



The Marque

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

The Marque – September 2024



MVT @ Bob Pool Orphan Auto Show – more details on this and other events inside

September Events:

- 4 – MVT Monthly Meeting
- 8-12 – VTR National Convention
- 14 – Pool-less Pool Party
- 15 – Cincinnati BCD
- 28 – Farm (Stand) Tour

In This Marque

- Indy BCD – we get a full report including Jeff Barth's stalker...
- John Coutant and hitchhikers
- Harry gets a head rush
- Chuck solders wires
- Audio in and out of The Grey Ghost

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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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Please send comments/suggestions to: miamivalleytriumphs@gmail.com or to the PO Box.

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

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/>

National Affiliations:



Vintage Triumph Register

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

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

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

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

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

Triumph Register of America



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

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

Other Clubs

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

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

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

Officer's Reports

President's Report



One of the four food groups

And now some words from the Prez...

Jeff Barth

Events galore, this best describes the month of August for members of MVT.

Starting the month with a successful Dayton BCD and followed the next weekend with a near perfect day for a drive to Indiana for the Indiana BCD. Tech sessions, orphan car show, British Tea and Biscuits, and did I mention tech sessions.

MVT came out in force for Bob Poole's Orphan Car Show at Young's Jersey Dairy, I think I counted at least 10 beautiful Triumph's from our club to celebrate the featured class for British Cars. Thanks everyone who came out in their Triumph and to those who also showed up without a Triumph to join the fun as well.

As the weather cools though the opportunities for fun drives and sharing friendships continue through September. It all starts with the VTR National Meet in Nashville, Indiana and the Pool-less Pool Party to Carol and Roger Rutledge's Chateau as well. Don't wait for just the weekend

though to enjoy your rides, the start of Autumn always provides great days during the weekdays to drive to work, the grocery store, or just to enjoy the experience of wind in your hair



Bob Pool Orphan Auto Show – hot, but good



Not sure what this is, but I bet there is food involved – Ed

Don't forget the monthly meeting Wednesday September 4th, 6:30 to eat and 7:30 for the meeting. See you there.

Secretary's Report/Last Month's MVT Meeting Minutes – 7 August 2024

By Stan Seto

Call to Meeting – 7:31 PM

Members Present – 23

Opening comments – Welcome, Glad to see so many here.

Agenda: Changes or additions – Agenda passed out to members; no additions were volunteered.

Introduction of Guests and/or New Members – Debbie and Tom Ferratt were welcomed back after a long absence.

President – No remarks

Vice President – Did not attend, traveling on family matters.

Treasurer – Senior Softball game, but showed up at end of meeting, briefly. 01 August club has \$5873.08 in the bank. Comprehensive report for July was in the August Marque.

Secretary – July Meeting minutes were published in the August Issue of the Marque. Any corrections? Seeing no hands, requested a motion for Minute acceptance. Carol Rutledge made the motion; Patti Clifford seconded the motion. Call for discussion, but there was no discussion offered. Motion was called and passed by voice vote.

Membership Secretary – Adrienne Meade's report was we lost five members in the July time period (Dues not paid), but picked up four new members, so we are at 56 members with at least one and possibly two new prospects in the wings.

Members who have not renewed for 2024: Paul **Corcoran, Mike Harmon, Claudia Kropas-Hughes, Larry Tomlin and Derrick Zimmerman**. As yet undetermined: Sam Smyth.

New for 2024 are:

Mike and Rebecca Lorey (Spitfire, '80), **Scott and Missy Rutledge** (TR6, '74), **Craig and Krystal Stephenson** (Spitfire, '65) and **Steve Morse** (TR7, '79).

Events Chair – Bruce was absent on a prior commitment, so his duties were taken over by (Jeff) the President.

July – All July events are published in the August issue of the Marque, making it a pretty good read, this time around. Covered were the July monthly, BCD, Gilmore Museum and Mad Dogs and Englishmen visit in Kalamazoo, MI. Blessing the Cars and Cycles (Play for Payne, our club contributed more than \$500.00), Ice Cream and Wine Social and the Tech sessions.

August – 7th, the Monthly Meeting; 10th, BCD Indianapolis, and Drive your Triumph Day; 17th Tech session, getting ready to drive to Stowe, VT.; 24th Orphan Car Show (\$5.00 to get in) at Young's Dairy. 24th Bellefontaine Hill Climb **and a Club member is competing** and on the 31st, the first Annual Class on Electrical Wiring and Harness Repair, See the August Marque for more details.

September – Check with the Marque for more complete details, but it is rumored that there is a close-by VTR gathering and, later, something called the Pool-less Pool Party!

Standing Committee Reports

Technical – No comments, Bruce was absent.

