

# Marque

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Miami Valley Triumphs

## August 1998

### BCD AT EASTWOOD METROPARK!

(Have you registered yet?)



**Special Notice**  
Aug. 9th-If not TRF  
Summer Party; then go  
on "Out in the Boon-  
docks" **FUN RALLY!**

Girls

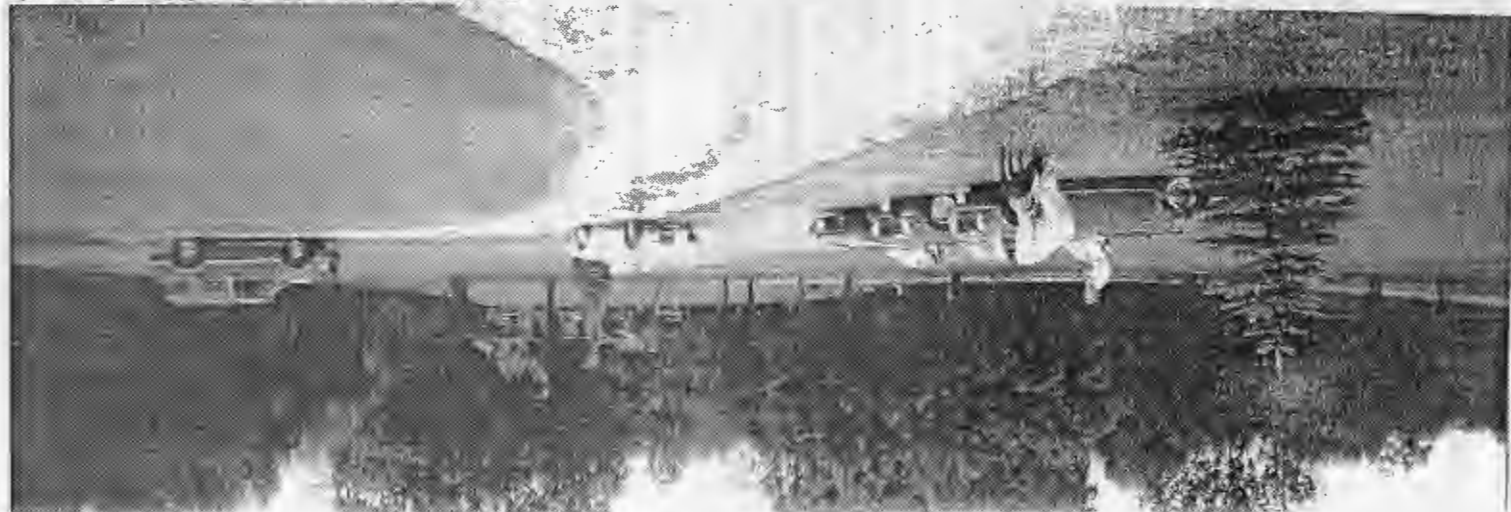


After the meeting



Boys

Gathering for the June Road Tour To Ripley - View from Childers front porch.



## The Marque

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Miami Valley Triumphs is a registered chapter of the **Vintage Triumph Register** and a local center of **The Triumph Register of America**. Meetings are held the first Wednesday of the month at Poelking Lanes, Kingridge Drive, behind the Dayton Mall. Drinks, dinner triumph talk at 7:00 pm, general membership meeting at 8:00 pm. Anyone interested in Triumphs is most heartily invited.

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<http://www.celtic-gifts.com/MVtriumphs.html>

## From the Pres...

I hope everyone is out there driving those Triumphs. Do not forget to show up at Eastwood Metro Parks on July 31 at 6 to help set up parking etc. The show is Saturday August 1. Be There!

There is also a show and tell in downtown Dayton on Friday. Contact Ron or Dan to find out more. Hope to see everyone at BCD.

