



The Marque

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

July 2020



Now you know

Events this month:

- 1 – MVT Membership Meeting (on line)
- 16 – TRA 2021 Meeting
- 18 – British Biscuits and Tea

MVT Thank You

We received the following from Lori Seto thanking us for the donation in the name of her father Russ. Russ was a member of this club and Stan's brother.

Dear James & The Miami Valley Triumph Club,

My name is Lori Seto; I am Russ Seto's oldest daughter. I wanted to personally thank you all very much from the Seto family for being one of the initial contributors to help establish and fund this scholarship in my dad's memory. The first recipient, Cristobal Aguilar—a self-described "devoted automotive enthusiast"—received his award this past winter and just achieved the first of two certificates required to graduate with an Automotive Service Technician Associate of Applied Science degree. In his three-page thank you letter to donors, he wrote:

"It is people like yourself that make the world a better place by contributing to the education of students in need such as myself. My future plans are to finish my Lone Star program, get promoted at my current job from a quick service technician to an all-system technician, and work at a better dealership or even open my very own shop, a dream I've had all of my life."

I think that my dad and Cristobal would have had a lot to talk about!

Thank you for helping future Russ Setos hone their skills and earn a living from their love of cars. My dad's spirit and generosity lives on through this scholarship, thanks to the contributions of his many friends. Thank you!

Warmly,

Lori

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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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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 Marque is the 22nd of the month or when the editor screams...

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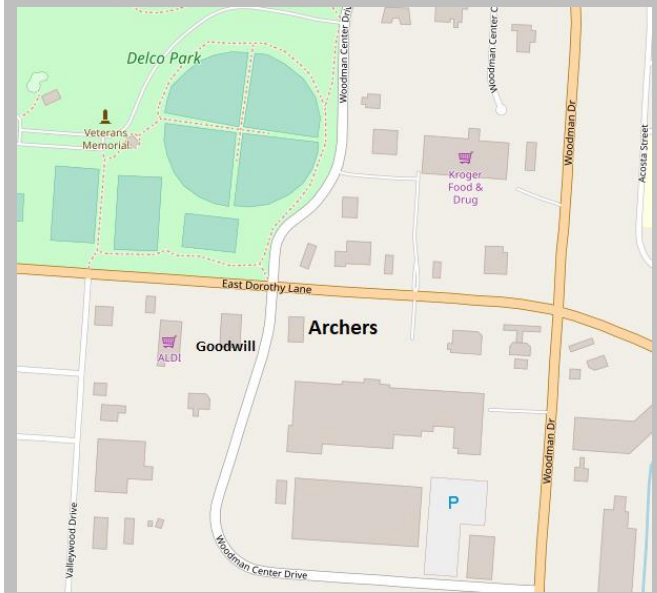
MVT Monthly Meeting

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

Living with COVID-19 Fatigue

John Coutant

Summer has finally arrived to SW Ohio. June has produced some beautiful top down driving weather on several occasions and also a return to hot, humid days with popup thunderstorms in the afternoon. All this has led to a number of driving events we had that you can read about here in the Marque.

The warm weather has allowed all of us to get outside and enjoy things from sitting on the porch to taking advantage of the loosening of some of the restrictions related to COVID-19 such as eating outside at restaurants.

I think everyone is suffering from "Coronavirus Fatigue" and just itching to do things after 3 months. However, the coronavirus is still out there in the general population. Personally, I am very conservative so I continue to shop with curbside pickup and get takeout from restaurants

when at all possible. When I am out in public I wear a mask but those times I have had to get to a store or other activity I find few people are wearing them or observing social distancing. This is leading to an increase in the number of COVID-19 cases and here in Hamilton County the rise in numbers is very concerning.

For us as a club this means we need to continue to be careful about our activities. Tours where we all are separated and we observe social distancing at the start and end outside are low risk. Having small group events (like a technical meeting) are a higher risk but with masks and social distancing as much as possible should be OK, especially if held outside. On the other hand, indoor activities like having a meeting in a restaurant have such a higher risk that I do not see that possibility for the club for some time, maybe not until a vaccine is widely available. A pessimistic viewpoint perhaps but nothing I have seen in the data or people's behavior has done much to change it.

On a sunnier train of thought, we have a lot of great weather ahead to enjoy our cars and each other so let's be inventive and find ways to maximize our fun.

As we go through membership renewal, one thing I have noticed is a resurgence in TR7/8s being worked on in the club. It is great to see and it led me to wondering what influences the ebb and flow of different TR models. In the club, there are a lot of TR3s and TR6s but no TR4s. We are starting to have a number of TR7/8s but only a few Spitfires. I have seen the same in BCD where we went from only a few TR2-3s to a lot and from a lot of Spitfires of various models to smaller numbers. Why could be good for reflection over a beer or a glass of bourbon or two...

