



The Marque

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

September 2020



Life hack #7 When installing brake line use the box end for faster installation.

I will never admit to doing this!

Events this month:

- 2 – MVT Membership Meeting (on line)
- 12 - Dam(n) Dayton Drive (19th is back-up)
- 17 - TRA 2021 Committee Meeting
- 19 - Operation Yellow Jacket and Talk Like a Pirate Day!
- 26 - Farm Stand 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.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 Marquee is the 22nd of the month or when the editor screams...

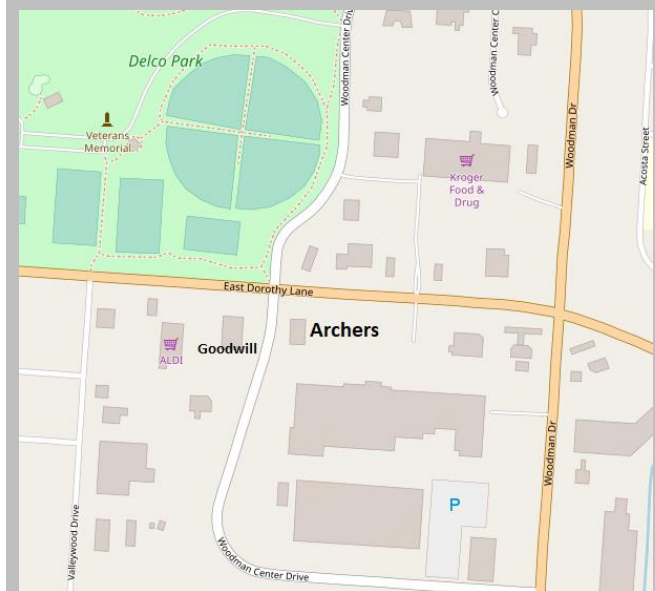
MVT is a Chapter of the Vintage Triumph Register (<http://vintagetriumphregister.org/>) and Center of the Triumph Register of America (<http://triumphregister.com/>). We actively participate in activities of these clubs and their endeavors to preserve the marque. In addition to the above national clubs you also might want to check out 6-Pack (TR6/TR-250) <http://www.6-pack.org/j15/> and the North American Spitfire Squadron for Triumph Spitfire and GT6 owners <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

The Dog Days of August and COVID-19

John Coutant

Well August was not a great month for the club and me personally. Despite the efforts of Bruce, our Events Chair, we never managed to get the Dayton British Car Day Wake drive going due to

crummy weather on Saturdays and some other obstacles. Boy we just can not get a break for club events. Normally the first Saturday of August is Dayton British Car Day. It is the major activity for our club (and our MG friends) and a lot of work made easier by everyone's willingness to chip in and help. I really didn't realize how much I missed it until it wasn't there. Fingers crossed until next year

On a personal note, I lost a friend, Terry Madama, from our poker group last week due to complications from COVID-19. Terry was the same age as I am and it hit pretty close to home. So, if I am a bit zealous about observing safety recommendations and the impact of COVID-19 please understand. I would hate for this pandemic to impact anyone in MVT or anyone else for that matter.

I hope everyone is at least getting out and enjoying their cars, even for a short drive. Last weekend I joined the local 6Pack guys for a spirited drive east of Cincinnati. While the drive was OK, I preferred the less spirited drives we have in MVT so I can enjoy the view and my knuckles are not white gripping the wheel all the time. We have some club activities coming up in September and hopefully the weather will cooperate.

We are still missing the social part of the club and we have been discussing some ways to safely get together on the weekend in an informal way. We will discuss and open up the floor for discussion at the meeting.

September's MVT Meeting

Videoconference with Google Meet

John Coutant

The general meeting of Miami Valley Triumphs for September will be by video conferencing using Google Meet. This will be our sixth 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 September meeting is <https://meet.google.com/uyp-yhcf-gym> and we will send this link a few more time 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



As of 1 August 2020, balance in the club account was \$3819.71. For the month of August the club's only income was \$30.00 for a new membership and one renewal membership for \$20.00. The club had 2 expenses for August: Renewal for the club's Post Office Box for \$118.00 and Web Hosting renewal for \$90.15. Total expense of \$208.15. As of 1 September 2020, the MVT account balance is \$3661.56. Be

safe out there and I hope very soon the roads will open for the club activities.

Respectfully submitted, Harry Mague.

Events Chair Report



Well August sucked. No Dayton BCD, no Indy BCD, two weekends in a row with rain killing the BCD wake, Arthritis Show cancelled, and the threat of a hurricane that never came wiped out a mass cruise in the Orphan Auto Show.