Phil

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# Events, 1998



August 1	British Car Days - MVT/MG Car Club, Eastwood Metro Park Harshman Road, Dayton, OH
August 9	"Out in the Boondocks" - Fun Rally - Kettering Recreation Center. 2900 Glengarry Dr. Kettering, Ohio
Date TBA	Covered Bridge Tour Farewell to Summer Picnic Fall Foliage Tour (2 days to Northern Ohio, Sandusky/Kelly Island)
December 5	MVT Christmas Soiree
Every Fri. Nite	Kettering Jaycee's Cruise-in, See Bulletin in Marque!

### Out-of-town Events

August 7-9	TRF Summer Party - Armegh, PA
September 25-27	Indy British Motor Days, White River Park Indianapolis, IN

### Prize Winners/Events

John Clark (2nd, Spitfires), Ellis Ball (3rd, TR-7/8) @ BCD Cincinnati, Edgewater Park

NSC Road Rally Online

<http://www.infinet.com/~jhardes/rally/1998/Byw08.htm>



## Sunday, August 9, 1998

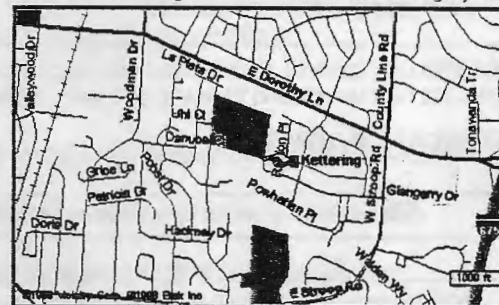
The Kettering Parks & Recreation  
"Out in the Boondocks"

Fun Rally

Rally Master: Jim & Jodie Hardesty

The National Sports Cars Club of Dayton presents a special question and answer rally design for the first-time competitor. The *Out in the Boondocks Rally* will be about 70 miles long and take about 3 hours to complete. You will travel scenic roads in search of clues to help you answer questions. Bring the whole family! There is *no* limit to team size for this special event! Vehicles must be road-worthy and may have as many occupants as can wear seatbelts. All competitors must wear seatbelts. You will need a clipboard, pencil, paper, and a watch with a seconds indicator. Trophies will be awarded to the top 5 teams! Door prizes, too!

Starts at the Kettering Recreation Center at 2900 Glengarry Dr. in Kettering, Ohio.



Click on the map to browse

The Kettering Recreation Center is near the intersection of Dorothy Lane and Stroop in Kettering.

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- Take I-675 South.
- Exit at Indian Ripple/Dorothy Lane and turn right.
- Cross Stroop/County Line.
- Turn left on Powhatan at the next light past Stroop.
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Thanks to Vicinity Corporation.

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CAR #1 \_\_\_\_\_

YEAR 19\_\_ MODEL \_\_\_\_\_ COMM. NUMBER \_\_\_\_\_

COLOR: \_\_\_\_\_ BODY \_\_\_\_\_ INTERIOR \_\_\_\_\_ TOP \_\_\_\_\_

DISTINGUISHING FEATURES \_\_\_\_\_

CAR #2 \_\_\_\_\_

YEAR 19\_\_ MODEL \_\_\_\_\_ COMM. NUMBER \_\_\_\_\_

COLOR: \_\_\_\_\_ BODY \_\_\_\_\_ INTERIOR \_\_\_\_\_ TOP \_\_\_\_\_

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- Huge Friday evening auction
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Wyndham Dublin Hotel, Dublin, Ohio  
Hosted By The Central Ohio Center of TRA

**For more information**

Please call, we would love to help you attend the largest national event ever in 1999!

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# The June Road Tour to Ripley



It started in Middletown for some, it started from home for others, but the rendezvous was at Scott and Carol Childers, outside Bethel, Ohio on a hot breezy 27th of June morning. Nine cars in all assembled at about 11:30. There was a Spitfire (Forest and Audry), a GT-6 (Childers), an MG Midget (Ian Cunningham), two TR-6's (Eric/Dan), a Jeep Cherokee (Cloughs), a Chevy Astrovan (Pres.), and a VW Golf (Norma/Stan). Scott and Carol provided fixins' and baskets, and a picnic lunch was quickly packed for each vehicle. The Clough's brought Bridgette Renee, but her meals were pre-packaged.