July's MVT Meeting - Videoconference with Google Meet

John Coutant

The general meeting of Miami Valley Triumphs for July will be by video conferencing again using Google Meet. This will be our fourth general

meeting using Meet so I think most people are getting comfortable using this technology. During the July meeting we will need to vote on a proposal and you will need to use the chat (text) in Meet to submit your vote. To open the chat (text) box you need to click on the icon in the upper left of the screen that looks like a box with 3 lines in it. If you need a refresher, click on the reference guide link below.

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>

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 July meeting is <https://meet.google.com/doq-eykw-fqv> and we will send this link a few more time before the meeting.

(The instructions on how to do the video meeting are at the end of this Marque – Ed)

Vice President's Report

With assistance from Bruce and Harry, I've got my '6 back on the road again. During the Bethany Village parade, it got close to overheating but never got into the red. On the way home, it started sputtering and wanted to die, sucking down about ¼ tank of gas in about 25 miles. Pulling into the garage, you could definitely smell gasoline and there was a puddle on the frame under the carbs.

Bruce suggested the floats or float valves may be stuck. I pulled the #1 and #6 sparkplugs for inspection and found the #1 to be the expected grayish brown while the #6 was dark black and sooty. That lead me to pulling the rear carb and inspecting the float and float valve. All seemed to

me to be normal but I wanted a second opinion so I took it to Harry. He found nothing wrong either but suggested we change the float valve with a spare he had. He also adjusted the float clearance. I took it home, reassembled, and fired it up. Whatever it was has cleared up. In fact, it is now idling around 750 – 850 RPM rather than its previous 1,100 RPM!

Folks, unless you've been living under a rock, you've seen on the news that COVID is spiking in Ohio again along with most of the other states. Please continue to wear a mask when appropriate, keep social distances when possible, and wash your hands or use hand sanitizer often. If we continue to ignore the warnings, Ohio will be forced to shut down again and I, for one, don't want that.

Respectfully submitted – Chuck White

Treasurer's Report



As of 1 June 2020, balance in the club account was \$3414.44. For the month of June the club's income included \$365.18 from membership renewals. Total income for June is \$385.27. The club had no expenses for June. As of 1 July, 2020, the MVT account balance is \$3779.62. Be safe out there and I hope very soon the roads will open for the club activities.

Respectfully submitted, Harry Mague.

Events Chair Report



Even fighting through COVID we managed to have a lot of great events in June. Not the events we wanted, not the events we planned, but we still managed to do some tours as well as make a few retirees smile!

July will be pretty much the same thing. I am finishing up the plans for a tour, there could be some impromptu runs and meetings, and I am expecting a tech session or two. These will not be the full-blown affairs of the past, we will have to distance and limit attendance, but we will have events and we will drive our cars.

The first tech session will be helping Greg Schnittger with his GT6 – that will be on the 11th. There is a chance that Operation Yellowjacket will be back on in Aug depending on how Ohio's COVID caseload goes.

Speaking of that – I am also planning for a day of driving, maybe even having a small show, on the 1st of August. We might not have BCD, but we don't have to sit at home!

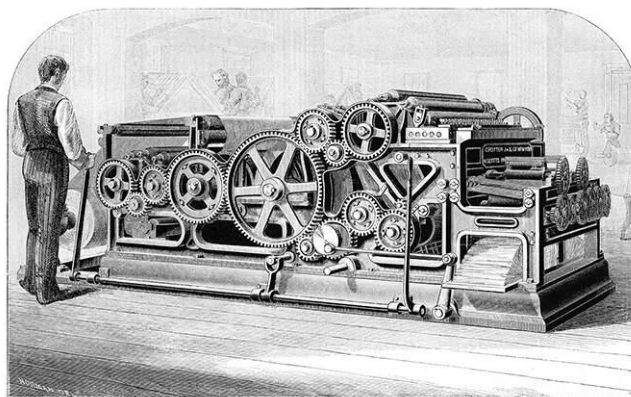
There is a British Tea and Biscuits meeting on the 18th – sorry, I missed the one on the 13th last month – I have added it to the calendar this month.

We actually have a couple of shows still open in August – the Indy BCD on the 8th and the Arthritis Show in Columbus on the 22nd. More details in the events calendar.

I would like to continue to encourage folks to think about regional drives (Dayton North, Dayton South, etc.) as long as rest facilities are iffy. Organize your own drive for those in the area – get out and have some fun!

