

# The Marque

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

## February 2021



Starter Fluid Explained - have you checked your level lately?



I want one of these!!!!!!



No fear...

### Events this month:

- 3 - MVT Monthly (Web) Meeting

- 10 - Drive Your Triumph Day
- 20 - V-Day Dinner
- 27 - Tech Session



**Blast from the past - V-Day Ladies Day Out from the early 2000's - from left to right: Diane Ciboch, Mary Fox, Carolyn Daye, Lorna Ball, Lois Bigler, Mary Stinson, Alice Owen-Clough, Carol Rutledge**



**Blast from the past: - Pool Party 2006 - MVT Water Ballet Team (Mike, Ray, Bruce, and Phil) Enters the Pool**

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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](mailto: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 marquee. 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 will be sent to the members by email prior to each month's meeting.**

## Officer's Reports

## President's Report



## Elephant in the Room

*John Coutant*

We have made it through January but February is a short month so we will have to suffer a few less days. January and February always seem to be the time when everything is cold and grey, the joys of the holidays are past, and even working on our cars seems too much of a hassle in a cold garage.

March always seems to be the start of some hope even though it can be cold and snowy at the start. For MVT it has always been sort of the kick off for spring and summer activities with the Awards Banquet. Unfortunately, we will not be having an Awards Banquet, at least in person, but may try to do a virtual one (with real awards). Stay tuned. In February we are still accepting nominations for awards and also MVT officers. There are articles on both later in the Marquee.

COVID-19 is still the elephant in the room and not going away anytime soon. Vaccinations in Ohio are underway but supplies are limited and the distribution still has bugs. It will get better but it will take time. By the time you read this, Betsy and I will have received our first dose of the Pfizer vaccine on January 28th. It was not easy getting an appointment (1 hr and 45 min on hold on the phone after getting connected). I urge everyone to keep trying, it seems to just depend where you live and what supplier you are trying schedule with. It will get better but probably not in the short term.

Even though I will be fully vaccinated around the 6th of March and be a bit more comfortable in doing things like participating in a tech session, I will still be wearing a mask and following guidelines as the

vaccine does not 100% protect you against the virus. A level of 95% is pretty good but there is still a chance of infection although small. As the level of infections goes down the risk goes down more which is why getting the general population vaccinated and the infection levels low are so important.

It is difficult to know currently when we will get there as I wrote last month. But things are improving and, as they do, I hope we can plan more and more activities while keeping safe.

## **February's MVT Meeting**

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### **Videoconference with Google Meet**

*John Coutant*

The general meeting of Miami Valley Triumphs for February will be by video conferencing using Google Meet. This will be our eleventh 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 February meeting is <https://meet.google.com/jnw-tuvz-rfa> and we will send this link a few more time before the meeting.

## **Nominations for Awards**

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**Submit your nomination for the MVT Awards**

Don't forget to make your nominations for a MVT member who you think is worthy of one the 4 Annual Awards. You can do this by sending your nomination to our secretary, Mark Senter at [senter1436@gmail.com](mailto:senter1436@gmail.com) with a sort description of why you think that person should receive the award. Optionally you can make the nomination orally at our next general meeting and the secretary will record your nomination. Nominations will be published in the Marque and voting will take place in March. As a reminder, the four awards are:

- 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.
- 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 faraway places, while representing the club, such as going to attend a National Meet, and always manages to complete the trip.
- 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.
- 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.