Marque – Bruce was still absent, but Secretary had these comments: Hope everyone here has read the August issue of the Marque. It contains articles on BCD from the Editor and Vice President, even though it was put together hurriedly on Sunday, and it also contains articles of club activities in July and a good list of those planned activities for August, September and October. I would like to commend the Marque editor on a good job, well done, month after month on this publication. It should also be noted that this is the second time he has acted as editor. The first time being in the early 2000's. (*actually, the third – I was Newsletter editor between 1985 and the early 1990's - Ed*).

Spare Parts – No comments as Chris Yanity did not attend.

Web Site – John said nothing is going on.

Memorabilia – Harry was not here to comment

Old Business -

BCD – Went well. Thanks to all those who helped at sorting out pre-registered and Not-Yet-Registered cars, Parking, Registration and Ballot Counting, we once again got the results to Skip Peterson before three o'clock. Thanks to Harry Mague, who, year-after-year sits in the pavilion and records the cars and vendors who descend on us Saturday morning. Also, thanks to Chris Yanity, who stepped in to handle the Vendors, when Al Smith had to stand-down due to a Death-in-the-family. It was also noted that Valerie Relue came and worked the shirt booth all day, Thanks Valerie!

It was also noted that Jackson Galloway put "Yellow Jacket" (TR7) on the field.

BCD in 2024 hosted the annual meeting of the AMGCRA (American MGC Register Association) and set-up separate classes for the Roadsters and the GT cars. One car came from Oregon (trailer), but the car from Florida was a no-show. Even so we had 8 Roadsters and 9 GT cars on the field.

In 2024, 181 cars and three vendors were pre-registered and an additional 64 cars and three more vendors drove in on Saturday morning. But we had 27 No-shows from the pre-registered group which resulted in 218 cars on the field. A summary will be published in the September Marque. It should be noted that we had 5 double registered, but we caught 4 of those early. In 2025, John Scocozzo, MG Club, will adjust the electronic programming to catch these for us.

The ability of the one food truck we have to handle the crowd was brought into question in 2023. For 2024, they said they would bring more help and would modify the menu to make serving easier. The Jury is still out on the results for this year, but one thing is clear, the food was more expensive. We need to check food costs at other

shows (Cincinnati, as an example, but the Indianapolis show, you walk into town).

A review of the cars that showed up in 2022, 2023 and 2024, is being done to revise the car ballots for car types that we may have taken off the lists in past years, but who are now showing up in quantity.

New Business – Lois Bigler (through Chris White) notes that Don continues to get better and better, is walking using a cane now.

Carol Rutledge noted that the Pool-less Pool party includes spouses and more information of this event will be forth coming this month.

50/50 Drawing – Amount:\$11.00, Winner : John Clifford

Adjournment: Time – 8:22 PM Motion - John Clifford Second – Stan Seto

Respectfully submitted, Stan Seto

Vice President's Report



Something

By Chuck White

Bruce told me I need to write something. Here goes:

Something.

There you go, I wrote something, and something I wrote.

Not that I need to be goaded into writing something, since I like things, some things. Yes, some things I like, and I can write about them, and

when that happens, I have written about something, probably many times over.

Is this good enough?

Chuck

Treasurer's Report



As of 1 August 2024, the club account had a balance of \$5953.12. For the month of August, the club's income was 50/50 for \$11.00, \$115.00 for resale of last year BCD shirts, and membership renewals and new members for \$300.02. Total income was \$426.02. For the month of August, expenses included renewal of our PO Box for \$200.00 and renewal of VTR Insurance at a cost of \$315.00. As of 1 September 2024, the club's account will have a balance of \$5864.14.

Respectfully submitted, *Harry Mague*

Membership Chair Report

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We have 2 new members. Steve Morse, who drives a 79 Green TR7. Steve Resides in Kettering. We also had Glenn and Lynda Hamilton sign up as new members They have a red 1960 TR3. They reside in Dayton. We would like to welcome our new members

Adrienne Meade

Editor's Corner



Somewhere Southeast of Dayton

Bruce Clough

I continue to fight aftermarket touch-up paint suppliers – I thought a paint color was a paint color. I am finding out that is wrong. I went to another supplier to get a touch-up kit for the stripe I put on The Grey Ghost since there were a few edges I wanted to touch up on the hood and I didn't feel like repainting the whole thing.

I'm repainting the whole thing.

Yep, repainted the whole thing and then got some vinyl striping to use as edging – looks okay. I also started to fart around with the sound system since I could, that's also in here. One step forward, two steps back.

Looking forward to September – looking forward to VTR. As of now both TR7's are running well and my rally equipment hasn't fallen off its mounts as much as it was – going to try and medal in the prepared class for TSD. Nashville IN is just a few hours away, and I know a few of the

wineries are open on Sunday as we drive over there. Several choices:

Ertle Winery - <http://ertelcellarswinery.com/> - they were a little snippy the last time we showed up with a group for a tasting, evidently our group disturbed the karma.

At the Barn Winery – their website is: <http://www.atthebarnwinery.com/> - They open a bit later than we might be passing on Sunday so we might be visiting them on the drive back.

