



# The Marque



## APRIL 2004

**7 April membership meeting will be held at Fuddrucker's on Kingsridge Drive  
behind the Dayton Mall at 7:30 PM**

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## **President's Corner April 2004**

My thanks to Bruce Clough for the great two years he lead the club, and for leaving a legacy to be followed.

My thanks too for the wonderful Awards Banquet arrangements set up by Carolyn and Phil Daye, and to Bruce, again, for the novel awards given to the winners of our club.

My Congratulations to Mike McKitrick for winning Marque of Distinction and to his lovely wife, Mara, who, I think should have been crowned the Marquise of Distinction! Jay Kolb for winning Most Improved and Ellis Ball for Press On Regardless.

Isn't it strange that women, who play such a vital role in the operation and events of the club, get very little recognition at awards time. Perhaps it's time to consider another award or to broaden the definition for some of our awards to provide more "equal opportunity".

**The Awards Banquet** went very well this year, but attendance by club members stunk. We had eleven couples turn out. Folks, this is our premier event, even if you don't come to the regularly scheduled meetings, this is a dinner party **YOU SHOULD COME TO!!** So, what's wrong? Bad night? Too expensive? No one wants to dress up? Can't drive cars into restaurant?? No one likes Middletown? One of my goals next year is to increase attendance, and that shouldn't be hard to do, and to do that I'll be calling you and asking why **YOU** didn't come this year.....

**The By-Laws** should be in this issue of the Marque. Please read them over. There have been some changes to help smooth out how the club operates year to year. We also are trying to broaden the language, reduce the nitpicky stuff and make it more readable.

**TRA is Approaching! Let's get behind Tonda and Mark and support this Event!! If you haven't registered yet, bring a form, a pen or pencil, and your money to the April Meeting and we'll help you fill it all out! VOLUNTEER TO HELP OUT.** We did a great job in 1995, Let's do a great job in 2004!

**April Events** – The weather is starting to break, we are actually going to see 70 degrees for more than one day in this week (25, 26 March) and the water in the bird bath is thawing. Let's get the cars out and clean the Winter Dust off them, and re-inflate the tires, change the oil and filter, check all the other fluid levels, charge up the battery and put'em on the road again. We have the Bolich Tour coming up in late April, and a flock of events in May, so Let's Participate.....!

Thanks for your attention.....Stan



# Membership Meeting Minutes

**March '04**

Here's where we document what went on during the last membership meeting.  
If anything is missing or incorrect...you know who to blame or comment to.

Lois Bigler [bigday@erinet.com](mailto:bigday@erinet.com) 937-253-1580

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## Members and Guest:

**Welcome to Robert Gallinis, joined in Nov. Has 74 TR6 Lives near Wilmington.**

President: Happy to be hear.

Vice President: All is well. Spring is on its way as is TRA

Membership: No change. 53 paid members

Treasurer: Updated treasury amounts.

Secretary: Minutes of February meeting approved as printed in Marque.

Marque Editor: Website looking good.

## Events:

### MARCH:

20 MVT Banquet Manchester Inn Middletown

24-28 Dayton Auto Show, Convention Center

28 Tech session, Ciboch garage 11:00AM Change clutch in TR6

### APRIL:

24 Driving event in South Central Ohio; Mary and Ray are planning adventure and surprise for this event [more details next month, stay tuned]!

30 - May 1 Bluegrass Bash Lexington KY

### May:

8 Scottish Weekend Carrollton KY

15 Germantown Cruise In

Old Business: TRA information is on multiple websites. Registration form and schedule of events.

Have received 13 registrations. Tonda and Carol need to know when MVT members will be Available to assist with event. Carol has put request on email for MVT members so if you have a preference for time and activity, please let Carol know NOW. Many door prizes are needed.

Canvas the places you shop for donations of items or cash to purchase items. [Flyer available]

Wear MVT name badge when requesting.

BCD Design for T shirt and award decided. Special for 20<sup>th</sup> year All welcome to attend planning meetings. Next meeting March 16 at Poelking Lanes in the bar area. See Stan Seto.

Revision of Bylaws will be printed in the Marque.

Nominations closed for officers and awards

New Business: Discussion regarding cost of banquet Is it too high? Should MVT subsidize portion of cost? We Do have available money in treasury. Would more members attend if MVT did help with cost????? Suggestion that if MVT were to subsidize an event, wouldn't it make more sense to help with TRA registration for MVT members who are assisting.

## ELECTION RESULTS

Treasurer Carolyn Daye

Secretary Lois Bigler

President Stan Seto

CONGRATULATIONS!!!!!!!

50/50 winner Mary Bolich {HAPPY BIRTHDAY}

22 British Car Day 2<sup>nd</sup> Street Market downtown Dayton

22-29 DRIVE YOUR BRITISH CAR WEEK

June:

5 British Car Day Louisville KY

24-26 TRA Springfield

29- July2 Mini East meets West Rockford,Il

JULY:

18 Cincinnati British Car Day

AUGUST:

1 Meadowbrook Concours Detroit Mi

7 Dayton British Car Day

SEPTEMBER:

19 Dayton Concours

PLEASE SEND EVENT INFORMATION TO ELLIS  
ballpad@aol.com

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PARTICULARS ON EVENTS

Next meeting on April 07, 2004 at Fuddruckers

RMEMEBER YOUR NAME BADGE!!!!!!!

