



"The Marque"

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February 2014

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President's Report: ~ Lorna Ball

Brrrrrrrrrrrrr.....can everyone say "Polar Vortex"? I hope by the time you all read this, it is a hot and sweaty 35 degrees!

I hate to sound like a broken record but we need at least a couple of people to be nominated for President. It is my understanding, after reading Stan's minutes tonight, my name was thrown in the hat at the January meeting. Not happening! Will take care of that at February's meeting.

We were not able to make it to the Detroit Auto Show. Ellis and I have enjoyed it in the past and we even spent time with his brother Eldon, who lives in Dearborn. Stan went and there is an article in this Marque along with photos. looking forward to that.

Hey, if anyone knows how to get Cheetos stains off my keyboard.....give me a buzz.
See you at Logan's.
Madam President

Treasurer's Report:~Harry Mague

Treasurer's Report: As of 1 January 2014, the club had a balance of \$3024.90. That is a change from the last report due of two incomes that occurred late in the month of December. There was a \$500.00 transfer from Paypal from TRA and a new membership from Louis Nyikon for \$25.00. For the month of January, the club had the following income: 50/50 for \$24.00 (Thank Ellis Ball for his contribution of his half of the 50/50), Memorabilia sales of \$50.00, and new membership for \$25.00 from Larry Tomlin. Deposits for TRA included \$295.00 for registrations and we received \$1000.00 from the national TRA for seed money for the car show. Balance as of 1 February 2014 will be \$4367.13 of which \$863.18 is dedicated for TRA. Therefore the club's balance is \$3503.95.

Secretary's Report: ~ Stan Seto.

MVT Meeting Minutes, January, 2014,

The January Meeting was held at Logan's Roadhouse on Centre Drive in Beavercreek, Ohio. The Vice President, Curtis Hayes, opened the meeting at 7:29 PM, with "Hail to the Queen!" Madam President was indisposed on this evening.

There were 24 club members and Duncan Clough there.

VP Hayes commented about two new members, see below, and asked Ted Allison about his health. Ted is stable after suffering a heart attack earlier in the week.

The Secretary, Stan Seto, stated that the December minutes were published in the Marque. Stan made a motion that they be accepted. This passed by voice vote.

Harry Mague, the Treasurer, gave his report a copy of which is in this issue of the Marque. He noted that a donation (\$100.00) had been made to the Bergamo Center for the Christmas Soiree.

The Membership Director, Valerie Relue, stated that we now have 37 members. New comers were Gail and Matt Nyikon, 1972 GT6 and Larry Tomlin, a TR6 owner.

The Events Chairman, Bruce Clough, announced that the Holiday Soiree had gone well, and Lois Bigler was given a round of applause for the fashion in which she organizes this event. Lois also asked if it was OK to move this event to the second weekend in December for 2014. The club supported her request. Bruce also commented that the Christmas Dinner Party at the Golden Lamb went well, although once again we were at split tables and the smaller got more rapid service. The White's were surrogate Carol and Phil Daye, getting the worst of the service on this occasion. A sort of Guy Falk's Day was celebrated at the Clough's, including an effigy burning but no fireworks. Bruce also introduced his list of 2014 events and asked the club to fill-in any events not listed.

Committee Reports:

Technical – No report. Bruce asked for pictures of Toyota Brake clips.

Spares – No report.

Newsletter – It was noted that TRA14 can now be found in the document.

Regalia – Pete brought it to attention of the newer members. He may even have sold some of it.

BCD Report – Next meeting is in March.

TRA2014 Report – Website up and running, but still some glitches with the form and PayPal. Jeff Krupp

has form for TRA Magazine, next issue, and the agenda will also be published. Shirts to be green. Chuck White asked to have an arts and craft show added.

Old Business- Awards Banquet is scheduled for the Beaver Creek Golf club on 8 March.

New Business – Nominations for Officers were opened. Lorna Ball re-nominated for President. Nominations were closed.

Nominations for awards were opened. Chuck and Chris White were nominated for Keep It On The Road; John Coutant for Most Improved; and Harry Mague for Marque of Distinction. Nominations were closed.

Stan Seto made a motion: For the Awards Banquet that Harry Mague spend an amount not to exceed \$250.00 for awards, an amount not to exceed \$250.00 for the gift certificates and an amount not to exceed \$1,000.00 for the banquet. Bruce Clough seconded and the motion passed on a voice vote.