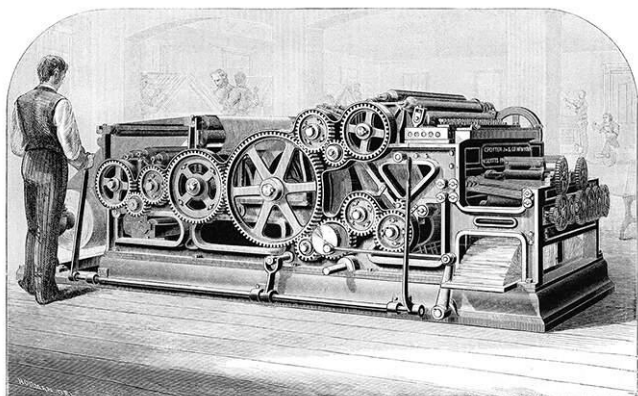
Well August sucked.

Let's try it again in September.

We actually have a lot of things going on this month. The Cliffords are hosting a dam(n) drive on the 12th, Operation Yellow Jacket is on the 19th (or the 5th, stay tuned), and we have the Farm Stand Tour on the 26th. In between we have a TRA 2021 meeting on the 17th. And the weather looks better, honest!

Events Tsar Bruce

Marque Editor's Report



Not as much content this month, but not as much time either! Probably making up for over-doing it last month!

Cheers - Bruce

Membership Chair Report

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We just welcomed Bruce and Cathleen Stephens as new MVT members! They are retired, reside in Clayton, and own a 1971 TR6. We hope they are able to join us for our virtual meeting in September, and we look forward to meeting them in person in the future.

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 20 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

Aug 2020

5 - MVT Monthly Meeting - was held via videoconference. Minutes:

July Minutes Changes/additions: None

Guests and/or new members: None

Officer Reports

President – John Coutant – We will still be having the meetings via video conferences for a while still. Everyone looks forward to the meetings from a social aspect but my guess we will not be able to have normal meetings till next year. With the warm weather though we need to take advantage and do drives where we can safe distance. The Agenda was published in the marque; does anyone have any changes or amendments to it. No changes then except I need to add in a Toast. So I would like to propose a toast to Bridget & Payne because while I've only known her a short time others have known her since she was a munchkin. So she is out on her own, and since I was not at the wedding. So a toast to Bridget & Payne for a successful and loving marriage.

I am working on finding places where we can safely meet with social distancing for future events. Discussion as to possibilities range from private restaurants with larger meeting rooms, to closing off a section of street at some restaurant or neighborhood sites. Input from others as to places are welcome.

Vice President – Chuck White - Laura Andrews is doing an excellent job on club embroidery. I want to give her a shout out as her work is really good. Excellent lettering as well as the cars.

Treasure – Harry Mague - Pretty calm, we have \$3819.71 in accounts. As Valerie will tell us we are almost done with membership drive. So with no money going out, it will keep things stable for now. With things being cancelled it has reduced expenses out and reduced in coming funds. So things will remain mostly un-changing for now.

Membership Chair – Valerie Relue – We have 45 members on roster with 2 who have not paid. They are Larry Combs and John Drake. Neither one have responded to requests about renewing. It was noted by Bruce that Larry has sold his Triumph so most likely would not be renewing. New roster will be posted shortly.

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

Events Chair – Bruce Clough: July was a pretty good month. Thanks to the tech team that helped pull Greg's engine. We even had a few donuts. We had the TRA2020/2021 planning meeting. Bridget & Payne did get married. So I missed the British Biscuits & tea. In other matters, all those who showed up for operation tribune, thank you very much. We tried to get him a drive before passing but were unable, instead they did a wake and the family was glad for the drive by.

August:

- Operation Yellow Jacket – Jackson Galloway - Looking for 4-6 people this weekend (Aug 8th). I will try to get Bills to individually wrap the donuts. Planned work will be: fuel tank finishing up. Some brake lines maybe the differential work.
- Indy BCD was cancelled.
- Was hoping to have a wake drive for our BCD but we got weathered out, have moved it to Aug 15th. We are going to Oaks Quarry Park, have not completed

planning after that but will let everyone know when finalized.

- TRA2021 meeting – on the 20th it will be virtual meeting. Trip to Lexington postponed due to COVID concerns.
- Arthritis Show is still on.

September:

- Operation Yellow Jacket on the 12th Sept
- Talk like a Pirate Day is on the 19th Sept. It is a Saturday so something special will happen. So if you call say ARR.
- Farm Stand Tour will be the following weekend (26th Sept.) Special Drive around Green County. We can even drive by some pork areas.

