



# The Marque

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

## The Marque – August 2024



You can never have too many Wedges...

### August Events:



- 2- BCD Set-Up (Complete)
- 3 – BCD (Complete)
- 7 – MVT Monthly Meeting
- 10 – Indy BDC
- 10 – Drive your Triumph Day Too
- 17 – Tech Session
- 24 – Orphan Auto Show
- 31 – Tech Session



*You see those vehicles taking an alternate route over there? We need to start construction over there too.*

### In This Marque



- BCD, a lot of BCD..
- Some other things too...

Contrary to popular belief,  
Duct Tape is **NOT** the solution  
to **EVERY** problem!



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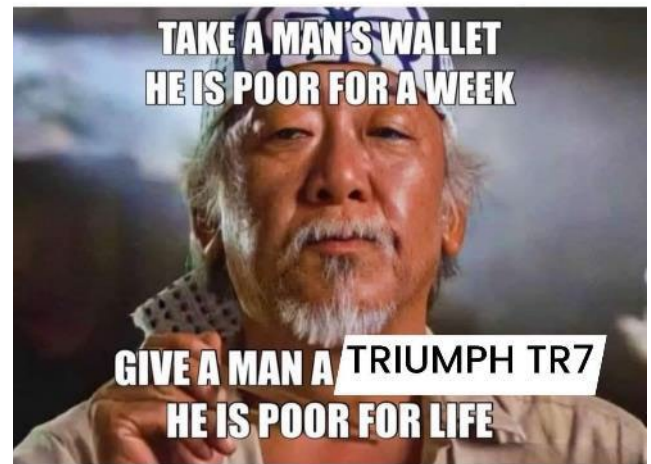
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## MVT Club Info

**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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**Cutoff date** for next month's Marque is the 25th of the month or when the editor screams...

6:30PM and the president usually ruins our fun by starting a meeting at 7:30PM.

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

## National Affiliations:



### Vintage Triumph Register

**MVT** is proudly a Chapter of the Vintage Triumph Register, the link to their comprehensive website is: <http://vintage triumph register.org/> .

The Vintage Triumph Register (VTR) is a North American Triumph car club of nearly 3000 Triumph owners and enthusiasts supporting and showcasing all models of Triumphs. Their award-winning VTR web site has been assembled through the co-operative efforts of many VTR members and make the VTR site a current and accurate resource for Triumph enthusiasts worldwide. VTR publishes a bi-monthly magazine, The Vintage Triumph, which is filled with valuable historical and technical articles and industry news. In addition to the magazine, membership in VTR also includes:

- Access to VTR's staff of volunteer vehicle consultants
- Various VTR Triumph car club regalia
- Low-cost collector car liability insurance to members at costs far below regular insurance rates
- An annual convention, hosted each year by one of VTR's many local chapters.

## MVT Monthly Diver Training



## MVT Monthly Meeting

MVT Monthly Meetings are held on the first Wednesday of each month at **Archers Tavern Kettering**, 2030 E Dorothy Ln, Kettering, OH 45420, (937) 291-1015.

We are in the meeting room off the bar at the front of the tavern. We have dinner and socializing at

If you are interested in becoming a member (you don't have to own a Triumph to join), please head to this website for complete information:

<https://vintagetriumphregister.org/whatisvtr/>

## Triumph Register of America



MVT is a Center of the Triumph Register of America, website: <http://triumphregister.com/>.

TRA was established to aid TR2, 3, 3A, 3B, 4, and 4A owners in the preservation, maintenance and enjoyment of their classic sports cars and is focused on growing local groups of TR2, 3, 3A, 3B, 4, and 4A owners. We believe that local used parts supply networks and local activities such as technical workshops or rallies provide the binding glue for our national organization. TRA is firmly a grassroots organization, which offers many advantages and services for individual members, groups, and local centers.

## Other Clubs

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

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

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

## Officer's Reports

## President's Report



## Words of Wisdom to live by (or maybe not)

*Jeff Barth*

We have past the mid-point of the year and peak driving season. Also the date in July on which Jodi reminds me it is six months to Christmas. July has presented several opportunities for driving for members and friends of MVT, all of which you will read about later on the Marque.

I also have had several opportunities to drive this month, but unfortunately not all of them have been in my Triumph. Driving to Minneapolis to see our son Noah and celebrate Jodi's birthday.



