



The Marque

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

The Marque – January 2024

TRF Disaster



If you haven't heard, The Roadster Factory (TRF) burnt down early Christmas morning. Total loss – the fire fighters were able to get the cars out of the showroom, but that was about it. Nobody was hurt, but a lot of our cherished memories are now tinged with sadness.

The TRA leadership team has set up a GoFundMe campaign for helping with the employees, rebuilding, and restoration. The site is:

<https://www.gofundme.com/f/the-roadster-factory>

Please give what you can.

Bruce

January Events:

- 3 – Monthly Meeting
- 6 – 2024 Events Planning Meeting
- 13 – Project Yellow Jacket
- ? – Could there be more tech sessions? We do have some folks with things to do – what better on a cold snowy day?

In This Marque

- All the fun things 2024 will bring
- Report out on at least one tech session, maybe...
- Just a note, the beer is all gone now <golf claps>

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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...

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.



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

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.

Other Clubs

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

- 6-Pack (TR6/TR-250) <http://www.6-pack.org/j15/>
- Triumph Wedge Owners Association for TR7 and TR8 owners: <https://triumphwedgeowners.org/> .

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

Its Awards Time Again!

Bruce Clough

Over the next few months, we will be nominating MVT members for the fantastic MVT awards since we cannot have an award's banquet without awards. Well, we could, but that would be weird. Here are the awards:

Marque of Distinction

This is the MVT'er of the year award and goes to the member 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.

Nominations

Chris White nominates the **Greg/Valerie Relue** team for going above and beyond the call to duty volunteering to help at MVT's hosted TRA 2023.

- They were always there to lend a helping hand wherever and whenever needed.
- They both also did a fine job in procuring door prizes and setting up an artistic display for said door prizes for TRA members to view.

Their time and talents are greatly appreciated and are deserving of this MVT Award.

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 they have 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.

Keep it on the Road

A driving award to the MVT'er who is able to drive their car from January to December, demonstrating good upkeep and the reliability it brings in this day and age.

Press on Regardless

Press on Regardless – A driving award that is given to the MVT'er who perseveres through times of trouble during the club driving events or trips to faraway places while representing the club, and always manages to complete the trip.

Nominations:

Bruce Clough nominated **Jeff Barth** for the travails he and Jodi encountered heading to VTR and back last year – a 1500 miles-ish drive at least. Multiple issues, including charging, and brakes culminating with rear bearing failure. Made the last 100 miles on the flatbed, but made it back.

Officer Nominations

Bruce Clough

It's also time to rotate out a few officers – President, Secretary and Treasurer are all up for grabs.

I have a feeling that just rolling over the officers we have now isn't going to cut it this time. These folks have been at it for a while, so we are looking for new blood - time for some of you to step up to the plate. The load is light, the burden easy, yes, that's Biblical, not Triumphical, but you get my drift.

Officer's Reports

President's Report

Happy New Year!

John Coutant



A great year for the club is just concluding and hopefully this will carry over into 2024. In 2023 we had some big events like TRA 2023 and Dayton British Car day to organize as well as a number of tours and social events. Thanks to the efforts of so many people in MVT everything was a huge success.

As far as 2024 events are concerned, our events chair Bruce has already set up a meeting on January 6th to plan for the future – check out details of where and when in this month's Marque.

Personally, there is a big list of carryover “to do” items from the last few years. Too much competition for my time from other more important activities. With a little more planning I hope find bigger chunks of time to finish electrical upgrades on the TR3 (in additional to the yearly maintenance for it and the 1800). There is also some detailed technical work on the MVT website that has been taking a back seat for some time (not to mention similar work needed on the BTM website). Plus, I really should plan and put on a MVT drive as I have been really bad for not doing that. Then there is BCD planning coming up for August. You can see where I am going with this,

any available time just has lots of things that could fill it.

I did want to wish everyone a Merry Christmas even though by the time you read this, Christmas will be just a happy memory of the celebrations with friends and family.

In January we continue the process of accepting nominations for officers and for MVT yearly club awards. Nominations are opened with the short December business meeting at the Soiree and will remain open until the end of the February meeting. Voting concludes at the March meeting.

January is the time when we start looking forward to the next year. Officer positions for the 2-year period of 2024-2026 include President, Secretary, and Treasurer. Elections for the remaining three offices are in the odd years to provide an overlap.

Each year we recognize members for their contributions over the previous year. The four club awards are: Keep it on the Road, Most Improved, Press on Regardless, and Marque of Distinction. You can check the descriptions for these awards later here in the Marque and on the Members page of the web. If you wish to nominate someone, you must also provide details of why the person should receive the Award. We'll list those nominations as they are submitted in the Marque. Results are announced and presented at the annual Awards Banquet in March.