Comments –

50/50 Drawing was won by Ellis Ball in the amount of \$12.00. Ellis donated it back to the club. Thanks, Ellis.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:20 PM

Respectfully submitted – Stan Seto, Secretary.

Upcoming MVT Events

January 2014!

Upcoming Events From your MVT Event's Chair – Bruce Clough – bclough@woh.rr.com 937.238.4962

“Boxed” events are ones sponsored by Miami Valley Triumphs

2104 MVT Events List

Tentative list: the following is a tentative list of events for the year. This was socialized with the club at the January meeting. What I would like is for the MVT membership to look at this and let me know if this

- makes sense
- need to add

- need to subtract
- need to change
- need to correct

February's membership meeting we will lock what we have down as the baseline. What I'm really looking for are people to host Tech Sessions as well as rolling events.

Some have asked me why my tours tend to be east and south of Dayton versus other directions. Simple, if I'm putting them together that's the direction which is both easiest, and well known, to me. If I have to put them together I'm going to head to places I know and like rather than directions less know – not that I wouldn't head there, but not my first choice.

BTW – I like hills and rivers – those Appalachian roots calling me – another reason to head south and east. I also like wineries...so wineries south and east of us tend to be great places to visit... What's the cure for this directional bias? Ah, simple – host your own event!

January Recap

24 - TRA Meeting @ Logan's – the minutes will be posted in this newsletter – great meeting & thanks to all who attended.

February

5 – MVT Monthly Meeting at Logan's Roadhouse near the Fairfield Commons Mall. Dinner at 6:30, Meeting at 7:30, BS all the time. Logan's #432 - 937-426-5565, 2819 Centre Dr., Beavercreek, OH 45324.

Second Week – TRA 2014 Awards Meeting – time and location TBD – discussion for Feb MVT Meeting.

?? – Buckeye Triumph Winter Swap Meet - TBD



22 – Valentine's Day Rendezvous – Paragon Club, 797 Miamisburg-Centerville Road, Washington Township, Ohio 45459 (937) 433-1234. Come on out and join the club for a bit of Valentine's Day madness a bit late – Rendezvous

for drinks at the bar 6PM, dinner is at 7. Bruce needs a head count for the table, so as soon as you know you want to go give him a call at 937-238-4962 or bclough@woh.rr.com. More info on the restaurant at:

<http://www.theparagonsupperclub.com/welcome.nxg>

27 – TRA 2014 Planning Meeting – Logan's Roadhouse - Logan's #432 - 937-426-5565, 2819 Centre Dr., Beavercreek, OH 45324. We start at 6:30 PM

March

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Dinner at 6:30, Meeting at 7:30, BS all the time. Logan's #432 - 937-426-5565, 2819 Centre Dr., Beavercreek, OH 45324.

8 – MVT Awards Banquet – Beavercreek Country Club – a big time will be had by all and what a great time it will be! Make your plans now, and rent your tuxes...

13 – TRA 2014 Planning Meeting – 6:30PM

Cuvee Wine Bar - 4457 W Franklin St, Bellbrook, OH 45305 (937) 848-2161

22 – MVT Early Morning Run – Meet at the Cherry House Café - 1241 Meadow Bridge Dr, Beavercreek, OH 45434, at 0800 for a breakfast run to mystery location! Where are we going? Pssst – it's a secret...

29 – MVT River Run – Meet early in the morning south of Dayton for a run to Augusta KY and back. An all-day affair!

30 – Chicago's 18th Annual All British Car Swap Meet and Autojumble – www.britishcarswap.info

April

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11-12 – Deer Creek Visit? We need to do an over-nighter...which night will depend on Alice's schedule

12 – 15th Annual Williamsburg British Car Club British and European Car Show –

www.wmbgbrit.com

April - 2014 Spring Tour – Date TBD, but might be the 26th = Will be a repeat of the 2000 Spring Tour – I found the original directions! A one day drive to the Ohio River and back visting spots we've not in a few tours.

May

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10 – Deer Creek Visit? Stay tuned!

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18 - Columbus British Car Day – Details TBD

24 - British Car Meet at the Market, Dayton, OH

The British Transportation Museum will hold its 11th annual British Car Meet on Saturday May 24, 2014. The Location will be the same as last year with the Meet at the South side of the building at 32 Webster Street, home of "TOP of the Market Banquet and Event Center" in downtown Dayton.