**Photo proving cherry balancing does run in the Barth family...**

Driving to Tennessee to see my sister, who has been going through some health issues. Driving a paint roller over our patio to make it look much better with a fresh coat of paint. Alas, I did get to drive the Triumph on a sunny day for ice cream, wine and the company of friends from MVT.



**Meeting up in Centerville for the first leg**



**It was one of those days – blue skies above the winery**



**Discussing the fine points of hot coffee on a 90F day...**

I also got to ride along with American Airlines for a business trip to El Paso, Texas, where I did see a canary yellow TR6 sitting in the parking lot of a restaurant and a Spitfire Mark II or III at a garage, needing some TLC.

Whether your month and activities were all over the place like mine, I hope that if the opportunities or experiences in your life may have seemed like lemons...



**Ice Cream shop in Morrow - yum**



...you were able to take them all in, make a great desert...



...and enjoy them all while eating it all up.



Here comes BCD, enjoy it and the rest of August to the fullest. See everyone on August 7 at Archers for our monthly meeting at 7:30pm!

## Secretary's Report/Last Month's MVT Meeting Minutes – 10 Jul 2024

*By Stan Seto*

MVT Meeting Minutes – 10 July, 2024, Archer's Tavern, 2030 E. Dorothy Lane, Kettering, Ohio

- Call to Meeting - 7:29:56
- Members Present – 25

**Opening comments** – Thanks for coming, Good to see so many of you here.

**Agenda: Changes or additions** – Call for Changes, Two additions to New Business, Chris White.

**Introduction of Guests and/or New Members** – President read a letter from most recent member, Craig Stephenson, who declared his need to join the club because he has owned TRs in the past, citing a Spitfire, TR250 (mostly bits and pieces) and a TR4A at an earlier date.

**President** – He then jumped into the agenda, by calling on the Vice President for comment.

**Vice President** – Did not attend this evening, His wife, Chris, asked everyone to read his remarks in the July Marque concerning our rubber Chicken awards.

**Treasurer** – As of July First, club has \$5482.94 in hand and will be adding to that with Split-the-pot dollars and memberships. July accounting will be published in the August Marque.

**Secretary** – June Minutes were posted in the July Marque, Any corrections? Asks for a motion to approve. Bruce Clough offers the motion, Harry Mague seconds. Voice vote approves motion. June Minutes are approved.

**Membership Secretary** – Remember, **Memberships for 2024-2025 were due May-June**, we are, now, a club of 59 members some

40 of whom have extended their membership into 2024-25. We had three additions in June, The Lorey's ('80 Spitfire), Scott and Missy Rutledge (red TR6), son of Roger and Carol, and Craig and Krystal Stephenson ('68 Spitfire & a TR250 (not running))).

Also, Mike Meade stated that he and Adrienne have now formed a "Membership Team", to better serve the club.

**Events Chair** – Briefly covered the completed June events, noting that there are detailed accounts of the VTR trip to St. Louis and the TRA trip to Mohican State Park in North east Ohio in the July issue of the Marque.

At VTR every member who attended won a trophy, while at TRA, Bruce Clough won the prestigious Joe Richards Founder's Award (Kudos to John Coutant who has provided the write-ups for Bruce for the past three years), and Roger Rutledge won the "Chicken " award for a bad fuel pump on one of the driving events.

**July** – July 6th was the Tech Session on Jeff John's TR3A, an electrical hunt for bad wiring that resulted in recovery of Jeff's stop lights and running lights, but failure to determine why the turn signals do not work.

13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup>, Mad Dogs and Englishmen at Gilmore Museum in Kalamazoo, MI.

20<sup>th</sup>, The Blessing of The Cars and Motorcycles, Methodist Church in Bell Brook (a Charity event),

27<sup>th</sup>, Ice cream and Wine, a driving event. .

### **Standing Committee Reports**

**Technical** – Bruce extolled Motorola CB radios and brought several for distribution to Club Members who wanted them.

**Marque** – No problems, just keep sending in items and pictures.

**Spare Parts** – Chris Yanity offered a set of rear shocks and coil springs to Spitfire owners to help stabilize these car's rear ends. The Lorey's accepted Chris's offer.

**Web Site** – Webmaster John admitted some clean-up of the current system was required. And will be done soon.

**Memorabilia** – Harry noted that he has sold all the Cloisonné MVT badges and he is hunting a vendor to buy some more.

### **Old Business -**

**BCD** – Stan reported that we have 125 cars pre-registered and are running about 40 cars ahead of last year. This year we are honoring MGC's and the AMGCRA Club is holding their annual meet at our BCD event. We currently have about 10 each cars in MGC Roadster and in MGC GT classes registered.

