



The Marque

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

October 2020



Practicing Safe Pumpkins

Events this month:

- 7 – MVT Membership Meeting (on line)
- 10 - British Biscuits & Tea
- 10 - Spring/Fall Classic Driving Tour
- 11- Tech Session
- 17 - Fall Foliage Tour

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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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<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...

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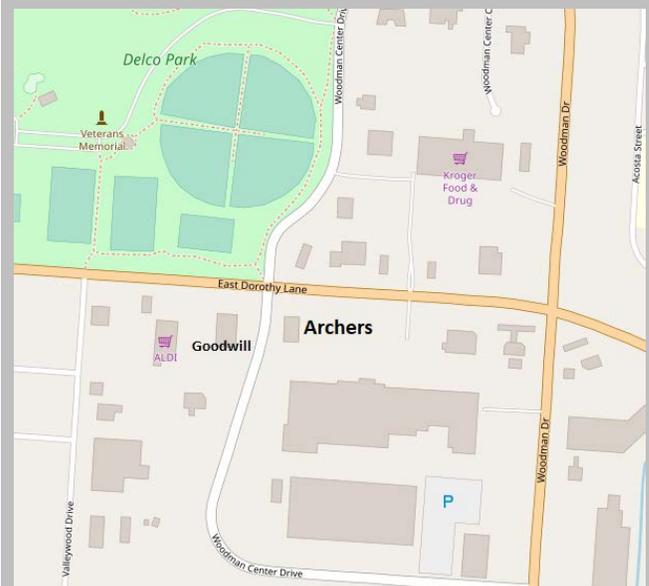
<http://www.nasshq.org/>. Yearly dues are \$20 due in May each year.

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



President's Report

Some Nice Fall Weather and Drives

John Coutant

Fall arrived late in September but the entire month felt like Fall. The weather cooperated and we had two nice drives - the Dam(n) Tour organized by John and Patti Clifford and the annual Farm Stand Tour organized by Bruce and Alice Clough. All the details are here later in the Marque. It was great top down touring in the TR3 and so nice to see so many MVTers in person again. Thanks again to the organizers. As I said before, the social aspects of this club are one of the things that everyone enjoys and it has been difficult that so many have been impacted by COVID-19.

While fall brings some of my favorite weather as it is not too hot or too cold, the downside is that it means that colder weather, shorter days, and winter are on the horizon. October can have some great weather and our annual fall tour is on the books for the 17th. Unfortunately, after that it is usually the time we start thinking about putting the Triumphs away for the winter.

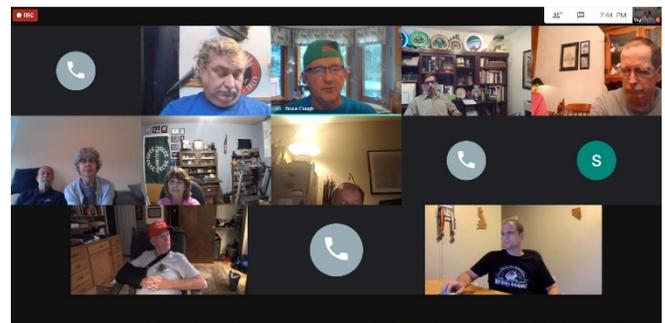
While the weather has cooperated, being outside and driving our cars has been a great way to drive our cars and get together in a way respecting the guidelines for COVID-19. With the onset of winter this avenue of getting together is going to go away and there don't seem to be many other viable options. As I write this column, both Dayton (Montgomery) and Cincinnati (Hamilton)

are both red advisory counties for COVID-19. COVID-19 infections are not going down and I am afraid that as cold weather drives more people indoors, the numbers will only start to increase again.

For MVT this means that we will be continuing to have meetings by videoconference and that our usual Holiday celebrations will certainly be impacted in some way.

So, stay safe and take every chance you can get to enjoy your Triumphs and each other while you can.

September's MVT Meeting



Videoconference with Google Meet

John Coutant

The general meeting of Miami Valley Triumphs for October will be by video conferencing using Google Meet. This will be our seventh general meeting using Meet so I think most people are getting comfortable using this technology.

