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April 2012

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President's Column



Hello Everyone! Spring has sprung and it's time to get out those cars, tune them up and show 'em off. What a great time of the year. We had a really large turn-out for our March meeting and yes, I was elected President. Don't know exactly how that happened (she said scratching her head) but know that I promise to do my very best for the club. Stan Seto was re-elected as Secretary and Harry Mague will continue as Treasurer. We're "here to serve"! March was also our Awards Banquet. A great time was had by all. We held the banquet at the Beaver Creek Golf Club again but used a new room and I think the consensus was that we liked this room better.....maybe we'll try and get that same room next year. Lois Bigler did a great job organizing the event.....she always does! Congratulations to all the well-deserved award winners: Marquee of Distinction to Lois Bigler, both Press on Regardless AND Keep it on the Road to Stan Seto, and Most Improved went to Debbie and Tom Ferrett. President

Chuck White did a great job giving the State of the Club address.

It sounds like this month's tech session at Allison's homestead was a success. I'm sure there will be stories to tell at the next meeting. In closing, on behalf of the whole club, I just want to give a great big THANK YOU to Chuck White for the wonderful job he did taking over the Presidency of the Club for Phil Daye.greatly appreciated. Happy Spring!

Lorna

The State of the Club Address

by outgoing President Chuck White

Good evening and welcome to the Miami Valley Triumphs annual Awards Banquet for 2011. This evening, we are thinking of and remembering those who couldn't be here with us tonight; Marlene Carter, Phil and Carolyn Daye, and Forrest Gwinn.

The By-Laws require the club's President to present a State of the Club address at this event. I am not an eloquent speaker and my creative writing isn't. Therefore, I apologize in advance for my comments this evening will be both short and boring.

The club started the year with \$4,502.42 in the bank and 34 paid members.

In January, Randy Wakefield hosted a tech session and 3 of us worked on his Mini's wiring. New name tags were discussed and nominations for officers and awards were accepted. New members Bob and Linda Smith were welcomed. Honorariums were approved for the passing of Ellis Ball's sister and Carol Rutledge's sister.

The February membership meeting was delayed one week due to the weather and nominations for officers and awards were again accepted. We were informed that Randy Wakefield's mother had been in an automobile accident and that Forrest Gwinn had suffered two strokes.

In March, Ted Allison hosted a tech session at Bruce Clough's garage where 10 of us removed and exchanged the transmission in Ted's TR8. At the membership meeting, the club agreed to help Marlene Carter sell Jimmy's TR4 and the new name tags were approved. An honorarium was approved for the passing of Randy's mother and the annual elections were held. At the awards banquet, we celebrated the birthdays of several members who turned 65 that month. The results of the elections were announced: Vice President – Chuck White; Membership Chair – Eden Allison; Events Chair – Bruce Clough; Keep It On The Road – Roger and Carol Rutledge; Press On Regardless – Phil and Carolyn Daye; Most Improved – Carol Rutledge; and Marque Of Distinction – Eden Allison and Chris White.

April had Stan Seto hosting a tech session at his garage where 6 of us removed the transmission and clutch from his TR3B. The following Saturday, several helpers returned to install the new clutch and re-install the transmission. Later that month, our intrepid tour guide, Bruce Clough, led the Spring Tour from Springboro to Metamora, Hueston Woods and Germantown.

In May, our President, Phil Daye, tendered his resignation due to concerns over Carolyn's health issues. Soon after, Phil's world fell apart when Carolyn passed away while he was undergoing surgery to remove a cancerous brain tumor. In his absence, I agreed to fill in as President until a successor could be installed. Also in May, several MVT members took home awards at the first car show of the season; the British Transportation Museum's *Meet at the Market* show.

June saw 5 MVT families participate in the Triumph Register of America's national meet in Fort Wayne, Indiana. The big news was our own Debbie Ferratt won Participant's Choice Best of Show for her freshly restored TR3A. Congratulations Tom and Debbie. At the membership meeting, we welcomed John Coutant as a new member and I was officially

elected to fill Phil Daye's remaining term as President. Harry Mague was also officially elected to fill Carolyn Daye's remaining term as Treasurer. There was a discussion about MVT hosting another TRA national meet sometime in the future and Bruce Clough agreed to chair a committee to look into it.

During the July meeting, Ted Allison was elected to fill my remaining term as Vice President and Pete Stroble volunteered to take over the club's regalia. Harry Mague started a review of the club's financial records and was successful in establishing a new EIN for the club. July also saw 7 MVT Triumphs caravan to the Cincinnati British Car Day where 4 were awarded First Place finishes in their respective classes.