Holtkamp Winery – their website is: - <http://www.holtkampwinery.com/> - Google said I've been there, but I do not remember – they have a 4.9 rating, so what the heck

Brown Country Winery - a lot closer to Nashville, in fact, about 6 miles away – their website is: <http://www.browncountywinery.com/> - visited there just this late May on the way to VTR Regional in St Louis – wines are actually not bad and the folks are very friendly!

As a bourbon aficionado I will also be stopping by the **Bear Wallow Distillery** just down the road from Brown County Winery. Their website is: <http://www.bearwallowdistillery.com/> . I like them a lot more than the **Hard Truth Distillery** in Nashville (<http://www.hardtruth.com/>) – Hard Truth is a much bigger operation, but it seems that whiskey is just another one of their lines, along with a bar, restaurant, and Tiki Boat rides. Bear Wallow is about whiskey, period, and had an outstanding single barrel the last time we visited and I got to chat with the owner for a little while.

I am curious as to how the event itself will run. Abe Martin Lodge did not seem to have the banquet space to accommodate VTR, and the food at their restaurant looked, well, not so good. They did not have a bar open, and parking lot is not conducive to a car show. Evidently the car show will be down by the pool, which is a couple-mile drive from the lodge. But, heck, since I'm not running it, what me worry? The roads are fantastic for sports car motoring, so there is that.

I've also decided to change Old Paint's name once again. Since I basically stick technology on this car, or try something out knowing that I really

can't hurt is much, I've decided to call it "The Mule" which is short for technology mule, or a vehicle tech is tested on before releasing to the market, or unsuspecting public. So, I've gone from a horse to a mule, not strayed too far yet...

I sent the Lucas TR3B distributor off to Advanced Distributors for rebuilding. Actually, I sent two – the first one was pretty worn, so I got another from Jack Schmelyun (thanks Jack if you are reading this) and they can put one together from two. It is now back in the car and the car runs a bit better than the BPNW Chinese-made knock-off (which was put back in reserve). I did leave on the cap where the wires come out of the top rather than the side, they interchange perfectly. I suppose I should have written a tech article on that, but just got too busy. Okay, on with the show...

The Marque

Just like last month and the month before - heading forward, I could use some non-Bruce tech articles as well as some non-Bruce write-ups on events – hint, hint, nudge, nudge. I am down to subjecting y'all (or all y'all in Alabama) with my Grey Ghost escapades...

Events Chair Report

August was a fantastic month – two British Car Days (although the Dayton BCD was in the August Marque), several tech sessions, a hill climb and a feature spot at the Orphan Car Show. Can't get any better than that.

September is high-sport car driving day – (hopefully) a bit cooler and drier with fall stuff creeping out (data point – Lowes had Halloween decorations out on 18 July, go figure). Some of the things on MVT docket for September:

- Vintage Triumph Register National Convention 2024 – Nashville, IN – the apex of Triumph Conventions in North America, and it's right next door.
- Pool-less Pool Party – get you utensils out for the big honking pork chops. I might lead a drive from Brandeberry Winery over...

- Cincinnati British Car Day – in downtown Fairfield as the last few years.
- Farm (stand) Tour - we will be stopping by for mums and since the mum place is around the corner from Caesars Creek Winery, we might end up there for stuff that comes in glass bottles. Depending on the events going on we might start near Yellow Springs – still have some planning to do. Windy Achers is closed, so bummer, but we'll soldier on.

So, we will drive our cars in September, which is what cars are for. Remember- art hangs on a wall, car you drive.



Lunch in Zionsville – Patti to the left and Carol & Dave Brost (from Indy) have little bite to eat

We go to the show every year as we have some friends over there and it allows us to compare their show to our own BCD. One thing they always have is a great food booth run by the Lion's Club which does a booming business all day. And if you feel like having a sit-down lunch, the Zionsville business district is only a 5 minute which offers several tempting food establishments. Quite a contrast to our lone food truck. We got packed up for our drive home and after a short stop at our friend's place, arrived home about 7:00. Great Day!

Since Jeff had won his class last year, he got to park in the Prestige group of other winners from 2023. He did his best to garner votes, but alas his car was not selected from the Jags and RR's. The Clifford's drove over their green TR7 and came home with a Best in Class!

MVT Events

Past

3 – BCD Recap

Stan Seto provided a table comparing BCD numbers over the last ~20 years – this is at the end of this Marque.

10 – Indy BCD

John Clifford

Jeff Barth and the Clifford's drove over to the Indy British Car show on August 10th. We avoided Interstate 70 in Indiana due to its resemblance to off-road Baja-type pavement. Staying on mainly two-lane roads, we got there in a bit over two hours, got signed in and parked the cars.

Once we got out the chairs and the sunscreen, it was time to check out what vehicles had made it this year. They had about 170 cars on the field, which is more than the last few years. Must have been the perfect weather! There were only 3 TR7/8's but nearly 20 TR6's, a half dozen of TR4/250's, 5 Spits and 3 TR3's (all of which were red with black interiors). Of course, there were lots of MG's and Mini's.