At about a quarter to one, we pulled out for a leisurely 25 mile drive to Ripley, Ohio and the John Rankin State Park. The tour went a meandering along State Route 133 down the bluffs to Route 52, then along the Ohio River. Traffic was light and it was a pleasant drive. As Route 52 came into Ripley, it was hard left at the edge of town and up hill to the crest that overlooks the river valley. The Rankin historical house sits on a cleared piece of ground some 600 ft. above the river. The drop to the valley is steep, but not sheer. The view up and down the river is superb. All the traffic can be seen for over a mile to the east and several miles to the west. There was a pleasant breeze blowing and shade trees under which the club members pitched blankets to eat lunch.

The picnic baskets were lined with small towels, which Carol had embroidered with "Miami Valley Triumphs", in red, save one. The odd towel was embroidered with blue thread and was a prize winner. Ian Cunningham won the prize, but I know not what it was. The baskets and the towels were "keepers", so we all won! Thank you Carol!

The Reverend John Rankin was a member of the underground railroad. From the heights on which we stood, but over a hundred years ago, candles in the windows of his house showed run away slaves the way to freedom. If these unfortunates topped the bluffs on the Kentucky side of the river, the candles in the windows of the Rankin house must have been easily visible for many miles along the river. The house is smaller than in its "hey-day". A simple white brick structure, two stories tall, plaster walls inside and about eight rooms, six of which were open to the public. Gone are the porches, and out buildings. A modest \$2.00 bought a tour of the building and a look at the history it represents.

After a delicious lunch, tour of the house we'd come here to see, and lots of picture taking, it was off to Ripley and its antique stores. Strolling about in some of these stores,

without air conditioning pretty well worked off lunch. So it wasn't surprising that many of us showed up at the "Rockin' Robin" Soda Fountain along the riverfront. Rockin' Robin was delightfully air-conditioned and had great ice cream concoctions to boot.

Still later it was time to adjourn to the Childers for a cookout to end the day. The drive back to Bethel was somewhat more spirited than the earlier run down. There were tales of "off road mishaps", much material for future campfire gossip, and some cars returned with dirt and grass on tires and fenders, which once earlier in the day had been clean and sparkling. But, all returned safely.

The socializing, and eating, went on for several hours and Bridgette Renee got held by about every woman there. Bruce got to change diapers. Late arrivals were the McKitricks who came after closing their shop in Waynesville. They were a most welcome addition to the group.

Hats off to Dan and Mary Stinson for working with Scott and Carol who did a wonderful job planning and hosting this event. It was a great time.



Scott and Carol Childers

Kettering Jaycees Foundation  
**1998 Friday Night Cruise-In**

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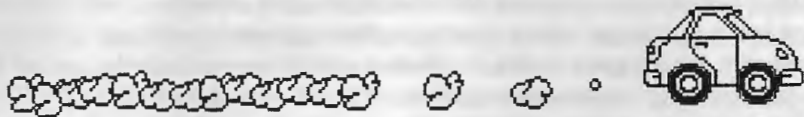
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## From the Editor

For July, we need articles on the BCD at Edgewater and the Len Immke Classic Car Show at Dublin. Kent Southard has agreed to start a series of articles on car insurance for classic and historic automobiles. There is a lot of material here and Kent has to sift through it to a reasonable starting point.

Got a reply to my request for club member information from one brave soul who shall remain anonymous for now. That's a start! In this issue is the fold out, stamped and addressed to ease your burdens on "follow-thru", so RSVP, and help us out.

Wally Ellifritt has done it again, he has sent me an official list of MVT, or is it "a list of official MVT", rally instruction symbols and explanations. It is pages long and we will start by putting these into future issues for all of you, and if there is an aspiring rally master out there who wants to assemble a tour, that person can get all of them from me or Wally en mass!