As always, MVT co-hosted the Dayton British Car Day along with the MG club on the first Saturday in August. Again this year, the event was a huge success with over 300 cars on the show field thanks to the tireless efforts of all of you. You are all to be congratulated and should be justly proud. Nearly all the MVT entries in the show were in the Premier Class, having won their individual classes the year before. Congratulations to you all. Following the event, Ellis and Lorna Ball again hosted a most welcome and appreciated pool party where we laughed, ate pizza, drank wine, and generally decompressed. Thank you, Ellis and Lorna. At the membership meeting, new members Trevor Bihl and David and Susan Wildasin were welcomed. Newly printed business cards were distributed and an honorarium was approved for my mother's passing.

In September, Bruce Clough, tour guide extraordinaire, led a group of MVT'ers on a Farm Stand tour from Spring Valley, to Jackson's Farm Market and Caesars Creek before ending at the Corwin Peddler. During the tour, Stan Seto's TR3B provided several opportunities for creative thinking when its water hoses sprung leaks. Eventually, with the help of Bruce, Ted, Roger, and others,

Stan was able to complete the tour and return home to Loveland safely.

The MVT Fall Tour was in October where 6 families toured several wineries from Ohio into Indiana and Kentucky before ending at the Valley Vineyards where we were joined by 4 more families for a fabulous steak supper. In November, Bruce once again led us on a fantastic tour culminating at the Corwin Peddler for a Guy Fawkes Day celebration and bonfire. Man, was it cold!

The year ended in December with our annual Soiree and brown bag auction. Lois Bigler again hosted a delicious carry-in supper that was enjoyed by all. Thank you, Lois. After the feast, what had to be a record number of brown bags were auctioned off by our very own auctioneer, Bruce Clough, and brought over \$200 into the club's coffers thanks to your generosity.

The club closed out the year with \$4,305.78 in the bank and 35 paid members.

In summary, the club remains in good shape with a solvent treasury and steady membership.

And now, on to the reason we are all here – presentation of the club's annual awards.

Keep It On The Road – Stan Seto

Press On Regardless – Stan Seto

Most Improved – Debbie Ferratt

Marque of Distinction – Lois Bigler

This year, we have one additional presentation to make to a member who has consistently accepted any and all challenges and requests we have made of them. This member has served the club in many capacities, both official and not, but most notably as our unofficial Social Events Chairperson. Lois Bigler has been there willingly every time we needed to change our meeting location. She has

thanklessly planned and executed every Christmas Soiree and Awards Banquet at least since I have been involved with the club. It gives me great pleasure to present to Lois Bigler these tokens of our thanks and gratitude for all the many things she does - and has done - for the club.

Finally, I'd like to recognize the newly elected officers and thank them for their dedication and willingness to serve on our behalf.

President – Lorna Ball

Secretary – Stan Seto

Treasurer – Harry Mague

Also, I'd like to thank the current Vice President, Ted Allison, for stepping in to fill the position; the current Membership Chairperson, Eden Allison, for her work in keeping the membership roles up-to-date; the current Events Chairperson, Bruce Clough, for his work in providing a schedule full of fun and interesting events to enjoy; and to our Regalia czar, Pete Stroble, for his efforts to revive the club's regalia program.

Lastly, I'd like to thank you, the members, for making the Miami Valley Triumphs what it is today – a fun and vibrant group of Triumph enthusiasts willing to help each other enjoy the sport. Thank you and good night.

Miami Valley Triumphs Monthly Meeting, 07 March, 2012

Meeting was held at Tumble Weeds restaurant on Dorothy Lane. President Chuck White convened the meeting at 19:30 hours. There were twenty-five club members and the Clough's two children in attendance. There were no changes or additions to the agenda.

Officer's reports –

President White opened the meeting and gave a toast: "Hail to the Queen and to the United States". He then asked to complete the voting. Paper ballots were handed out to three members who had not voted electronically. These votes were collected and the secretary left the room to complete the vote tally.

The Vice President, Ted Allison, was his usual jovial self and commented that he had no report.

Secretary Stan Seto said that Minutes from the February meeting had been published in the Marque. Most in the audience had read them and they were approved without change.

Membership Secretary, Eden Allison reported that we still have 38 signed up for 2011 – 2012.

Treasurer, Harry Mague, reviewed the annual budget report with a projection of cost for 2012. That report should be published in the April Marque, along with any report for February. The annual report shows that our expenses and income vary little year-to-year. The club continues to be solvent.

Events Chairman, Bruce Clough – Reported there would be a tech session on 17 March to restore the heaterless Stag to heated.

Commented that the Award's Banquet will be at the Beaver Creek Golf Club on Saturday, 10 March. Arrive by 6:00 PM and Dinner will be served at 7:00 or so. Same basic menu as last year, by popular acclaim. All expenses to be handled by the club.