## **Nominations for Officers**

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## Submit your nomination for MVT Officers

Don't forget to make your nominations for a candidate for one of the three MVT elected Offices that will be voted on for a 2-year term. You can do this by sending your nomination to our secretary, Mark Senter at [senter1436@gmail.com](mailto:senter1436@gmail.com) . You should check first with the person you want to nominate to see if they would be willing to accept the position. Optionally you can make the nomination orally at our next general meeting and the secretary will record your nomination. Nominations will be published in the Marque and voting will take place in March. As a reminder, the three elected Offices up for election are:

- Vice-President - The Vice-president shall preside in the absence of the President and perform all the duties as may properly be assigned by the President and the By-Laws. The Vice-President shall be in charge of all committees and shall submit an article outlining committee action to The Marque bi-monthly.
- Membership Director - The Membership Director shall solicit MVT membership amongst the general public, shall develop membership forms and new member information packets. The Membership Director shall log incoming members on a membership list published annually and updated quarterly in The Marque and shall give a copy to the Secretary to keep as the official membership list and shall do such other duties as delegated by the President.
- Events Coordinator - The Events Coordinator shall assist MVT members staging events with whatever help is possible, shall insure proper event notification is posted in The Marque at least one month before the event, shall insure MVT resources are used in a practical manner in support of the event, and shall maintain an events list to publish monthly in The Marque.



You'll probably see more about this in John Coutant's column or Bruce Clough's column but I'll mention it here and add my 2 cents. The TRA2021 committee has reluctantly decided (with TRA National's consent) to cancel the TRA2021 National Meet. With a go/no-go date of February 14th looming and herd immunity remaining only a distant possibility, among other reasons, we had no other choice.

This was not an easy decision to make. The committee struggled with it for a couple months but I think it was the right decision. As John mentioned in his cancellation announcement that has already been distributed, the national meets are about cars but also about comradery and friendships. We just enjoy getting together and socializing. In that end, we would rather be safe and sacrifice a little facetime now than to hold the event and possibly not have some of our friends around next year as a result.

As it stands right now, TRA2022 has a sponsor who is currently in the planning stages and MVT is being considered for TRA2023. Stay safe and healthy!

*Respectfully submitted - Chuck White*

**Vice President's Report**

**Treasurer's Report**



well, send the articles when you can and we will put them in.

*Cheers - Bruce*

## Membership Chair Report

# 47

Still holding at 47!

*Valerie*

As of 1 January 2020, the club account had an account balance of \$3491.06. For the month of January the club's income included \$13.00 for memorabilia purchase. The club had no expenses for January. As of 1 February 2021, the club's account balance is \$3504.06. Attached is the proposed budget for 2021 which was presented to the membership at the January meeting (*it has been added to the back of the Marque and I have fixed the formatting so Harry won't yell at me - lol - Ed*). During the February meeting, the budget will be brought to a vote.

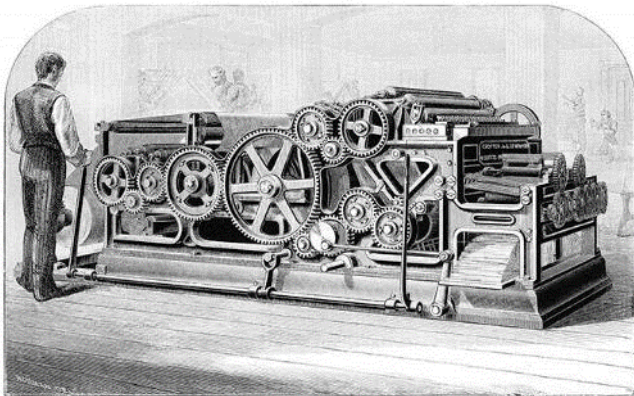
*Respectfully submitted, Harry Mague.*

## Events Chair Report



## Marque Editor's Report

### Apple Country Gothic



I put the baseline MVT Events that we generated at the January planning meeting in this month's Marque. In general, we assumed that we would reach "herd immunity" in September, so the events tend to ramp up at that time. BCD is still listed in August but don't know that will stick depending on what the Metro Parks do with their rules.

### Never thought I'd be restoring one of these

Mid-winter doldrums are setting in - not many events and a lot of folks have non-heated garages so not a lot of work is being done. The upshot of this is not many external Marque articles are coming in. COVID ain't helping things either. Oh

Before September we are sticking to drives and virtual events as much as possible. In most months you can find dates but they might not be solid - this is due to uncertainty and I plan on working the event dates more solid in the next two months. Expect some events to move and change as we work on what we can do, and what we can't.