Another day, another trophy...

But wait a minute...

The following is from Carol Brost, from ITC, Indiana Triumph Club, and has to do with a little Spitfire that was following Jeff Barth as he made his way to the Brost's after Indy BCD

You never know who or what will follow you home from a British Car meet. Last Saturday we were leading a short parade of 3 LBCs from the IBCU Zionsville show. John & Patti Clifford and Jeff Barth had driven over from Dayton, Ohio. We offered to lead them to a better way home bypassing I-465 & I-70. Since the route went within a block of our house, we offered to lead them there for a short pit stop before heading home.



Gabe's Spitfire

However, the short pit stop turned into a longer stop when an unknown Spitfire joined our little parade of 2 wedges and a Spitfire. It followed us right down our driveway. When we came to a stop, out jumped a young man with a broad smile on his face. Pointing to our Duchess, he said he had seen our car driving around and had always wondered where she called home. He introduced himself as Gabe and said he lived just a mile west of us. He worked at the local ACE Hardware Store when not attending school.



Inside Gabe's Spitfire

More introductions followed with a lengthy discussion of where we had been, and where some of us were heading. He told us he had fallen in love with his car as an 8-year-old when an acquaintance owned her. He was a broken-hearted pre-teen when the owner decided to sell her. As luck would have it, he later happened to see her advertised in a For Sale ad for an estate sale. He managed to win the bid on her and she is now all his. He is now working to rehab her. Dave, John, & Jeff quickly began to offer him advice about adjusting his parking brake and checking his front-end wheel bearings. This young man was soaking up all the wisdom he could. Soon, our Dayton friends had to leave for home, but Dave offered to take our new friend back to the shop to look for a spare part or two for his Spitfire. He was suitably impressed with what

was in there. As he walked back to his car with Dave, he said, "Today is my 17th birthday and I was going to spend the evening celebrating with my friends. They cancelled on me, but I'm glad. This is the best birthday present ever!"

Dave gave him ITC club information as well as VTR info. He encouraged Gabe to come to some ITC events when his schedule allows. We told him our club has a wealth of information to be gathered at our meetings, and we are hoping to see Gabe at an ITC event in the near future.

You never know when the opportunity to inspire a young car enthusiast will arise. They might just drive down your own driveway!

(Pictures from Gabe's Facebook page.)

10 – Drive Your Triumph Day Too

Bruce Clough

This is a cheesy event concocted by your newsletter editor to get a bunch of pictures to send in next February. I chose a date 6 months out so we'd have warm weather and no excuses. Here are the Whites taking advantage of the glorious day we had on the 10th.



Why is Jeff smiling?



TR6 in front of the Galloway Cabin in Xenia – does Jackson know he has a cabin?

17 – Tech Session



MVT Pit Crew breaking things on Chris and Chuck's car

Thanks to club members, Chuck and Chris have a few more things worked out on their TR6. Chuck invited us over to work on the car, having the obligatory donuts and coffee, as well as having the car in the air on jack stands, wheels removed, and room to work around the car with new parts laid out. We accomplished a few things:

- New fuel pump installed
- Brakes inspected
- Ammeter wiring reversed (this was a real pain)



Harry with the most thankless job of the day...

Thanks to everyone who came out. There might be a little revisit to this to peek at the brakes again, if so, you will see the report here!

24 – Orphan Auto Show

Another day, another caravan, another show, another winery <lol>

Bruce Clough

Yep, it was warm. 90F, but hey, it's August 24th and this is not out of line with what could be. Some clouds in the sky, no chance of rain. Looking at the TRs I thought it would be a grand day to drive The Grey Ghost with its new distributor and new sound system. I loaded the TRs up with chairs, cooler stocked with drinks, and sunscreen. The Grey Ghost and Inca headed to the meeting point – Panera Bread at the Fairfield Commons Mall. This is a bit different meeting point than the Tim Horton's on Dayton Yellow Springs, but I think it's easier to get in and out of as a group – and I was right.

Thanks for the MVT'ers that met us there. Gosh, Panera's service has gone downhill here, I'd say par for the course, but I know the service at the Wilmington Pike location is top notch.

John Coutant was there with Bill Hartung – Bill lives in Bellbrook and his daughter contacted the club about giving her dad a birthday ride in a TR3 for his 80th birthday. John just volunteered to do it, so he picked up Bill on his way there.

(John's write up of that experience follows this short show recap – Ed)



MVT gets their bread on!

The caravan left Panera and had an uneventful drive to Young's Dairy where we paid our \$5, parked out cars, and got our windshield car details plaque. Next, popped out hoods and set up chairs and started talking cars with folks wandering by.



The line of MVT'ers – maybe a dozen showed up? I lost count – it was a long line of British cars...

