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The President's Comments, March 2007

Finally, in this issue of the Marque will be the list of candidates for both the Officer positions up for nomination and the MVT 2006 Awards. We completed nominations in the February meeting and will now vote either electronically or in the March meeting. Announcement of the winners will be at the Awards banquet on the 17th of the month. **Please plan to attend.** It is a swinging time, and you get to hear the club president summarize the events of 2006 and more.

Comments about the candidates will be elsewhere in the Marque.

Please use the electronic voting process, so we can give it a good work-out and find out where the kinks are. Mike McKitrick worked hard to implement the process so it can be used for these elections.

At the February meeting, we had about twenty or so members. The weather being cold and threatening, and Dayton basketball had something to do with the low numbers, but we had a good meeting with lots of conversation before, during and after. Ray Bolich and the Smith's manage to make it, and it was good to see Ray after a Fall and Winter without him and Mary.

One Key Event in 2007 is the TRA National event in the Finger lake region of New York. The team setting that up has offered the TRA a chance to rent the Watkins Glenn track, a chance for all to go "racing" for a couple hours. BUT we have to have at least 65 applicants for this event and its attendant cost (about \$65.00, I think), so if you are attending please sign-up, and if you have a TR2, 3, 3A, 3B or a 4, **please consider attending this fun event.**

We are coming out of the worst February I can remember. The 13th of February Ice storm knocked out the power in Loveland at about 7 PM. We spent the remaining waking hours watching the bright white and orange flashes on the horizon that signaled another short circuit. By the time we went to bed, over 130,000 homes were without power in Hamilton County. We were lucky, our power came back on at 4 AM. The house had cooled to 55 F, and it took our

furnace four hours to get us back up to 68 F. There may be some houses out there still without power. Nevertheless, I really like it to be cold and snowy in the winter months, and February is making up for a very Blah January.

Remember that Day Light Saving Time starts on the 11th of March, this year, and ends on the 4th of November. An additional month of extra light hours after dinner. It has really gotten a little out of hand. Six months on and six months off was easy to remember.

Thanks for listening, Stan Seto



The Vice President's Report

Greetings everyone. Its March ! The Green month is here. I love it. Is there anyone out there who really wants more snow? Yeh, right. The local Dayton city leaders are looking at \$150,000 in overtime and expenses for snow removal. My students at school were happy to see the first snow day. Evil old Mr. Wakefield saw it coming though and assigned double homework! After several snow/cold days off of work coupled with teacher parent meeting time; I dare say my room looked a bit strange to me. Parents had become testy in their attempts to rid themselves of their bored and complaining teens. It makes one feel needed . The whole thing has gotten excessive for school types who are now faced with making up days at the end of the school year in June. That is an additional cost to most that is unwanted. As much as it is safer travel to and from school in June, I still will dislike using those sunny days when the air is right for working in the hanger with the doors open. The Mini is ripe for metal patching. I cannot wait any longer.

As I write this overlooking the hanger and back lot, a brave squirrel leaps from tree to tree at fifteen feet of altitude. What happy frolic spring brings. The little rascal sure looks to be having fun. Do squirrels really feel fun? Maybe not. I guess its all work to him. At least, when I gather nuts,(and bolts) I feel a current of zeal for the task that I delight in. God seems to have given us unique ways to mark and enjoy our days on the earth. The earth portrays a wonder of design carried out by its creator. The artwork considered at length usually shows some part of the nature of the artist. I see about us a celebration of the

rebirth of life. Bare trees will bud. Rains will cause the growth of green lawns again. Flowers will reach to the sun. And neighbors will squint through the smoke in front of my hanger and say, “see Donna, it does run. Looky there. I see it movin’”

March! Wowie . Let me spend some time on this old web resource and gather some race dates. Oh Boy! Its race season again. I am desperate for some growling racing cars and a waving green flag. I have sworn off NASCAR. Oh black day that it was. Yes, that's right. If its overrun with Toyota's corporate ugliness then its no longer a race to me. I did not watch the Daytona 500. I also plan not to patronize Dominos, NAPA. UPS or any sponsors of the folks that ruined the series. My wife laughs at me. Proud Americans are few these days. We do not stand up for old ways like I thought we should. Am I wrong? Either way I won't watch it. It's too painful. Then again, if a real “stock” car like a Ferrari Modena shows up and they let it race, (why wouldn't they) I would be keenly interested in watching the good ol' hucks getting a lesson in racing cars. Come to think of it. Why doesn't Ford run their GT40 instead of the generic sedans? Hmmm.