There is an opportunity to meet up with the Texas Triumph Register FOG (Funky Old Geezers?) as they head to Carlisle and the Finger Lakes in May. As last year, expect a lot of drives popping up in here as well as tech sessions.

**This is where you come in - if you want to host an event - something that is here or not in here - get ahold of me! We will make room for you!**

Okay, back to February - we have a few of events planned:

- On the 10<sup>th</sup> we will be observing “Drive Your Triumph Day” in remembrance of Sir John Black’s birthday.
- On the 20<sup>th</sup> we will be having a scaled-down, much muted Valentine’s Day dinner - we are doing the same venue and rules as the Christmas Dinner.
- On the 27<sup>th</sup> I will be hosting a tech session at our place to discuss the TR7 engine as well as tricks of the trade to deal with these beasties.

TRA 2021 - As VP Chuck discussed, and as will be discussed in the TRA 2021 section of the Marque, we cancelled the meet. This sucks, but the committee thought it was the thing to do, and the guy typing this has the most time wrapped up in this.

### **VTR Membership**

One thing I’d like to bring up is VTR membership. The Vintage Triumph Register (go look them up on the web if you are not a member) is the North American club for all Triumphs cars. The dues are not substantial and they put out a fantastic newsletter. They also host an International Convention every year (might be just national this year - and they did cancel the 2020 VTR Meet), and this year it is in September and in Oklahoma - more details in the Events Section following. I would like to encourage ALL MVT members to join VTR. It turns out that about 15 MVT members that we know of are VTR members also, but I think we can get that number higher. I think it’s just the right thing to do since we use VTR for things, such as the club insurance, that saves us significant time and money. They support us, we should support them. Any questions??

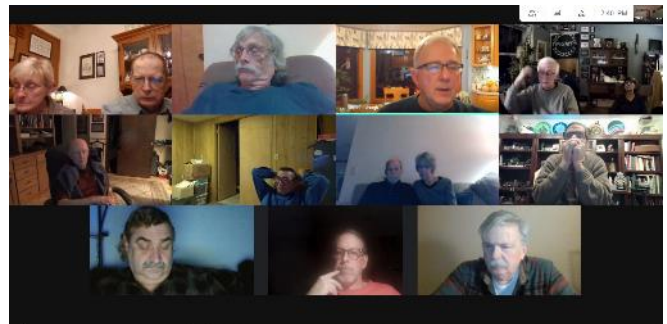
See you at the meetings on Feb 3<sup>rd</sup>!

*Events Tsar Bruce*

# MVT Events

## Past

### January 2020



## 6 - MVT Monthly Meeting

### Minutes

Pre-meeting: No guests or new members, 15 signed in online.

### Officer Reports

President –John Coutant – We will be continuing with the virtual meetings for the time being. The first three months will remain rough due to Covid but will hopefully improve as the vaccine get out.

Vice President – Chuck White –Thank you John Coutant for stepping up to be President this past year with all the Covid issues. It has been a challenging year for him.

Treasure – Harry Mague – \$3491.06 in checking account. Budget lost about \$700 in expenses for new checks and other unexpected expenses. Budget is in the Marquee for approval at Feb meeting.

Secretary – Mark Senter –A motion was made by Bruce to accept the minutes as published in the Marque, 2nd by Chuck approved by all.

Membership – Valerie – Holding steady at 47 members.

Events Chair – Bruce - As things are still uncertain because of Covid for 1st part of year I will put the events and dates into the Marque. With the remaining years events with approximate months. I am looking for volunteers to help coordinate the individual events/drives.

Project Yellow Jacket remains on hold due to safe distancing.

### **Committee Reports:**

Tech: Not much new, other than published in Marque.

Memorabilia - Harry: we have MVT Magnets, Decals, Patches, etc. Club had one recent sale.

