



# **The Marque**

***“All the news that’s fit to soak up oil”***

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## August 2021

### Events this month:

- 4 - Monthly Meeting @ Archers in Kettering
- 6 - Dayton BCD Set-up
- 7 - Dayton BCD!!!!
- 13/14 - Operation Yellow Jacket Work Days
- 14 - Indianapolis BCD

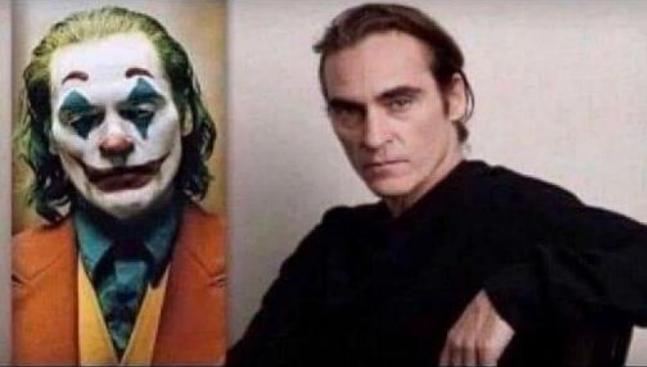
- 21 - Tech Session
- 28 - Orphan Auto Show

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## Did you know...



In order to play the role of an insane and mentally depressed person in the movie "Joker", Joaquin Phoenix prepared himself by trying to fix the Lucas wiring harness of a 1970's Jaguar.

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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).

### FRAUD ALERT!!!

Due to collector car market, and higher and higher auction prices of the 1969 Dodge Charger Daytona, clones and knock-offs are being produced in record numbers. The only way to tell them apart, is that the fakes have a 10MM nut on the battery hold-down bracket. Original models had a 5/16" nut. Other than that, the cars are virtually indistinguishable. Use extreme caution if you are going to purchase one of these rare collectables.

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**Club Website:**

<https://www.miamivalleytriumphs.org/>

We are also on **Facebook** at  
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/165489320475>

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Please send comments/suggestions to: [miamivalleytriumphs@gmail.com](mailto: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...

**MVT** is a Chapter of the Vintage Triumph Register (<http://vintagetriumphregister.org/>) and Center of the Triumph Register of America (<http://triumphregister.com/>). We actively participate in activities of these clubs and their endeavors to preserve the marque. In addition to the above national clubs you also might want to check out 6-Pack (TR6/TR-250) <http://www.6-pack.org/j15/> and the North American Spitfire Squadron for Triumph Spitfire and GT6 owners <http://www.nasshq.org/>. Yearly dues are \$20 due in May each year.

And you may find yourself behind the wheel of a large automobile

And you may find yourself in a beautiful house, with a beautiful wife

And you may ask yourself, "Well... how did I get here?"



## For Talking Heads Freaks

How bad do things have to be for both of these to be in town?



Only thing missing is Jim Cantore...



I've had TR7's like that...

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

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

## In Memorandum

Sparky has crossed the Rainbow Bridge - Stan said he went peacefully. He did join us one last time for the Augusta Tour. Our condolences to you and your family Stan.



## Officer's Reports

### President's Report



### Hot? Rain? Typical Summer

*John Coutant*

July has seen its spells of hot days in the 90s and spells of typical summer downpours. Not

unexpected in Ohio in the summer. We experienced a bit of both on the drive down to Augusta, KY at the beginning of the month. You can read all about it later here in the Marque. Yours truly wimped out and took the Swedish Triumph due to the forecast for rain and I am glad I did. The rain was short but intense and definitely not TR3 weather.

There was one car issue with Chuck and Chris's TR6. Luckily it occurred in a parking lot and not at speed as the steering column became separated under stress as it was improperly assembled. It underlines the fact that we are driving old cars and that failure of key systems like steering and suspension can be serious. It is a reminder for all of us to double check those components and fasteners periodically.

We are celebrating our third in-person meeting at Archer's in August after 15 months of Google Meet video meetings. I had hoped that we were looking at the end of the major COVID impacts but the high number of unvaccinated is creating a pool for infections by the new variants and the rates are rising. The fact that this is happening in the summer worries me because as we move to late fall and people move inside, we are bound to have another surge like last year. I hope the impact on our events and meetings is not great but we will just have to see and adjust accordingly.

Dayton British Car Day is rapidly approaching. According to Stan, pre-registration numbers are good and we should have a great show. I want to thank everyone who is already working on various aspects of the show and those who have signed up to work on various areas that MVT is responsible for. Remember we'll meet at the Park on Friday night at 6pm to stuff bags.

We started the process of updating the By-Laws to bring them up to date in the June issue of the Marque and again in the July issue. As indicated in our by-laws, any changes must be published in the Marque for two months, following the initial proposal, for comments and feedback from members. Since the initial proposal was presented at the June meeting, this month is the second month. This means that the membership will vote for the new by-laws at the September meeting. The proposed by-laws document is at the end of

the Marque. PLEASE read and send any comments to me to distribute for consideration. If any changes are made then we will start the timetable over again for review for 2 months.