Events Tsar Bruce

Marque Editor's Report



Humans are social animals, but due to COVID we have to intentionally be unsocial (unless you are myself, then you tend to be that anyway). The Marque is a link that keeps the social fabric of the club going while we avoid each other like the plague (old saying now very appropriate). Thanks to all those sending in their articles and helping events.

Speaking of sending things in – some have asked about formatting – keep the formatting simple – when I bring it into The Marque I usually have to strip most of that to bring it into this format. I just need to know where emphasis might be put, where headings and subheadings are, and where pictures go.

Speaking of pictures, I try and keep the individual ones less than 200K in size. We are publishing to the web so high resolution is not needed, and is a detriment to publishing big newsletters with lots of graphics. You can send me a 10M photo, and I will love it and say thank you, but it will get compressed to fit in here.

As I said last month, and the month before - we might all be in quarantine, but I'm happy to be here – honest! Keep the articles, especially self-reporting on tech stuff, coming in!

Membership Chair Report

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As of June 22nd, we have 45 members on our roster, having lost former members Jim and Karen Sipos (jimsipos@me.com) who recently decided not to renew. Their Triumph is being driven by their son, and they report they purchased a brand new BMW X3 to drive on the back roads and elsewhere! We wish them well and they wish "happy trails to all" MVT club members.

Otherwise, hearty thanks are extended to all those who've already paid their \$20 renewal dues. If you haven't, it's not too late! You can remit your funds through our MVT website or send a check (payable to MVT) to our treasurer Harry Mague at 4044 Meridell Drive, Beavercreek, OH 45430.

Valerie

CLUB AWARDS - The following is a proposal to ballot entry of the Miami Valley Club Awards in to the Miami Valley By-Laws.

As you know, the way the system works is to present the item at a regularly scheduled meeting, to sort through the language of the particular item prior to formal presentation of the item to the club. The item then is published in the Marque for two consecutive months. If there are no comments or

criticisms, the item is voted on in the third month. If there is a critical comment, the process is held-up until the comment is satisfactorily addressed.

In view of the current situation where there are no gatherings of more than ten people allowed, the item is being placed in the Marque for all the members to see and comment on. All comments will be handled electronically, and as best fits the request.

All 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, a short 25 – 50 word statement explaining why he think the nominated individual deserves the award. Statement can be written or sent electronically. 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 - The MVT member of the Year Award goes to the member that personified the character of the club in the past year.

8.6.2.2 - Press on Regardless – A driving award that is given to a person who perseveres through times of trouble during the club driving events or trips.

8.6.2.3 - Keep it on the Road – A driving award to the club member who always seems to be driving his/her car throughout the year. able to drive his 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 he has 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

Jun 2020

3 - MVT Monthly Meeting –

President's Report – John

Agenda was posted in the Marquee. It is unfortunate that we are still stuck doing video conferences. We will be able to meet some, but for now business meetings will continue as virtual formats. At least we have light at end of the tunnel. We have no visitors or guests today so moving on to Officers reports. I am happy to see a little lifting of restrictions. Will start opening up some. Bruce and Jackson doing some safe tech sessions and continue with our touring drives. We found that get together meets could be done safely outdoors keeping to health spacing guidelines. The Caesars Creek drive went well.

We are looking for venues where we could possibly hold meetings with socially approved safety. I am depending on people in Dayton to help with this. That's all I have, next up Vice President.

Vice President – Chuck

Glad to be here. Nothing to report.

Treasure – Harry

Correction to the April/May Meeting minutes Treasure report was placed in the Marquee. We currently have \$3454.44 in kitty. Only big expense coming up is the picnic, No other big expense so we are in good shape. TRA is frozen so it is in good shape also.

Secretary – Mark

Correction to May minutes: My error that was thankfully caught by Valerie was an incorrect name was posted as possible members not renewing. Name published was Jack and should have been Jay Kolb.

With no other corrections John Coutant made motion to accept the minutes, 2nd by Harry and several others. A vote by raised hands and the motion passes, minutes approved.

Membership - Valerie

In the Marquee the large membership number should have been a 46. We had lost Greg W. so 4 non renewals. 21 members have paid 17 yet to renew. This is the time I will start sending out indivual emails rather than blanket emails. I have already sent out a letter to Glenn Meade a gentleman who attended a few meetings. Everyone else that needs to renew will be sent emails.

Events Chair - Bruce

21st of last month had a TRA meeting. I will go over that in a bit.

- The weather looked good on the 23rd, so we did an all points for North and South drives. The people south went from Bell Brook to Hisey Park. The Barths and Cliffords did a north drive skirting the thunderstorms. Then on 30th everyone went down and a round roads to Caesars Creek Winery. We had 11 cars all Triumphs. No break downs. Greg was there with his GT6 project. It was 1st time out in it. It is looking good and had no problems. Only problem we had was on Englewood Rd.(single lane twp. road). We ran into 2 trucks cutting trees and then a

trash truck loading up. So we had fun with getting past them. Caesars Creek was great.