The Park Area we hold the meet in needs to be inspected to assure no unknown activity is going on in the field, and it was noted that BCD equipment stored At Greg and Valerie Relue's needs to be picked up.

**New Business** – Chris White reported on progress made by Don Bigler as relayed by Lois. Don is still working on movement and has some trouble with his balance. He is up and around five days a week, on a walker to work on these problems.

**Motion Action** - Chris White also made a motion for Karen Sipos, who lost her Sister-in-Law (Betty Lou Jones) a short while ago, for an honorarium \$50.00, to go to The Michael J. Fox Parkinson Research Center. The motion was: I make a motion for Karen (Sipos) for \$50.00 for the loss of her sister-in-law, to go to the charity of her choice. Stan Seto seconded the motion. There was a call for Discussion, none was proposed and the motion was approved by voice vote, Strong "yea's" and no "Nay's".

**50/50 Drawing - Amount - \$18.00, Winner :**  
Jody Barth

### **Adjournment:**

- Time – 8:13
- Motion – Ben White
- Second – Mark Senter

*Respectfully submitted, Stan Seto*

## Vice President's Report



### BCD a winner!

*By Chuck White*

On behalf of Jeff Barth, I'd like to thank all the volunteers who made today's BCD the success it was. While it started under gray skies, nary a drop fell and the sun shined a couple times. But boy was it hot and humid! I spent most of the day floating back and forth between our various MVT volunteers offering support and encouragement. Not one complaint was heard. Sure, we had a couple hiccups but nothing that was insurmountable and they were handled with skill and professionalism. I am proud of each and every one of you! And you should be, too!

During my discussions with several people throughout the day, a few suggestions were made to improve our processes next year. Some are things we can enact. Others are in the area of responsibility of the MG club. I'll be briefing Jeff on all of them in the near future and, if warranted, he will take our suggestions to the BCD Committee for resolution.

All in all, a great job by everyone involved. Thank you! ...and with that, I turn the reins back over to Jeff.

*Chuck*

## Treasurer's Report



As of 1 July 2024, the club account had a balance of \$5482.94. For the month of July, the club's income was 50/50 for \$18.00, \$47.00 for memorabilia, \$55.00 for new memberships and membership renewals for \$320.14. Total income was \$440.14. For the month of July, we had 1 expense for \$50.00 for a donation. As of 1 August 2024, the club's account will have a balance of \$5873.08....

Respectfully submitted, *Harry Mague*

## Membership Chair Report

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Any question? Let me know.

*Adrienne Meade*



## Editor's Corner



### Somewhere Southeast of Dayton

*Bruce Clough*

#### Proud of you guys

Another BCD is in the books, and although the weather was somewhat iffy, with rain showers around in the morning and storms just east of us in the afternoon, the show itself stayed dry and comfortable.

I think we had about 250 registration total – not bad for an “iffy” day, welcoming the MGCs who were in town for a national convention.

The show ran well. We'll have some suggestions for maybe making things a bit easier for ballot counters, but besides that nothing much of note.

***Slushy Machine – we need a slushy machine, there is that.***

Anyway, take a bow folks – thanks to all the MVT volunteers that make this the show to be at in the summer.

#### What are you waiting for?

Had several folks we know pass-on in July. As the saying goes, “you can't take it with you”. I know folks are hesitant to sometimes drive their Triumph for this or that reason, but it's not any good to you in the garage, and what a waste it would be just to sit there.

You folks see John Coutant? Award winning TR3A that pretty pennies were spent on and a lot of sweat equity dumped on, and he drives it everywhere. You folks see John and Patti

Clifford? Stunning TR7 restoration and a beautiful original TR8 in a rare color, and they drive them everywhere. See Jackson Galloway? Talk about faith and a wing, and a prayer, but he was there with Yellow Jacket! See Jeff John? Still sorting out some issues with the TR3A, but he was there! There is no reason you can't join them.

You are not getting any younger, and as I like to say, you can earn more money, but you can't earn anymore time. So, there will be plenty of times this fall to join us for a tour/run/drive – even Wineflashmobs – so, just do it.

Your car will love you for it and the smile will come back to your face.

### The Marque

Just like last month - heading forward, I could use some non-Bruce tech articles as well as some non-Bruce write-ups on events – hint, hint, nudge, nudge...