Stan

**Restore your status in August!**  
**Pay up this month!**

## TRA At Rocky Gap

*No one from MVT went to TRA this year. So the following report was provided by Russ Seto (TR-3) of the Texas Triumph Register, Houston, Texas. That club took four cars to TRA, three TR-3's and a TR-4. The trip was not without incident.*

The trip was a good one if for no other reason we all got home safely with no accidents. Reliability of the cars is another subject. We had four cars and five people as Wayne, our trip coordinator, took his wife. There was Wayne in his '59 TR-3A, Ron in his '62 TR-3B, Vern in his '63 TR-4 and of course me in my '59 TR-3A. Basically, we drove over to Natches MS and took the Natches Trace from there to Tennessee. Then, Eastward to Smokey Mountains National Park where we picked up the Blue Ridge Parkway and drove it about 3/4 of its length. It was a GREAT trip[, with cool temperatures and just a little rain.

My car was the first to fail on the Natches Trace. Seems I must have abused the coil wire, the one that runs from the wiring harness to the coil on the left side of the car. It kept getting in the way when I was working on sealing the oil leak on the front of my engine. I guess I broke a few of the wire strands while trying to work around it, and the engine motion or wind whipping the wire around did the rest. We found it rather quickly and it only took a few minutes to fix.

Just before we got off the Natches trace, we ran into a rain storm. Since we all had our tops down, we had to pull into a grove of trees which provided good protection until we got the tops up. Shortly thereafter, we pulled into a gas station to fill up, and fortunately, there were no other cars at the pumps, so we four got under the island roof just minute before the "quarter sized" hail started. Thank goodness we had protection and weren't driving at the time. We could have undergone serious damage!

The Blue Ridge Mountain drive was fantastic... We never did drive the speed limit. One of our favorite tricks was to get up to the top of the mountain and put the car in neutral and turn off the ignition, then coast down the mountain. We were able to achieve speeds of 80-85 mph and were the curves hairy! Wayne was a little more laid back so Vern, Ron and I had all the fun. I really know my car now and I probably have to retighten everything on the car after that jaunt. Thank God we didn't round a curve and find a slow moving vehicle in front of us!

Rocky Gap Resort was sort of a disappointment. Although this is a three month old hotel, they still have a lot of problems to solve. You couldn't get wheat toast for breakfast, which was woefully over priced, most of the brand new ice machines didn't work, and our tub drain kept shutting off by itself, requiring you to hold it open until the tub drained after your shower. Even the hotel employees were complaining.

Anyway, I decided to put my car in the concours, even though it has no interior, the seats have still not been recovered, the windshield is cracked and the side curtains are held together by gun tape. My idea was to see how they liked what I had done so far. Well, imagine my surprise to learn at the banquet that my car had scored enough points to earn a bronze certificate (70 points or better). My score was 76.56 and I beat out Wayne's TR-3 by one point! Had I had the new windshield in or the rebuilt side curtains, I might have scored 80 or more points for a silver certificate...

Continued.

Since it rained Friday morning, Vern and I did not go on the breakfast run but did decide to do the Hotel Rally. (Besides, NO run could compare to the Blue Ridge Mountain drive). Well, we took third place in the rally, which got us a couple more T-shirts. Also, the contingent from Houston took the longest distance award at some 1,876 miles. No one came close to our distance this year. Vern took 1st with his 4, Ron took a second with his 3 (best of show last year) and Wayne and I took two third places. No bad, all things considered.

The trip back was somewhat more trying. I lost my overdrive within the first 200 miles. I think and hope it's the solenoid lever adjustment, but I haven't had a chance to check it out yet. Then, Ron lost his water pump due to the pulley wallowing on the shaft. It took an hour and a half to change out (we had brought two spares). Vern's distributor points got out of adjustment, Wayne had a flat tire, and I also lost my water pump (same problem as Ron's but we changed it out in 1/2 hour this time) and my right rear lever shock absorber became loose. Oh yes, Wayne also broke the same distributor wire I had broken on the way up. However, we all got home safe...