- Project Yellow Jacket (PYJ) - Jackson (via John Clifford) said no project yellow jacket in June, as he is unavailable.
- Auction June 6th -Auction at Dottie Richards place. TR3 parts and misc. stuff
- Touring – June 14th another drive/wake for TRA2020. Will going along little Miami river down to Valley Vineyards.

Cancelled events:

- BCD - Cincinnati, Dayton and Indy.
- VTR National.
- Fort Meigs meet has been cancelled.

Events Still On:

- Vintage Grand Prix - Still on, but No Spectators.
- Talk Like A Pirate day. Still on.

Several people had suggestions for Bruce to look at some drives through local parks and nursing homes.

Standing Committees

Tech – (Bruce)

- Roy Owens had a good review that was posted in last Marquee.
- Otherwise there's not much on the tech front.

The Marquee Editor - (Bruce)

- Nothing new other than it is getting done.

Memorabilia – Harry

- Same things are available with nothing new.
- It was mentioned by John and Stan that the embroidery items are still available to order.

Spare Parts – Chris

- If you have any spare parts or needs lets us know.

Event Committees

- Stan - Dayton BCD cancelled. Hopefully the pavilion will be finished for next year. But what about the river front?
- TRA2021 - Picnic ground site still up in air. We're planning a Kentucky trip in August so we can check things out in the summer months.

Old Business

John Coutant - Stan submitted a proposal to the bylaws to address the club awards. Tim Moore has also submitted some comments. The proposed changes are being published in the Marquee.

Stan: The awards have progressed from shared/passed on Trophies to individual trophies awards and gift cards. I felt it needs to be addressed in by-laws as the money is coming out of club funds.

Continued discussion will be held at meetings and published in the Marquee.

New Business

Harry asked about Split the pot? It is still unknown how to manage this at virtual meetings.

Bruce made a motion to close meeting, By a unanimous 2nd by majority the meeting closed.

Meeting Attendance: (Based on the virtual meeting sign in's).

John & Besty Coutant, Chuck & Chris White, Harry & Christine Mague, Greg & Valerie Relue, Bruce & Alice Clough, Stan Seto, Curtis & Teresa Hayes, Don & Louis Bigler, John & Patti Clifford, Scott Stout, Greg & Janet Schnittger, Mark Senter

Respectfully submitted Mark Senter

6 – Richards Auction. Joe Richards, TRA founding member, longtime TRA president, TS1 restorer, and tech guru, passed on earlier this year. His wife Dottie, decided to start a new life and put everything up for auction. Chuck White drove me to the auction in Lancaster and Clyde Collins drove separately. What I was going for I did not end up with. I did end up with a few back-

up parts for The Grey Ghost, art projects, and some memorabilia. Highlight was Chuck and I had lunch at a White Castle (bonus).



Outside Auction Action – Tools and Stuff



Heavy bidding in the parts stash garage – two guys in foreground are restoration shop owners that bought up most of the parts. Clyde in in the back looking dapper!



Parts behind the garage – there were literally piles of old parts - you could get a non-syncho tranny for \$5, rear end for not much more. I was good back here and didn't buy anything except for a couple of door prizes....



My haul – thanks to Chuck for helping to bring this back. Most of this ended up being recycled. Not pictured is a couple of doors and trunk lid. Most expensive item was that near-perfect steering wheel that I was in a bidding war with a restoration shop. That cost more than all the rest of the stuff combined by far....



Some of the few parts I kept from the piles bought. Most was just old worn parts.



There were a few decent rebuilding kits and rebuilt hydraulics – some unopened, so I stashed those away or cleaned them up for the TRA 2021 Auction



The find of the day was five TR3 TSOA trophy heads dating from the mid-70's. Rarer than hen's teeth I have to think there is a use for these... I also saved Joe's TS1 rebuilding records from the trash – probably going to send those to Joel Rosen...

We do know Clyde at least ended up with a trunk lid. Most of the TR parts went to either a couple of restoration shops or Nino Richards buying spares. I could have filled up the garage with old junk, but I was good!

7 - MVT Flash Mob @ CCW – perfect day for a cruise, so we called a flash mob and cruised back to Caesar Creek Winery. Not as many MVT'ers this time, but the weather was perfect!



And the roads were perfect!



Picture of Chuck taking a picture



Perfect cars for a perfect day. Did I mention it was perfect?