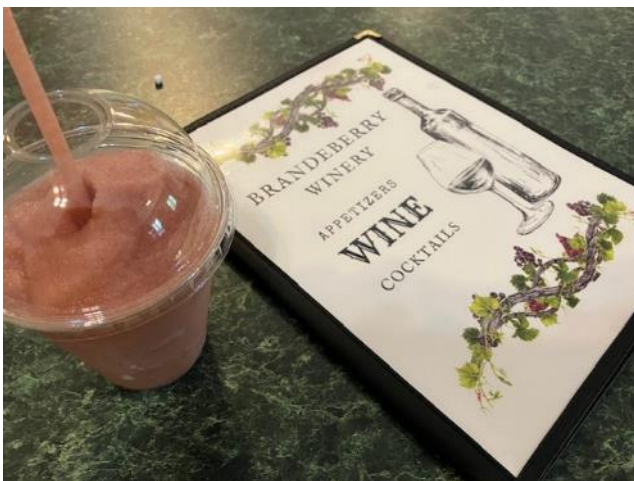
If you have never been to the Orphan Car Show, it's a hoot. You see cars here that you will never see in other shows, or Concours. Where else can you see Corvair station wagons, Auburns, Yugos, and whatever the hell that boat thing was? Very unique and interesting cars – I think I saw Chuck lusting after the '51 Plymouth...



Thank you Jeff for bringing the club flag!

The great thing about this show was the featured cars were British Cars – and there were a lot of them – the entire back row of the show was all British Cars, mostly MGs and Triumphs.

We were there about three hours. I was hot, but tolerable. At 1PM we decided our fun meters had pegged, so we broke camp and headed to Brandeberry Winery, just a few miles away. They had a Cousin Maines Lobster food truck as well as air conditioning, so we ordered some wine, wine slushies, lobster rolls, and cheese & crackers for continuing conversations about the cool cars, and how packed Young's was if you went across the street to get ice cream. Yeah, don't go to Young's on a summer's weekend unless you want to wait in line.



I think my favorite part of the day was the wine slushy...

All good things come to an end, so we headed home about 3PM via a warm day and nice backroads. BTW – the Valley Road US35 overpass is now complete except for the ramps,

so no long light there anymore, but the home construction at the corner of Trebein and Hilltop means we probably won't be running that road very much except for mornings, bumper on progress...

Thanks for all who came – it was a really good, really warm, time. I was very happy with the new distributor, not so much with the sound system, but I survived.

Web Wishes for 80th Birthday

John Coutant

As webmaster I handle all the communications that come from the comments box on the web site or club Gmail account. The requests cover cars for sale, interest in joining MVT, and technical questions to name a few. Most I take care of or forward on to the appropriate people in the club.

Two weeks ago, I got the following inquiry from Ann. "Hello - I grew up in Centerville, and am visiting my parents this coming weekend for my dad's 80th birthday. He owned a TR2 when he & my mom first got married in 1968, and I had the crazy thought of how wonderful it would be if I could pay someone to borrow a Triumph for him to drive for a few hours this Friday, August 16. This may be the craziest idea you've ever heard, but if there's anyone in your club that could help make this wish come true for us, I'd love to talk to them."

I replied that it was a very short notice and with the weather looking poor for the 16th maybe something could be arranged in the future for a ride as a passenger in a TR2/3. We talked on the phone and I agreed that I would take her dad on a short ride (I have a soft spot for 80-year-olds just becoming one myself). Ann put together a certificate for a ride in a Triumph to give to her dad on his birthday.

Happy Birthday, Pop-Pop!



*This certificate is good for
one backroads drive
in this green Triumph*

to be a scheduled one day in the next month or so
on a day that's mutually convenient for you & the
owner, John Coutant, who will drive to Bellbrook
from Montgomery for your outing

john.coutant@gmail.com
(513) 560-7434

*We love you so much!
Love, Ann, Greg, & Lauren*



Birthday certificate Happy Birthday Pop-Pop

By this time the weather was looking good for the ride up the Orphan Car show on the 23rd so I contacted Ann's Dad, Bill Hartung and he agreed to meet at the starting point at Panera Bread for the drive up.



Bill and John's TR3A at Panera

There was already a collection of MVT cars at Panera when we both arrived. Bill filled me in with stories about the '58 black TR3 he had in college and when dating his to be wife. I had a chance to introduce Bill to everyone and then everyone hopped in their cars. It was off for a short drive with Bruce leading the way in the Gray Ghost up to Young's Dairy where the Orphan Car Show featuring British cars was.

We drove in and President Jeff was already there with our club banner proudly waving. We got lined with everyone and unpacked the chairs.



Arrival at Orphan Car with flag and Jeff

It was a good show, lots of British cars but also many other orphan cars you don't see so often. Bill and I wandered around and looked at them all and talked with so many people.