At the end of March there will be a one day mystery tour. It's on the schedule.

The April schedule will be handled at the April meeting.

April 22 is the Spaghetti Dinner at the sons of Italy to support the British Museum of Transportation.

See the new schedule for events further out.

Committee Reports

Technical – No Report this month.

Spares - No Report this Month

Newsletter – Randy had a question about what would cause a starter to remain engaged. He got several answers as to potential cause.

Regalia – Pete Stroble reports we have a bunch of stuff. Any suggestions to Pete for consideration of new items would be appreciated.

Old Business –

Phil Daye Update –doing well and continues to be optimistic.

Marlene Carter – No current report.

Forrest Gwinn– No current report.

The voting results were announced.

For Club President, Lorna Ball won from Chuck White, 18 to 13.

For Club Treasurer, Harry Mague was elected for a full term, 2 years.

For Club Secretary, Stan Seto was re-elected for a 2 year Term.

Officer's take their positions at the April Meeting.

The winners of the Club Awards, as announced at the Awards Banquet, were as follows:

Lois Bigler was voted the Marque of Distinction. At the Awards Banquet on Saturday night, Chuck White also recognized Lois with a bouquet of flowers for her service to the club in organizing the Christmas Soiree and the Awards Banquet for these past several years, an award richly deserved.

Stan Seto won the Keep It On The Road Award.

Debbie Ferratt won the award for Most Improved Car, and

Stan Seto won the Press On Regardless Award.

Further, in the voting for the level of monetary gifts that should accompany the trophies given to the award winners, the second selection, \$100, \$50, \$50, \$50, was a narrow winner over the first selection (lesser amounts) and the third selection (greater amounts). The vote tally being 14, 11 and 6.

New Business –

The British Museum of Transportation proposal to the club about adopting the Triumph cars in their care, to help provide for upkeep and improvement of the vehicles will be addressed on 24 March when Bruce Clough and volunteers will go to Wilmington to survey the Triumph vehicles.

Bruce Clough, Mike McKitrick and Harry Mague comprise the current team.

There was “Split the Pot”, won by Curtis Hayes and in the amount of \$11.00.

Meeting was adjourned at 1954 hours (7:54 PM).

Next meeting will be 04 April at the Tumbleweed restaurant and will start at 1930 hours (7:30 PM).

Submitted by Secretary, Stan Seto.

Treasurer’s Report: As of 1 March 2012, we have a balance of \$4275.74. Since March 1, 2012 the club had the following income: 50/50 of \$11.00. Total income for March is \$11.00. The club only had the following expense: Yearly awards banquet cost \$729.03 and the awards cost \$632.50. Total expense for March is \$1361.53. Balance of 1 April 2012 will be \$2925.21

Awards Banquet





Chuck delivers the State of the Club Address.



Awards await deserving recipients.



Mike McKittrick.



Keep it on the Road. Stan Seto



Members relive the year.



Most improved Car, Deb. & Tom



Thank you Lois.



Madam President.



Marque of Distinction.

Photos by Chris White

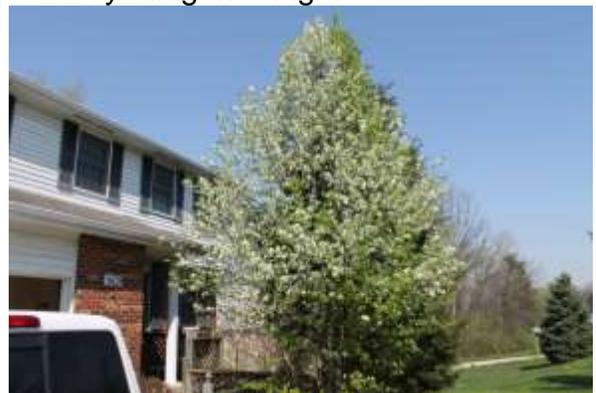
A Few Odd Notes...



This must be a joke. My Datsun would not stop well without a payload. And this one escaped the two year lifespan of un-rusted metal!



We hear that one of the members is looking for one of these. Headlight rings seem to be the only thing missing.



Ah spring! When a young mans fancy turns to...burning rubber! This Bradford pear bloom only lasted through the first rain shower.



I could just crawl into this picture and have an adventure. Don't you wish we could save just one of these great old girls from the wrecking yard?

Jay's Funnies

Why do we call the last group Generation Y?

Y should I get a job?

Y should I leave home and find my own place?

Y should I get a car when I can borrow yours?

Y should I grow up?

Y should I clean my room?

Y should I wash and iron my own clothes?

Y should I buy any food?

Y should I care what old folks think?

But a cartoonist explains it very eloquently in this picture.