As a reminder, 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. Please review if you have questions.

<https://www.miamivalleytriumphs.org/videoconferencing-guide>

Remember if you are using your computer for video and phone for audio, please connect first by

computer and then select options (3 dots on lower right) and select use phone for audio. This way only one picture is displayed.

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 October meeting is <https://meet.google.com/vnm-tump-tpx> and we will send this link a few more times before the meeting.

Vice President's Report

I have nothing worth mentioning for a VP report this month.

Respectfully submitted – Chuck White

Treasurer's Report



Treasurer's Report: As of 1 October 2020, balance in the club account was \$3661.56. For the month of September the club's only income was \$30.00 for a new membership. The club had 1 expense for September: New Club checks for \$172.86. As of 1 October 2020, the MVT account balance is \$3518.70. Be safe out there and I hope very soon the roads will open for the club activities.

Respectfully submitted, Harry Mague.

Events Chair Report

Needless to say now that Duncan has found the TR7s are more fun to drive than the Outback he tends to take a TR7 to school and other events if he can!



By dad - I'm taking the car!

Meanwhile back in MVT Eventland we have a full plate this month of tech sessions and tours.



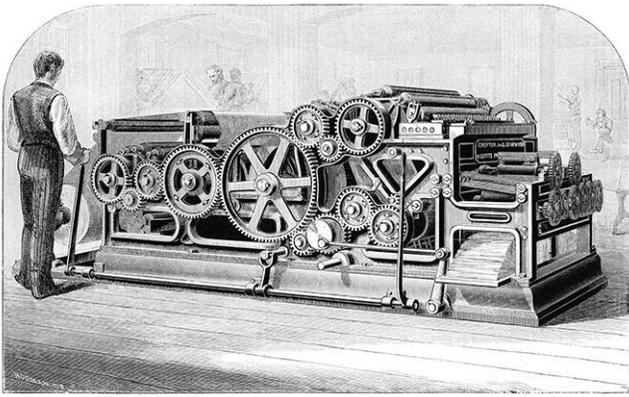
Apple Country Gothic

The 10th actually has two events - the British Biscuits and Tea drive-in at the parking lot next to Archers on Dorothy Lane and the Spring/Fall Classic Driving Tour. We have a tech session on the 11th at Bruce Miller's in Richmond, and then the 17th is the Fall Tour. Leaves are changing, time to get them cars out for one more month of touring!

Events Tsar Bruce

Marque Editor's Report

Not a lot of articles submitted this month - reran an article from December 2000 on the Solex FASD - always a good discussion on that thing.



If you have something for the Marque pls send!

Cheers - Bruce

Membership Chair Report

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We currently have 45 individual/family memberships on our roster having recently added Fritz and Leslie Adelsperger. They reside in Richmond and travel the back roads in their 1961 TR3A. We welcome the Adelspergers who join our other two Hoosier memberships in our ever-growing western branch of MVT!

Valerie

CLUB AWARDS

The following is a proposal to ballot entry of the Miami Valley Club Awards in to the Miami Valley By-Laws. This is to be voted on at the Oct 7 Meeting

All comments will be handled electronically, and as best fits the request. 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, Club Secretary and Editor of the Marque, a short statement explaining why they think the nominated individual deserves the award. Statement can be spoken at the meeting and recorded by the Secretary, written, or sent electronically after the meeting has been completed. These statements will be repeated in the Marque prior to the election to give the voters a basis for selection. 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 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.

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 their 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 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.

MVT Events

September 2020

2 - MVT Monthly Meeting -

Guests and/or new members: Yes, but not with us tonight

Officer Reports

President – John Coutant – August has been a hot boring month. There have been attempts at drives but the weather and life got in the way. I did get with some crazy 6 pack guys. It was a white knuckle ride at times. It's one thing to be in a TR6 with nice wide tires verses the TR3 with the skinny wheels. . I like driving rapidly at times, but I like to take a breath and watch birds and scenery go by. Going downhill with curves in a TR3 can be unnerving as the TR3 is light in the back end and can wipe around fast if not careful. We will later have events from Bruce and of ways to do meetings. We'll go over that in new business.