### Events Chair Report

July was a great month. We got Jeff John's care going enough to take to BCD, visited Kalamazoo, mixed wine and ice cream, and generated \$\$\$ for charity. Pat yourselves on the back!

We're going to top that this month – literally something going on every weekend.

- 2/3 – BCD – and it's now complete!
- 10 – you have a chance to head to Indy for their BCD
- 17 – Tech session at Whites to prep them for log fall drives
- 24 – Bob Pool Orphan Auto Show (and drive to Brandeberry Winery)
- 31 – Tech session at Chateau Owen&Clough to delve into electrical stuff

Not to even mention the Bellefontaine Hill Climb on the 24<sup>th</sup> also. I don't want to hear anyone whining we don't do anything!

Okay – on to the events.

# MVT Events

## Past

July 2024

### 6 – Tech Session Anyone?

*Bruce Clough*

There were donuts.

And a car that needed some electrical help. How did we do?

- Fixed brake lights – Done
- Fixed power to gas gauge – Done
- Fixed dim lights - Done
- Fixed turn signals – Failed
- Fixed wiper motor – Failed
- Fixed horn – Failed

So, we were batting 500, which is fantastic in the major leagues, but not so much in tech sessions.

Jeff John drove his TR3A over and we put it in the garage and started work on it. First thing I did was to pull the battery and put it on a smart charger – will get back to that later.



**The patient**

We traced the lack of brake lights to bad wiring in the circuit which was fixed with some solder and shrink-wrap. The dim lights were fixed with some new wiring and better grounding. And that gas gauge, well, we got power to it, but it still was reading empty. Sender issue probably. Something for later.



**Jeff working the “turn it on, turn it off” part of trouble shooting**

The turn signals had us baffled, and we worked on them for quite a while, quite a while, but still they were not functional. More work is needed.



**“Well, lookie there - they got the brake and tail lights working!”**

We fixed some wiring issues with the horn circuit, but were not close to getting the one horn on the car working. Checking the battery, we found out that at some time in the future it should be replaced, but it still was good enough to use.



**Chris kneeling in prayer that the Prince of Darkness can be exorcised from this car!**

So, we will be revisiting this car in the near future to get more of the circuits working.

Thanks again to all who came out.

## **13/14 - Mad Dogs & Englishmen (Trip to Gilmore Museum Show)**

*John Clifford*

Patti and I left Saturday morning at 7:50 to meet up with Roger in his blue TR3 accompanied by his son, Roger (Scott), by Celina at 9:00. By that time, it was starting to get warm and that quickly escalated to HOT and HUMID for the rest of the day. The trip up was on the back roads of Ohio, Indiana and Michigan except for about 30 miles around Ft. Wayne and up to Angola.



**The Rogers in the rear!**

We stopped in Colon, MI for lunch at a nice local diner and discovered that this town claims to be the "Magic Capital of the world" since the great Harry Blackstone used to summer there. We did notice that most of the businesses had a "magic" theme about them, including a dozen or so rabbit statues (think rabbit out of the hat) along the sidewalks in town.

After a very good lunch and a short walk around town, we still had 45 minutes to drive and arrived at The Gilmore at 1:30. The German car show featuring well over 300 Mercedes, Porches, BMW, Audi and VW was still on the field but the heat was causing them to start to disperse. These cars were mainly post 1990 models but there were some nice cars from the 60's and 70's. It has been a long time since I saw an early BMW 2002 with several hundred thousand miles on it.

We got some ice cream and then retreated to one of the seven museum buildings to ogle automotive art on wheels. It was hard to absorb so much polished chrome and nuances in designs. The back stories on where the cars were found and/or restored were equally fascinating. We were greeted at the main building with a room full of 70's and 80's "woodies" leading off with the Ford LTD station wagon from National Lampoon's Vacation movie of 1984, displayed as it was after it's encounters with various the fences etc. in the film. Several hours later we drove back to Kalamazoo to the hotel and had a good Italian dinner.



**Not a TR, but a famous car nonetheless...**



**After dinner – boy, they all look so happy – how many beers did they have?**

Overnight the predicted rain came through about 3 am and we woke up to our cars nicely “rinsed off”. After wiping them down, we arrived back at the Gilmore about 9:30 where there were about 80 cars on the field so far.

We were able to claim TR parking spots under a very large Sycamore TRee. The shade was very much appreciated later! Cars continued to arrive all the way up to the noon cut-off and peaked somewhere a bit over 300. The Jaguar E type was the marquee and they had 20 of them on the field! Fabulous cars! The other British cars ranged from Aston Martins, Auston-Healeys, a DeLorean, Jaguars, a Jenson Interceptor, Lotus, Triumphs and of course lots of MG’s.