### Vice President's Report

From a remote ski resort in Switzerland, Herr White reports, "I have no report this month."

Respectfully submitted,

*Herr White*

### Treasurer's Report



As of 1 July 2021, the club account had an account balance of \$3165.96. For the month of June the club had 50/50 income for \$12.00 and a memorability sale for \$3.00. Total income for July is \$15.00. The club had for July the following expenses: WIX web hosting for \$104.85 and the Club's Annual Picnic for \$286.86. Total expense for the month of July is: \$373.71. As of 1 August 2021, the club's account balance is \$2807.25. Respectfully submitted, Harry Mague.

*Respectfully submitted, Harry Mague.*

### Marque Editor's Report



### On The Road Again

Another long Marque I am afraid.

- Lotsa pictures from tours, lotsa humor, and even some tech stuff.
- Pres John is loading in a side-by-side comparison of the By-Law changes against the old By-Laws.

But I'm not complaining. I've said this before, and I will say it again - keep the articles rolling. See you at the August meeting and BCD!

*Cheers - Bruce*

### Membership Chair Report

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No change since last month!

Valerie Relue

## Events Chair Report



### Dog Days

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Preregistrations for Dayton BCD - we are back on the road again! Less than a week away as I write this. I have a feeling there will be other discussion of the event in here so I will not belabor the point, but I will remind you of two events:

- We pack registration bags and lay out the show grounds late afternoon on the 6<sup>th</sup>. Be at Eastwood Metro Park @ 6PM.
- BCD itself starts at 9AM on the 7<sup>th</sup>, but those (and I'm sure that's all of MVT) are encouraged to show up early to help registration, parking, and other set-up.

There will be much more conversation at the meeting on the 4<sup>th</sup> for sure...

July was a great month - the Augusta Tour started a bit rough with mechanical fixes, heavy rain, and leaks involved, but gave way to a great lunch, interesting tour, and nice roads. The Pool-less Pool Party was a big hit (burp), and I managed to drive Carma very regularly. On the flip-side, I've still not driven The Grey Ghost much this year - every time I go to drive it the fates conspire with a situation that I change cars. Evil that, but I digress...

August is packed with events. The first week finds us working the Dayton BCD with what promises to

be one of the larger turn-outs in a long time. The second week has your choice of working Project Yellow Jacket and/or heading to Indy for their BCD. The third week is a tech session at our place, and the last week contains the Bob Pool Orphan Auto Show @ Young's Dairy. More info on each of these is below in the Events Calendar.

I have laid in the tentative info for the September trip to Hocking Hills. If you are planning on coming please make your hotel reservations. Yes, we are doing this during the week to avoid crowds and higher costs. See you at the meeting!

*Events Tsar Bruce*

# MVT Events Calendar

Past

July 2021

## 7 - MVT Monthly Meeting

Meeting was called to order at 7:36

Opening Remarks: President, John Coutant - There is a vacancy for Secretary and we are looking for someone to fill in the rest of the term (March 2022)

Request for Changes / Additions to Agenda - none

Introduction of Guests/New Members - none

Officer Reports:

President - John Coutant - The new normal is Archer's unless something changes and we will work from there.

Vice President - Chuck White- None

Treasurer - Harry Mague- As of 1 June 2020, the club account had an account balance of \$3170.96. For the month of June the club had 50/50 income for \$20.00 and a TRA Donation of \$25.00. The club had no expenses for June. As

of 1 July 2021, the club's account balance is \$3215.96. As a note, the TRA National reimbursed the club for all the monies we used in the run-up of TRA 2020/2021.

Secretary – It was announced that Clyde Collins has volunteered to take over the interim Secretary position until the end of the current term. Patti

Membership – Val Relue – We are holding steady at 47 members.

Events – Bruce Clough  
Past

5 – Ft Meigs Car Show – Karl Ludolph attended the show at Perrysburg, OH. More than 100 British cars in attendance including 7 wedges. Left flyers for our Dayton BCD.  
26 – British Biscuits & Tea - 6 MVTers in attendance  
27 – Flashwinemob Few MVTers showed up for a glass or two.  
30 – Jul 1 Madison, IN tours. The weather forecast was for rain so some bowed out. Good roads and lot of wineries, gift and antique shops. Madison was an interesting town and worth exploring again. In spite of rain on the morning of the second day, a good trip.

Future

JULY

10 – Tour to Augusta Ky. Will cross the Ohio River by ferry (see Marque for information)

24 – Pooles Pool Party at Roger and Carol Rutledge's. Be sure to RSVP so they can order the pork chops. (see Marque for information)

AUGUST

7 – BCD is back!