I have finished all the decorations and preparations for Christmas. We usually celebrated a delayed Christmas to give everyone a chance to enjoy the extended family Christmases that come with married children and their children.

Best wishes for peace, health, and happiness in the New Year.

John

Secretary's Report/Last Month's Meeting Minutes – December 2023

MVT Monthly Membership Meeting was at the Holiday Soiree on December 2, 2023.

Meeting called to order 7:41 by President John Coutant with 29 members present.

Opening Remarks (John Coutant)

Happy Holidays - this is a short business meeting. It's important that we find a new site for next year's Soiree. Thanks to Lois for this year's work and all previous hostings. Crowd applause and Lois said she was pleased by us all.

Request for Changes / Additions to Agenda

None

Introduction of Guests/New Members:

None

Officer Reports:

President (John Coutant): Coming soon is nominations for next year's directors for 2 months and election in March and nominations for awards.

Vice President (Chuck White): none

Treasurer (Harry Maque): MVT treasury is fine, proposed 2024 budget in next Marque.

Secretary (Clyde Collins): November minutes in Marque. No corrections given and approved by member vote.

Membership (Valerie Relue): We have 55 paid members.

Events (Bruce Clough): Skipped for this meeting.

Standing Committee Reports:

Skipped

Old Business:

None

New Business:

None

Nominations:

John said we need nominations by the February meeting for 2-year positions as President, Secretary, and Treasurer. Also need nominations for awards for Keep it on the Road, Most Improved, Press on Regardless, and Marque of Distinction. Bruce nominated Jeff Barth for Press on Regardless for the VTR sojourn.

50-50 Raffle:

Skipped for this meeting

Adjournment:

Roger says please take rest of TRA free beer. BTM obliged thankfully.

Respectfully submitted, Clyde Collins

Vice President's Report



As many of you already know, The Roadster Factory suffered a devastating fire on Christmas morning. Many of the various Triumph pages on Facebook have reported it as a total loss. TRF has been a supporter of the Triumph community for a number of years, providing parts and services for many. This is a tremendous loss to us all. The Triumph Register of America (TRA) has initiated a GoFundMe page:

<https://www.gofundme.com/f/the-roadster-factory>

for the recovery and support of TRF and it's employees. Please donate what you can. There has been another GoFundMe page initiated by an individual but we cannot verify its legitimacy. The TRA fund is being managed by a number of TRA members.

Chuck

Treasurer's Report



As of 1 December 2023, the club account had a balance of \$6478.67. For the month of December, the club's income was from the Brown Bag Auction, \$207.00. For the month of December, the club had the following expenses: \$114.96 for several months of web hosting, \$4.75 for new member name tags, \$56.44 for Christmas Party food, \$100.00 for donation to the Queen of Apostles. Total expenses for December: \$176.15. As of 1 January 2024, the club's account balance is \$6409.52.

Attached at the end of this Marque is the proposed 2024 budget which will be presented to the membership at the January meeting and voted on in the February meeting. The only significant deviation for the 2022 budget was the outstanding results from TRA. The remaining items of the 2023 proposed budget were well within expectations.

The club has become incorporated as Miami Valley Triumphs in Ohio and established our non-profit status with the IRS. What remains is our non-profit status for State of Ohio and having our name and logo registered in Ohio. Finally, we look forward to another BCD in the summer with good weather. As our major fund raising which allows many of our activities to have no cost to our members, we are hopeful that the weather is good and things with the park service work out.

I hope everyone had a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year and I look forward to another outstanding next year.

Respectfully submitted, *Harry Mague*

Membership Chair Report

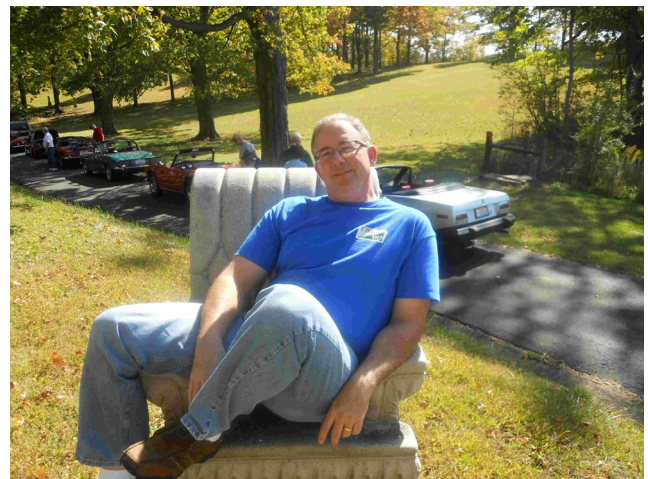
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...and holding...

Thank you.