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**Roger & Carol's TR3**

**MVT Calendar of Events**

			April 2004			
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	1
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**Event Details:**

7th; Monthly Membership meeting.

**24th; SOUTH CENTRAL OHIO SPRING ROMP**, Sat. April 24, 2004, [MORE INFO](#)

April 30 - May 2; Springs Inn on Harrodsburg Rd., Lexington, ICY - **Bluegrass British BASH**  
 -All British Classics invited - April 30 - sign-in, May 1 - Car Show, Bluegrass British BASH, Derby Party, Dinner, Auction, May 2 - Departure. Casual, planned drive, rain or shine, through the beautiful, historic and intriguing Bluegrass region of Kentucky.

Visit [www.sterlingbritishmotoringociety.org/bash/index.html](http://www.sterlingbritishmotoringociety.org/bash/index.html) for more information and online registration.

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**2003 Miami Valley Triumphs Club  
Annual Awards Banquet  
March 20th, 2004  
Manchester Inn Garden Room  
Middletown, Ohio**

**Click on images for large view.**

**Officer Election Results: Stan Seto, President; Lois Bigler, Secretary and Carolyn Daye, Treasurer.**



Now if the camera just had a wider angle everyone would have been in the photo. 22 hungry members arrived for great food and fun.



President Bruce, with able bodied assistance from Sir Duncan, awards Ellis Ball with the "Press on Regardless" Award.



Stan Seto receives the "Keep It On The Road" Award.



Jay Kolb was the recipient of the "Most Improved" Award. Awarded in absenteeism.



Mike McKittrick awarded the "Marque of Distinction" and some beer mats with a questionable history.



Bruce hands over the Gavel of the MVT Presidency to Stan Seto.



President Stan Seto makes his first comments as President of the Miami Valley Triumphs Club.

# ***SOUTH CENTRAL OHIO SPRING ROMP***

Sat. April 24, 2004

08:30 Meet at McDonalds at I71 and US 72

09:00 Firm leave time

10:00 Pit stop in Seaman (Marathon or Sunoco, on either side of US32))

11:00 Arrive in West Union tour and lunch

TOUR - Lafferty's Funeral and Carriage Museum- A collection of antique hearses and other funeral vehicles both motorized and horse drawn. Run by the Laffertys who have served Adams County for six generations. Still in business.

12:00 Lunch

LUNCH- at the Olde Wayside Inn- Built in 1804, the Wayside is Ohio's oldest standing inn still in use. Andrew Jackson, Santa Anna, Henry Clay and other notables stopped here on their travels through Ohio. Also owned by the Lafferty family since 1860 after one of them ran off with the owner of the inn. Save room for sweet treats at Miller's below.

2:15 Visit Miller's Amish bakery, bulk food and furniture stores just north of West Union near Dunkinsville (named for Bruce's son?) For those who have not been here for a while, they have expanded greatly.

3:30 Leave for Wilmington area for supper. We will travel northwest on Wheat Ridge through the Harsha covered bridge to US32 and up Oh 134.

4:30 another pit stop, in Dodsonville on US50

5:00 Arrive at the secret dinner location outside Wilmington.

Additional attractions, time permitting.

Gov. Kirker Barn(Adams county bicentennial barn), covered bridge

Antique Store next to Millers

Lynchburg covered bridge



# Articles of Interest

We hope so.....

April '04

This is the place for general articles of interest (even whimsy and such) for the members of the Miami Valley Triumph Club.

We'll try and keep the technical tips in "Tech Tips".

If you have articles of interest you deem worthy of the membership,

Please email the article to: [news@miamivalleytriumphs.org](mailto:news@miamivalleytriumphs.org)

or

mail to: MVT News, P. O. 144, Bellbrook, OH 45305

The Latest in the saga of *Early TR Man!*

[All, to date](#)

*Late TR Guy!*

[All, to date](#)

## Parts - Parts - Parts

Tonda needs an early TR4 "Short Bubble" hood (bonnet).

[Tonda.macy@att.net](mailto:Tonda.macy@att.net) or (937)266-1832.

MVT'ers: I'm looking for the following parts for our TR2 -

Water pump Pulley - want a spare for a spare water pump - any early TR works

- Generator Pulley & Fan - need to put them on the back-up generator - any early TR works
- Side-curtain holders - early style, need a driver's rear one that has a set screw that works
- Rocker arm assembly - want a spare rocker arm assembly (all the rockers on the shaft with spacers and springs). Any early TR works.

If you can help me with any of these I'd appreciate it.

Bruce ( [clough@erinet.com](mailto:clough@erinet.com) or 937-376-9946)

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A senior Vermont congressman called, furious about a Florida package we did.

