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First Edition



British Cars at the Market on for May.

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Cutoff date for next month's Marque is the 20th.

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The President's Comments, **March Marque, 2008**

The March meeting should be pretty standard. We will be voting for the officers and award nominations for the club, and it is hoped that most, if not all, members will vote electronically. **Go back and look at the front page of the Marque, and down the page a bit and see the Voting link provided. Each household gets two votes. We will have paper ballots at the meeting for those few members who like to have a pencil or pen in hand when they do voting.**

As I write this message, the Awards Banquet date and place are up in the air. Got a call from Lois, and she has a previous engagement (not on her calendar) for the April date selected at the meeting. We are looking at, perhaps, a restaurant and the 29th of March to do the awards. Hopefully this will all be cleared up by the meeting.

The Super Bowl party went very well, helped along by the fact that it was actually a game you could cheer about. There's an article in the Marque, elsewhere.

As most of you know, the club donated \$100.00 to restoration of, or purchase of a Stag, so that the Trans-America Triumph Charity Drive, 2009, will be a success. In addition to that donation we have started some dialog in the club to establish a fund raiser for the event proper in 2009. A cruise-in was suggested and I will be talking to the Events Chairman to establish a plan to have this event. We might also use this event to engage some of the club members who are not so numerous at our monthly meetings. We may also

think about engaging other clubs to join us in this adventure. The monies donated go toward helping those affected by Post-traumatic Stress Disorder, here in the US, in Canada and in the UK. Julie Smith has volunteered to check out the organizations when they are announced to insure that the bulk of the giving actually goes to the charity cause and not to the administration of the charity (which happens more times than not).

Thanks for listening, Stan Seto

Vice President's report

March is gone with the snows. What a pain it was on the 8th as I tried to get depressed again this year watching the snow pile up and realizing the ruin of yet another birthday celebration. I am cursed when it comes to my day. Oh well, I am used to it. On to other more important things like getting the summers events in order and opening the hanger doors wide for the car show season.

I have already run up the mustang and Spitfire in the hanger bays. Don't try that with real aircraft readers. They both responded well. The batteries are not frozen flat and the pipes blew out some moisture clearing the throats for a spring roar. Now, where to go abouts on little or no money. Sigh. The Mini is at a sticking point. I should have purchased the new door hinges I remember seeing at \$40.00 US. The latest price from my stockist is now \$275. Ouch! I think that the drivers door may need a re-skin as well. If I can wrangle a sleeve and pin job at the machine shop cheaply, I may have enough to get the little car close to street action this summer. I hope to be writing that the car is to go to Lima for

the show in September. Imagine it parked next to a '49 Mercury. Ha, what fun.

And what of the Tr6? It is waiting the discovery of whatever wire has been mis-connected or smashed in the engine rebuild. The ignition will get an \$8 replacement soon. A pause and a grunt with going back to Moss for an original ignition switch. The replacement is well over \$125. Not me. If it thrills me like it once did then I may take her back to an original fit some day. After ten years of sitting, my family has taken a defeatist attitude in the matter regularly calling for its sale. I must admit, no car has ever fought me so hard.

Easter weekend Rj and I unfastened the bonnet and laid it aside. With the back bending torture reduced considerably, I am motivated to dive into the wiring problem with motivation renewed.

The Model A Ford is on hold as is the Triumph Sport 4 project. Selling the frame before I can get it started would be the wiser. I can not seem to stop once I get something started. The hanger has an honest four bays but we will be up to five and two frames shortly. Meanwhile, Rj continues to tell me his GT6 is safely stored but needs to come home for rocker re-fit. That project may be the big story of the summer. Rjs love of rat-rods may be incarnate in this little rust collection soon. I promised him that this one would be the last one we take from junk to decent. Any more projects presenting themselves will have to be more complete and rust free. He has arranged transport and we expect to see the little car here at the 242 sqn. hanger in a few weeks. The rocker panels were tin-wormed until they fell off laughing and passing out with

gluttony. I hope to find enough material left to tack onto or the little car will likely require a complete floor replacement. His car will also require a complete refit of brake parts. It is looking like a wonderful summer already.

As I write the end of this, I hope to post my banquet check and rush off to the annual Miami Valley Triumph Club Banquet. It will be a high class affair indeed as we continue in the celebration of the great name of Triumph Motorcars.

p.s. If anyone knows were I might find an old 62 Ford sitting PLEASE do not tell me. Kattie says she will leave me if I drag home one more car. But I ask you, wouldn't you ? Sleeping in the hanger might not be so bad for an addict with a big heart.



Figure 1 Lone Triumph enjoys a sunny day at the Rebel Run car show in Lima, Ohio

**May 17th - British Car Meet
at the Market**

Just got a info on the 2nd
Street Market show in
the mail (thanks
Pete/Dick).