Oh well, with icy rain coming down at the office of your depressed VP, cheer and hope! The season holds many warm moments for us. Lets start planning for them.

Snicky shifts, R.L.

MINUTES FOR the MEETING

Meeting called to order at 7:30.
Regular attendance
Events: annual meeting
Authorized Stan to purchase awards (\$600)
Electronic ballot on web-site

MVT Events List – March 07

Bruce Clough – Events Chair

Wow March already, and the car is not. Oh well, will give me something to panic about later. Feb event was cancelled due to weather and the fact I was behind on getting work done. We will have that tech session later. No use crying over spilled milk! March has these events listed:

- 7 March – MVT Dinner Meeting at Fudruckers. Dinner 6:30PM, meeting at 7:30 PM. Maybe the weather will break and we can drive out Triumphs? Last chance to nominate folks for officers and awards – vote will be taken at meeting.
- 17 March – MVT Awards Banquet at a nice little parish hall(?) in Bergamo. Lois Bigler is in charge of this, so I'm hoping she has set forth details in this Marque.

On other topics, the hotels are full around Coshocton the month of April. Tour bus operators took them all. I sent out a mass emailing asking for options, but I got back nothing, which indicates to me that you fully trust me to make appropriate modifications. Oh, you trusting folks....okay, I should have some options to talk about by the meeting.

Reminder – if you are going to TRA 2007 and want to tour Watkins Glenn race track on that Wednesday, you need to get your registration in ASAP. If they do not have enough registrations in by 15 March they will have to cancel the track event.

Events - abstract

Feb 27 to Mar 4 Cleveland International Auto Show with 7th. Annual Classic Car Show
\$ 9-6.50- I X Center / www.gcada.org or www.clevelandautoshow.com x
x 440-746-1500 / 888-740-2886 / fax 440-746-1504 Lou / 10100 Brecksville Rd. / Brecksville, O 44141

March 4 Grand American Racing at Mexico's Autodroma de Rodriguez on SPEED TV at 20:00 Hrs.

Mar 3 & 4 Gene Winfield Metal & Fabrication Workshop at Motorcar Portfolio Warehouse in Canton, Ohio
\$ 150-300 4525 Cleveland Ave. / Gas welding, Leading, Hole filling, Metal finishing, Break, Form, Shrink, Stretch
call 866-653-8900 Megan / English Wheel, Reservations Required, Class Size Limited, Act Today

Mar 4 Mod-Tiques Car Club 23rd. Annual Indoor Swap Meet at Clark County Fairgrounds in Springfield, O.
\$ 5 I-70 & Rt. 41 [exit 59] / 16 & under, free admission / 3 heated buildings
8 to 3 937-828-1283 Tim Castle
CastleHotRod@aol.com / 10x10 = \$20 / Car Corral = \$10

Mar 9 to 11 World of Wheels AutoRama by Cavalcade of Customs at Cobo Center in Detroit, Michigan
\$ 15 One Washington Blvd. / Batmobile, Munster Koach, Orange County Choppers, General Lee
varies www.WorldofWheels.com 586-771-7110
Dick Forton / Box 468 / St. Clair Shores, MI 48080

March 17 The Awards Banquet at Bergamo-Mt.St. John Center

6:00 Socialize

6:45 Dining

Cost \$20 per member (club shared fee)

r.s.v.p. Lois @ 104 Virginia Av. D-O 45410 937-253-1580

Do it by 12 March please.

Events abstract continues

March 17 Mobil One 12 Hours of SEBRING Speed TV 10:30 am.

March 23 –25 th Grand Prix of Miami On Speed TV at 20:00 Hrs.