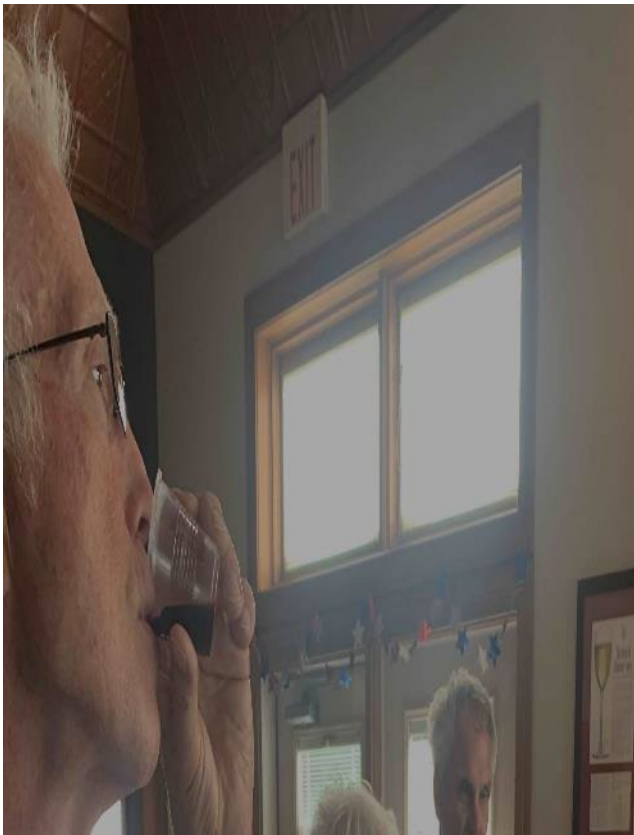


**Hey, that car looks familiar....**



**Spits at the show**

We left the show at 4:00 and decided to totally avoid the interstate which cost us about 20 minutes but definitely worth it. Since there is no direct route from there to here, Google Maps had us make at least 50 turns on nearly as many roads. Rarely on a road for more than 15 miles. The plan was to make a quick stop at the Satek Winery near Angola where we arrived 25 minutes before they closed at 6. The free tasting of four wines by the four of us resulted in 5 or 6 bottles coming home with us. Yes, they were that good.



**John pounding them down -chug, chug, chug!**

Finally, we got back to US 127 near Celina and waved goodbye to both Rogers. We arrived home at 9:00 after about 600 miles overall. Good trip and good friends!

## 20 – Blessing of the Cars and Bikes

*Bruce Clough*



# COME JOIN US!



REGISTRATION AND FOOD  
10:00 - 11:00 AM  
KICKSTANDS UP AT 11:15 AM

\$20 SINGLE RIDER  
\$25 DOUBLE RIDERS

## JULY 20, 2024

### PLAY4PAYNE FOUNDATION MOTORCYCLE CHARITY RIDE

SUPPORTING  
TRAUMATIC BRAIN INJURY SURVIVORS  
AND THEIR FAMILIES

STARTS AND ENDS IN HISTORICAL DOWNTOWN BELLBROOK  
AT BELLBROOK UNITED METHODIST CHURCH PARKING LOT  
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Good job MVT – we raised about \$500 for the Play4payne Foundation! Three TR3’s, two TR6’s, and two TR7’s showed up for the drive along with a lot of MVT’ers donating who couldn’t come.

Play4Payne foundation supports victims, and families of victims of Traumatic Brain Injury. Payne (our son-in-law) recovered from a severe TBI when he was in high school and his parents started the foundation. They are also avid Harley riders, so you get the connection.



MVT’ers lines up – this was taken before the Meadmobile and the Stoutmobile showed up – don’t worry about the ‘Stang in the mix, he’s harmless...

We drove Inca, Old Paint, and The Grey Ghost courtesy of Duncan. First time these three had been out on the road together in several years. The sun was out, temperature tolerable, and not a cloud in the sky.

Before the drive we had food, hobnobbed with the bikers, had food, hobnobbed with the bikers, and looked at more food. After a prayer and the National Anthem, the bikers were off – we let them get out of the parking lot and then headed a different direction – south to Waynesville under the sunny sky. It was about a 60-bike caravan, not something you want to be behind, nor cross the paths of <lol>. They were headed around the block to do a drive-by, so we slipped south on Waynesville Road (minus Duncan who had other social engagements).