I asked what was wrong with the vacation in Orlando.

He said he was expecting an ocean-view room.

I tried to explain that is not possible, since Orlando is in the middle of the state.

He replied, "Don't lie to me.

I looked on the map, and Florida is a very thin state!!!"

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I got a call from a lawmakers wife who asked, "Is it possible to see England from Canada?"

I said, "No."

She said, "But they look so close on the map."

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An aide for a Bush cabinet member once called and asked if they could rent a car in Dallas.

When I pulled up the reservation, I noticed they only had a

1-hour layover in Dallas. When I asked him why he wanted to rent a car, he said, "I heard Dallas was a big airport, and we will need a car to drive between the gates to save time."

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An Illinois congresswoma! n called last week. She needed to know how it was possible that her

By Mark Macy, MVT

I have an idea that I'd like to toss out for your consideration concerning our trip to Cincinnati on July 18 for Cincinnati British Car Day at Edgewater Park. But first you'll have to read a short (I promise) story about how I got this idea.

Tonda and I recently emptied our piggy banks, and asked ourselves what we should do with all these damn coins. Looked to me like a good excuse to visit a casino, and we chose to spend a night at Belterra near Florence IN. Although the slots were not as "loose" as I would have preferred, the accommodations were superb, and the food was exquisite.

We decided to take the scenic route home, and I recall thinking how much fun it would be to tool along the Ohio River on Rts. 56 and 156 in a Triumph during summer. Remembering the covered parking garage at the casino, I told Tonda that we'd have to do just that the next time our change banks got full.

A little farther down the road, I discovered that our scenic route passed by Edgewater Park, location of the Cincinnati BCD, and I started to think about a leisurely drive to Belterra on Saturday 7/17, have a fun evening, and then a leisurely drive to Edgewater on Sunday morning for Cincy's BCD. From there, it wasn't long until we thought about inviting our friends from MVT!

This being a Saturday night, I knew we weren't going to get the \$49 room rate that we'd had on a February week night, but I wasn't prepared for the \$189 listed on their web site. I made a call to the Belterra group sales office, and I'm told that if we book 10 rooms (minimum), they'll let us stay for \$129 per room. So right now I'm just looking for a "show of hands" to see how many MVT members (or other Triumph owners reading this) might be interested in making this little side trip the day before the Cincy show. If this sounds like fun to you, please give me a call or e-mail by April 15, and then we can decide how to proceed.

Mark

pmmacy@att.net or (937)266-1831

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Subject: Booking Travel for Our Congress

Confessions from a travel agent working with the US Congress:

I had a New Hampshire congresswoman ask for an aisle seat on the airplane so that her hair wouldn't get messed up by being near the window.

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flight from Detroit left at 8:20 am and got into Chicago at 8:33 am. I tried to explain that Michigan was an hour ahead of Illinois, but she could not understand the concept of time zones. Finally, I told her the plane went very fast, and she bought that!

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A New York lawmaker called and asked, "Do airlines put your physical description on your bag so they know who's luggage belongs to who?" I said, "No, why do you ask?" She replied, "Well, when I checked in with the airline, they put a tag on my luggage that said (FAT), and I'm overweight, I think that is very rude!" After putting her on hold for a minute while I "looked into it" (I was actually laughing) I came back and explained the city code for Fresno, CA is (FAT), and that the airline was just putting a destination tag on her luggage.

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A lady senator called and said, "I need to fly to Pepsi-Cola, FL. Do I have to get on one of those little computer planes?" I asked if she meant fly to Pensacola, FL on a commuter plane. She said, "Yeah, whatever!!"

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A senior senator called and had a question about the documents he needed in order to fly to China. After a lengthy discussion about passports, I reminded him he needed a visa. "Oh no I don't, I've been to China many times and never had to have one of those." I double checked and sure enough, his stay required a visa. When I told him this he said, "Look, I've been to China four times and every time they have accepted my American Express!"

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A New Mexico congresswoman called to make reservations, "I want to go from Chicago to Rhino, New York" The agent was at a loss for words. Finally, the agent: "Are you sure that's the name of

I got a call from a candidate's staffer, who wanted to go to Capetown. I started to explain the length of the flight and the passport information.

She interrupted me with,

"I'm not trying to make you look stupid, but Capetown is in Massachusetts."

Without trying to make her look like the stupid one, I calmly explained, "Cape Cod is in Massachusetts, Capetown is in Africa." Her response .(click).

the town?" "Yes, what flights do you have?" replied the lady.

After some searching, the agent came back with, "I'm sorry, ma'am, I've looked up every airport code

in the country and can't find a Rhino anywhere."

The lady retorted, "Oh don't be silly!

Everyone knows where it is. Check your map!"

The agent scoured a map of the state of New York and finally offered, "You don't mean Buffalo, do you?"

"That's it! I knew it was a big animal," she admitted!!!

Now you know why the government is in the shape that it is. ~Fr5nk

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