Mar 31 Western Reserve Chapter AACA Annual Indoor Swap Meet & Outdoor Car Corral in Jefferson Ohio
\$ 3 - 15 Ashtabula County Fairgrounds/ 127 N Elm St. [Rt. 90 e-22.4mi, Rt. 45 s-1mi, Rt. 307 e-4.6mi]
8 to 3 440-997-7751 Dave Payne / 3518 Austinburg Rd. / Ashtabula, Ohio 44004 / 440-254-491 / 440-576-1061

March 31 Grand Prix ALMS at St. Petersburg Speed TV at 20:00 hrs tape delayed

1 April: British Touring at Brands Hatch

22 April: British Touring at Rockingham

Learn Some thing About the Candidates for ELECTION 2007 AND 2006 AWARDS

The offices up for election this year are the positions of Vice President, Membership Secretary and Events Chairman.

The Candidate for Vice President is Randy Wakefield

The Candidates for Membership Secretary are Jimmy Carter and Mike McKitrick. Either of these gentlemen would make an excellent Membership Secretary. Both have been in the

club for a number of years, Jimmy has been active recently in the area of name badges, awards and trophies and has helped with drawing up and amending the Bylaws. Mike has been the editor of the Marque, and is the club's webmaster. Pay your money and vote for your choice.

The candidate for Events Chairman is Bruce Clough, who is currently serving as interim Chair for that activity.

At the March meeting, the President will direct the Club Secretary to cast one vote for those candidates who are running unopposed.

The candidates for the awards are numerous. We've really not had this many candidates for a number of years. Just as a point of information, here's a list of who the past winners have been back to 2004.

Marque of Distinction: Mike McKitrick ('04), Tonda Macy and Carol Rutledge (05) and Lois Bigler ('06).

Most Improved: Jay Kolb ('04), John Parker ('05) and Forrest Gwinn ('06).

Press on Regardless: Ellis Ball (04), Alice Clough ('05) and Bruce Clough ('06)

Keep it on the Road – Stan Seto ('04), Roy Owens ('05) and Chuck White ('06).

So, you can see that the awards have been spread around among the club members. This year sees a bumper crop of candidates.....

For Marque of Distinction, the candidates are:

Bruce Clough, Current Events Chairman, and a man who has had a hand in every event put on by the club. Bruce is a strong proponent of club activity and represents the club well in outside activities such as TRA and VTR. He is a past president of the club and has served in other roles within the club.

Phil Daye, current Secretary of the club, Phil has strongly supported the club events, and throughout the year has set an example for other members by worked hard to be engaged despite home and health issues. Phil is also a past president of the club.

Forrest Gwinn, Only guy I know that keeps his Triumph in the Living room. Forrest has been

very active in club activities and is consistent in meeting attendance. Forrest can be counted on to attend and work in the technical sessions and on BCD Days. A stable presence in the club.

Stan Seto, Current president. Has set the record for the most missed meetings as President, thereby enabling the Vice President to get valuable training for a future presidency. (VP also inserts the comment that Stan has shown generosity and togetherness in his dealings with the club and extended a welcome that is good for the wellness of the club.)

Randy Wakefield, Was a strong candidate for award in 2006. Randy is the current Vice President and is up for re-election. He is editor of the Marque and has been for a while now. Randy has also served long and well as registrar for BCD, doing a bang-up job, and runs really short meetings when he's filling in for the President. Randy is also involved in the "North American Spitfire Squadron" and promotes Triumph in that venue also.

For **Most Improved** (Car, that is) there are two candidates:

Vic Bell, who's Triumph TR3 was the subject of a Tech session last fall, and is now running, where as before it was not running. Plus his brakes were improved so he could now actually take it out on the road.

Randy Wakefield, who has been working on his TR6 this summer and fall. Check out Vice President Comments in the August Marque to learn the progress being made.

For **Press On Regardless**, there are three candidates:

Ted Allison – Suffered what now appear to be bad bearings (mains or rod, not known) on the drive to Dallas and VTR, on the way down and in Missouri (400 miles from home and 600 miles from Dallas-Ft. Worth). Ted persevered, got to Dallas, did the show and coaxed the TR8 home without trashing the engine.