And boy, it was a perfect day for a ride or a drive. However, just a few miles in the Grey Ghost started to sputter and backfire with no power. I managed to limp it into the Waynesville Library to see what was the issue. By the time I pulled into the parking lot it was running smooth, and I couldn't find anything wrong with it. "Bad Gas" we surmised, and after awarding myself a chicken using the chicken I carry along for such cases, we sped on.

*(BTW – Payne was with me, the first time he's ridden in the TR3B, so he got the full "Monty" of an LBC experience complete with a mystery breakdown. Sweet...)*



**Pretties all in a row**

First stop was the Secret Garden, because, well, because we could. We wandered around, bought a few things, and headed to lunch

Lunch was at the Stone Tavern in Waynesville. I picked that since it was close and I knew the bike caravan would be passing by on US42. We got a nice table on the deck overlooking the road.

Data point – the Stone Tavern in Waynesville for lunch and it was not packed – it was comfortably busy with plenty of parking. Another data point – ask Chuck about the peanut butter pie.

While we were finishing up a good lunch the bike caravan went flying by on US42 – we waved “hi” but didn't see any waves back. After lunch we split up. Whites headed home, I headed home, and Alice and Payne headed up to Slims in Spring Valley where the bikers were having lunch, then followed them to the Bellbrook Brewing Company.

Thanks again for all the support! Organizers promised to do it again next year – do not know any date yet.

## **27 – Ice Cream and Wine, Oh My...**

*Bruce Clough*

This got suggested at the January MVT planning event, so we put one together and executed it.

The day was warm, but not overly hot. We whimped out and took the Z4, but we did leave the top down and did not use the AC, so at least we roughed-it that way. Duncan came along driving Inca, so we had one TR on the run.

We met at ContempoRoast Coffee Shop in Centerville – they have won some awards along with best coffee shop in Ohio, so hey, give them a try.

The iced coffee was good, but I've had others as good. Might have to try their hot products one of these days. The food looked good, but we were headed for ice cream, so I was a good boy.

Alice and I were joined by the Clifford's, Barth's, John Coutant, and the Meade's. We headed out towards Morrow on roads less travelled and

managed to get parking places in front of the ice cream place. True to their ads, they had lots of ice cream and other edibles.

Once we devoured the ice cream, we headed towards Caesars Creek Winery by roads less traveled up and down the Little Miami River Valley until we crossed the Caesars Creek and pulled into the winery. The Little Miami Valley has some great roads and elevation changes, so if you've not made a run with us, you should!



**The LBC view from CCW outside area**

The winery wasn't very busy (yet) and we scored a nice outside table, in the breeze, but not in the sun. Speaking of sun, did I mention no clouds in the sky? Everyone brought out, or bought vittles and we ate like Kings!



**Prepping to eat like kings...**

The food was great, the roads were great, the company was great. Okay, we had one unexpected detour, but we made out okay. Thanks for the great day MVT!

**August 2024**



## 2 - Dayton BCD Set Up

*Bruce Clough*



**The rain in Spain falls mainly in Ohio**

We always show up to Eastwood Metropark at 6PM the day before BCD to set up registration bags and parking. I've never seen it do a tropical deluge while we were trying to do it, but there is always a first time. Boy was it coming down – we just stayed park in the Chevy until it let up in about 15 minutes. By the time those of us waiting in the cars got into the shelter, Harry (who was there before the rain) had all the registration materials set up for packing. We then set about packing 300 bags with goodies and sorting them such that they can be easily found and handed out on the morrow.



**Table all empty – all bags were packed!**

Thanks to all who came to help pack bags – there were a lot of you! Also thanks to the Meades who took me out for a birthday drink afterwards – much appreciated!



### 3 – Dayton BCD

*Bruce Clough*

**250**

About 250, 250 registrations that is. 250-ish LBCs showing up to enjoy a nice day, or at least paying for registration! Yes, there was a threat of rain, but it stayed away from the Dayton area that day. Thanks to all the MVT folks who worked the show, brought their cars, or both. From the looks of it we had a good MVT showing, and we certainly had our share of prizes.

As usual, I will tell the story in pictures, and more could show up over the next few months, so it continues...