The assortment of food (socially distanced of course) was great also!

14 – TRA 2020 Wake – Another great day for a great drive! There was the chance for some rain in the morning, but that never materialized in Beavercreek.



The view behind Clifford's TR8

A bunch of us met at Phillips Park in Beavercreek and drove roads less travelled to Valley Vineyards, stopping for a potty break in Corwin. We were joined by a guy with an interestingly-modified TR4A (*Ford straight six – Ivan Byers, Cincinnati – uncommon conversion but it looked like it worked! Ed*) and almost thought we were going to have to give Chuck and Chris White a chicken when the starter solenoid acted up, but we got back on the road and to Valley Vineyards without any more drama.



Cousins



Fantastic day for a drive!

Valley Vineyards was about as packed as it could be in the COVID era. We had some wine and snacks and all said goodbyes from there. Chuck, Chris, Alice and Bruce stopped for the obligatory peanut butter pie at the Village Restaurant in Waynesville! Great ending for a great day!



Sparky leaning into the turn



Did I mention the Peanut Butter Pie?

20 – Bethany Village Parade: MVT contacted the staff at Bethany Village in Centerville (retirement complex) based on an email we saw about them wanting car clubs to parade. They were delighted for us to join, so on the 20th, a nice hot day lol, quite a few of us showed up, along with the Camaro and Mopar clubs, to treat the residents to some cars in a parade. The was not without drama – Greg Schnittger’s GT6 vapor locked (hat’s off to Jackson for getting him going

again) and the Whites had a float valve seize up on them on the way home. All in all the residents I think liked our cars the best! (especially the sidescreen cars - lol).



My vista during the Bethany Village parade – Duncan was driving Alice in Carma. He like driving that better than his Subaru...I need to keep an eye on him...

Later that day (which got better since the threat of rain evaporated) Alice drove me out to Caesar’s Creek Winery for a little wine in the Z4 we bought from the Ball’s. Hot day, the AC on this works fine, but it’s top down time! BTW – did you know BMW owns the Triumph brand name, so theoretically we have a garage full of BMWs...

Cheers MVT and thanks for turning out to make a few folk’s day.



One of my favorite pastoral scenes - get that car out of the way!

Postlude – we received this from Patti King, who put this together for Bethany Village:

Thank you all so much!!! Residents were thrilled with the special treat you provided for their Father's Day.

What wonderful, fun, and giving groups you all are a part of. And what a great collection of very special vehicles.

Bethany was blessed to have you here!

Patti King

Vintage GRAND PRIX of Mid-Ohio

26-28 – Mid-Ohio Vintage Grand Prix -

The Kastner Cup 2020 was held with limited spectators. From what I have heard up to print time it went well and a good time was had by all.



Friends of Triumph at Mid-Ohio

July 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.

1 - MVT Monthly Meeting Videoconference
Agenda

Opening Remarks – **John**

Request for Changes and Additions to the Agenda -
John

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

Officers Reports

- President – **John**
 - The impact of COVID-19 on current and future MVT activities
- Vice-President – **Chuck**
- Treasurer - **Harry**
- Secretary
 - Approval of June's Minutes as published in the Marque– **Mark**
- Membership Chair – **Valerie**
 - Status of membership renewal for 2020-2021
- 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

- British Car Days – **Stan**
- TRA 2020/2021 – **Bruce**

Old Business

- Review of Ballot proposal to add MVT Yearly Awards to By-Laws – **Stan**
- Vote on modification to current proposal – **Club**

New Business

Adjourn

11 – Tech Session – We are going to help Greg Schnittger with his GT6 engine starting 10 AM at his residence – 404 Wiltshire Blvd, Oakwood. Bring common hand wrenches and sockets so we have multiple tools. We are going to have to limit to at most 3 people besides Greg and you will have to wear masks (which since we're working on a car isn't a bad idea anyway and remember safety glasses also).



16 – TRA 2021 Planning Meeting – 7:00pm on line. We will send out the instructions and agenda a few days beforehand. Biggest things are to restart the planning, set calendars, and plan a trip to Lexington in August.



18 – British Biscuits and Tea – Parking lot in front of the old Elder-Beermans, 2030 E Dorothy Lane, Kettering. 10AM – 1PM.

August 2020



1 - Dayton BCD Wake: A day of wine booze and merriment to lament on the could have beens. Metroparks has cancelled all it's events this season including BCD. Another one bites the dust...



5 - 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.



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

8 – Indianapolis British Car Day – it is still on!
Info:

At this time we have committed to move forward with the Indy British Motor Day show in Zionsville, IN on August 8th. We have decided to forgo any registration fees and will not be taking registrations for this years show. We hope you are able to attend and we are hopeful for a sun filled day with beautiful British cars displayed on the grounds of Lions Park!