The Meet runs from 9AM to 3PM. Car registration is \$15 in advance and \$18 day of the show.

Registration will be limited to the first 100 cars.

Spectators are welcome free of charge. For more information, contact Harry Mague, 937-232-9310 or Pete Stroble at 937-429-0871 or the Museum at (britishcarmuseum@yahoo.com).

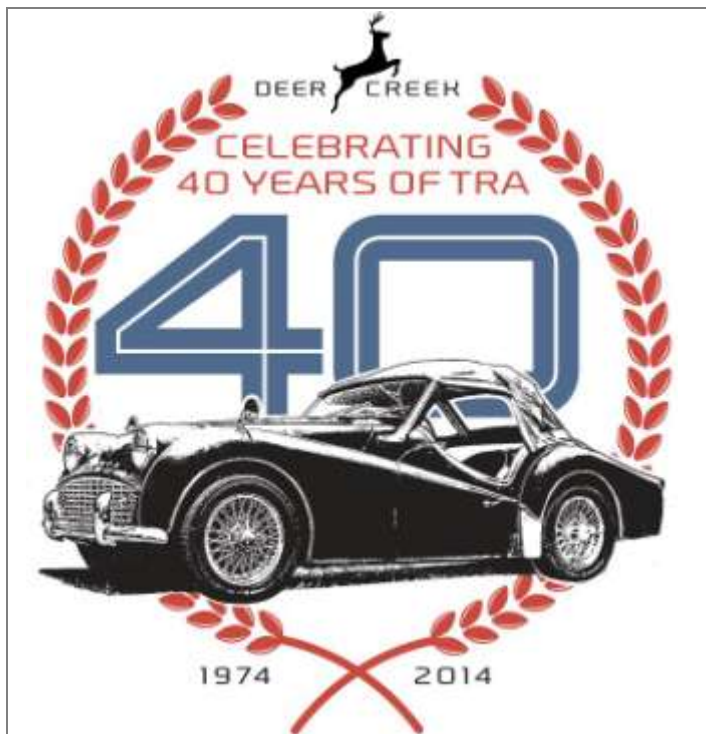
May 31 – June 8 - British Car Week! Drive your British Cars! No current date available as of yet for a national event. It will be posted as soon as info is available.

June

1 – British Return To Ft Meigs - <http://lebcc.org/>

4 – MVT Monthly Meeting at Logan's Roadhouse near the Fairfield Commons Mall.

Dinner at 6:30, Meeting at 7:30, BS all the time. Logan's #432 - 937-426-5565, 2819 Centre Dr., Beavercreek, OH 45324.



11-15 Jun – TRA National Meeting, Deer Creek State park, OH – This is OUR meet!
www.miamivalleytriumphs.org/tra2014 - Register now! Register often – tell all your friend, family, enemies, folks you don't know at all!

27-29 – Vintage Grand Prix – Mid-Ohio Racecourse -
<http://www.midohio.com/Schedule/Vintage-Grand-Prix-of-Mid-Ohio-2014>

July

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 Dinner at 6:30, Meeting at 7:30, BS all the time.
 Logan's #432 - 937-426-5565, 2819 Centre Dr., Beavercreek, OH 45324.
TBD – MVT Drive to the Pool Party – oh, and the pool party also!

TBD – Cincinnati British Car Day -
24-26 TRF Summer Party, Armagh, PA.
 SUMMER PARTY DATES ANNOUNCED—
 Thursday, Friday, Saturday, July 24th, 25th, 26th, 2014—Yes! We Will Autocross This Year...

August

1 – Dayton British Car Day Set Up – Eastwood Metro Park – 6PM
2 - Saturday, August 23rd Annual British Car Day, Dayton, OH, 9am to 4 pm. Eastwood MetroPark, 1385 Harshman Rd., Dayton, OH.
 Popular vote car show, vendors & swap meet, full

service concession stand, dash plaques to first 325 entrants, spectators admitted free, children's activities. <http://www.britishcardaydayton.com>

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 Logan's #432 - 937-426-5565, 2819 Centre Dr., Beavercreek, OH 45324.
TBD – The Pub Cruise-In