Valerie Relue

Marque Editor



Bruce Clough

Just a reminder that if you are sending me photos for The Marque please compress them to 200KB or less. Please, please, please. With the latest Window 10 update, and upgrading to Office 2021, my simple Windows compression app was blown away, never to come back, and shrinking photo size using the MS apps available to me now is a lot longer process. Thanks you, thank you, thank you.

I'm writing this between Christmas and New Year's – we got the TRF GoFundMe site up and running yesterday (as both Chuck and myself have pointed out). The TRF Summer Party used to be a big part of what we looked forward to in the Summer, so I thought I'd wander down memory lane a bit.



Chuck Davis (COCTRA Member now passed) preparing breakfast at “Camp Chuck” – he was a wonderful soul, loved Rocky Horror, and very talented singer, not so good a mechanic though (lol)



Bridgett under our camper - that time the rain was incessant and turned the TRF into a sea of mud – that is still talked about today



Typical TRF after the big dinner party on grounds. Fire still burning, keg floating, empty beverage containers laying about the place, and Charlie's truck parked by the tent...



I think this was taken at a 90's TRF Summer Party just prior to kids – theme that year was Hawaiian Luau Bikini Bingo Beach Party or something like that. B&W was due to the fact at that time we printed and mailed The Marque...

Somewhere I have a bunch of actual TRF pictures-pictures – yes, Kodaks on dead trees – I'll have to search for those.

Yes, good times had by all, but now they belong to the ages I'm guessing ...

Events Chair Report



I officially feel old.

As of this year, we will have been MVT members for 40 years. I think for a lot of that time I've been an officer or the newsletter editor or both.

No wonder I've aged.

Anyway, January is always the month to recharge while the snow lies deep upon the ground, while the cold winds blow, while nature lies in slumber for the spring to come.

That's a poetic as I get.

January is also the time to plan the MVT Events for the year, or at least to take a guess as what they will be. We do have the usual shows and conventions, yes we do, but we need to plan the local drives, tours, and other events. That is where you come in.

So, what do you want to do?

If let unsupervised I will lay in events I like, which mean we are heading east and south – to the river(s) and to the hills, to antique shops and farm stands, to coffee shops, neat tree-lined country road, covered bridges, picturesque overlooks, and one certain winery.

Yes, I am like that.

So, if you are tired of these kinds of things, or maybe want to go visit things and roads in a different direction, time to step up to the plate. It's not hard developing an event, and we can help you, ya just gotta wanna.

I know it's in you.

So be there at 3PM on the 6th for the planning meeting. We will lay in the draft schedule of events. We will have a good time. There will be beer.

Sorry, it won't be free!

See you at the MVT meeting on the 3rd.

Cheers!

Bruce Clough, MVT Events Chair

MVT Events

Past

December 2023

2 - Holiday Soiree –



The bags – wow what a selection – Bruce and the Pres wondering who the victims of these might be

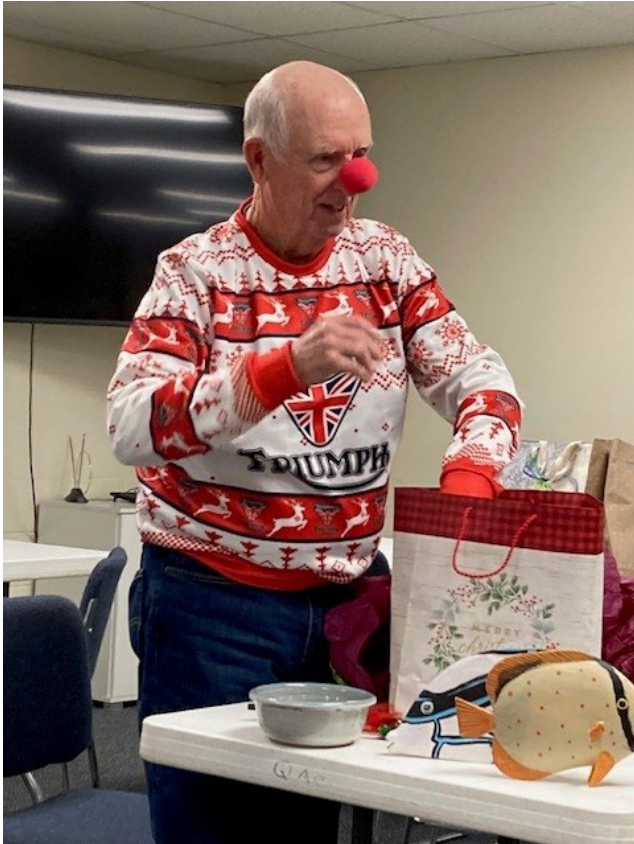
Thanks to all who made the MVT Holiday Soiree a huge success this year. Alice/Chris/Patti and the rest of the crew – thanks for the food.