Stan Seto – During the Canada trip, and while at Elkhart Lake, Wisconsin, had the generator fail. He carries a spare, and was able to remove and install, and motor home without further travail.

Scott Stout – Went on the Farm Tour, but due to mis-information missed hooking up with Bruce and others, so he was on his own. Then his top

radiator hose developed a leak. Struggling for water and with tape, Scott was able to keep the car running until he got home.

For **Keep It On the Road**, There are five candidates,

Ted Allison – who has been to BCD, VTR (Dallas) and Annual Riley Creek Festival.

Bruce Clough – Who has been to just about every club event we've had, TRA and the Second Market Street Con cours.

Stan Seto – Who's been to a number of (but not all) the Club events, TRA, the Roadster Factory Summer Party and the FOG (Funny Old Guy's) trip up into Canada.

Brian Smith – Whom we've seen on the Schumacher trip and other traveling venues in the year.

Chuck White – Chuck is another driver who has shown up at most of the club events, TRA, VTR, the Second Market Street Con cours, the Annual Riley Creek Festival, The Fairborn Street party, and has taken any number of just casual weekend trips in his car.

Consider the candidates carefully and may the best person win.....

The Miami Valley Triumphs 2007 Officer Election Form

Ballot must be mailed to the secretary of the club
by the March meeting date to be counted.

Offices

Vice President

Randy Wakefield []

Membership

Jim Carter []

Mike McKittrick []

Events

Bruce Clough []

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Marque of Distinction

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Stanford Seto []

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Bruce sends us this clip from the Media

Harry Webster

Harry Webster, who died on February 6 aged 89, was a much-admired and respected automotive engineer whose team inspired the birth of successful Triumph sports cars such as the TR2 family, the Spitfire and the Stag, and was also responsible for the Herald, Vitesse, 2000 and 1300 family car ranges; in the same period, he supported the building of special cars which raced successfully in the Le Mans 24-Hour race.

Although all these cars have now become icons of the classic car movement, Webster always insisted that this was never the intention when they were designed.

He once remarked: "Can you imagine a product planning proposal of the 1950s and 1960s saying that: 'Finally, in making this proposal, I expect to receive an avalanche of greetings on my 80th birthday'. After all, I was only doing my job."

Henry George Webster was born on May 27 1917, and educated at Welshpool County School. Aged 15 he was apprenticed to the Standard Motor Company in Coventry. After spending six years in Standard's aircraft engineering operation as an inspector during the Second World War, he returned to the chassis design department in Coventry in 1945 and rose rapidly through the ranks.

By 1948 he was chief chassis engineer, and from 1952 was responsible for the design and refinement of the Triumph TR2 sports car which, along with its successors, was a great sporting, commercial and export success.

Having become director of engineering in 1957, Webster assembled an enthusiastic team which produced a series of charismatic new models to near-impossible development schedules, even though investment finance was always very limited.

It was Webster who discovered the mercurial little Italian stylist Giovanni Michelotti in 1957, signed him up as a consultant to Standard-Triumph and ensured that a new generation of Triumphs would have much more flair than their ancestors.

Webster (a fast and enthusiastic driver) would often drive from Coventry to Turin and back in a weekend to confer with Michelotti about future products.

Because Webster was so successful with his new products, and could always convince his bosses (Alick Dick until 1961, Stanley Markland and Donald Stokes thereafter) of their worth, that generation of new Triumphs showed much innovation. In 1959 there were several types of new Herald, with a taxi-like turning circle. The 2000 saloon brought real refinement to the middle-class sector, while the TR5 was the first British sports car to have fuel injection as standard equipment.

At the same time Webster's team produced TRS racing sports cars which won the Team Prize at Le Mans, and later developed sleek, very fast little Spitfires which also won their capacity classes at Le Mans.

Webster was director of engineering at Standard-Triumph for more than a decade. After the formation of British Leyland he was moved to Longbridge to bring order to the faltering engineering operation at Austin-Morris.