September

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9-14(?) - VTR National Meeting – Dobson, NC. Maybe we can get a decent MVT contingent going to this??? Nice venue. On Sept 9-14 at Shelton Vineyards, Dobson, NC, the Triumph Club of the Carolinas is hosting the National Meet of the Vintage Triumph Register. The host hotel is the Hampton Inn, Shelton Vineyards in Dobson, but if that fills up there is the Surrey Inn across the street, and a number of nice hotels in Mount Airy about 10 minutes away. Featured marque will be the wedge cars, TR7 and TR8, "Celebrating 40 years of The Shape." TWA and TCOC are bringing Harris Mann (TR7 Stylist) to the US for the show and Graham Robson will also be there we're told. The host club is looking into hosting a hillclimb in addition to the autocross. We (TWA) are hoping to get 100 wedge cars to Dobson, and we think this is doable. Please join us!

14 - 2014 Concours d'Elegance at Carillon Historical Park, Dayton, Ohio. Featuring: Ferrari, Corvette Stingray C2, and Aston Martin automobiles. Weekend events include: Saturday, Sept. 13th, Classic Road Tour & Preview Party. Sunday, Sept. 14th, Dayton Concours d'Elegance. Info: <http://www.daytonconcours.com/> or call 937-432-2841

27 – MVT Early Morning Run – Meet at the Starbucks Café, 6252 Wilmington Pike, Dayton, for a breakfast run to mystery location!

October

1 – MVT Monthly Meeting at Logan's Roadhouse near the Fairfield Commons Mall.
 Dinner at 6:30, Meeting at 7:30, BS all the time.

Logan's #432 - 937-426-5565, 2819 Centre Dr.,
Beavercreek, OH 45324.

TBD – Harvest Tour -

TBD – Fall Tour – The Wilds Of Bellefontaine

November

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Roadhouse near the Fairfield Commons Mall.**

Dinner at 6:30, Meeting at 7:30, BS all the time.
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Beavercreek, OH 45324.

8 – Guy Fawkes Tour & Dinner - TBD

December

13 - Holiday Soiree

20 – The Run to Christmas Dinner!

TRA 2014 Meeting Notes 23 Jan 14

Intro

We had a TRA 2014 staff meeting on Jan 23rd to go over status and start gittin' 'er done - thanks for all who came out for this, and for all the work that has been done to date, and the work to do. TRA material is out in the TRA newsletter, the weather will break one of these days, so let's rock! See you at the Feb meeting.

Bruce

Purpose:

Update status getting ready for TRA 2014, decide on Deer Creek visits leading up to TRA, decide on site visits to places and setting up tours/rallies.

Products:

Understanding of what we roughly still need to get done heading into February.

Attendees

21 people! Had we known this many would show up we would have taken attendance.

Agenda:

Chair's Comments – Brucie

Bruce thanked all who came out on this cold day, and reminded them it's time to go into high gear getting ready for this. He also said the plan is to

have all the "heavy lifting" done by mid-May so we are not stressed out as the meet starts. He also is encouraging all to register for the meet – we can use the money!

Registration Update – Stan the man Seto

We have 7 folks registered so far, and the registration material has not gone out in the TRA Newsletter yet. 5 are from MVT, and two from outside. Bruce again encouraged all to register for the meet.

Website update – Mike the nerd who does not look like a nerd.....

Nothing to report – all is well.

Budget Update – Harry "Green shade" Mague

Due to the registrations as well as the \$1000 TRA support the meet is in the black. Bruce again urged all there to register to ensure that it remained that way.

Vendor update – Chris, not Cris, Yanity

We have letters out to world – all are supportive, but will wait until closer to the meet to send things. TRF very supportive and given the "Diamond" sponsorship. Bruce will make sure that the hotel knows what TRF needs and will also secure TRF's hotel rooms for three nights. They will need tables at the car show and also banquet tickets. Chris asked for volunteers to help – Bruce volunteered Curtis and Tom & Debbie <smile> and they are off and running on Chris's team.

Meet Agenda Update – Brucie

We now are honing the daily themes:

- Wednesday – Tour Chillicothe
- Thursday – Workshops & local Drives
- Friday – car show and stay around lodge
- Saturday – back touring again and banquet

Bruce will send out the updated TRA Agenda for comments – one of his concerns is to have enough time for folks to relax while providing structured activities.