Parts – Chris: *Some parts for sale on our web site. Triumph part swap meets are still slowed down. Roadster factory has been sold. I am looking into some spring swap events.*

TRA (2020-21-22?): Discussion to be held on holding or delaying at the meeting on January 20th. Surveys and polling will be completed via emails.

### **Old Business:**

Nominations for MVT Awards and Officers are due. The voting is done at the March meeting. President will solicit nominations for club officers up for election in March. Offices are VP, Treasure, Membership Director, and Events Chair. Secretary will solicit award nominations. The persons seeking office, and the award nominations will be published in Feb Marquee.

### **New Business:**

Should the club incorporate was brought up during the TRA discussion. It was recommended forwarding to Executive Committee for review and consideration if needed or not.

Motion to end meeting was made, seconded by all, meeting ended.

## **9- Tech Session**

This was the first of two tech sessions in January putting the White TR6 dash back together - the goal was to get a lot of the dash back in as well as get a new oil line connected. Quite a few masked-wonders showed up and the construction started.



### **Bruce shows Scott Huey the best way to blow fuses**

Much progress was made that day, but more needs to be done!



### **Isn't it nice for Harry to do all the work?**

The White's would like to thank all who came out - it definitely is getting back together!

## **26 - Tech Session**

Chuck and Chris sponsored yet another tech session to keep putting the TR6 back together. The only things accomplished were re-routing the tach and oil pressure lines, reconnecting more of the wiring under the dash, installation of the tach and finished re-installing the heating duct plumbing.

As Chuck said: *"I've got more parts on order (the windscreen wiper switch and the voltage stabilizer) that aren't expected to be delivered until the 2nd or*



3rd week of February so we're at a standstill under they arrive."



Hmmm, do I really need to hire a side-show contortionist to get this gauge in?

Expect another pop-up tech session later in February!



Getting there and looking good!

**February 2021**

### **3 - MVT Monthly Meeting - Agenda**

Meeting Link: <https://meet.google.com/inw-tuvz-rfa>

Start at 7:30 PM ET. John online at 7 PM to chat.

Opening Remarks – **John**

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

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

#### *Officers Reports*

- President – **John**
  - Still COVID-19, and other thoughts
- Vice-President – **Chuck**
- Treasurer – **Harry**
  - Vote on proposed 2021 budget
- Secretary
  - Approval of January's Minutes as published in the Marque– **Mark**
- Membership Chair – **Valerie**
  - Current membership, new members
- Events Chair – **Bruce**
  - Proposed events for Q1 2021

#### *Standing Committee Reports*

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

#### *Event Committee Reports*

- TRA 2021 – **Bruce**

#### *Old Business*

- Review of nominations for MVT awards and request for additional nominations – **John**
- Review of nominations for MVT officers and request for additional nominations - **John**

#### *New Business*

- Discussion of process for voting on awards and officers. - **John**
- **Current Nominations for Officers**
  - VP – Chuck White
  - Membership Director – Valerie Relue
  - Events Chair – Bruce Clough
- **MVT Award Categories with Nominations are:**
- Marque of Distinction
  - Valerie Relue - She has been an officer for several years and promotes the Miami Valley Triumph Club to recruit new members. At the T shirt booth during our British Car Days, she has a display detailing our club activities and whenever anyone stops to look at

it, she always asks if she can help or answer questions.

- Bruce Clough - This year has been unique for the challenge of maintaining a club that centers on social interaction as well as Triumphs. Bruce has responded with events, either planned or pop up, that allowed members to safely drive and interact during the COVID-19 pandemic restrictions. In addition he has continued to edit and publish one of our main form of communication during the pandemic, our newsletter - The Marque
- Press on Regardless
  - Jeff Barth - In a year of limited driving events, Jeff had some issues on the one (Fall Foliage tour) he did almost make it to. The whole story has been published in the Marquee, plus he almost caught up to the club for the second half of the drive.
- Keep it on the Road
  - Stan Seto - This has been a difficult year for long drives (no trips to national meets like VTR or TRA) and even club drives. Stan this year, even with the constraints of COVID-19, did a multi thousand-mile tour with the Texas FOGs in the west to Yellowstone and other parks and back. That was keeping it on the road a lot.
- Most Improved
  - Scott Huey. The work he has done with Project Yellow Jacket has been above and beyond what I had ever expected anyone to participate on the project. He has not only participated in the weekend tech sessions, but has also shows up during the week to work on the various issues on Project Yellow Jacket. He has repaired holes, sanded rust, tackled mechanical issues, and the dreaded electrical gremlins that plague the Triumph name.