Vice President – Chuck White – Sorry that no one else was able to make it to the orphan car

show. It was a very nice day as it turned out. It started out overcast and drizzly but by the time I got to the show field it was bright sunny and warm. Only two Triumphs there, mine and a rust bucket TR3. The odd thing is it seems to be changing from an orphan car show to vintage classic car show. There were 5 non-orphan cars: 2 Mustangs, 2 Corvettes and 1 Camaro all within 1-3 years of new. There was the usual assortment of Studebakers, Hudson's, Pontiac, 2 Yugo's. (a convertible & a hard top). Chris said maybe the car owners were the orphans.

Treasurer – Harry Mague - \$3661.56 in the Treasury. I closed out the PayPal account for membership dues. Check book is balanced again.

Secretary – Mark Senter - The minutes were published in the Marque, a motion to accept as published. Motion was by Bruce, seconded by multiply others, and accepted.

Membership – Valerie Relue – Add a new member (Bruce & Cathleen Stevens from Clayton) so we have 44 members. Have another couple in Richmond that are interested in club and John has sent them an application.

Events Chair – Bruce Clough

August rough month due to weather forecasters, etc.

September.

- Lookout for a pop up tour Friday Saturday & Sunday has potential.
- 12th the Clifford's are sponsoring that 'Dam Tour'. So we will go visit the dams around Dayton and have hot dogs for lunch. Information is in Marquee.
- 17th is the TRA2021 virtual meeting
- 19th Operation Yellow Jacket, finish gas tank 2 minute fix. Then brakes, new brake lines, etc.
- 19th Talk like a Pirate Day so say AARRRR....
- 26th Sept Farm Stand Tour. A drive around Greene County, where we can even drive by some pork shops.

October:

- 7th MVT Virtual Monthly Meeting.
- 10th Operation Yellow Jacket.
- 10th - Fall Classic Driving Tour. as far as I can know it is still on. The web site is still there.
- 17th Fall Foliage Tour, We will be going East this year.

Committee Reports:

Tech report: If you have 20 yr old bushings in your TR7/TR8 shifter you might want to check them, as they fail pretty quick.

The Marque: send in your articles. Plain text works best for Bruce.

Memorabilia: still available let Harry know.

TRA2021: Well positioned. Registration form is updated, working the motel to start up booking of rooms. Still in holding pattern till Dec-Jan time frame. 35 people registered so far.

Old Business:

Bylaws amendment from Stan to address the yearly MVT Awards, have been discussing for several months with suggestions and revisions. All published in the Marque. Final proposal will be published in the Marque for an October vote.

New Business:

Missing social aspects of our meetings, restaurants are out, shelters are hit or miss, and have cost involved. So looking at some locations where we can get together socially with or without our cars. This would be just a social get together, like the annual pool less pool party were everyone could bring their own food. Maybe the 3rd of October or the afternoon of the 10th we can do something still.

Need a Tech session tell Bruce.

Motion to end was made by Bruce, 2nd by Chuck Approved by all, meeting ends.

6 - Pop-Up Tour

We decided the weather was too good not to tour, so we advertised we would meet at The Secret Garden on OH 73 west of Waynesville and then take roads less traveled to a late snacky-lunch at Caesar's Creek Vineyards - had a good turn out and the Senter's met us at the winery in their new (old) TR7!



At least it waited until it got back home

12 - "That Dam(n) Tour

Absolute blast and thanks to the Cliffords for putting this on. We started at the Huffman Dam and headed out from there. Weather was fantastic! A few pictures are in order:



Lined up at Huffman Dam - we had a great turn-out on a day with great weather. I think there were 5 Wedges in this group?



We are all in this tour together!



Parking at one of the dams - look at all them Wedges!



Not a cloud in the sky!



The new Sentermobile at the Englewood Dam



Just parked at Wot-A-Dog in New Carlisle - great lunch - driven by there many a time but never stopped.



I have a feeling this was related to ice cream in Germantown?

The Cliffords promised a few curvey, less traveled roads and came through on their promise!!