Trophies – "Anti-Smallers"

We will be setting up a separate meeting to work the awards. Don & Lois are looking at the second week of Feb at Logan's.

Chillicothe Tour – set-up and visits - Carol of the bells

Carol and Roger plan to revisit Chillicothe as well as contact the vendors there to see what we can set up based on their last visit. Bruce indicated he'd like to join them and also would encourage other club members to help. There are many, many things to see and do around Chillicothe. This should be a great tour.

Circleville – set ups and visits – I was a tennage Carol

Will probably do this (maybe) in conjunction with one of the Deer Creek visits (below). 0

Car Shows update – Jim & Brucie

Currently not much to do – make sure there is appropriate parking, signage, etc. for the different shows, ballots & water for the judges and judging crew – a lot of things that will need to be decided in April, but not so much January. Stan and Tim volunteered to help the car show.

Craft, Art, etc. Shows – C. White

Chris displayed the nice trophies the class winners will get and made everyone envious on how little was spent to do this. Bruce again took the moment to heap accolades to the MVT TRA Quilt Crew - the quilt will be auctioned off at the Friday Night Auction – start saving your pennies, and start making your artwork....

Deer Creek Visits/tour set-ups/EMRs/Brunch Run – Brucie

Once the weather breaks we need to make three more visits to Deer Creek to set up rallies, EMRs, Brunch Runs, etc. Thought was one each for March, April and May. No dates have been chosen yet – Bruce needs to work this around Spring Vacation schedules. This will be decided by the next TRA 20124 meeting.

EMR – By the way, a COCTRA member the Clough's know, Chuck Davis, lives in Mt Sterling and has reported back that Ben & Joys, the restaurant on the corner, is a good breakfast place. Bruce will contact to set up the Thursday EMR breakfast there.

Publicity – Brucie

We've let the world know through emails, web site posting, Facebook sites and postings. TRA 2014 has been showing up on vendor's schedules and

we need to keep getting the word out. TRA Newsletter with the printed registration is in printing now, so we should see a flurry of activity when it comes out.

Round Room

Staff shirts – it was decided to get TRA 2014 Staff Shirts made up. Bright green with black "TRA 2014 Staff" on them. Bruce will send out an email asking for sizes. We did not discuss cost or where the \$\$ was coming from for this.

Next meeting date

27 Feb – same time, same place! Talk more about this at the MVT meeting on Feb 5th. Bruce will be encouraging all to register for the meet... Reminder there will be an Awards Meeting separately early Feb – watch your email for notification.

Detroit Auto Show

Trip to this show is sponsored each year by the British Transportation Museum to raise funds. There was only one bus full this year and the tour was taken on 18 January, under the leadership of Pete Stroble.

We left the Fairfield Commons parking lot, next to the Fox and Hounds restaurant at 7 AM. The day was cold and cloudy, but the driver was a cheerful lady who let us run a DVD film, Le Mans, on this early morning drive.

UP I-75 to the Vandalia interchange, and into McDonald's to pick up 12 more people and the bus was full. North for about two hours and then off into another McDonald's for a rest stop and something to eat. Breakfast for me.

We reached the CoBo Conference Center before Noon and tramped up the stairs to the North American International Auto Show in the main auditorium. There were about 40 areas for the car manufacturers (and one set of restrooms), the largest areas being Ford and Chevrolet and lesser areas for Mercedes, Honda, Toyota and Volkswagen. The smallest areas were occupied by Smart, Bentley, Tesla and Mini.

We had about five and a half hours to look around. My dogs were barking at me about four hours and 20 minutes in, but by then I'd been to most all the stands, and my camera was about half exhausted. Did not take as many pictures this time around, concentrating on the concept cars and the more intriguing 2015 models that were being shown. Also the models were more completely cover this

year, sleek sheath dresses being the style, neck to below the knees, except for two lovely's at the BMW stand, wearing leather vests, short skirts and no underwear apparent. Too many young men around them to get a really good shot, so I just admired.

Getting lunch was a pain; remind me next year to bring more money. Food was edible, but they were making a lot of profit on these hamburgers, hot dogs, Brats and sausages.

Was standing at the Bentley booth and a man in a suit and tie asked the model if he could buy the sports model sitting in front of us. Her transformation from a pretty lady to a sales woman did not take more than a millisecond. I-pad at the ready, she began filling out blocks for model, trim, transmission type and I turned away as she was asking him about payment plan and did he have his credit card available. The car cost \$145,000.00. I was wondering if I had enough money left to buy a sandwich on the ride home.....