Date: May 17, 2008, Rain or
Shine

Location: 2nd Street Public
Market, Dayton, Ohio
600 East 2nd Street (Corner
of 2nd & Webster)

Time: 8:00 am to 3:00 pm,
Registration: 8:00 am
to 11:00 am

Dash plaques to all
entrants. Popular vote car
show. Quality food
available
from 2nd Street Public
Market vendors. No
spectator fees.

Registration: \$15 advance
(by May 5th.)
Late and/or Day of show
Registration: \$18
NOTE: Current and/or new
Museum Membership, \$25
single, results in instant
discount of \$5 on
registration fee.

Classes: Austin-Healey 100,
Austin Healey 3000,
Jaguar XK, Jaguar E-type,
Jaguar XJ Sedans, Lotus,
MGT, MGA, MGB/C, chrome,
MGB rubber bumper,

Midget/Sprite, Mini,
Sunbeam, Morgan, TR2-3, TR4
&
250, TR6, TR7-8,
Spitfire/GT6, Open class
through 1960, and Open
class 1961 & later.

Trophies: First in Class
and Special Award: Best
of Show

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You can also go to the
website
[http://www.members.aol.com/
britcarmuseum/index.html](http://www.members.aol.com/britcarmuseum/index.html)
and download a
registration form.
Register early and often -
it's a great time!

TRA 08
Still 11-15 Jun 08, still
no updates at the
website
[http://www.triumphregister.
com/TRA2008.html](http://www.triumphregister.com/TRA2008.html)



March meeting minutes:

Meeting called to order at 7:30
President had little to report he will purchase awards
Vice President glad to be here. Spit started ok, Mustang ok, TR6
Who knows, Mini still a work in process.
Treasurer says plenty of money.
Membership at 43 and holding.
Banquet will be held at the Beaver creek golf club on Mar 29. Other events will be forwarded by Bruce.
Awards not to exceed \$600.
A cruise in to raise monies for the Trans American Charity Drive was discussed and a report be a committee will be given next month.
Election results for officers for the next two years:
President Stan Seto
Treasurer Carolyn Daye
Secretary Phil Daye
Split the pot won by Jimmy Carter
Meeting adjourned.

108.50
BANQUET
540.00

BROWN BAG SALES
87.50
MEMORBILIA SALES &
Misc.
96.50

TOTAL INCOME
3012.50

EXPENSES:HOLIDAY SOIREE
238.00
CLUB BANQUET
759.69
WEB SITE
110.35
INSURANCE
179.00
NAME BADGES
137.92
DONATION
100.00
MARQUE NEWSLETTER
91.87
POOL PARTY
166.00
P.O.BOX
56.00
NAME BADGES
294.90
AWARDS
435.00

**TREASURER'S REPORT -
Year of 2007**

**BEGINNING BALANCE -
JANUARY 1 - 2007**
\$2387.48

TOTAL EXPENSES
2436.81

INCOME : MEMBERSHIP
930.00
BCD
1250.00
50/50 SALES

ENDING BALANCE DECEMBER 31,
2007
2963.17



Figure 2 Marque Editor resists the urge to pay back smart remarks by fellow club members by commenting on this picture.



Figure 3 A little more snow weight and we have a new dash for the GT 6



Figure 4 Toyota Parking??

Stan sends us these snowy memories to greet spring with.



**Friday, Saturday & Sunday ,
25-27 Apr 2008 - Quaint
Shops, Beautiful Parks,
Interesting Places, Good
Food, Great Roads,
Wonderful Folks,
Memorable Memories,
Sporty Little Car.**

This Spring Tour is really ready to rock. I've got inputs from Lorna on where to go (uh, it's rather hot there and I'm not sure you can get there by car, what's this about a pitchfork?) and we're hoping for nice weather and flowering trees!

25 Apr: We will be meeting the 25th at 11AM (1100?) at the Narrows Metropark (in Beavercreek off Factory Road just south of US 35 - yes, 11AM IN THE MORNING to start the leisurely drive to Coshocton. (in case of flooding the back up meeting point is the Bob Evans, 35 and North Fairfield Rd In Beavercreek) It takes three hours to get there on the back roads using a "modern car", so I'm allowing 5 hours with stops & lots of coffee and a breakdown or two and that still gives me time to get over to Wildwood Music in Roscoe Village before they close... Do we want dinner at the Raven's Glenn Winery? I plan on putting in a reservation for 20 for that night - let me know and I can change it. That night's lodging is at the Coshocton Village Inn (a Christopher Hotel - <http://www.christopherhotels.com/christopher/index.htm>). We have a block of rooms set aside for Miami Valley Triumphs that night.

26 Apr: The next day will be a blur of activity - Lorna sent me a list of places to go so I'm going to have to try and optimize that. There are sooooo many things to see & do that this will be tough - and will rely on good time management from all you lingering shoppers! I do know we're ending up at the Schoenbrunn Inn (sister inn to the Coshocton Inn, their web site is <http://www.christopherhotels.com/schoenbrunn/index.htm>) with another block of rooms reserved. Dinner? Don't know, but we have good contacts in the local area to find out.

27 Apr: Time to hit the road heading back. The idea is to stop by some

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