Bill relaxing at the show

As I had to get back to Cincinnati, we left about noon to head back to Fairborn to drop Bill off at his car and me to get home. When I dropped him

off, he thanked me for a wonderful morning and a chance to think about some great memories.



Bill and me about to leave the show

It just goes to show you what wonderful memories people have of these cars and their adventures with them even though they were many years ago. I am just glad I got a chance to help someone relive those.

Stan's Recollections

Stan Seto

We gathered at Panera's on New Germany-Trebein Road, just east of North Fairfield Road at about 9:30 in the morning. It turned out to be a near cloudless day, sun hot but relatively low humidity.

The usual suspects showed up, Clough's (Grey Ghost and TR7), White's (TR6), Rutledge's (TR3B), Harry Mague (TR6), Stan Seto (Honda Civic) and indulged in coffee and doughnuts until it was apparent no one else was coming. (also, John Coutant with Bill Hartung were there – Ed)

Bruce led us out east on New German–Trebein Road to Trebein Road and then north to Rte. 235, east again to Dayton-Yellow Springs Road and into Yellow Springs, out on Rte 68 to Young's Dairy and the Orphan Car Show.



Bill Hartung and John Coutant set up shop

Turns out Jeff Barth (Spitfire 1500) was already there and had bought the MVT Banner, but missing the baseplate, it was being blown over by the breeze of the day. Various and sundry worked on that problem most of the time we were there.



Original Patina

Little English Sports Cars were being honored on this Saturday, and a fair number (some 40 odd by Noon) of other MG's and Triumphs were showing up along with the normal participants (Edsel's, different AMC (Avantis, Studebakers, Gremlins) cars, Pontiacs, several military vehicles from the '50's), and other muscle cars from the 60's, older pick-up and larger trucks, but they (almost all) were spick and span with outer surfaces you could probably eat off of and some of the cleanest

engine compartments, just out of car magazines and books, many being hanger queens. That aside, at one point around 1:00 PM, a rough count put the field at 160 cars, pretty good turnout.

24 – Bellefontaine Hill Climb Revival

Bruce Clough

Greg Schnittger took his prepared GT6 to the hill climb and recorded it – the link to his run is:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fmGqUmE95SU>



Greg's car at the Hillclimb

24 – British Biscuits and Tea

Bruce Clough

I hear they had one, it was a hot day, but what better thing than to spend a hot morning on asphalt?

I have a feeling maybe an MVT'er went, but not sure since nobody sent me anything (*unlike our VP who sent me something – Ed*).

So, if you went pls come to the MVT September Meeting and let us know how hot the Biscuits and Tea were.

31 - Tech Session: Electrical System/Wiring Harness repair

Bruce Clough



Learn not to burn!

Thanks for those who came out – this was a reprise to the tech session where we were working on Jeff John's TR3A electrics. There seemed to be a general interest on learning how to diagnose and work on electrical systems. So, we hosted a tech session to talk things all electrical and invited Jeff Johns back to see if we could get the turn signals working.

We started around 9:30AM, and soon Jeff Johns arrived with coffee and donuts. Perfect. The weather was cooler than it had been, so sweat was not dripping off our heads. The topics we went over were:

- Basic Electric Fundamentals
- Reading wiring diagrams
- Making Connections
 - Clean connectors
 - Clean grounds
 - When to use crimp connectors versus soldered ones
 - Soldering wires
 - Use of shrink wrap
 - Use of electrical tape
 - Use of liquid tape

- Use of test meters
- Use of tools
 - Multimeter
 - Strippers
- Fuses – UK versus USA
- Trouble-shooting process
 - What is, and is not, working
 - Tracing circuits
- Powering on your car circuits while making fixes and checking circuits.

This was a hands-on class where folks had a chance to make soldered connections as well as try out their electrical knowledge on Jeff John's car.



Moi showing Chuck how to make good solder connections – he was a fast learner!

After going over the agenda topics we went on to Jeff's car. We worked through a few things and determined what was, and what was not, working with the turn signals. Jeff has a few parts he needs to get and we'll maybe try it again in the fall.

Future

September 2024

4 – MVT Monthly Meeting

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

8-12 – Vintage Triumph Register National Convention 2024

This promises to be a great show. I think all the MVT'ers that are going have made the reservations. I'm sure it will be a good show, at least it will be interesting.

If you are interested talk to Bruce, Jeff Barth, or John Clifford. Not often a big all-Triumph national convention is right next door:

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

14 – Pool-less Pool Party

Carol Rutledge



The annual Pool-less Pool Party is fast approaching. SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 14 from 3:00 til you head for home. Please bring a covered dish to share with all. Big Willie will be furnishing his fantastic Fair Pork Chops. We will have place settings and beverages. This is a rain

or shine event, just need to know by WEDNESDAY NOON, SEPTEMBER 11 if you will be attending. Call 937-284-2458. Plenty of parking at 2200 N. Hampton Rd. New Carlisle. Hope to see all of you!