People watching at a show like this was very entertaining, little kids galore and very funny as they slipped away from their mother's , gliding through the forest of legs like rabbit's while Mom was shouting and trying to move quickly, but hindered by surrounding bodies. All sorts of clothing, revealing and not, but stylistic and some of it even matched the tattoos they covered. It was good to see that many of the young men – father's that were there were controlling their children, less work for Mom.

At %:30 we loaded onto the Bus and headed south into the teeth of a raging snow storm. The little old driver so lively and quick that only three eighteen wheelers and four SUV's passed us. Stopped at a combination McD's, Subway, gas station on the return. That worked well. Dropped off the Vandalia's, snow had stopped. Then there was just the Hour's drive home, but roads were clear and it was no trouble... Thanks, Pete.

2015 Ford Mustang (independent Rear suspension), Driver is in for the ride of his life...!!



Honda FCEV Concept, Hibrid-electric



FCEV Front view



Honda Insight



Rear of FCEV



Ford panel truck



Ford Aluminum F-150 (use of Military grade (whatever that is) saves 700 pounds).



One of these ran around my town in late 1940's, owned by Undertaker.



Kia GT4



Toyota FT-1



More FT-1



Over head shot of the crowd



February 2014 Bruce Clough

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Didn't do much to the TR3 this month due to family and Jack Frost, so I dug out the past and surfed the web.....

Evolution of a design

Maybe I've posted this before, but since we're getting ready for another MVT-hosted TRA meet I thought I'd do it again! During my "Dang it's cold" January 6th off-day I looked through some old pictures and drawings I had hidden away. A little known fact is that I used to be a mediocre artist, awash in my own bad art. It is a good turn of events that I'm an engineer rather than an artist or I'd be collecting Metros. Anyway, turn back the clock a bit to 1987. MVT was co-hosting the TRA Meet that year with COCTRA at Hueston Woods. We needed a logo, so I thought I'd come up with a few designs that folks could look at.

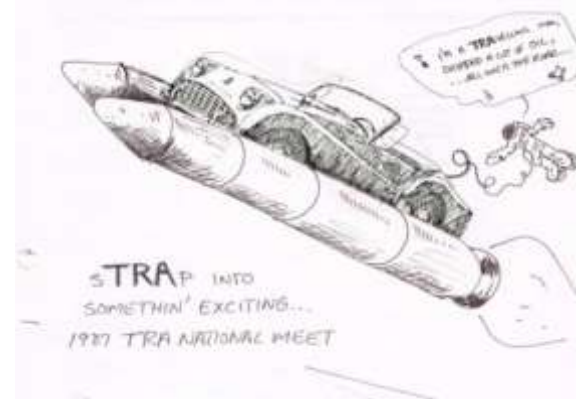
The first was three sketches in a row I did while waiting for the greasy spoon in the building I was working at to cook lunch. My first thought, "Remembrances of a TR", was the fond memories folks have of a TRA meet, and nothing brings more memories than oil spots and parts that have fallen off the car. Too esoteric maybe, but what if we play on the thought of "woods" and imply a TR by having trees behind a silhouette of an early TR? I kinda liked that in a minimalist sort of way, did a sketch, "A Triumph in the Wilderness", and campaigned for that (and it did become the eventual choice of the group), but as my overcooked chicken sandwich wasn't done I kept drawing. Number three was my first try at what

eventually became the Early TR Man logo – a sketch of me working on a car (smile), "sTRANded in the Wilderness", but I was told that wasn't family friendly!.



First tries – the middle was the eventual winner, but we didn't know it at the time!

Did a couple of more sketches that evening-



"sTRAp into Somethin' Exciting" came complete with Ricky Nelson lyrics, but again was deemed non-PC due to the Challenger disaster the year before.

I did one more going back to the "wilderness" theme, with early settlers being chased by some irate natives (probably for polluting the local environment) which I was told was not only not PC, but also not historically accurate since Triumphs

were a marque under the Crown and would not have been a choice of the early US frontiersmen.

