.



Cracked back of the center console box – absolutely normal for wedges – expect it!

Sorry so long. Bottom line is the interior of the car is nearly gutted. Good thing we are under stay at home rule! Gotta get it done this month!

Post from May 1st

So maybe you remember my post from early April. We had started on a simple interior project which grew to 9+ items. While completing some we discovered that the project continued to grow. Carpet saga below required adding more steps:

11) Carpet looks really faded. Should be a cocoa brown. Maybe clean and dye them? Checking into that. Will need to clean them first.

- a) Found dye and watched you-tube on how easy it is to do "while in the car". BIG Mistake But it did allow us to discover ... see "e" below
- b) Cleaned the carpet, shop- vac the water out; rinse the carpet, shop-vac the water out; dye the carpet, shop-vac the excess dye out; 3 hours

c) 24 hours later the carpet is mostly dry, but a few low spots. Lifted carpet to discover.....

d) The noise insulation asphalt material had dried and cracked. Water got under it.

e) Chipped out some of the insulation. Found rust. Apparently the undercoating had done the same and held water. Three places had pin holes from rust. **ARRRGHHH!**

12) Had to remove carpet anyway. the center console needs to be removed first

13) The main carpet removed

14) Address the floor issues. Floor has four 3" "drain" holes from when the body was made. They used a thin plate "sealed" with asphalt based material. Yep it had dried and cracked.



Never enough work to do!

- Several hours with wire wheels to remove rust.

- Several hours to remove asphalt and adhesive traces.
- Decided to flatten floor panel where some DPO had put a jack under the panel not the frame. Several hours.
- Paint first time but did not get clean enough and paint peeled off.
- Remove paint. Cleaned lots more.
- Paint again, it looks ok, 2 coats 24 hour cure.
- Need to replace the rusted plates. Got them, need to paint first. Several days.



Lovely drain hole plugs...

- Install new plates and seal up. Let cure

Cut and install new sound deadening material (ordered it when we had to start stripping the old stuff)



15) decided to replace the carpet on the back deck to match the original. Got carpet, dyed it, we have just finished cutting and fitting it today.



Back in!

So we have made progress but still a ways to go.

Bottom line is the interior of the car is nearly gutted. Left in the front dash and steering wheel. Hopefully will get the interior pieces back in this weekend.

Third time is the charm - maybe

Bruce Clough

I went to back The Grey Ghost out to move cars around in December so I could put the TR6 trannie into The Grey Ghost and it was stuck in second gear – no matter what I did to get it out of gear I couldn't get it into reverse. How ironic, couldn't replace the transmission due to the transmission, so I went on to fix Carma's heater and finish carbs.

Fast forward to end of April – Carma seems ready for spring now so it's time to get back to that cranky TR3B. I lowered the lift, ripped out the interior, and gained access to the shifter selectors. For some weird reason, the shifter had popped out of the second gear position back over to the 3 & 4th gear channel. Since I had access I could use a hook and just pull the 1 and 2nd gear selector back. Simple, ready to go and ready to get that trannie replaced.



In place to get that trannie out, finally!

So this is the third trannie it has had since we have owned it, and that includes the first time between 1987-1994. The original OD trannie Tim

Moore has and maybe he can exorcize the demons, the 1956 TR3 trannie is coming out, and a 1972 TR6 trannie is going in. This TR6 trannie came from Jim VanOrder in Buckeye Triumphs and was used by John Huddy (also of BT and COCTRA), both of whom told me this was ready to put in – a good –running transmission.

The TR6 trannie gives me two things the TR3 trannie doesn't – first gear synchro and a back-up light switch – yes, reverse lights on a TR3. Perfect.

There is a few things you need to do with the TR6 trannies to get it ready for the TR3. Yes, a TR6 trannie will pretty much bolt on the back of a TR3 engine. The front shaft extension into the pilot bearing isn't as long, which all the wisdom of the Internet indicates isn't a problem. There is a few mods that must be made:

- Install new front seal and TR3 front extension piece (what the throw-out bearing sleeve rides on)
- Install TR3 throw-out bearing
- Lengthen rear motor mount – TR6 trannie is about 3/8" or so longer than the TR3 trannie.
- Use attachment bolts about 1/4" longer (TR6 trannie has a thicker mounting flange)
- Swapped the TR3 shift lever

The extension piece I had lying around as well as a seal. I took the throw-out bearing off the existing trannie, and I had already slotted the rear motor mount so I could put TR3 or TR4-6 trannies on the car.

The old trannie came out fast enough – I am getting good at this. Inspection showed the clutch area still looking brand-new from when it went together in 2013.

Inspection of the TR3 trannie that was in the car showed a lot of metal chunks and shavings in the oil, and a lot of wear on a couple of gears. I salvaged parts from it the best I could, such as the first gear shaft and some of the thrust washers, some gears I threw into the recycle bin. The case will become a stereo system...

(evil laughter)



Trannie out, looks good here!

While the trannie is being swapped I decided to do something I did on an old TR3 I had back in the 1980's (Teddy – and only Danny would have known that one by now) and make a removable piece on the drivers floor.

See, the car body was installed after the drive train was on the chassis. So what does that have to do with this? Simple, the cut-away made in the car floor by the driver's right foot for the clutch rod to clear isn't really long enough to easily install the trannie after the car is back together. When you are putting the trannie back in you have to bring it in rotated about 15-20 degrees, then once the clutch rod lever is far enough forward for the actuation lever to clear the floor pan you rotate the trannie back and slide the trannie forward into the clutch.

Much easier said than done. I like to use long guide rods to get the trannie lined up with the clutch, but long rods mean the trannie cannot be rotated at the last second and the clutch rod level fouls with the floor pan.