26 – Farm Stand Tour:

We met at the BellHOP Café in Bellbrook and took off from there - three farm stands and wrap-up at Caesars Creek Vineyards. Again, I'll let the photos do the talking:



Having a little lunch waiting for all to arrive



Wedges and pumpkins - a natural match!



Gourds? Go figure!



The Ludolfmobile at Apple Country Farms



TWOA Fall Cover? We'll see!



Portrait in love



The kind of day it was

...see you again next year!

October 2020

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.



**7 - MVT October Monthly Meeting-
Videoconference**

Agenda - October 7, 2020

Opening Remarks – **John**

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

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

Officers Reports

- President – **John**
 - Pleasant Fall and uncertain Winter
- Vice-President – **Chuck**
- Treasurer - **Harry**
- Secretary
 - Approval of September's Minutes as published in the Marque– **Mark**
- Membership Chair – **Valerie**
 - Current membership, new members
- Events Chair – **Bruce**
 - Review of Previous Month's Events
 - Possible Future Events

Standing Committee Reports

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

Event Committee Reports

- TRA 2021 – **Bruce**

Old Business

- Voting procedure for Ballot proposal to add MVT Yearly Awards to By-Laws – **John**

New Business

Adjourn

10 - Operation Yellow Jacket – CANCELLED so folks could enjoy the British Biscuits & Tea or the Spring Classic Driving Tour - see you next month!



10 - British Biscuits & Tea: Forecast is 54–79°F Partly Cloudy and it will be in the parking lot east of 2030 E Dorothy Ln, Kettering, OH 45420. The last few months we have had events that conflicted with it, but not this month – let's turn out en masse – bring your own coffee and donuts - should I drive the 3B or a Wedge?



10 – Spring (Now Fall) Classic Driving Tour VII, (Ed note: MVT Events Chair sent a separate email to all members with more in-depth tour and event details) 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: I will get a separate email notice out on this as well as a Marque update, but the plan are now to meet at The Donut Haus in Springboro @ 0800 for carbs and coffee and take off from there ending in a very late lunch at the Village Restaurant in Waynesville probably about 4PM. In-between there will be trees and twisty-turny roads and a few stops at favorite places (we will stay away from Hidden Valley Farms, lol). Will try and get a head count. Probably will stay somewhat local. More to come!



21 - TRA 2021 Planning Meeting - 7:30PM on the Web -details and agenda will be sent later.

November 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.



7 - Guy Fawkes Tour and Bonfire: Let the traitor burn!



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



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?



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



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

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>



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

Things are ramping back up - hotel room block is back open, Registrations are coming in, and we are planning on a great time!

17 Aug Committee Meeting minutes

Attendees - Bruce Clough, Alice Owen-Clough, Chris Yanity, Harry Magee. Chris White, Chuck White, John Coutant, Stan Seto

Agenda Items and discussion

1. Meet & Greet
2. Action Items from Last Meeting
 - a. Chris will get with the horse park and BBQ – dawn is checking for a signature page of park, BBQ done
 - b. Bruce will contact hotel about room block - Waiting on response - now complete
 - c. Generate COAs by the next meeting – brainstorming at next meeting – what scenarios - minimum reasonable participation.
3. Venue and catering updates.
 - a. Hotel room block is open – will send info out and post it
4. Web and Publicity Update
 - a. FB Groups updated
 - b. Other local and National Clubs - will get notice out in October
5. Visit Dates for October - probably not going to happen.
6. Round Room
 - a. John Coutant – sent the attachment note rough draft.

- b. Harry – base is still working on awards
- c. Chris – Old Friends is up in the air currently.

7. Action Item Review

- a. Action – Get with Harry to figure out how we are going to straighten the extra BBQ funds paid by some registrants.
- b. Contact the vendors he did – Bruce
- c. Notice to folks that have registered that they don't need to do that again
- d. COA – No Old Friends - no food – what does that do to the individual events - plans for handling that.

8. Next Meeting – tentatively set for October 21th

9. Adjourn

Next Meeting – tentatively set for October 21st - same bat time, same bat channel.