October:

- 10th Oct . - Spring Classic Driving Tour. As far as I can know it is still on. The Web site is still there.
- 17th Oct. - Fall Foliage Tour, We don't always know which Direction we are going, but will be some direction.

Another point I want to stress if you want to put on a tour please go for it. They can be short notice drives or planned ahead. They both can be fun with fewer cars or more. They can be regional drives or just a quick local drive. Point is to get out and have fun. Just let me know, so we can get the word out.

Committee Reports –

Tech report/parts/Marque: Paint from the can worked pretty well. See the Marque for details. TR7 alternator is gone from Carman. New radio is in, and working.

TRA2021 Registration forms are being readied; thoughts of removing 1 day option because complexity, Will handle at TRA2021 meeting.

Old Business

The Bylaws amendment from Stan to address the yearly MVT Awards. We have been discussing for several months with suggestions and revisions.

All published in the Marque. Final proposal will be published in the Marque for final Vote.

Stan Seto - Blue Bonnet Newsletter can be accessed from our web site. An item of interest is when you click on it the 1st page the picture of cars going up the hill. The car closest in pic is a red TR4a. That is Mike Kitao who revived my brother's car after an accident. In front of the TR4a is a green TR3 and that is Russ' car. It is 1st time new owner was driving it. It is said he really enjoys it. Glad the car did not have to be scrapped.

New Business & Adjourn

No new business, motion was made by Stan to adjourn 2nd by Bruce.

9 - Operation Yellow Jacket



*Work we did happy
Alas, that gas tank stud stripped
Now we are depressed*



20 – TRA 2021 Planning Meeting –Had a great on-line meeting. Time to get ready to start registration and hotel room bookings again! Please head to the TRA 2021 article in the Marque for more info - thanks for all those who attended!

29 - Orphan Auto Show – I made the call to cancel the MVT rendezvous to caravan over based on the models telling us the remnants of Hurricane Laura would be on top of us with a chance of rain over 80%

Day of the show there was a brief rain shower early in the morning then clearing. A pox on all forecasters and their infernal models!

Chuck White went and had a good time.



September 2020

So that brings us to September - time for a reboot on activities. We still are outside, we still can distance, we have our masks and hand sanitizer, we got this.

2 - MVT Monthly Meeting - on the web as per the info in the President's report. Agenda:

Opening Remarks – **John**

Toast - **John**

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

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

Officers Reports

- President – **John**
 - Current status of impact of COVID-19 on current and future MVT activities
- Vice-President – **Chuck**
- Treasurer - **Harry**
- Secretary
 - Approval of August'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

- Review of Ballot proposal to add MVT Yearly Awards to By-Laws – **Stan**

New Business

- Feedback on “informal” meeting on weekend outside. **Chuck/John**

12 - “That Dam(n) Tour - The drive will include the four major dams around Dayton. The route will start at Huffman Dam - meet at the parking lot off OH 4 by 10:30, we leave at 10:45. This is the Huffman Metropark Overlook.



Englewood Dam

From there we will proceed to Wot-a Dog in New Carlisle for lunch, then on to Taylorsville, Englewood and ending at Germantown dam. We could not get to a winery but have plans for a small farm stand, maybe a bulk food/ snack place and finally the Creamery in G-town for ice cream, pastries and coffee (not 100% sure on the outside seating there so that may change). Figure it to wrap up about 4:00. We can promise at least a few curvey, less traveled roads!



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



19 - Talk Like a Pirate Day: I think we should make this an MVT event... Keep calm and say "Arrrrrrrrrrr...."



26 – Farm Stand Tour: We will meet at the BellHOP Café in Bellbrook at 10am. The exact route of the tour, and the stops we will make, are TBD due to COVID, but at this point we expect most of the markets to be open. I have a sneaky feeling we will end up at Caesar's Creek vineyards to see how the grapes are coming along...

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 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.



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



10 – Spring (Now Fall) Classic Driving Tour VII, 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: Exact direction unknown, but it will be in some direction!

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?



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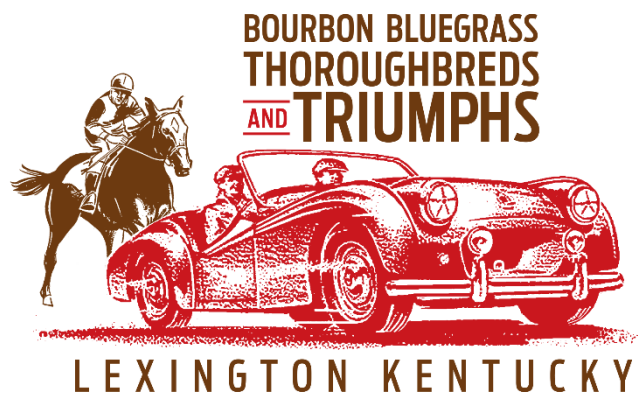
20 – MVT Christmas Dinner: People enjoy this every year, so we are going to do it again - We will shoot for a 5:30PM seating at The Paragon in Centerville.