A few items to note:

- Please practice social distancing and bring your own PPE per state guidelines*
- Show times will remain in place.*
- Vehicles will be grouped by marque only.*
- No food or drinks will be served.*
- No awards will be given out.*
- As food will not be served, you're welcome to visit one of the many great restaurants on Main St. or nearby streets.*
- Space is limited to 150 cars (we haven't seen 150 in recent years so this shouldn't be a problem)*

****Please note, the Sycamore St. Bridge is closed.*

You will need to enter town from:

- 106th to Main St.*
- Zionsville Rd.*
- All roads West of town can be used to enter Lions Park.*

From everyone at the IBCU, we would like to thank you for your participation in past events! As we hope to grow the event attendance, if you would please take the time to share the information with other owners of British marques, we would greatly appreciate it!

? – TRA 20201 Trip To Lexington – Dates TBD, but the goal is to reconnect with caterers and venues to make sure we are good to go for TRA 2021. Fixed It!



22 – Arthritis Show in Columbus: just in from the Buckeye Triumph folks:

We will still have our British spots on the curve as usual, SHOW is August 22nd.

This may be the only big show of the summer - with lots of room to socially distance.....

<https://arthglr.ejoinme.org/MyEvents/2020ClassicAutoShowColumbusOH/Registration/2020ClassList/tabid/1093192/Default.aspx>

British Invasion live on stage Friday night. Bill

September 2020



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12 - 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: Never too early to lay in the harvest for winter. I think this year we will end up at Caesar's Creek vineyards to see how the grapes are coming along...

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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



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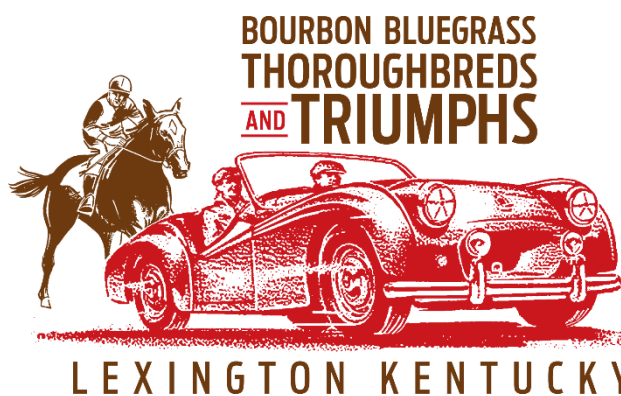
20 – MVT Christmas Dinner: People enjoy this every year, so we are going to do it again - We will shoot for a 5:30PM seating at The Paragon in Centerville.

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

This now means we need to update all the forms, but pretty much the rest will just roll-over to 2021. If you have registered for TRA 2020 you are registered for 2021 – just leave everything alone. If you want to cancel your registration and get your money back you can contact Harry Mague at any time. We will reopen the hotel registration block and on-line registrations in September.

This month we will have another planning meeting on the 16th, planning for a trip to Lexington in August. Stay tuned!

Technical Talk

Edited by Bruce Clough

Sticky Top – John Clifford

When they replaced the top on our car, they used self-adhesive Velcro loop tape on the two rear bows. After two weeks up with several days in the sun, we tried to put the top down. The adhesive from the tape had oozed out along the edges and sort of glued itself to the inside of the top across the back two bows. With gentle persuasion and some choice words, we got it separated. Then I rigged up with some rope a way to suspend the vinyl top up away from the bows.



Trapeze Artist



New Velcro

We had to clean off the tape and adhesive from the bows. Then we gently picked the adhesive which had transferred to the inside of the top. That was followed up with some Opps! solvent to remove the rest of the sticky mess. Finally we replaced the fuzzy tape with wider material which wrapped further around the bow. Fingers crossed. Only took us 3 hours. One of a couple of reasons I would NOT recommend that place to do convertible tops!

Fixed it! - Bruce Clough

Found this in the pile of stuff I won in the Richard's Auction – do you need a tail lamp for your TR3? Are the bulb holder and contacts on your old one shot? Solution – pound a hole in the old light plate and jam a round single-bulb holder in it!



Finished, drop the mic.



Back on the Cockpit – Bruce Clough

After driving The Grey Ghost a few times this spring I decided to undo some of the instrument work I did over four years ago. At that time I decided to eliminate the dash panel holding switches and gauges, move the switches up underneath to the left, split the four gauges – two underneath to the left, two underneath to the right, and replace the dash panel with a sheet of clear acrylic plastic.