21 – Tech Session on Pertronix Electronic Ignitions

28 – Orphan Auto Show at Young's Dairy in Yellow Springs

Committee Reports

Technical – Bruce Clough reported a free fan available from him.

Memorabilia – email Harry if interested

Parts – Chris Yanity was away

Marque – Bruce Clough said send contributions.

Website – The website is working well.

BCD – BCD is back on for this year. Lots help needed and sign up sheet for various areas passed around.

Old Business

By Laws – John Coutant said they have been updated. They will be posted so please read them and send comments. If no comments, then voted on soon.

New Business –

TRA 2023 - Bruce discussed possible location change to Madison ,IN and issues with that. No choices yet but everything under review.

50/50 Raffle –

Adjourn – meeting adjourned at 8:31

NEXT MEETING : Wednesday, July 7, 2021 at Archer's in Kettering

## 8 - BCD Meeting

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A good Zoom meeting was held by all. We confirmed that we think we have everything well in hand. Thanks to all who participated.

## 10 - Tour to Augusta, KY

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*Bruce Clough*

A big thanks to all who came out on this. The weather delivered on its threats, but the day turned out fun anyway. Here is the story in pictures:



**We met local at the BellHOP Café in Bellbrook and then motored to rendezvous with the Cincinnati folk at Fayetteville. Here we are waiting Stan and Sparky to arrive**



**Obligatory Foot Shot**



**Of course, right when we were getting ready to leave the White's car decided it didn't want to take their direction! We all grabbed our**

**wrenches and got it back on the road in a few minutes. We did transfer chickens.**



**We started to pick up some rain just as we started getting "good" roads. Here we are winding our way down into the Ohio River valley...**



**...and the rain just got heavier. Gully washer by the time we got to the Augusta Ferry Crossing, and the lightning was hitting close.**



**Just about the time the ferry arrived the rain started abating**





**The ferry has been running for years, and is a cheap (\$5) alternative to driving down to Ripley and back to get to Augusta.**



**Crossing the Ohio - view behind showing that Volvo thing that came along with us. How dare they stay dry!**



**Crossing the Ohio - View Ahead from Clifford's car**



**Lunch was at the Beehive Tavern in Augusta. Nice place with a good bourbon bar - Bruce was good though and had Diet Coke...**



**BBQ Chicken Sandwich @ the Beehive. Any questions?**



After lunch we headed toward the Baker-Bird winery and parked in a lot with a hike to the winery. Duncan was driving the Z4 that day - last time that Z4 was here it got stuck in the mud - not this time, great parking lot



Tasting - to be frank, I didn't like any of their wine. Their bourbon was a bit over-priced, but decent.



Cellar underneath the winery- yes, huge!



On the way back north we first stopped at a winery between Ripley and Georgetown, then stopped at a shop in Mt Orab - need any flamingoes?



Pres John pushes a VW bus out of the way to look at another yard yucky.

We were planning on another tasting at a winery just north of Mt Orab, but it was closed for vacation (darn it), so we decided to call it a day. The threatening weather cleared on our way north to end the day on a sunny note. Thanks for the great ride folks!

## 24 - Pool-less Pool Party

*Bruce Clough*

Thanks again to Carol and Roger Rutledge for opening their house to us and the club as hosts for the PPP. They also arranged the meat and drinks plus tables and settings. Those pork chops were fantastic as well as the food everyone else brought!



Hey look - Triumphs managed to make the Triumph Club party! Lol....



Food line set up. We had this in their immaculate garage (I'm going to hire Roger to take care of ours) - this was taken just as Big Willy's pork chops were arriving.



My fav were the hubcap cookies the Collins' brought. Tasty and oh-so topical!

After dinner we went out on the back porch for excellent conversations until the sun set, then folks headed on their ways - thanks again Carol & Roger for being such great hosts!

**Heathbar Hubcap Recipe:** Get 2 packs of Heathbar chips, one to eat, and follow instructions to make other bag into cookies. Order edible labels online, sugar paper tastes best. The labels are printed with edible ink, use any picture, and specify size and shape. Install labels on chocolate or icing and eat. Looks good on rusty side curtain models until rain. There could be a market for labels that stick to Guinness foam or single malts. TR7s look good on pie slices. *Clyde*



## Future

### August 2021

**4- 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. Below is the Meeting itinerary:

Opening Remarks – **John**

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

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

*Officers Reports*

- President – **John**
  - The changing landscape....
  - Thanks for volunteering for BCD
- Vice-President – **Chuck**

- Treasurer – Report in Marque, Harry absent for tonight's meeting
- Secretary –
  - Approval of July's Minutes as published in the Marque
- Membership Chair – **Valerie**
- Events Chair – **Bruce**
  - Summary of events, past and future

#### *Standing Committee Reports*

- Technical – **Bruce**
- Marque – **Bruce**
- Spare Parts – **Chris**
- Website - **John**

#### *Event Committee Reports*

- Dayton BCD – **John, Stan, Bruce**

#### Old Business

- Reviewing the changes proposed for the By-Laws - **John**

#### New Business

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#### Adjourn

Hope to see you there!