Special thanks Lois and Don Bigler – thanks for your service all these years getting the venue, and thanks to the rest of the MVT'ers who came and celebrated another year of fun.

We had food – and wonderful food – and awesome food. We also had free beer, did we mention that?

Yes, we did have a short business meeting – those minutes will be in the Secretary's Report.

And yes, we did have the brown bag auction, and what great bags there were this year – the story in pictures:



Harry trying on his new makeup – hey, is that a fish?



Pres John with his Potty Piano – now that was a gift worth giving!



Jeff explaining how he's going to use all the "veteran stuff" in that bag to Alice and Jodi. As you can see the rhetoric was comical...



Stan reading the instructions on his new Bengals calendar



John Paul being Facetimed in to show the wondrous things in his bag!



Nancy relishing the receiving of the “Best Bag” award for the Potty Piano. Well played ma’am, well played!

So, this is the end of an era – we were back at Bergamo for the last time – what a great run, and we thank the Queen of Apostles community for letting us use the location all these years. We are already scoping out locations for 2024 – so if you know of a location pls let us know.

9 – Tech Session

Bruce Clough

Thank you for all who came – as Greg Relue said:

“I want to thank everyone who participated in the tech session today at the Relue garage. The over drive electrical issue was resolved; rewiring was required. In addition, the blower switch was rewired. Thanks again, Bruce. For the new radiator install we found that there are some modifications required to gain clearance for the electrical fan to fit. The parts will be ordered.

“I learned a lot today and have a greater understanding of my winter project—the front

suspension rebuild. Thanks for everyone’s input.”

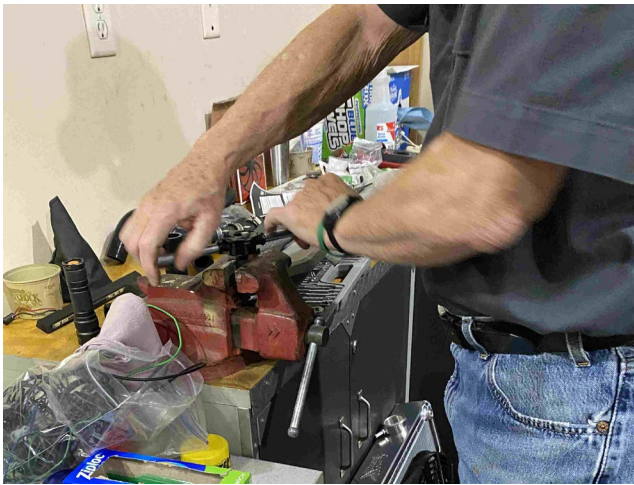


Harry led the assault on the engine front and getting all the wonderful bolts loose



Bruce shows winning form working on the wiring, and somebody missed an opportunity for a “Kick Me” sign...

We did get the overdrive solenoid making the engage noise and blower motor moving air. We also discovered that to mount the wizard radiator with fan we had to remove the fan hub extension from the crank pulley. To remove that we had to remove the front frame cross-piece. Then we had to get a big honking impact driver to remove the hub extension bolt.



Meanwhile Chuck was being a useful engine by cleaning up and straightening the threading of nuts and bolts...

We did get it down to the point where Greg now needs to order new parts to keep going. We also did our usual job of dashing thoughts of quick fixes by pointing out front end work as well as clutch hydraulics issues. Just another service we offer.



Plenty of opportunities for future tech session here!

Kidding aside, we plan a reprise in the near future to put some stuff back on!

Post Mortem – parts have been ordered and received, so stay tuned...

9 – Project Yellowjacket



Project Yellow Jacket made more progress. The issue with the temperature gauge was due to poor electrical contacts at the sensor (shocker! No pun intended). After pulling the sensor, cleaning the connector and wiring, it was able to start and showed the temperature (possibly accurately too!)

The brake light on the dashboard was due to a bad electrical contact on the handbrake, and also the sensor on the master cylinder went bad. I have that part on order, and expect it to be a complete PITA to remove without having to rebuild the master cylinder.

Next month's work will be installing the steering column bushing into the firewall, and then installing the new brake sensor.

17 - Ugly Sweater Gathering

We came, we wore, but only one would prevail.

Congrats to Roger Rutledge, the 2023 MVT Ugly Christmas Sweater winner. It was ugly, out-uglier the rest of us for sure! Not quite sure we can let him out in the wild though. Carol – can you burn that then bury it for good measure?

The rest of us had to be satisfied with an extensive food layout and wine, which we had in abundance. – thanks to all who came by Caesar Creek Winery in the last official MVT Event of 2023!



Best Dressed!