Prior Dash

This looks cool, but it had several drawbacks:

- The instruments were hard to see since reflections from the acrylic panel would hide them.
- The switch cluster was behind the left-hand instrument pair, making it hard to know which switch you hit.
- Modifying the electrical harness to fit this configuration meant I had to kluge together several wires that always looked like left over nesting materials.
- Finally the arrangement wasn't really nice on the left gauges, hard to see the tach.

What I decided was to put all the gauges together in the middle and leave the switch panel to the left. I also decided to make a new idiot light cluster and move it forward. I also decided no dash, which was handy since that gave me the

acrylic plastic needed for the new instrument cluster!



Current Grey Ghost dash

Making all the pieces and putting it together was a three-evening, one-morning job. I had to make up a new instrument wiring harness plus un-kluge the switch harness. I think it was worth it in the end – the last few times I've driven the car it has been much easier to see everything as well as use.

We Found It! – Bruce Clough

For those that have been following my early TR fuel pump sojourn know that the one part that is needed in the currently available AC fuel pump rebuild kits is the diaphragm shaft seal. None of the kits the big parts suppliers sell has this part.

Along comes Tom Mahoney (from COCTRA in Columbus) who does some homework and finds the Sparex S.41634 AC fuel-pump rebuild kit for Massey-Ferguson tractors does contain the seal and is carried in the NAPA catalog. I bought one of those kits and yes, not all the parts are compatible with the early TR AC fuel pump, but most are and it comes with the shaft seal! Now you know.



The infamous diaphragm shaft seal in the wild...



MVT Cloth Patch - \$12.00

The MVT Store: 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 Pin - \$5.00



MVT Enamel Car Badge - \$30.00



MVT Car Flag - \$5.00



MVT Window Sticker - \$1.00

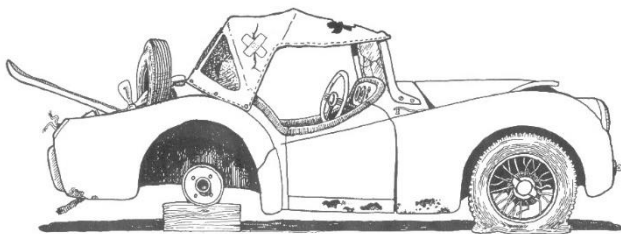


MVT Magnetic Signs – these can be easily cut so they are round. They are 12”x12”, 11” in diameter if cut round. - \$12

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

Classifieds

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”.



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 - tryanity@gmail.com

WANTED - TR3 Luggage Rack in as new condition (No drill , Hinge pin mounted type) Contact Chris at tryanity@gmail.com.

FOR SALE – 1980 TR7, 64K mileage Anniversary Edition – was running when parked two years ago. No rust teal green car with A/C. Will need top, interior work and door panels – seats are okay. Comes with extra and new parts including rear end, tranny and radiator. Appraised at \$5K for insurance, but looking for best offer. Chuck Alcorn 937-901-7212.

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

Wanted : Triumph TR3A/3B Hoodstick (Soft Top Frame) cover in good or restorable condition - Black or Tan -Chris Yanity 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

FOR SALE - I have just placed my 1975 TR6 with 53k miles up for sale.I am in Northern Virginia. If anyone in your club might be interested:

<https://www.britishcarclassifieds.com/autos/triump h/tr6/1975-triumph-tr6-1404.html>

Guide to Videoconferencing with Google Meet for MVT

Participating in a videoconference can seem overwhelming if you have never used such technology but improvements over time have made products like Zoom and Google Meet

relatively easy to use with a wide range of devices from computers to smartphones. This guide is meant to be a reference on how to use Google Meet for videoconferences/teleconferences for online meetings of Miami Valley Triumphs.

What Equipment do you Need?

To participate in a Google Meet conference there are a number of devices that you can use.

- Desktop or laptop computer with camera, microphone, and speakers (Windows or Mac) – This setup lets you join just by clicking on a link using a supported browser (Chrome, Firefox, or Edge – *Internet Explorer is not supported*).
- Desktop or laptop computer (Windows or Mac) – This setup lets you join just by clicking on a link using a supported browser (Chrome, Firefox, or Edge – *Internet Explorer is not supported*). To join the audio portion, you can click on the [Join and use a phone for audio](#) and dial in.
- Tablet or Smartphone (Apple or Android) – This setup lets you use your tablet or smartphone to participate. However, to use them you first need to download the Google Meet app from the Apple or Google store and install on your device.