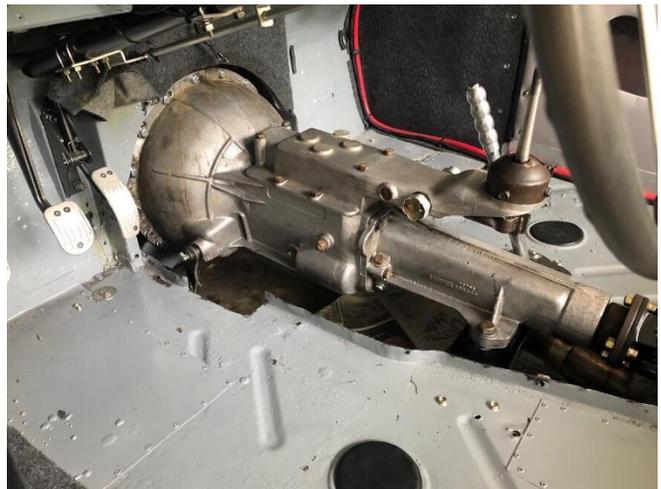
The fix is to cut the floor pan to extend the space for the clutch lever farther back – make that piece of the floor pan removable. After you cut the section off the floor you attach a small plate to it with holes where you can attach that to the rest of the floor pan. Pretty easy.

So I cut that section off with Mr Dremel and the cutting disc.



Cut section of the driver's floor pan to make room for the clutch lever arm to clear the pan so the trannie can be lined up further back from the engine.

The TR6 transmission was now ready to go back in the car. I installed the 4.5" guide rods and with the help of my son and Chuck the trannie went straight in, no drama, in a few seconds.



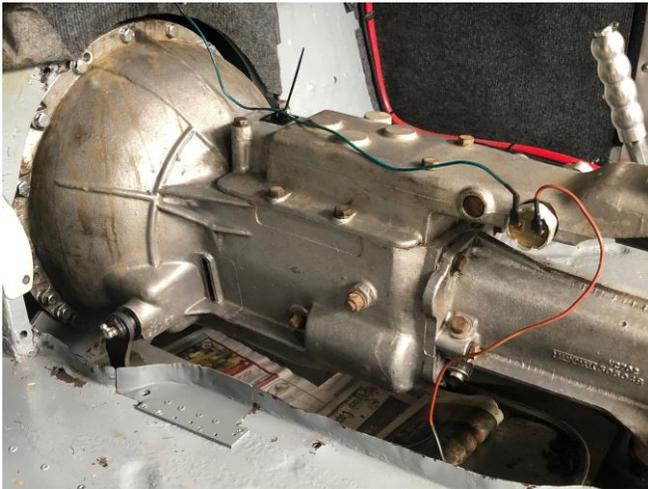
Trannie in, no drama

I did determine I had to use the TR6 shift lever since the TR3 one was just a little loose in the selector rods, but besides that fit fine – that means I need to order another shift lever boot since the TR3 one will not fit that lever, sigh.



Floor section cut away to allow more room for clutch shaft lever back in place – holding it in with 4 aluminum pop rivets for easy drilling – industrial but functional.

Since this is a TR6 trannie I have reverse lamp and set belt switches already installed – this allows me to put a reverse light on the car. Now to modify the OD circuit into a reverse lamp circuit...



Trannie in place with reverse lamp wiring

Now to put the rest of the car back together. The saga continues next month...

The MVT Store: 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



MVT Cloth Patch - \$12.00



MVT Pin - \$5.00



MVT Car Flag - \$5.00



MVT Window Sticker - \$1.00



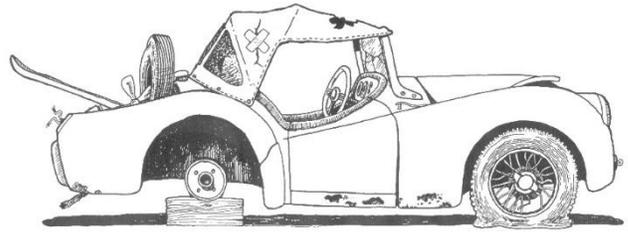
MVT Magnetic Signs – these can be easily cut so they are round. They are 12”x12”, 11” in diameter if cut round. - \$12

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WANTED - One or a pair of stem mount Fog or Driving lamps (working or non-working) -also looking for a badge bar to fit a TR3A/3B cash or trade - tryanity@gmail.com

WANTED - TR3 Luggage Rack in as new condition (No drill , Hinge pin mounted type) Contact Chris at tryanity@gmail.com.

FOR SALE – 1980 TR7, 64K mileage Anniversary Edition – was running when parked two years ago. No rust teal green car with A/C. Will need top, interior work and door panels – seats are okay. Comes with extra and new parts including rear end, trannie and radiator. Appraised at \$5K for insurance, but looking for best offer. Chuck Alcorn 937-901-7212.

FOR SALE - TR3 and tr4 parts as I find them – cleaning out duplicates. Need something? Ask Contact Chris at tryanity@gmail.com.

Wanted : Triumph TR3A/3B Hoodstick (Soft Top Frame) cover in good or restorable condition - Black or Tan -Chris Yanity tryanity@gmail.com

Hardtop for Sale -Triumph TR6 Snugtop Custom Hardtop:

- Black -Built in Long Beach, California
- Factory Mint Condition inside and out, weather stripping, glass ,headliner etc.
- Ready to bolt on and go
- Hardware included -Price Negotiable

Inquire at tryanity@gmail.com

FOR SALE - I have just placed my 1975 TR6 with 53k miles up for sale.I am in Northern Virginia. If anyone in your club might be interested:

<https://www.britishcarclassifieds.com/autos/triumph/tr6/1975-triumph-tr6-1404.html>