Heck, they fed us and gave us questions to answer, but only after they plied us with alcoholic drinks. Here is a write-up from Michael:



Michael Meade enjoying spot removers galore

The Meades hosted a birthday party for their 1974 Triumph TR6 on December 28th. The car, nicknamed "The Baby," was assembled on December 1973, the exact date is not known. What a good excuse to throw a party!



By the time we were done this table was filled with food, and empty wine bottles...



The wall of pictures – trivia challenge for those of us who are trivia challenged...

28 – Happy Birthday TR6!

We all gathered at the Meade's to celebrate 50 years of leakage by their TR6. Yes, it was another excuse for mirth and merriment. We never really sang "Happy Birthday" to the car (named "Baby"), but we did to Michael and Adrienne, so hopefully that was good enough.

There were 20 people in attendance for its golden birthday year celebration, nearly all were MVT club members. There were hors d'oeuvres, birthday cupcakes, punch (with a punch) and several British beers for tasting. A trivia contest of British People, Places and Dates was held. Chuck and Chris White were the trivia winners.



A toast to the birthday baby...

We had a toast with champagne (or grape juice) for the TR6, but mainly for the fellowship with other Triumph owners. Several people brought her presents. These were mostly to have some good-natured kidding about Michael's concerns about rain spots and various remedies for the water spot removal. It was well summed up in William Shakespeare's Lady Macbeth quote, "Out, damned spot, out I say!"

We would like to thank everyone that attended. Plans are already underway for her 100th birthday. Stay tuned for details.

January 2024

3 – MVT Monthly Meeting

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Meeting Agenda

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**
- Vice-President – **Chuck**
- Treasurer – **Harry**
- Secretary – **Clyde**
 - Approval of December's Minutes as published in the Marque
- Membership Chair – **Valerie**
- Events Chair – **Bruce**
 - Review of past events
 - Upcoming events, 2024 event planning meeting

Standing Committee Reports

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

Other

- Memorabilia – **Harry**

Event Committee Reports

- BCD 2024?

Old Business

- Nominations for officers for 2024-26
 - President
 - Secretary
 - Treasurer
- Nominations for club awards for 2023
 - Keep it on the Road
 - Most Improved,
 - Press on Regardless
 - Marque of Distinction

New Business

Split the Pot - Harry

Adjourn - John

6- MVT Events Planning Meeting

Yes, it really is that time of year again, so we are gathering at 3PM at Bellbrook Brewing Company on East Franklin in Bellbrook – the goal is to set up the baseline events calendar.

Okay, so it's to drink beer and set up the events calendar, there is that. Might even have some pizza, so there it is, just another reason to join us.



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10 – Drive your Triumph Day

I'm Rye Livingston, a proud member of the Triumph Travelers Sports Car Club located in Northern California, and I wanted to extend an invitation to all Triumph and Standard owners worldwide to join us in commemorating Sir John

Black's Birthday. This visionary individual orchestrated Standard's acquisition of Triumph post-World War II, paving the way for the incredible cars we cherish today.

Since its inception in 2016, Drive Your Triumph Day has gained remarkable traction. I've received hundreds of photos from participants across the globe: England, Scotland, Ireland, Wales, New Zealand, Australia, South Africa, Uruguay, Netherlands, Germany, Switzerland, Finland, Canada, Holland, Czech Republic, and the USA. With this year's event falling on a Saturday, I'm hopeful that we'll have even more participants!

Participating is easy – on February 10th, take your Triumph or Standard out for a spin. Whether it's a solo drive on a scenic country road, a leisurely outing to lunch, or a commute to work, seize the moment. Bring along your spouse, friend, child, grandchild, or even your furry companion, and take a photo. The focus should be on the car, ideally with the owner or passenger situated against a cool backdrop, landmark, scenic vista, or even in your driveway. If it's the middle of the winter where you live and your car is in hibernation, or in the middle of a restoration, take a photo of it in the garage. Embrace creativity and have fun with it!

Once you've captured the moment, email a high-resolution photo to:

driveyourtriumphday@gmail.com

Please accompany it with some basic details: owner's name, year and model of car, and place photo was taken (city, state, country). The photos will then be published not only in our club newsletter and website, but also in USA's national magazine: Vintage Triumph Registry, and on the Drive Your Triumph Day Facebook page.

Feel free to spread the word by forwarding this invitation to other Triumph and Standard Owners and Clubs you may know of. Don't forget to reach out to your club's Activities Chairman and Newsletter editor. Be sure to contact me with any questions you may have, and thank you in advance for getting the message out to your

members and friends to drive their Triumphs & Standards on February 10th.

Best Regards, Rye Livingston
Activities Chairman
Triumph Travelers Sports Car Club
1960 Triumph TR3A
DriveYourTriumphDay@gmail.com

13- Project Yellow Jacket



10AM at the British Transportation Museum. The goal is to break the brakes once and for all! Okay, and to eat donuts – there is that.