Videoconference Etiquette

Participating in a videoconference/teleconference is different than being in a regular meeting. We are accustomed to talking to each other and having side conversations when we have a meeting. It is one of the social aspects we love. In videoconferencing all the sound ends up in one place so that means everyone has to mute their computer/tablet/smartphone unless they are the one who is talking. How to manage this. Well the organizer needs to indicate clearly who has the podium and sort of pass the virtual microphone around. How do you ask for a chance to talk? You will notice that Meet has a chat function where you can type and ask to talk, text chat with others (like on our Facebook page). You can also ask with a quick “I’d have something to say.” by voice and wait for the organizer to recognize you. It will take some time to get comfortable with this

new way of communicating so relax as everyone goes through a learning curve.

How to join a Meeting

When a meeting is scheduled by the organizer, you may receive an email from them with just the link to the Google Meet. To join just click on the link. <https://meet.google.com/tpp-vwei-eoh>

You may also receive an email directly from Google Meet that looks like the invitation below.

You have been invited to the following event.

MVT General Meeting

When Tue Mar 24, 2020 1pm – 2pm Eastern Time - New York

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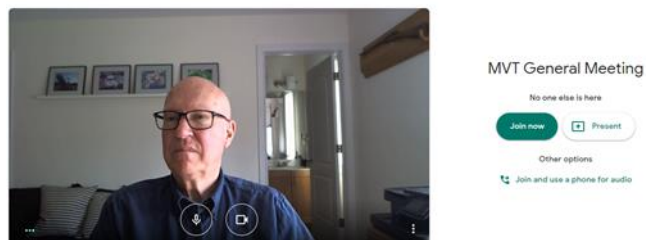
Join by phone
[+1 904-323-0173](tel:+19043230173) (PIN: 626033018)

[More phone numbers](#)

Calendar jecoutant@yahoo.com

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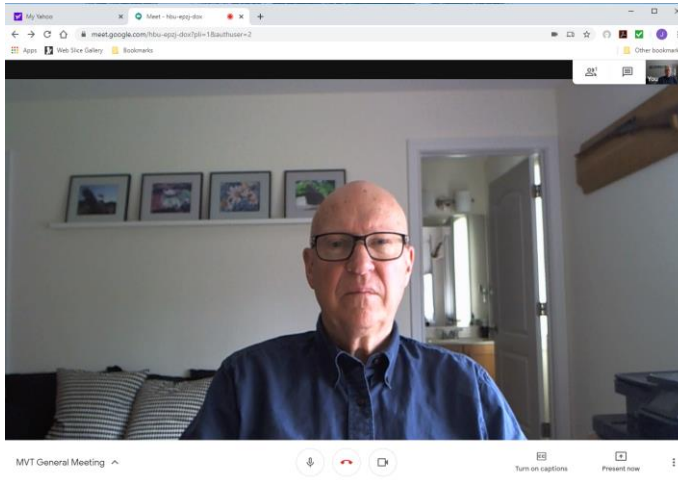
When the meeting time comes, all you have to do is click on the link for Join Meet. If you have a computer this will just open the meeting in your browser, if you have a tablet or smartphone it will automatically open the app (which must be downloaded first -see Equipment above). *NOTE – the phone number is only for teleconference by phone only. If you plan to use your phone for audio, you must first sign in your device and then select Join and use a phone for audio (see below).*



When you first join this is what you should see. If you have a computer with camera, speakers and microphone or a tablet/smartphone just click on the [Join now](#) button. If you are going to use your phone for audio, click on [Join and use a phone for audio](#). *NOTE: If you have speakers on your computer and just want to attend, listen and not talk you can just by clicking on the Join now button. You can then decide to join by phone at a*

later time by selecting the option list (3 dots on lower right) any time.

Once you join, this is what you should see.



Once in the meeting, you'll want to be familiar with the below tools, so you can adjust them during your meeting, if necessary:

Mic/Video: Enables you to mute/unmute your microphone and camera, respectively.



Leave call: Enables you to leave a meeting, or the host to end the meeting for all.

Captions: Enables real-time automatically generated captions.

Screen sharing: "Present Now" enables you to share a screen or window with participants.

More options: Allows you to change the layout of the Hangouts/Meet windows (up to 16 in the new version) switch to full screen mode, turn on the Live Captions feature, or click settings where you can flip to a different microphone or camera. This is also where you can connect audio by phone if you joined with a computer in listen only mode and now want to connect audio by phone to talk. Just remember to turn off your computer speakers if you do this or you will get feedback.

Record meeting

Change layout

Full screen

Turn on captions

Settings

Use a phone for audio

Report a problem

Help

At the top of the screen, the following tools are also available:



Chat: Enables participants to type and view quick notes to others.

Participants: Allows participants to see who is in the meeting (and the host may mute one or more of the participants mics/cameras, here).

For technical help, contact the organizer by phone (John Coutant 513-560-7434) for help