But his six-year term was hampered by a lack of corporate vision and by industrial action, so in 1974 he moved on to become group technical director of automotive products in Leamington Spa. He retired in 1982, then was chairman of SKF Steel UK for five years.

A modest man, Webster was astonished to become an icon of classic car enthusiasts. Three years ago, when the two oldest TR2s of all were reunited, he was enormously proud to have them parked outside his house at Kenilworth for commemorative photographs to be taken.

So popular was he among his former colleagues at Standard-Triumph that a thriving appreciation society was founded in his honour.

He was appointed CBE in 1974.

Harry Webster married, in 1943, Peggy Sharp. She and their daughter predeceased him.

In case you wanted to know

An explanation follows on the next page.

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The Most Excellent Order of the British Empire (1917) is awarded mainly to civilians and service personnel for public service or other distinctions and has a military and a civil division. Ranks in the Order

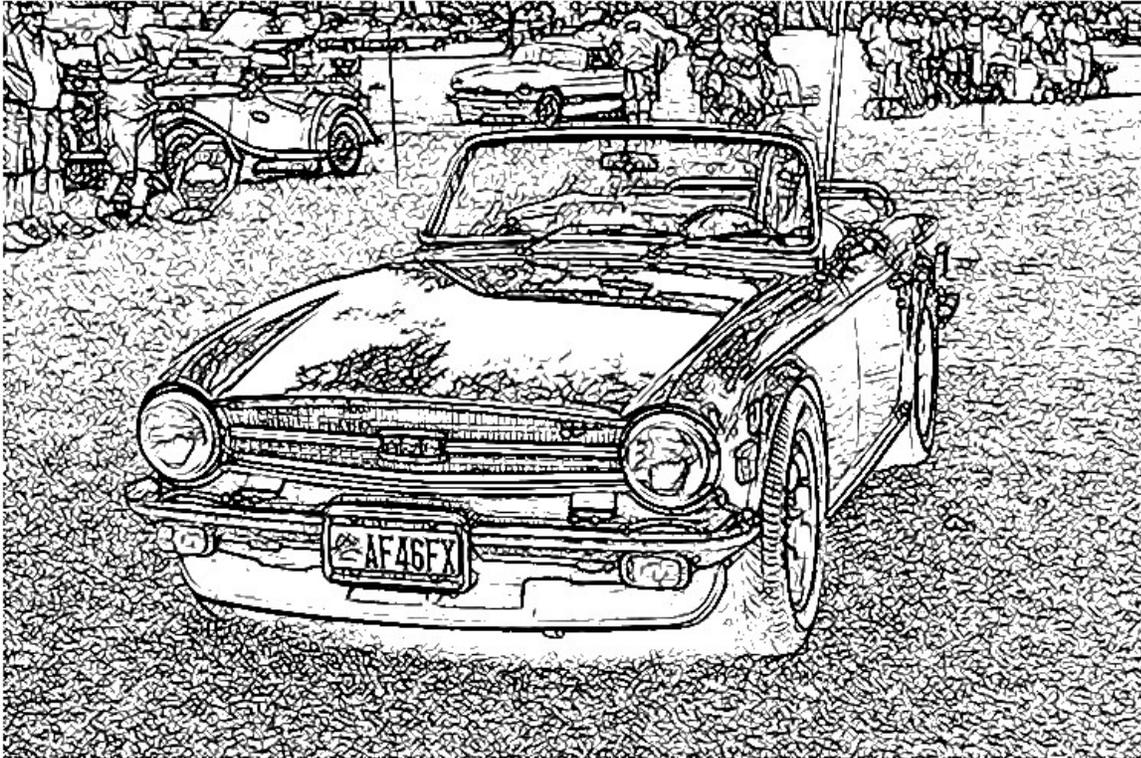
are Knight or Dame Grand Cross (GBE), Knight or Dame Commander (KBE or DBE), Commander (CBE), Officer (OBE) and Member (MBE).

Related sites on the web.

<http://www.churchill-society-london.org.uk/HnrSystem.html>

<http://www.burkes-peerage.net/>

<http://www.churchill-society-london.org.uk/HnrSystem.html>



For the younger MVT members.