## 10 - Drive your Triumph Day

This has been advertised in Facebook and other places around the web. The goal is to enjoy your Triumph by driving it that day in memory of Sir John Black whose birthday was on 10 Feb. Your job - drive your car even if it is just backed out of the garage, and send me a picture to put here in The Marque. If you are on our Facebook site you can post it there also!



## 20 - V-Day Dinner - Zemore's Wine Bar and Bistro

It is a tradition for MVT'ers to get together to celebrate love, to celebrate the essence of life, to find yet another reason to partake of adult beverages (except for spiked seltzers - those are just evil), so we are arranging for a socially distanced group to get together on the 20<sup>th</sup> similar to what we did at Christmas.

We will take RSVP's up until the 18<sup>th</sup> - first ten folks get in. We will do this about 6:30PM on the 20<sup>th</sup>. BTW - Zemore's is on OH 725 a bit west of Bellbrook near the Wilmington Pike intersection.



## 27 - Tech Session

Adjourn

TR7 Engines - Bruce will be hosting a tech session on TR7 engines. Chateau C-OC @ 10am. If you are coming please RSVP to Bruce @ [portabezi@hotmail.com](mailto:portabezi@hotmail.com). Coffee and fat pills will be provided.

### March 2021

**3 - MVT Monthly Meeting and Virtual Awards Ceremony**

**13 - Tech Session** - Topic and location TBD

**27 - Tour to Miller's Dry Goods.** We are assuming the bakery will be back open by then - if it is not this will be postponed.

### April 2021

**7 - MVT Monthly Meeting**

**17 - Tech Session** - location and topic TBD

**24 - Serpent Mound/Ft Ancient** - or other Ohio Heritage sites tour

### May 2021

**5 - MVT Monthly Meeting**

**8 - Wildflower Walk** at Aullwood Farm or some other site...

**22 - Bellefontaine Run/tour**

**Mid Month - Meet up with TTA FOG group** in the Finger Lakes?

### June 2021

**2 - MVT Monthly Meeting**

**Mid-Month - Winery Tour to Madison IN and back** - overnight tour & Ohio River Drive

**24-27 - SVRA Mid-Ohio**

### July 2021

**7 - MVT Monthly Meeting**

**Are there car shows,** or aren't there car shows?

**Pool-less Pool party** - is this a go this year?

**Mid-Month** - Kentucky Tour if things are opening up

### August 2021

**4- MVT Monthly Meeting**

**7 - Dayton BCD??** We have not done any planning to date and the parks are not open to rent out.

**Later in Aug - Run to Augusta KY/Winery Tour** - take the ferry from Higgensport

**28 - Orphan Auto Show** - Young's Dairy

### September 2021

**1<sup>st</sup> - MVT Monthly Meeting**

**12 - Cincinnati BCD** - Harbin Park, Fairfield - <https://www.bccgc.com/bcd-registration>

**14-16 - Vintage Triumph Register National Convention** - Edmond OK - [https://redrivertriumphclub.org/blog/event/2020-vtr-national-convention/?instance\\_id=437](https://redrivertriumphclub.org/blog/event/2020-vtr-national-convention/?instance_id=437)

**Week of 20 Sep - Hocking Hills Run** - will be a middle of the week run to avoid the crowds. Wear good hiking shoes. This will be an overnight trip.