Technical Talk

Edited by Bruce Clough

Due to the September Tech Session at Senter's I'm republishing an article on the Solex Fully Automatic Starting Device - the FASD, that can cause issues on TR7s. Note that I might have got the direction of wax bulb travel reversed, but it still operates the same way - movement of the wax bulb thermostat due to water heating closes off air and gas to the FASD. Note that this is from the December 2000 Marquee

The FASD

Bruce Clough

Well, thanks for sticking with me on this. It's taken me a couple of months to get back to this masterwork on one of the least known objects on the mid-range TR7's, the Solex Fully Automatic

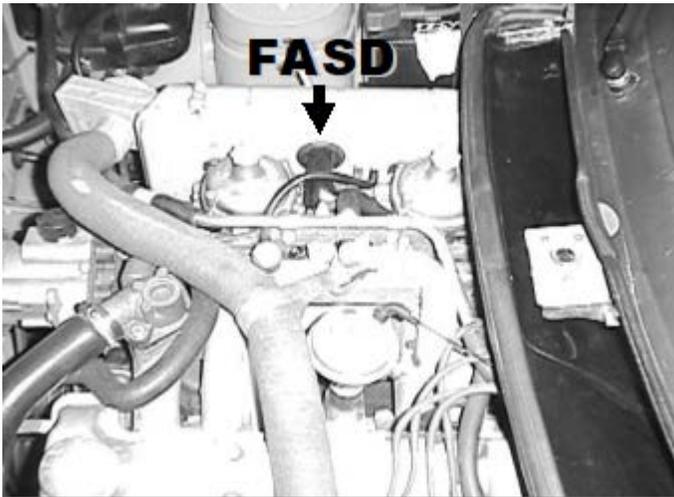
Starting Device , or FASD for short. Almost all of the rest of you call it an *automatic choke*, naw baby naw, it's much more than a choke, it's a *gizmo!*

A *choke* physically blocks off airflow through the carb to give a richer fuel/air mix since cold engines don't vaporize fuel well. In our beloved Triumphs only Zenith-Strombergs really have chokes since the SUs pull down the jet pipe to create a richer mixture on start-up (not quite a choke action, but it works). In the ZS carbs (such as the CD175's found on latter TR4s through TR6s) pulling out the choke rotates a bar into the air flow, lifting up the air piston which raises the jet (richer fuel air mixture) while restricting the airflow (lower air pressure across the jet orifice leading to more fuel sucked out which also increases the richness). Both of these actions working together get your car started when it's cold.

As I'll explain in a little bit the FASD is a separate carb in it's own right stuck on the side of a ZU that has no internal choke. But why did BL need to throw away the manual choke anyway? Pollution control would be my bet. You'll get better burn control over the entire engine heat range leading to better emissions figures. Okay, so why the FASD rather than an autochoke so common on other cars since the 1950's? You got me. I think it had to do with trying to modify the ZU carbs to accept either an electric choke or hot air choke, or maybe trying to get the autochokes on two carbs work together? Now, it seems to be that the electric choke is easy enough (such as Weber did), but I probably don't see the "big picture". Anyway it happened, ZU took the chokes off their carbs and modified the internal gas routing such that they could bolt an FASD on the side. This gave them their air pollution numbers, and us something that requires air, cooling fluid, gas, and (get this) an electric heating element to operate!

So where is this contraption located?

Bolted to the side of the front card on your TR7, the left side if you're standing on the side of the car with the carbs and facing them. Still confused? Here:



Picture Of TR7 Engine With FASD Pointed Out

Yes, I know it's hard to pick it out in that pile of tubes, wires, and everything-that-doesn't-look-like-a-TR3. And trust me, getting it off the car is interesting.