I've been enjoying the newsletters you send. If you see Bruce Clough, tell him we missed him and Alice at The TRA (and Stan and Norma also, of course...)

## Pool Party at the Ball's

On 18 July, 26 club members gathered at Ellis and Lorna (Matteson-) Ball's for socializing and a steak (courtesy of the club)/ pot luck dinner. The gathering started around 2pm on a partly sunny day and was still going pretty strong at 7pm. The Ball estate includes a pretty big lot, roughly square, nicely groomed, good size swimming pool, horseshoe pits, a red brick house filled with Ellis's handiworks in wood, nicely decorated and warm.

The afternoon was filled with conversation, holding Bridgette Renee, some of us brought swim suits and hit the pool. One of us came in polyester and hit the pool anyhow.

Eventually it was time to eat. Ellis cranked up the out door grill, and with expert help from attentive members, cooked up some of the most tender strip sirloins this writer has not had in about 10 years. Most everyone had brought a dish, so there was plenty of potatoes, vegetables, fruit, bread, and desserts.

The first drops hit the tree leaves about two thirds through dinner. Some moved discretely to put up tops on cars, others moved food under cover, but most of us started the chant, "Rain Date", "Rain Date", "Rain Date",..... The President was not amused! The rain was off and on, generally light (stopped by tree leaves). It could have disrupted the event, but it didn't. The conversations continued, the food got consumed, a game of horseshoes got pitched. The sun set gracefully in the west and a very successful club party was ended.

## Minutes MVT MEMBERSHIP MEETING July, 1998 —Poelking Lanes South

<b>Secretary</b>	Read minutes for July Meeting
<b>Vice President</b>	Discussed BCD meeting July 31st at Park and let us know we have 38 registrations
<b>Treasurer</b>	Gave new balance and shared information on incoming and outgoing expenses.
<b>Membership</b>	38 paid members to date/those not paid will not receive future Marque publications
<b>Old Business</b>	Stan read the flyer on the Len Immke Car Show submitted by Bruce. Phil gave latest update on with the Bureau and gave additional information on the July 31st meeting for our BCD event. Remember we need volunteers!
<b>New Business</b>	None
<b>Events</b>	Discussed the Summer Party being held at the Ball Estate July 18th.

50/50 drawing won by Frank Ciboch \$9.75.

### Attendance—July Meeting

Phil and Carolyn Daye, Ellis and Lorna Ball, Frank and Diane Ciboch, Mary and Dan Stinson. Mohamed Hijazi, Lois and Don Bigler, Kattie and Randy Wakefield, Wally Ellifritt, Kent Southard, Larry McCart, Jay S. Kolb, Mike and Mara McKittrick, Stan Seto, John E. Clark, Eric "The Wreck" Halbgewoks.

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**1976 TR7.** 76,000 miles, 5 speed, Runs, \$750.00, Tom Noble (937) 258-3179.

I am the proud owner of a 1968 Triumph Spitfire Mk. III. I have owned this particular vehicle for three years. I am the third owner. While in my possession, I have had the car looked over by the best mechanics that I could find (regrettably, I cannot do this myself). Thus far, the dual carbs have been balanced, the distributor replaced and the horn restored. I am pleased to say that other than a few nor adjustments (due to the vehicle being stored rather than driven), it is ready for the road! Recently I became a "Mom". It is now time for me to pass my car on to someone that has more time to devote to it. This is a great car and deserves to have someone that can take it out and show it off! I would appreciate it if you could spread the word, or keep me in mind if you hear of someone that is looking for a Terrific Triumph! I am asking \$5,000. I can be reached by calling 330-239-1182 or e-mailing: funnicello@aol.com. Thank you.  
Sarah Novak

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