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

17 Aug Committee Meeting minutes

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

Agenda Items and discussion

Action Items from Last Meeting

- Send Windy Corners run route to Stan – Complete
- John will fix up registration forms - complete
- Chris will continue to bug Red State - open.

- Harry will update records with names of those still coming - complete

Venue and catering updates

- Trying to reach Red State BBQ to get the revised contract out ... leave this open.
- No answer to calls and web queries this week. Will keep trying

Web and Publicity Update

- TRA Newsletter - article submitted for next newsletter
- Facebook Groups and website - updated as we need to

Registration

- 35 Registrations
- Form Review – Reached closure
- Back On-Line date – 1 Sep 20
- Bank Balance - \$6520

Awards status – have not gone to the base – paid for, probably there, in limbo, have to make an appointment,

Visit Dates for September - decided it will not happen due to COVID incidence rate in KY

Round Room

- John – situation is kinda murky – 9 months away – might want to think about a Plan C & D. (Stan – some time/minimum number – determine cut-off)
- Chris – Red State BBQ waiting for signed contract have a new contract waiting for signatures. Waiting for KY Horse Park also.
- Cris – waiting – 1st of Nov will start recontacting
- Stan – police escort - hold off until the event is known – he is not that worried

about it \$50/hr. 2 hour minimum for two, just an hour okay with the other

Action Item Review

- Chris will get with the horse park and BBQ
- Bruce will contact hotel about room block
- Generate possible alternate ways forward if there is an issue with hotel - courses of action by the next meeting – brainstorming at next meeting – what scenarios - minimum reasonable participation.

Next Meeting – tentatively set for September 17th - same bat time, same bat channel.

Technical Talk

Edited by Bruce Clough

One weekend in August, Duncan and I took the two wedges to Waynesville for a maintenance run and on the way back I began to feel the driveshaft rotation in the shifter when I put it into 1st or 2nd. Yep, the isolation mounts had to be toast.

A quick trip on to the hoist confirmed it:



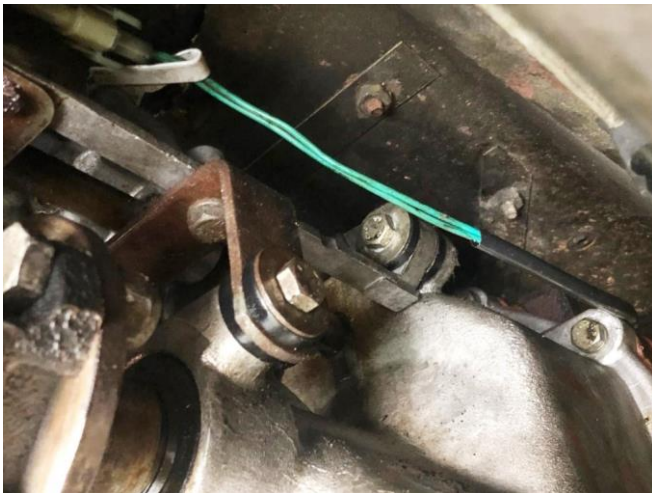
May the isolation mounts RIP

These had been replaced when we got the car in the late 1990s. Good thing was I didn't need to work much to replace them - they fell out on their own when touched!

Having a lift here is a good thing since you really need to replace these from the car bottom. I ordered new urethane isolators from Moss and they came in two days. It took about 30 minutes for me to replace - was not in any rush and I was looking at a few other things while it was up there.



New mounts on the driver's side



New mounts on the passenger's side

As I said this was one of the easier fixes I have done, but we have the lift to do it on. If you need access to the lift to do something like this let me know.

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



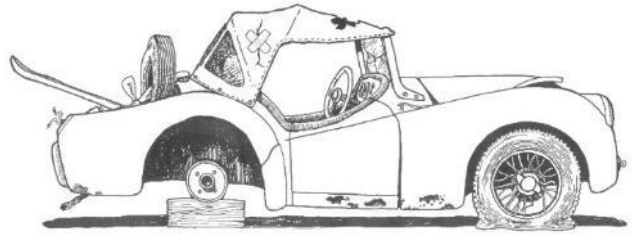
MVT Window Sticker - \$1.00



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

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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

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