**Not many cars at 7:30am – but we did have a lot of MVT members helping to set up registration. We have the lanes under construction and will work on the tent in a bit.**



**We did have a rare sighting of a Stan in the wild – we did manage to capture a few pics before he wandered off to set some signs...**



**By 11am the show field was starting to really look like a show field!**





**Our crack MVT T-Shirt team along with Valerie and a very nice tribute to Greg.**



**The counting crew hard at work on the ballots – thanks to all who volunteered!**



**The Wedgemites under the trees – yes, the yellow FHC fourth from left is Yellow Jacket – it made it there under its own power, honest!**



**The stable of sidescreen TRs at BCD – down quite a bit this year, and all of them were MVT cars!**

Congratulations to all the MVT winners! The MVT Winners this year were:

**TR 2 & 3**

First - John Coutant 1959 TR3A

Award of Excellence (AE) - Scout Stout TR3A

**TR 4 -250**

AE - Wendell Terrill TR250

**TR 7 & 8**

First - John Clifford, 1976 TR7

AE - Patti Clifford 1981 TR8

***Spitfire rubber bumper***

Michael/Rebecca Lowrey

Again, thanks to all who came out and made it such a great day!

**Future**

**7 – MVT Monthly Meeting**

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## 10 – Indy BCD

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It is tradition for the Clifford's to lead the pack to Indy – as of publication time we do not have the exact info, but that will be available at the Meeting on the 7<sup>th</sup>. If you need more info on location and agenda please head to:

<http://www.ibcu.org/indy-british-motor-day.html>

## 10 – Drive Your Triumph Day Too

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Remember to drive your car, take a picture, and send it to me so I can squirrel it away for February 10<sup>th</sup> next year!

## 17 – Tech Session

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Again, details are being worked out, but you can expect a 9AM or 9:30am start and there will be donuts and coffee. We are going to work out any kinks they might have prior to their drive to Stowe, VT, later in the year.

## 24 – Orphan Auto Show

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As traditional, Young's Dairy hosts the show every year. This year British Orphans are the featured class – so let's show off our orphans! From the website announcement at:

<https://youngsdairy.com/bob-pool-orphan-car-show/>

*The Tri-State Chapter Studebaker Drivers Club and the Wright Brothers Region Packard Auto Classics will co-host the Annual Bob Pool "Orphan" vehicle show at Young's Jersey Dairy, Yellow Springs, Ohio.*

*The show will feature cars, trucks, buses, motorcycles and specialty vehicles from Independent Manufacturers that are no longer in business and "Big Three Orphans" such as Edsel, DeSoto, Corvair, Oldsmobile, Pontiac, Plymouth, etc. Every American and Foreign make from Auburn to Yugo are welcome to attend and be displayed.*

*This year we are having a "Feature Car" class and have selected British "Orphan" Vehicles for*

*our Feature Class. So bring your "Orphan" British car and join us on August 24th.*

*For information, contact:*

- Gary Grebner – 937-361-2287 or [ggrebner@sbcglobal.net](mailto:ggrebner@sbcglobal.net)
- Gerry Hasen – 937-426-5969 or [g.hasen@sbcglobal.net](mailto:g.hasen@sbcglobal.net)

*Registration: 10am-Noon*

*Donation per vehicle: \$5.00*

*Download the Flyer Here*

<https://youngsdairy.com/download/20985/?tmstv=1717506187>

In the past we have caravanned into the meet, and why would we break that TRadition? This year we will meet at the Panera Bread by Fairfield Commons Mall, 2751 Fairfield Cmns, Beavercreek, OH 45431. We will leave about 9:30am and take back roads to the show. Okay, we will be on US 68 for a while, but compared to I-75 through Dayton that is a back road. Since British Orphans are the featured car, we will probably stay a bit longer than we usually do before running away to Brandeberry Winery. Bring chairs and maybe we should think about a tent and club flag?

## 24 – Bellefontaine Hill Climb Revival

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If you are into a bit more adventure than Orphan Cars you can head up to Bellefontaine for the hill climb. Web info is sparse, I do know they are having a good BBQ food truck, but not much more info could I find. You can search their Facebook page for info:

<https://www.facebook.com/Bellefontainehillclimb/about>

## 31 - Tech Session on Electrical System/Wiring Harness repair

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Talking to a few folks at the tech session where we were working on Jeff John's TR3A electrics

there seemed to be a general interest on learning how to diagnose and work on electrical systems. So, we're going to host a tech session to talk things all electrical.