15 – Cincinnati British Car Day

Will be held at the Village Green Park, 301 Wessel Dr., Fairfield, OH 45014 with live music, Split the Pot, and food and beer trucks. Registration is 9AM-12PM with awards at 3PM. Registration cost is unknown since that was not on the flyer we received. More information at: <https://www.bccgc.org/british-car-day>

We'll see if there is interest in putting together a caravan down to there at the September MVT Monthly Meeting.

28 – Farm (stand) Tour



C'mon down and get your pumpkins and mums on! We will start off from Winans Coffee and Chocolate - 4425 Feedwire Rd, Dayton, OH 45440, at 10AM and then wander about the Little Miami River watershed looking for pumpkins, weird shaped squashes, and snacks. Oh, mums, there are mums.



Sadly, Windy Acres is closed...

After a few farm stand stops we will end up at Caesars Creek Winery to eat our gains.

October 2024

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

12 – John and Frank’s Excellent Tour – Kicking off in Waynesville and heading to very interesting places from there.

26 - Fall Foliage Tour & Halloween party – Somewhere southeast of Dayton, and you can get your ghosties on...

26 – Chili Cook-Off - The British Transportation Museum is having its 8th annual Chili Cook-off Saturday October 26 from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. The event is at the museum, 321 Hopeland St. Dayton. Trophies, gift baskets, and bragging rights for Best Overall Chili and People’s Choice Chili. Enter your favorite chili or come enjoy the talents of others. Salad, beverages, and Ben & Jerry's ice cream are included. All of this while surrounded by beautiful British cars.

Tickets are \$10. For tickets, more info, or to enter the cook-off contact Amanda Hawker at BTMkids1@gmail.com or 937-238-8451. Proceeds to benefit the British Transportation Museum Building Fund.

November 2024

2 - Guy Fawkes Celebration – 2 November – let the traitor burn!

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

16 – Last Tech Session – maybe more on Jeff John's car? Maybe we go to Stan's? Maybe...

December 2024

TBD – MVT Monthly Meeting – We are going to have a chat on whether or not this is needed due to the soiree. The meeting will be held at Archers Tavern Kettering, 2030 E Dorothy Ln, Kettering, OH 45420, (937) 291-1015. We are in the

meeting room off the bar at the front of the tavern. We have dinner and socializing at 6:30PM and the president usually ruins our fun by starting a meeting at 7:30PM.

7 – Holiday Soiree

21 – Ugly Sweater Gathering – They will be ugly.

Technical Talk

Edited by Bruce Clough

Don't Look Ethel!

Bruce Clough

Seriously, if you are an originality geek, please skip this section. Go out and work on your car, have a bourbon, or something – don't read the rest of this section. You have been warned.

When I first put The Grey Ghost together for the second time in over twenty years back in 2012 (long story), I wanted a sound system in it. I am an extravert, I need noise, I want music. I had an amp out of The FrankenStag, several MP3 players, and a RetroAudio combined stereo 6x9 speaker. That is all you need. The amp itself was built into the trunk – a Pyramid unit that was way-over optimistically rated at 240 Watts (probably about 20W/channel on a good day). I think I paid \$20 for it back in 2005 at a garage sale. It worked okay.



Pyramid amp back in 2011 when I was making the mounts for it in the trunk of The Grey Ghost

Until it didn't. That amp had to be 8-10 years old at the time, and it gave me another 8 years of

service, but one day it gave up the ghost. Recycled the aluminum chassis and junked the rest.

Needed a cheap amp to fill in, and Amazon came to my rescue with a 100W/Channel (more like 20 maybe on a good day) amp from Boss. \$25 from Amazon. Several years later I added a Bluetooth receiver since I was using the phone by then and not an MP3 player.



The Boss amp in use from 2020 to 2024

Since this had a much smaller footprint than the original amp I just stuck it to the inner wheel well with some double sided tape. No glamorous, but worked.

Until it didn't, actually, it was hard getting sound from this using the Bluetooth adaptor – I had the gain cranked enough that there was noticeable noise when the music wasn't playing. This worked great with the MP3 player, not so much with the Bluetooth adaptor.

So back to the drawing board, or actually, back to Amazon – dangerous to give a EE free reign on Amazon. I found Blaupunkt pre-amp and amp on deep discount as well as a power filter. Ordered.



Partway in the construction process – here is the pre-amp, power filter, and power relay on one side of the acrylic sheet, power amp is on the other side

Decided to mount these vertically across from each other on an acrylic plastic substrate. I just happened to have a couple of available trunk holes left over from the last battery hold-down bracket. I would need to make a harness, and also relay switching these as well as running a separate, fused power line. I was up to the task.

It was a straight-forward build. It took a long time to do the detail work of wiring, soldering, and insulation, but it was worth it.



Comparison of the completed new pre-amp/amp module (left) and the old one (right). Go big or go home...