**7 - Dayton BCD - This is it - two years in the making** Registration starts at 9am, but please come earlier to help set up. Gates should be open by 7AM.

As we said, it will be like prior years, but we will not be doing concessions this year, instead, we will be having food trucks. Will we need your help? Absolutely - there will be a sign-up sheet passed around at the August meeting for those who have not signed up yet - please consider helping us!

The website for more info is:

<https://britishcardaydayton.com/>

*Reviewing* - set-up that day will start at 7am, registration is open at 9, voting ends at 1PM, and awards at 3PM. Afterwards we will pick a place to meet for dinner and relaxing.

Not only do we hope to see you there, we want to see you there!

**13-14 - Project Yellow Jacket** - From Jackson:

“British Transportation Museum - Project Yellowjacket is a go for 14 August 2021 at 1000EST at the BTM. We will be doing the drum brakes, bleeding brakes, and god willing installing the wheels. I also plan on working on Yellowjacket on 13 august at 10 to get some random things done. Anyone is welcome to participate if they can make it!”

Contact Jackson for more information, such as donut requests...



**6 - BCD Set-up at Eastwood Metro Park** - Be at the park after 6pm to set up for BCD. Entrance is off Harshman. We will pack registration bags as well as set up parking. If you have registered you can also pick up your registration package and t-shirt(s).



**14 - Indy BCD** - We hope this message finds you, your vehicles, and your families in good health! We are excited to announce the 33rd Annual Indy British Motor Day featuring Jaguar will take place on August 14, 2021!

We are no longer sending registrations or collecting payment by mail and have moved the registration and payment process online. As space may be limited, we encourage you to sign up early! Vendors are welcome to attend and must register for the event.

We hope you are able to join us for another great show!

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



# ZIPTIES

Good for holding stuff together.  
Better for playing practical jokes.

**21 - Tech Session** - Petronix Ignitions - Chateau Clough. We will start with an appreciation of good pastries at 10AM followed by general discussion of Petronix aftermarket ignitions. The Grey Ghost has a Petronix distributor on it.

# Young's

Jersey Dairy

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

From the show's website:  
<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, in their parking lot to the west of US-68 across the road from Young's.*

*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 Mercury for this year. So bring your "Orphan" Mercury and join us.*

*For information, contact:*

- Gary Grebner – [ggrebner@sbcglobal.net](mailto:ggrebner@sbcglobal.net)
- Gerry Hasen – [g.hasen@sbcglobal.net](mailto:g.hasen@sbcglobal.net)

*Registration: 10am-Noon, Donation per vehicle: \$5*

MVT'ers that want to caravan, we will meet at the Tim Horton's in Xenia at 9AM for vittles, then wander off to Young's after food and conversations. Afterwards, we traditionally take off for Branderberry, or Caesar's Creek, winery and order pizza for a late lunch.

**September 2021**

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



The Aubrey Rose Foundation  
British Car Day September 12<sup>th</sup>, 2021



Celebrating 60 Years of Jaguar E-Type  
1961-2021



All British Cars Welcome to Display

- 70+ Awards
- Awards By Popular Vote
- Door Prizes
- Food/Drinks
- DJ Music
- Sno-Cones
- Vendors
- Split The Pot

**Harbin Park**  
1300 Hunter Rd.  
Fairfield, OH 45014  
9:00 AM - 4:00PM  
Awards at 3 PM

Spectator Admission: Suggested \$5.00 Donation to Aubrey Rose Foundation

To Enter Your British Car Visit:

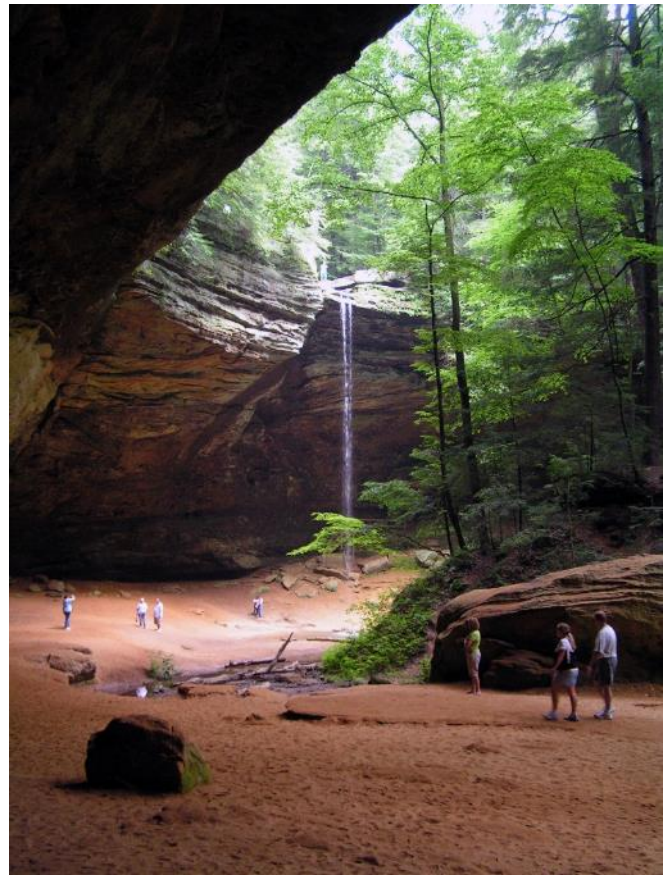
<https://www.bccgc.com/british-car-day>

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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)

14-15 - Hocking Hills Run - for those not going to VTR we will be heading the other direction, off to a couple of days in the Hocking Hills to relax, hike, shop, eat, and drink. What else is there? Oh yeah, twisty, turny roads, that's what! We are doing this in the middle of the week to avoid crowds and increased hotel costs. Wear good hiking shoes.

We are staying at the Sleep Inn in Logan. The link is:

<https://www.choicehotels.com/ohio/logan/sleep-inn-hotels/oh706?mc=llqoxpx>

If you are planning on going book now as the rooms tend to fill up. Meeting site and itinerary are in development.

25 - Farm (stand) Tour - will be on as usual! Plan to get some good vittles and travel some good roads!

30 - Oct 3 - 6-Pack Trials, Hilton Garden Inn, Colonial Heights, VA, hotel reservations (866) 238-4218. Most of the events will be at Moss Motors in Petersburg.

<https://gatriumph.com/wp-content/uploads/2021/06/TRVA-2021-Flyer-and-Registration.pdf>

## October 2021

6 - MVT Monthly Meeting

9 - **Covered Bridge Tour** - Any excuse to take pictures of cars next to bridges, and for Bruce, to get peanut butter pie!

17 - **Little Miami River Run/Fall Foliage Tour** - Changing this to a one-dayer similar to what we did last year, but it will end with an assumed dinner at Valley Vineyards. Breakfast to dinner. More on that later!

## November 2021

3- MVT Monthly Meeting

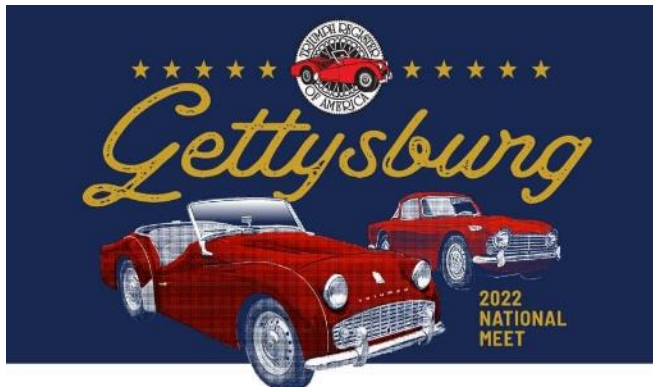
6 - **Guy Fawkes** - Tour and bonfire

## December 2021

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

19 - MVT Christmas Dinner

## June 2022



JUNE 20-24TH, 2022 ★ GETTYSBURG, PENNSYLVANIA  
Hosted by: Mason-Dixon Center of Triumph Register of America

HOST HOTEL  
**EISENHOWER HOTEL**  
and Conference Center  
Gettysburg, Pennsylvania.

MORE INFORMATION TO COME  
[WWW.TRIUMPHREGISTER.COM](http://WWW.TRIUMPHREGISTER.COM)

EVENTS TO DATE

- TRA Concours d'Elegance Car Show
- Participants Choice Car Show
- Parts Auction
- Driving tours
- Self guided venues and attractions
- Gettysburg National Military Park
- Eisenhower National Historic Site
- Farnsworth House Inn & Tours
- The Lincoln Train Museum
- The Outlet Shoppes at Gettysburg