We will start at 9:30AM @ Chateau Clough – going to go over:

- Soldering wires
- Use of shrink wrap
- Use of liquid tape
- Use of test meters
- Use of tools
- When to use crimp connectors versus soldered ones

...and other topics. This will be a hands-on class, so hope you can join us.

## September 2024

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

This promises to be a great show. There are a few MVT'ers headed there, so if you are interested talk to Bruce or John Clifford. Not often a big all-Triumph national convention is right next door:

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

**14 – Pool-less Pool Party**

**15 – Cincinnati British Car Day** – Information at: <https://www.bccgc.org/british-car-day>

**28 – Farm (stand) Tour** – get your pumpkins and mums!

## October 2024

**2 – MVT Monthly Meeting** - The meeting will be held at Archers Tavern Kettering, 2030 E Dorothy Ln, Kettering, OH 45420, (937) 291-1015.

**12 – John and Frank's Excellent Tour**

**26 - Fall Foliage Tour & Halloween party** – Somewhere southeast of Dayton, for now...

## November 2024

**2 - Guy Fawkes Celebration** – 2 November

**6 – MVT Monthly Meeting** - The meeting will be held at Archers Tavern Kettering, 2030 E Dorothy Ln, Kettering, OH 45420, (937) 291-1015.

**16 – Tech Session**

## December 2024

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

**7 – Holiday Soiree**

**21 – Ugly Sweater Gathering** – They will be ugly.

## Technical Tip of the Month



## Technical Talk

*Edited by Bruce Clough*

We have just a couple of short articles this month. One is on rattle-can touch-up paint, the other on carb floats. We can always use your articles!

### **I just wanted a stripe, honest!**

*Bruce Clough*

I've been wanting to stripe The Grey Ghost for a few years, maybe a decade, but just have not got around to it. Well, this is the year (I am not getting any younger), so I looked up a color I likes and sent off for some custom mix rattle can paint. As a prelude, I used some metallic wheel paint I had lying around to put a temporary stripe on the car – I liked the looks, but it needed to be wider.

If this was a perfect world, I'd have a paint booth and a HVLP system, but I don't. Having used modern base-coat, clear-coat rattle-can touch up paints on repairs to several cars I thought I could use them for the stripe. Ordered some cans from an on-line company using a late-model Hyundai color.

Can arrived in about a week. Immediately set about taping off, sanding, and painting the car. I was happy with what I saw, until I noticed the rear stripe was a different color than the front one...



**Rear stripe on TGG**



**Front stripe on TGG**

The front stripe is noticeably darker than the rear. Hmm, that means the base coats were different between cans with identical paint codes. Nice.

Contacted the company and they confirmed the colors were not a match and they screwed up. Nice. They did send me another can of base-coat in the right color to repaint the back stripe, which I have done. But now I am fighting adhesion issues with the front stripe.

Work in motion, sigh...

### **Well, at least I avoided a chicken...**

*John Coutant*

FYI - filled up with gas for BCD the next day. Started running rough on the way home. Popped the hood and gas dripping out of front carb. Been here before, put in new float and runs great. Yes, float filled with gas, maybe quarter filled.

(Ed note – this is the second time in as many years that we have seen failures of these floats. Theoretically they are soldered brass halves, so they should be good for a long, long time. Good thing yo can still find them new!)

## MVT Memorabilia

The Club has the following fantastic, wonderful memorabilia for sale. Show your colors in public,

on your car, or on you! If you see something you like, talk to Harry Mague! Look at all we have:



**MVT Enamel Car Badge - \$30.00 – only a couple left – buy now!!!!**



**MVT Cloth Patch - \$12.00**



**MVT Pin - \$5.00**



**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**



**They look very spiffy on a TR7...**

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

## Classifieds

*Classified ads are free to MVT members and run month to month. We do not endorse anything in here, nor do we get any compensation in fees or royalties. As with the rest of life "buyer beware".*



**For Sale** -Triumph TR6 Hardtop -Aftermarket snugtop from Long Beach California-Black , factory mint condition inside and out (headliner, glass, weatherstripping, etc.)Ready to bolt on and go. Mounting bolts included. NICE HARDTOP (I do not own a TR6) - \$150 Inquire at [tryanity@gmail.com](mailto:tryanity@gmail.com).

**For Sale:** Triumph TR3 original steel hardtop for sale \$300. Inquire [tryanity@gmail.com](mailto:tryanity@gmail.com)

**For Sale:** Complete engine tranny, diff for TR6. Call Giuseppe 818-269-3240 or go to BTM.