Installation was straightforward. I bolted the new module in place, moved the Bluetooth receiver to on top the fuel cell, and connected the wires,

making up a new power lead for the module that goes straight to the battery. Again, nothing hard, but since it's detail work it takes a little time.



Bluetooth receiver mounted on top the fuel cell



Module in place in trunk. Good thing I don't store anything here except tools...

Fired right up when I turned it on – much better Bluetooth gain without noise.

Now to add the powered subwoofer, anyone need a small amp?

Now, the rest of the story...

Okay, so the above was written with me not actually having driven the car with the system on. On the way to Panera for the Orphan auto show I fired up the system and after a little while I smelled hot electronics. Hmm. Turned off the audio system, smell went away. Maybe it was a fluke? Turned the system back on and the smell

returned. Hmm, tuned the system back off and the smell went away again. Well, sweet. No tunes today (which was okay since I was monitoring the 2-way radio traffic).

Once home I went into trouble shooting mode, and I think it has to do with the power filter since all was working fine before I made the amp switch. As an interim step I put the Boss unit back in, but this time made a bracket from bar-stock aluminum and bolted that to the car – used Gorilla Glue to hold the Boss on the bracket though – that’s not coming off without a fight. I remade some wires so I could swap out the Boss with the Blaupunkt later after I found the issue with the Blaupunkt unit without having to make new wires. Test of the Boss unit showed it worked like last time, maybe with a bit less background noise, but it was still there.

Examination of the power filter found nothing wrong, no smoked wires, nothing smelling bad at all, nothing. Powering up the Blaupunkt on the bench showed no issues. Huh....



Yes, it’s back again, the Boss back in, just mounted a bit better...and hopefully temporary

A cursory examination of the rest of the wiring didn’t show anything was amiss, and tests with the car off and the car running led to no smell, and no leaking smoke. Huh...

I did notice the car electrical system voltage was a bit higher than normal – should be a little below 14V when running. I logged almost 15V (14.96 to be exact) steady state after 10 minutes of running. Too high. This might have been an issue. Ordered a new alternator and also a regulator to fix the old one.

I also found the source of the smell – small controller chips had cooked in three of the four instrument light LED bulbs. Not sure why there are micro controllers in there rather than just a simple bridge rectifier and current control resistor, but there was. Not the fourth bulb, which does have just a simple bridge rectifier and current limiting resistor survived quite fine.

Swapping around the alternators I found an issue – the voltage sense wire had broken in mid-wire due to age/fatigue. Impossible to spot from in the car.

I now have the original alternator back in with a new regulator unit and sense wire - seems to work better. We’ll see if I blow more bulbs – I replaced the white ones with red ones...

Sound system? I’ll get that Blaupunkt back in the car sooner or later. It really did sound a lot better with equalization and the power to back that up. But for now, back to the Boss and maybe a bit more trunk space!

MVT Memorabilia

The Club has the following fantastic, wonderful memorabilia for sale. Show your colors in public, on your car, or on you! If you see something you like, talk to Harry Mague! Look at all we have on the next page:



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



MVT Window Sticker - \$1.00



MVT Cloth Patch - \$12.00



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



MVT Pin - \$5.00



They look very spiffy on a TR7...

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

For Sale: Triumph TR3 original steel hardtop for sale \$300. Inquire tryanity@gmail.com

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

BCD Track

Year	Pre-Registered	Total Registered	Vendors	Cars on The Field	Weather & Notes
2006	195	353	6	341	Sunny & Hot
2007	178	310	6	300	Sunny & Hot
2008	143	295	6	266 - 288	Sunny & Hot, Recession
2009	174	355	8	349	Sunny & Hot, Recession
2010	149	309	5	302	7th Straight Year - Sunny & Hot
2011	182	304	3	300 - 306	Rain Threat – Sunny, later
2012	143	255	5	246	Rain Threat – Sunny, later
2013	134	205	4	184	Rain Threat – Sunny, later, Sequestration
2014	143	259	5	245	Partly cloudy and warm
2015	128	266 Plus 89(Sb's)	~ 6	346	Cloudy and warm
2016	159	260	~ 5	252	Sunny, warm, Lo Hum.
2017	156	275 + 3 Not Reg'd	6	270	Sunny, warm, Lo Hum.
2018	162	258	8	241 (17 no-shows)	Sunny, Hot, Hi Hum.*
2019	150	275	8	268	Sunny, warm, Lo Hum.
2020	0	0	0	0	Not Recorded, Covid-19
2021	182	293	8	268 (~ 25 No-Shows)	Sunny, Hot, Hi Hum.**
2022	173	232	~12	~210 (~30 No Shows)	Rain at about 8 - 9 AM, then Cleared off, Sunny & Warm.
2023	158	253	~6	~235 (17 No Shows)	Cloudy and cool, AM, Cleared off, Sunny & very Warm, PM
2024	181	245	6	218 (27 No shows)	Cloudy early, hot and Humid - Later, no Rain. MGC meet.