## Technical Talk

*Edited by Bruce Clough*

**When you can't afford to fix it, fix it right.**

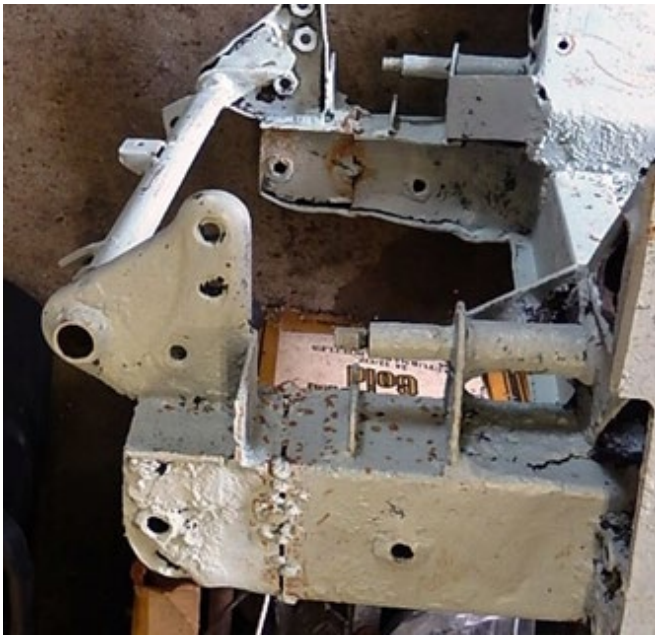


## Now You Know!

*Clyde Collins*

Murder mystery....The welder did it! A homicidal welder. The front of this TR2 frame was replaced, it holds the radiator and steering. Must have held up before other things went agley. Now it is a test stand with wheels and after Giuseppe uses it, it will be for any other member to use.





**Fixed it!**

## Fixing the Seals

*Bruce Clough*

Parked in the torrential downpour at the boat dock waiting for the Augusta Ferry in Carma, Alice and I were getting a significant drip where the convertible top meets the top of the A-pillar and fixed-door window top. Looking up, we could see daylight, so nothing was blocking the rain water coming in, and the angle we were at on the ramp was the perfect angle to leak in. Fortunately I was prepared with towels, but once home I decided to fix that, but why could we see daylight and what could I do about it?

First I needed to compare Carma to Inca, which doesn't leak at the point. Looking at Inca, I noticed that the door seal came up to the point where the top attached, and the end of the seal was filled in. This provided a solid seal between the top, door, and A-pillar.



**Door seal on Inca**

Unfortunately, Carma's seal didn't come that high nor was it filled in.



**Door seal on Carma**

So just that little-bit-over-an-inch of seal lacking anything could make a difference - I also noticed that the existing seal didn't contact the door for the last couple of inches up to where the top contacts it. Both of these might be due to the body repair Carma had - they put on new seals and door angle wasn't quite right.

Fix? Simple - order new seals for a start. Well, not so simple. New seals are very expensive and nobody in North America had any in stock, and they are even back-ordered at Rimmers. Nice.

Looking at Carma what I decided to do as an interim (or maybe final if it worked) was to push the existing seal out at the top to contact the door, then figure out a seal I can make using the rubber I have in hand to seal that "can see daylight" hole.



To push the existing seal out a bit to contact the door all I did was to glue in a rubber strip between the seal and the A-pillar. I used about a 3" section and it worked like a champ.

To fill the hole I took a strip of foam rubber about 1/2" square and glued 2" strips to the door and A-pillar so they contact the top and the door when the door is closed.



**Holding the foam rubber strips in place while the glue (Gorilla Clear) cures- I closed the door to apply more pressure to the pieces. This glue will hold the rubber to the painted steel no problem, with the cost that it can't be removed. Contact cement would not provide a long-term adhesive in this application**



**Rubber seal strips in place with the door open - I was going for a minimum length - just long enough to direct rainwater down into the channel between door seal and door, but not any longer.**



**Door closed - good contact with the seals**

Using this method on both sides the gap was closed. I am convinced this will work and I didn't have to send \$190 overseas for a set of seals (or a bit less to Canada). Think this cost me \$0.50 in materials and about an hour of time (not counting the curing time) all told.



**To fix the engine you must become the engine**

**Zen Mechanics**

## **Fixing the Seals the Right Way**

*John C*

*Ed. Notes - John and I were talking seals - I showed him my \$0.5 fix and he talked about doing the same thing only using a seal made for the job, and, in fact, was put on later cars from the factory.*

*Seemingly both Inca and Carma did not come from the factory with these seals. So here is the more elegant \$15 solution!*

I got them from the Roadster Factory. XKC3848. \$15.



### Weather Stripping Seal Side Profile

There is a small bead along the outside of the seal (right side of profile shot, see arrow). That is supposed to tuck behind the edge of the black drip rail. I had trouble keeping it there while also gluing the rest of the seal. If it were contact cement and you are lucky, it might work. I resorted to a bit of a Rube Goldberg arrangement to first glue that in place (using a 3/8" pc of wood and a pc of wood molding which fit in the gutter). Then went back and bonded the rest of the flap, supporting it with another 3/4" pc of wood braced back to the B pillar. See photos attached. Hope this helps.

Words to live by:  
Racecar backwards, is  
racecar. Racecar upside  
down, is expensive.



### Clamping the seal while glue sets

3 of my tires have less than 40% life left, is there anywhere I can buy 3 tires and just keep the one that's still at 102%?