18 - Valentine's Day Dinner – Like last year we are going to schedule this for Club Oceana at The Greene. I was originally going to go for Roosters, but I was countermanded (just kidding). I am going to make an initial reservation for 16 folks, so if you want to go, let me know with head-count by February 7th and we will lock it in then. Events Chair Bruce

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9 - MVT Awards Banquet – You are cordially invited to attend the 2024 Miami Valley Triumphs Annual Awards Banquet.

Our banquet room has been reserved at Franco's Italian Restaurant, 824 E Fifth Street, Downtown Dayton, for Saturday, March 9th.

Social gathering at 6:30pm and the wait staff will take dinner orders promptly at 7:00pm. A brief meeting, announcement of newly elected officers and the highly anticipated presentation of awards will be at the conclusion of our dinner.

As last year, you will place your order with your server from a menu selected just for MVT. Dinner will include a salad with your choice of dressing, their freshly baked Italian bread (not garlic), an entrée of your choice, a non-alcoholic beverage and ending the evening with a fabulous dessert!

As a member of MVT, the Awards Banquet is at no cost to you for your meal. However, any alcoholic drinks are your responsibility.

Franco's requires a firm head count (aka reservations) for setting up the room and staffing, so please RSVP to me at midgen54@gmail.com no later than Friday, 23 February 2024.

23 – First Tech Session - TBD

April 2024

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13 - Lunch Run to Plain Folks Café – They invited us back! Odds are we will form up at a coffee house on the SE side of Dayton and depart from there.

May 2024

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

30 - VTR South Central Regionals – Continues to May – 1 June in St. Louis.

<http://www.sltoa.org/vtr24info.htm>

June 2024

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

17-21 - TRA National Meeting – Mohican State Park, OH

July 2024

3 – 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.

August 2024

2 - Dayton BCD Set Up – Assuming Eastwood Metropark

3 – Dayton BCD – Assuming Eastwood Metropark, and assuming the usual stuff.

7 – 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.

September 2024

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.

8-12 – Vintage Triumph Register National Convention 2024 – Nashville, IN,

<https://indianatriumphcars.regfox.com/2024-vintage-triumph-register-national-convention?fbclid=IwAR32tbAO5P2UhHr5jH5d8VcTSpQZ0uEkEMJSUP5Ow3R-eC4-5CV1z6A ITs>

October 2024

2 – 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.

19 - Fall Foliage Tour – Somewhere southeast of Dayton, for now...

November 2024

2 - Guy Fawkes Celebration – 2 November

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

December 2024

TBD – 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.

TBD – Holiday Soiree

TBD – Ugly Sweater Gathering – They will be ugly.

Technical Talk

Edited by Bruce Clough

What is he up to now...



Those who might have been over to our place maybe know I have not been happy with the vinyl recovering I did of THE Grey Ghost's dash a year or so ago. The "professional", "high holding power" contact cement I purchased from a company "not 3M" let loose after a month or so on the car. I pulled the dash back off and installed some clips to hold it on, but still it ended up a bit puffy and I was still annoyed at the original

contact cement and sticky mess I was dealing with.



Yeah, it looked good, but if you looked behind this...

So, over the holiday break I decided to just paint it like an early TR4. I pulled it back off, ripped off the vinyl, and stripped/sanded it to take off the old adhesive from the unnamed company that is not 3M.

Once sanded, I had to build back up the surface since where I added in metal over the instrument and glove box holes wasn't actually smooth (that's what padding and vinyl covering are supposed to fix). I'm still in the midst of that – sand, primer, sand, spot fill, sand and repeat. I'll probably get it ready for top-coating in January, but will have to wait for warmer weather to paint.

More on Fuel Pumps

Bruce Clough

One of the themes this year, at least for me, have been mechanical fuel pumps - the rotten new ones, and the somewhat lacking rebuild kits you can get.

So, I was very happy when Chuck White scored an early AC Fuel Pump (Type 1 if you know my numbering system) as part of the Brown Bag Auction, and even more happy when he gave it to me – time to rebuild another! I also likes I was the recipient of a no-name mechanical pump that was not from a Triumph, but looked as an AC pump, or an AC derivative, so I was hopeful of swap parts.

Taking the AC pump apart, it was truly an early pump, with replaceable input/output valves and

the cast cam-riding lever. It did look as if it had been taken apart in the past due to witness marks on the screws, and to my surprise, it had the oil seal in it, and the seal was still pliable, still good. There is a Santa Claus! I put all the parts except the seals and diaphragm (which will be renewed) into rust remover to clean them up.

Meanwhile, I went ahead and ordered a rebuild kit from TRF (\$60) and disassembled the non-AC fuel pump that I got in the brown bag auction. That pump, although for some other car and from some other manufacturer, still had a sediment bowl, sediment bowl filter, and sediment bowl bracket/securing fixture that were compatible with the AC pump. Sweet!