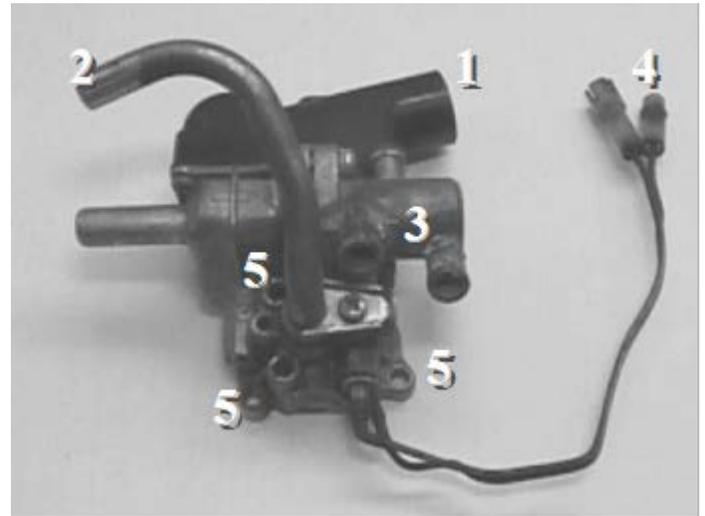
Since I had to remove one in the course of writing this article, I thought it would be instructive to write down the removal steps.

1. Drain the radiator (that's right! The fun starts here.)
2. Take off the air filter box all the way. Heave it to the side.
3. Take off all the carb mounting nuts to both carbs (another fun task since the bottom nuts are a &^%\$#@) to get to).
4. Disconnect about every damn tube, wire, hose, and everything else on the right side of the engine.
5. Pull the front carb off, take it to the workbench, calm down, have a beer.
6. As Mrs. Fix-it would say: "It's just that easy."
7. Have another beer.

You will note that none of these steps are in the workshop manual, in fact, the FASD isn't really mentioned. That's why I'm here!

Okay, so what is this thing?

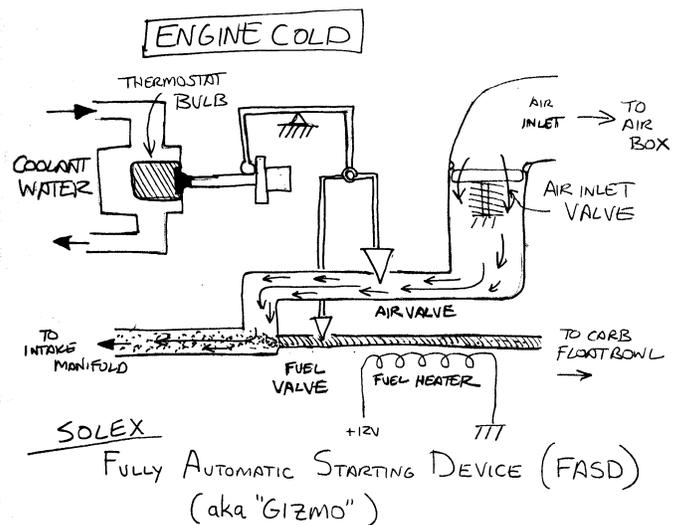
Let's play operation! Once you've completed the religious experience of getting it off, you'll see this sitting on your workbench:



The connections are:

1. Air From The Filter Box
2. FASD Output To Intake Manifold
3. Water Connections For Wax Thermostat
4. Electrical Connections For Fuel Heater
5. Where It Bolts To Front Carb

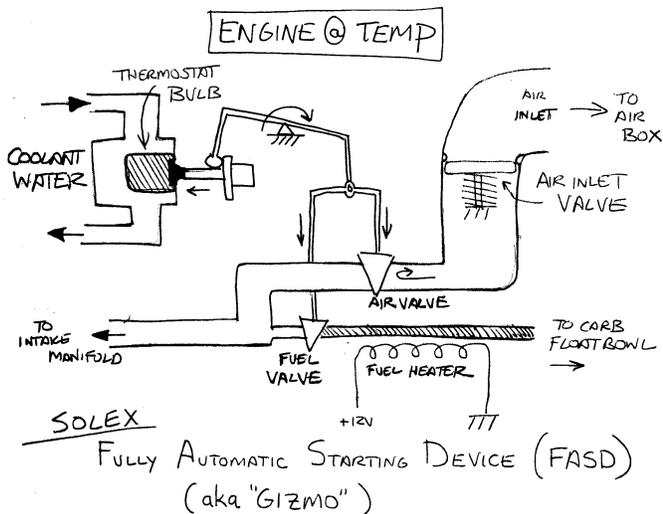
All the FASD is, is a little carb itself. It only operates when the engine is cold. When the engine is warm the thermostat inside shuts it off. Oh I'm sorry, a cheesy diagram is in order:



Okay, so it's not the best artwork, but what do you expect for free?