## 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**

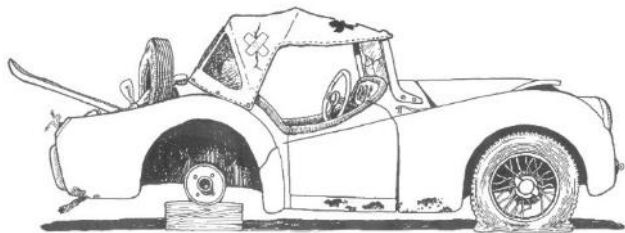


**They look very spiffy on a TR7...**

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



**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 - one slightly used chipper shredder. Call BR-549 & ask for Peg Leg Martin.**



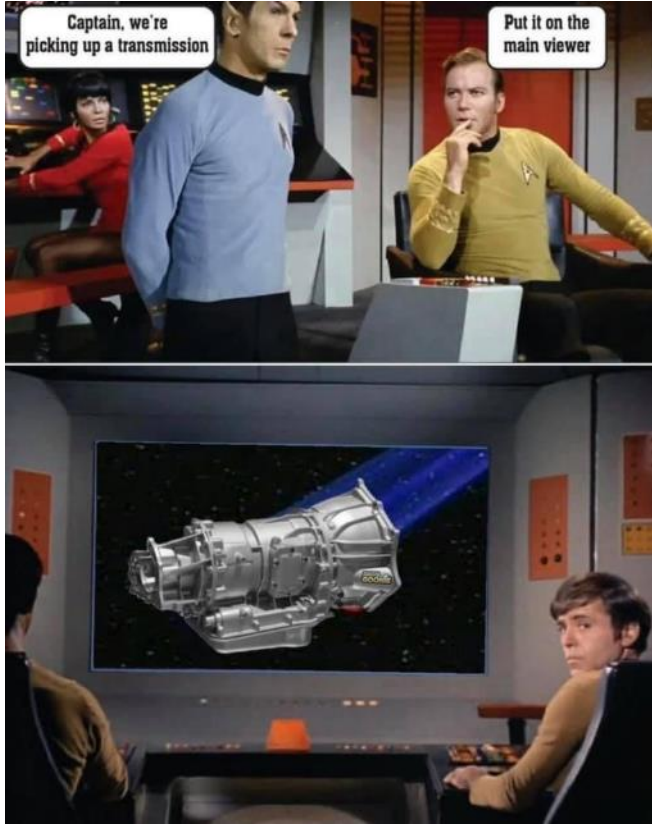
**Hard Drive Cleaning Service - Low rates, bulk discounts available. Ask Tim Moore for a testimonial. Bruce - BR-549**



**Original Wiring Harness Smoke - Bought too much. As pictured below. My loss your, gain. Call Chuck White - BR-549**



## Parting Shot



## Miami Valley Triumphs By-Laws

These are the rules that define us, what we do, and how we function. A bit boring but necessary part of our organization.

We have made some major updates since the last major one a decade ago, primarily to address electronic communication, electronic voting, and electronic meetings.

Our current by-laws define the process of how we should change them

1. The proposed changes are introduced at a general meeting and discussed. They are voted on and, if passed, become proposed changes.
2. The proposed changes are published in the Marque for two subsequent meetings. Any modifications accepted after discussion at the general meeting are then published for another two months.
3. If there are not changes or modifications after two consecutive months, the proposed changes are voted on the next general meeting.

We are at the point where no modifications have been made to the proposed changes to the by-laws so they will be presented for a vote at the August meeting.

Because this is important, we are publishing the proposed changes to the existing by-laws in a two-column format. The left column is the current by-laws. The right column shows the proposed changes aligned with the current by-laws so it is easy to see where there are no proposed changes and where changes have been proposed or additions to the by-laws made.

Please take time to review. We will be voting at the next meeting.

Thanks,

John

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(Version November, 2020 corrected)**

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**2.1 Eligibility**

Any person sixteen (16) years of age or older who is interested shall be eligible for membership. Ownership of a Triumph automobile is not a prerequisite to membership. MVT shall not discriminate due to race, sex, creed, age, national origin, or for any other cause.

**2.2 Application**

Application to MVT shall be submitted on a membership form, made expressly for that purpose, to the Membership Chairperson along with the first year dues. Upon receipt of dues, the applicant and their immediate family will be declared a member(s) in good standing.

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upon receipt thereof. Such member shall forfeit all dues paid.

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**2.3.3** The Board may suspend a member at any time for infraction of any MVT rule or for any cause if the Board shall deem such action to be in the best interest of MVT. Such vote shall be by the entire Board. Decision shall be by majority of the vote. The Board shall then notify the suspended member of its action in writing within thirty (30) days. The suspended member shall thereafter be entitled to a hearing before the Board either in person or by the member's representative within sixty (60) days. The Board may thereafter continue for a definite term, terminate or retract the suspension, or expel the member. The Board's decision can only be overruled by vote of the general membership during the monthly membership meeting. A 2/3 majority vote shall be required for reinstatement

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**4.1.2** When there are circumstances which prevent the membership from meeting at a named physical location, the Board shall establish an electronic means (Defined as a “Virtual Meeting”) to permit a gathering of the club membership for the purposes of the monthly meeting. The electronic means shall permit not only computer interface, but also telephonic means to join for those who may not have computer accessibility. The electronic meeting shall otherwise be consistent with Para. 4.1.1, and can be applied in a similar manner to Para. 4.2 and 4.3, below.