When the TRF rebuilt kit arrived, another surprise – it now comes with the oil seal! Bonus. I can now update my fuel pump rebuild seminar – still no new sediment bowl filter in the kit, but it's getting better!



TRF Fuel Pump Rebuild Kit – now with the Oil Seal (at bottom)

Pulling the parts from the solution, the steel was nice and clean, and it even took the nastiness off the outside of the castings. Assembly was easy and a nice fuel pump now sits in spareland.



You can never have too many of these I always say...

More on Trannie Leaks

Bruce Clough

Last month we talked about a leak Roger Rutledge had on the TR3 – it was leaking (seemingly) from the shifting rods as bad as anywhere else. I was on line and found a picture of a TR4 trannie showing the same leak.



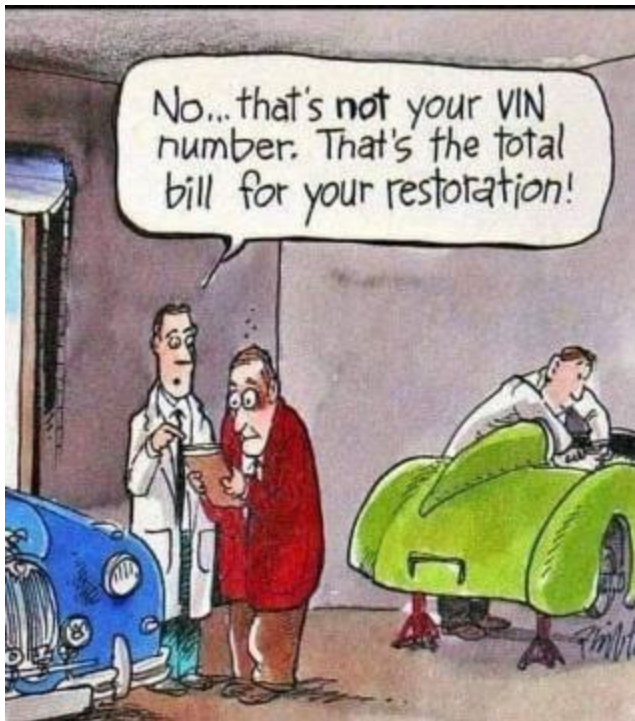
TR4 Trannie with oil leak at the shifting rods

Note the oil drip on the left side of the output shaft casing just forward of the shifter tower brace. This is indicative that the O-rings have worn and oil is escaping. The oil is flung up there by the gears and can pool, so if those O-rings are not good you are going to see leaks. A little isn't a problem, but a lot is. In the case above the owner has a few years before it becomes a problem, unless he/she is a neat-freak, then this already is...

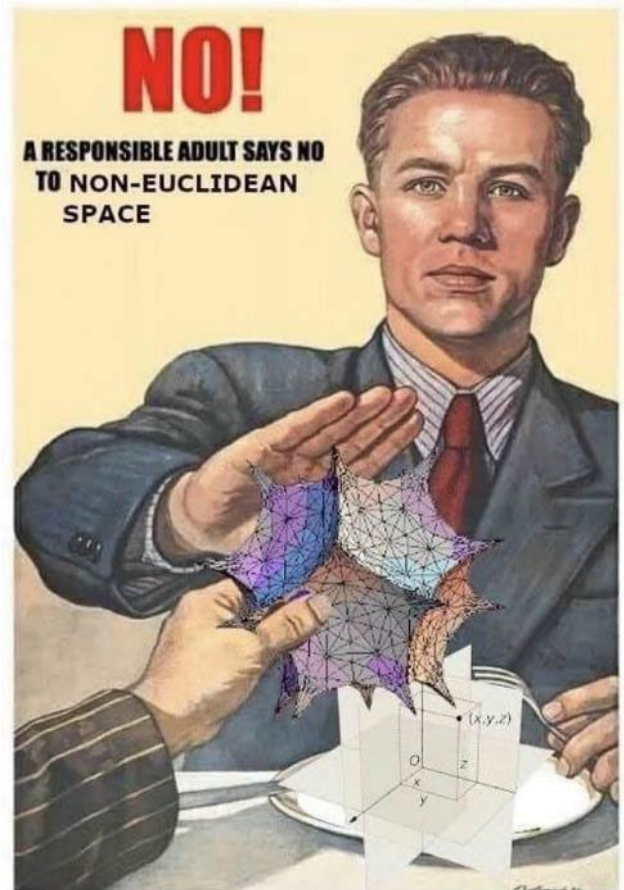
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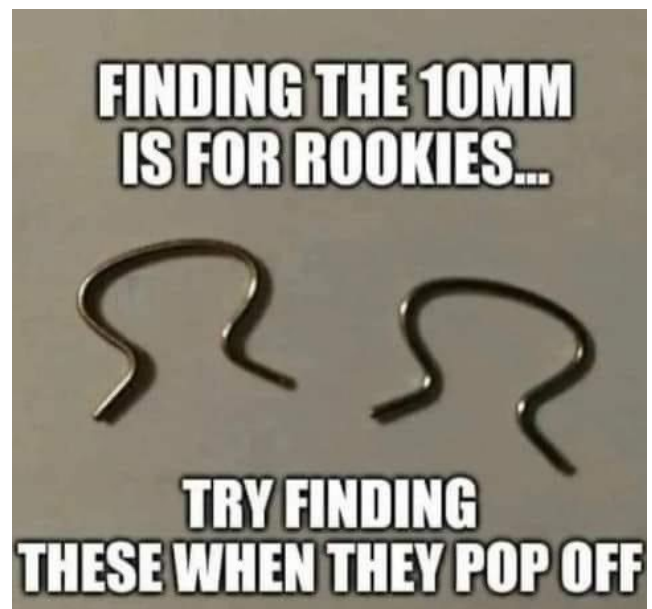
Knowledge is King