**25 - Farm (stand) Tour** - will be on as usual!

### October 2021

**6 - MVT Monthly Meeting**

**9 - Covered Bridge Tour**

Note: Kentucky Tour here if July is not viable

**Week of the 18<sup>th</sup> - Fall foliage Tour** - might be overnight run to Burr Oak State Park (assuming they are open) - another tour that will be mid week.

### November 2021

**3- MVT Monthly Meeting**

**6 - Guy Fawkes** - Tour and bonfire

### December 2021

**4- Holiday Soiree and Dec Business Meeting** - Queen of Apostles Community, Bergamo

**19 - MVT Christmas Dinner**

## TRA 2021 Post Mortem

*By Bruce Clough, TRA 2021 Chair*



Cancelled. Reality sucks. After all the work we put into this over the last two years - after the trips, the shirts, the buzz-building, we have decided to cancel this to keep everyone safe as well as avoid a possible large \$\$ loss. The following letter that was sent out by John to all who had registered and who might think of registering as well as being posted on the TRA and TRA 2021 Facebook sites:

*After deliberation, the organizing committee has decided to cancel TRA 2021 scheduled for June 14-18, 2021 in Lexington, KY. This was not an easy decision for those of us in Miami Valley Triumphs who have spent countless hours and club funds in planning TRA 2020 only to have to postpone it to 2021 in the face of the COVID-19 pandemic. We want those of you who planned or were interested in attending to have some background on why this decision was made.*

*We are at the end of January with only 4 ½ months to the scheduled date for TRA 2021. The COVID-19 pandemic is still producing high levels of infections with resulting high numbers of hospitalizations and deaths, especially among those over 55 years. New variants of the SARS-CoV-2 strain have emerged which spread faster and are potentially deadlier.*

*Two mRNA vaccines that are authorized and recommended to prevent COVID-19 from Pfizer-BioNTech and from Moderna are now available. Initial supplies were earmarked for front line health workers. Recently they have been made available for people most at risk which includes the elderly and others depending on the individual state's guidelines. Currently supplies of the vaccines are limited and there have arisen a number of supply chain issues to get the vaccine into people's arms. The current administration has an ambitious plan*

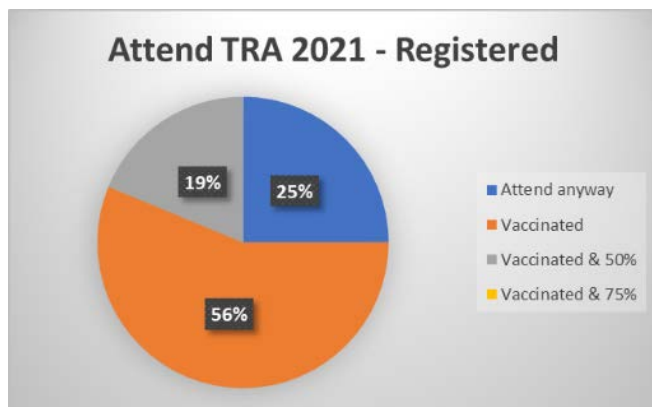
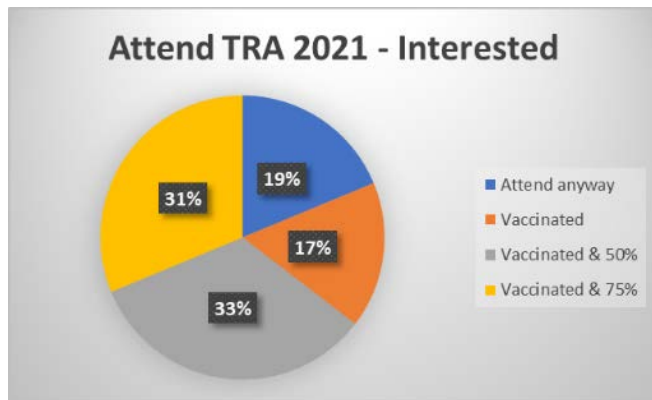
*to dramatically increase the supply of vaccine and increase the number of vaccinations. However even the most optimistic predictions estimate herd immunity (75-80% of the population) would not occur until early summer while others predict that that level would not be reached until the end of 2021. There are just too many variables for accurate predictions.*