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and systematic book of accounts, shall exhibit such books and any and all papers and vouchers when so directed by the President. The Treasurer shall prepare monthly reports for the MVT meeting of treasury activity. The Treasurer shall assist the President in preparing an annual budget and in reporting the prior year's financial activity to be published in the April issue of **The Marque**. The Treasurer shall pay only such bills as are directed by the President or the Board of MVT, shall sign all checks for MVT, and shall serve as steward of all MVT owned equipment.

**5.5.4 Secretary** The Secretary shall take charge and be responsible for the performance of all clerical work pertaining to the business of MVT. The Secretary shall keep and record minutes of the monthly membership meeting and Board meetings for submittal to **The Marque**. The Secretary, together with the President shall sign all contracts and legal documents for and in the name of MVT. The Secretary shall maintain the official membership list as provided by the Membership Director, shall issue notices of all meetings of MVT to all members as provided by these By-Laws. The Secretary shall present a written annual summary of the affairs of the office in March, and shall count all votes of elections. The Secretary shall cause to be exhibited any and all data, records, correspondence, documents, membership rolls, and any other information in his/her care or possession whenever so directed by the President.

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and systematic book of [income and expenditures](#), shall exhibit such books and any and all papers and vouchers when so directed by the President. The treasurer shall prepare [a monthly financial report to be published in the newsletter monthly and to be presented at the MVT monthly meeting](#). The Treasurer [and the President](#) shall prepare an annual budget [in accordance with Section 7.4 of the By-Laws](#).

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**5.5.6 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**.

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**5.9 Impeachment Motion** to relieve an officer shall only take place at a monthly membership meeting **with reason for impeachment**. The notice of impeachment **and reason for impeachment** must be posted in the **newsletter** prior to the impeachment vote. The motion to relieve an officer shall require a concurring vote of 2/3 majority of the members present at the meeting.

## 6. STANDING COMMITTEES

The MVT Standing Committees are established to assist the Officers in operating MVT and assisting the general membership in preserving the Triumph marque.

### 6.1 Appointment

The President shall appoint all committee chairmen. The chairman may appoint such committee members as they feel necessary.

### 6.2 Removal

A 2/3 majority vote of the Officers is required for removing a committee chairman.

### 6.3 Duties of Committees

**Technical:** The Technical Committee shall assist the general membership in the restoration and upkeep of their Triumphs by providing technical information when asked, submitting technical articles for publication in **The Marque**, and assisting MVT members in organizing and conducting workshops held during the year.

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A 2/3 majority vote of the **Board** is required for removing an **Appointed Position chairperson**.

### 6.3 Duties of Appointed Positions

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**Website:** The webmaster is in charge of maintaining and updating the website for MVT. The webmaster supports the functions of the other Officers and Chairpersons by: Ensuring the online publication and archives of the MVT newsletter for the Newsletter Editor. Posting the current membership in a secure member only area for the Membership Director. Facilitating communication of MVT meetings for the Secretary. Maintaining posting of current and upcoming events for the Events Coordinator. In addition, the webmaster is responsible for related IT activities such as maintaining and archiving of all material on the web and maintaining a club email address.



**Spares:** The Spares Committee shall investigate the spare parts availability for Triumphs. This includes keeping a list of spare parts currently available, any new reproduction activity, notification of parts no longer available, and a list of parts vendors. Spares shall write an article for each issue of **The Marque**, when appropriate, outlining significant events/parts availability changes.

**Spares:** The Spares chairperson shall monitor the spare parts situation for Triumphs and report any significant information to the club . This includes, but is not limited to, such areas as new reproduction spares, parts no longer available, quality of reproduction spares, list of parts vendors, and swap meets.

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## 7. FINANCES

### 7.1 Fiscal Year

The fiscal year of the club shall begin the first day of January and go through the last day of December.

### 7.2 Dues Payable

All dues shall be good for twelve (12) months membership unless prorated for new members. Dues will be payable to MVT on receipt of the May publication of **The Marque**. Membership shall lapse if dues are not received within sixty (60) days after the first of June. Thereafter the membership dues shall be as a new member.

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The amount of annual dues shall continue from year to year until changed by the club. No refund of dues shall be made under any circumstances. As of May, 2014 the dues are \$30.00 for new members and their immediate family and \$25.00 for a new single member. The renewal fee for current members and their immediate family will be \$20.00. New membership dues include two name badges for a family and a single name badge for a single joining member. Replacement badges or extra badges will be charged at the current rate.

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