Remember to ask questions



For those of you who are over-educated...



I detect no lies...



Yep, found the bolt!

Did you know...

Bruce Clough



Prayer can be an effective tool for fixing Triumphs, maybe the only one...

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



They look very spiffy on a TR7...

All the memorabilia is available at each Club meeting upon request. Please contact our MVT Memorabilia Manger, Harry Mague harrymague@aol.com



MVT Window Sticker - \$1.00



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

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".



Misc Tools For Sale – I really hate to do this, but I have for sale --1) a 140-amp mig welder and all the gear necessary for small welding jobs. I used this to weld my floors, sills, rocker panels and various patches on my TR3. I really enjoy welding, but I don't foresee any welding in the future. \$60 takes it all. 2) Crawler for under-car work. Ditto on rolling under my TR3 much any more. \$10. –Jeff John - jaohn1469@gmail.com



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. Asking \$31K - 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."

Purposed Budget 2024 Miami Valley Triumphs

Expenses

<u>Description</u>	<u>Month</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>2023P</u>	<u>2023A</u>	<u>2024P</u>
Awards Banquet	March	\$0.00	\$1120.00	\$1200.00	\$850.00	\$1000.00
Year End Awards	March	\$250.00	\$504.00	\$450.00	\$355.00	\$400.00
Club Liability Ins	August	\$250.00	\$250.00	\$250.00	\$250.00	\$250.00
Summer Party	August	\$270.00	\$290.00	\$300.00	\$325.00	\$350.00
Web Hosting	July	\$338.00	\$235.00	\$300.00	\$340.00	\$350.00
Post Office Box	August	\$146.00	\$182.00	\$200.00	\$194.00	\$200.00
Donations	Yearly	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$100.00	\$150.00	\$100.00
Christmas Part	December	\$240.00	\$195.00	\$200.00	\$160.00	\$250.00
Misc Expense*	Yearly	<u>\$70.00</u>	<u>\$300.00</u>	<u>\$200.00</u>	<u>\$545.00</u>	<u>\$300.00</u>
Summary		\$1569.00	\$3076.00	\$3200.00	\$3169.00	\$3200.00

Income

Membership Dues	Yearly	\$105.00	\$1200.00	\$1150.00	\$1030.00	\$1150.00
BCD Final Payout	October	\$1500.00	\$1000.00	\$1500.00	\$1500.00	\$1500.00
50/50	Yearly	\$87.00	\$157.00	\$150.00	\$185.00	\$150.00
Brown Bag Receipt	January	\$151.00	\$186.00	\$200.00	\$207.00	\$200.00
Misc Income*	Yearly	<u>\$340.00</u>	<u>\$187.00</u>	<u>\$200.00</u>	<u>\$2865.00***</u>	<u>\$200.00</u>
Summary		\$2183.00	\$2730.00	\$3200.00	\$5787.00	\$3200.00

Annual Club Financial Status

<u>Year</u>	<u>January 1st</u>	<u>December 31st</u>
2021	\$3491.06	\$4105.21 (\$614.23)
2022	\$4105.21	\$3754.63 (\$350.58)
2223	\$3754.63	\$6409.52 (\$2654.89)***

*Misc Income includes Memorabilia, extra BCD Shirts, Donations and other misc income.

**Misc Expenses over the year includes new members Name Tags, prepaying new year functions, and other unforecasted expenditures.

***The largest Misc income was the final payout for TRA. Current TRA payout is \$2754.83, but with several small outstanding debits are still pending.

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