I suppose you want to know how it works. This is obvious to even the most casual observer! Since both the air and fuel valves are open, air and fuel will be sucked in at startup. This mixture is much

richer than what's coming from the carbs and provides the extra fuel to start a cold car. The electric heater (my guess) is to assist the fuel vaporization. When the engine warms up the FASD shuts off like thus:



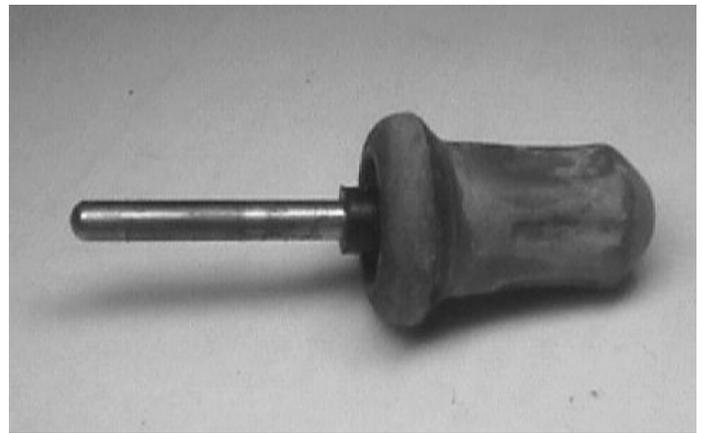
Gotta love hand-drawn diagrams in this era of computer graphics! Anyway, the function is rather simple. The thermostat heats up with the coolant and forces both the fuel and air valves closed, cutting off the "choke" function. That's it. Very simple.

So if it's so simple, what goes wrong?

If you think your FASD isn't working, the symptoms of which are either impossible starting when cold (ain't working), or idles way to fast when hot (ain't shutting off), then the first things to check before yanking it apart are all the fuel, air, water and electrical connections. If those check out, then it's time to check the most probable culprit...

The usual thing that goes wrong with the gizmo is that the thermostat screws up. This either is due to build up in the thermostat chamber keeping water from flowing, or more likely, the wax bulb inside the thermostat is on the fritz. Good news, bad news, the fix is usually replacing just the thermostat, but the bad news is it's no longer stocked. Now you know why I took the carbs off the yellow TR7, I was clairvoyant and knew I needed a back up for the new TR7 FHC.

I suppose I should give the reader an inkling of just what the thermostat looks like:



FASD T-Stat

Cute little devil isn't it? memorize this picture in your mind and look for them at swap meets!



Ha, I knew you'd be curious. The above is an exploded parts lay out of the FASD, the below is what most TR7 owners want to do with it!

TR3A/B Electrical Diagrams available

Sam Shortes let us know that he has electrical diagrams for TR3A and TR3B that were sent to him by mistake. Free to club members. If you would like to contact him please get in touch with Valerie Relue.

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

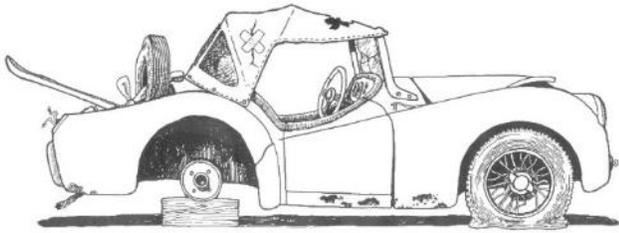


MVT Magnetic Signs – these can be easily cut so they are round. They are 12"x12", 11" in diameter if cut round. - \$12

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

Classifieds

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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, TR3 Luggage Rack in as new condition (No drill , Hinge pin mounted type), Triumph TR3A/3B Hoodstick (Soft Top Frame) cover in good or restorable condition -Black or Tan Contact Chris at tryanity@gmail.com.

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