*Typical TRA meets cost thousands of dollars (usually covered by registration fees with no expectation of profit) and a lot of people-hours of effort. The committee's last trip to Lexington was in November 2019 to scout restaurants, event sites, and hotel arrangements. With current levels of COVID-19 infections and restrictions it would be some time before committee members felt comfortable in traveling. We are unsure of the status of any of venues we plan to use or recommend as a result of the impact of the pandemic on them. One major expense is the host hotel for such items as the banquet, meeting rooms, and other miscellaneous details which must be paid in advance for the estimated number of attendees. This decision must be made in February and, once signed, the host club is responsible for the baseline cost estimate of attendees even if that number is not reached.*

*TRA meets are all about people. It is usually a fun social event where a lot of long-time friends and acquaintances get together to enjoy each other and their Triumphs. It was important to understand what the comfort level of those in TRA and those interested was in attending an event in mid-June considering the current and projected level of impact by COVID-19. To get feedback, an online survey was set up with the same questions to those already registered for TRA 2021 and those who expressed an interest in TRA 2021. People were asked about their comfort level on attending based on different levels of their own vaccination and the levels of vaccination of the general public.*

*The results are summarized in the graphs below. While those registered were more willing to accept the risk of attending if vaccinated themselves, the larger population of those interested showed a hesitancy of attending (64%) unless a high level of the general population was vaccinated. This was*

also evident in the optional comments people submitted.



The decision to cancel TRA 2021 was reviewed with the TRA officers before finalizing. TRA 2022 will be hosted by ..... and details on site and timing will be shared at a later date. For those who have registered and paid, refunds will be sent out shortly. An email with details will be sent to all those registered including contact information for any questions.

Although there will be no TRA this summer, get out and enjoy your cars when you can. While easier to keep in touch with those in your local club, don't forget you can keep in touch with everyone on the TRA Facebook page, email, and other ways. More than anything, we want to see our TRA friends again. So, stay safe and healthy and keep those TRs working and on the road.

We have sent a separate communication to the registrants on how to get their money back. We have cancelled the room block at the Clarion, and have sent letters to the venues we have been working with, asking for deposits back where appropriate. As John stated, it sucks, but we need to think about other things than having fun here.

There will be a cost of closing this since some awards have been made and incidental costs paid here and there. Harry is working up the impact of cancelling.

*Future?* TRA 2022 will be held by the Mason-Dixon TRA Center possibly working with the Eastern PA triumph folks. We do know the location, but don't want to leak it yet - just know it's a great place.

Beyond that there is a very good chance that we will be offered TRA 2023 and I know the committee wants to jump back at it. Will it be back in Lexington? I think that is wide open. We do have some good contacts there, but we are open to other possibilities since we have a while to think about it.

If you have any questions please give me a shout.

Cheers - Bruce

TRA 2021 Chair

## Technical Talk

Edited by Bruce Clough

### Haynes Manual Terminology Translated into Common English

Bruce Clough - this is from across the Pond, so molegrips are vise grips. The meaning of "beat" remains the same. Yes, I stole this from the WWW...

**Haynes:** This is a tight fit.

**Translation:** Clamp with molegrips then beat repeatedly with a hammer.

**Haynes:** As described in Chapter 7...

**Translation:** That'll teach you not to read through before you start. Now you are looking at scary photos of the inside of a gearbox.

**Haynes:** Pry...

**Translation:** Hammer a screwdriver into...

**Haynes:** Undo...

**Translation:** Go buy a tin of WD40.



**Haynes:** Index

**Translation:** List of all the things in the book, bar what you need to do.

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## 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**

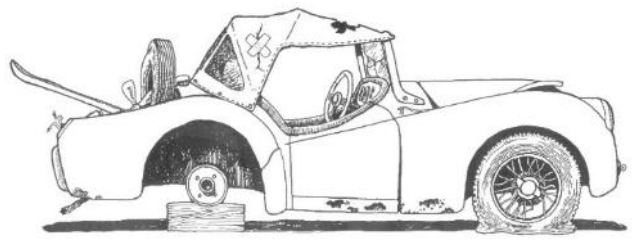


**They look very spiffy on a TR7...**

All the memorabilia is available at each Club meeting upon request. Pls 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".*



**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](mailto:tryanity@gmail.com)

**FOR SALE - STA-BIL Storage Fuel Stabilizer, guaranteed To Keep Fuel Fresh Fuel Up To Two Years - Effective In All Gasoline Including All Ethanol Blended Fuels - Treats Up To 80 Gallons, 32 fl. oz. I bought too many, I have up to two available for \$5 each. Contact Bruce at [portabezi@hotmail.com](mailto:portabezi@hotmail.com)**





**Purposed Budget 2021 Miami Valley Triumphs**

**Expenses**

<b><u>Description</u></b>	<b><u>Month</u></b>	<b><u>2018</u></b>	<b><u>2019</u></b>	<b><u>2020P</u></b>	<b><u>2020A</u></b>	<b><u>2021P</u></b>
Awards Banquet	March	\$1278.00	\$1354.00	1400.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Year End Awards	March	\$466.00	\$445.00	\$500.00	\$674.00*	\$250.00
Club Liability Ins	April	\$225.00	\$225.00	\$250.00	\$250.00	\$250.00
Summer Party	August	\$187.00	\$270.00	\$250.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Web Hosting	July	\$145.00	\$210.00	\$200.00	\$242.00	\$250.00
Post Office Box	August	\$95.00	\$106.00	\$100.00	\$118.00	\$120.00
Donations	Yearly	\$370.00	\$150.00	\$200.00	\$150.00	\$200.00
Christmas Party	December	\$147.00	\$148.00	\$150.00	\$0.00	\$160.00
Misc Expense*	Yearly	<u>\$241.00</u>	<u>\$133.00</u>	<u>\$150.00</u>	<u>\$570.00</u>	<u>\$200.00</u>
Summary		<b>\$3155.00</b>	<b>\$3041.00</b>	<b>\$3210.00</b>	<b>\$2004.00</b>	<b>\$1430.00</b>

**Income**

Membership Dues	Yearly	\$935.00	\$870.00	\$850.00	\$995.00	\$900.00
BCD Final Payout	October	\$1100.00	\$2000.00	\$1750.00	\$0.00	\$1500.00
50/50	Yearly	\$140.00	\$207.00	\$160.00	\$45.00	\$150.00
Brown Bag Receipt	January	\$134.00	\$231.00	\$200.00	\$107.00	\$150.00
Misc Income**	Yearly	<u>\$244.00</u>	<u>\$317.00</u>	<u>\$250.00</u>	<u>\$119.00</u>	<u>\$250.00</u>
Summary		<b>\$2553.00</b>	<b>\$3625.00</b>	<b>\$3210.00</b>	<b>\$1266.00</b>	<b>\$2950.00</b>

**Actual Club Financial Status**

<b><u>Year</u></b>	<b><u>January 1<sup>st</sup></u></b>	<b><u>December 31<sup>st</sup></u></b>
2018	\$4261.23	\$3658.83 <b>(-602.40)</b>
2019	\$3658.83	\$4243.80 (584.97)
2020	\$4243.86	\$3503.86 <b>(-739.94)</b>

\*The acrylic awards to be presented for 2020 were purchased early. The next expense will be less for 2021.

\*\*Misc Income and Expense include: Memorabilia, Computer software, name tags, Marque Mailing, extra BCD Shirts and other misc income.

Not included in my forecast is the expenses and income for TRA next year. We expect net income for TRA