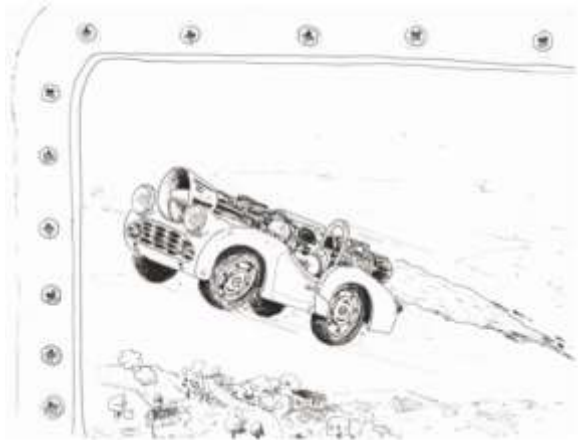


Yee haw!!!

Oh well.
Good thing we have Jeff Krupp now!

More pictures Bruce found of random past TR Artwork

Here are a few more graphics I drew up in the 1980's before I became swamped with work and kids. I will pick the pencil up again, but probably not until Duncan heads to college.



Need More Thrust!

This is what happens when you are bored on a plane and dream of more power. Thought I might actually make one of these one day – pencil on copy paper.



MVT Logo – Not!

Tim Moore, Mary or Danny Stinson might remember the design of the MVT logo in the mid 80's. I drew up a lot of designs for that, and this was a loser! Fine marker on copy paper.



VTR 1991 Logo

I also found the proof for the VTR '91 Logo. It was a mix of a drawing I did of a stern wheeler and a banner we found at the place which did the shirts. Gotta love it.



What a logo!

I've seen a lot of copies of this, but I drew this first in early 1985. At that time I was making fun of wedges, little did I know...



Road Cone Collecting

I could never autocross. All I ever did was knock down cones, or worse yet, collect them under the front of the car. That inspired me to draw me in action...



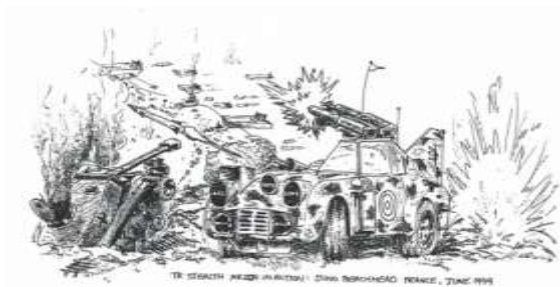
Corrode-A-Car Convention

I had all these pictures of Warren (my father-in-law), and Andrew (college friend) helping me in tearing apart a TR4A in my in-law's back yard in 1984. Decided to wrap a joke around one and make fun of Ziebart...



TR3 a-la Big Daddy Roth

I grew up around car-toons, and big monsters driving cars with huge shifters and bulging blood-shot eyes – why not a TR3?



TR Stealth In Action – D-Day 1944

For those that can remember the TR Stealth, I actually created a myth around the car and how it was invented to crush Hitler's Nazis. What an awesome car!



More Big Daddy Roth

A TR4 got the same treatment! These were a lot of fun to draw – will have to get back to it one of these days! The Stag beckons....

More stuff found on the Web

Interesting things you find on the internet



TR7 and aftermarket hardtop

A classic - like the sun visor also. Wonder if J.C. Whitney sells this?



Ouch!

This TR3 rolled. It's hard to roll a TR3 due to the low center of gravity. But this person did it. Hope they made it out of there okay...



Meanwhile, in Canada....

Funny place, those beer stores in Canada. They listed Lone Star as a "Fine" imported beer. Okay, eh?

I've not been working on the railroad, or The Grey Ghost, much...

Between getting Bridgett off to Costa Rica, the cold & snow, and work I've not put much time into the Grey Ghost. Well, I had to do something, so I did replace the leaky oil pan gasket as well as replace a couple of big-end keepers that I beat up pretty well when I was putting the engine together – it's one of those things that you knew you could do better, so it finally got to me and I replaced them.

Dang, that garage floor was cold.

I also filled up the cooling system with Evan's fluid, and so far no leaks.

Next step will be to buy an Optima battery for it and get ready to start it. I'll sell tickets to that one...

E-Mails of Tech Interest:

Commission Number Question

On Mon, Nov 4, 2013 at 1:58 PM, John Macartney wrote:

- > Jim
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- > Sadly I can't help with sizing issues except to say they weren't
- > always in the same 'font.' What I can tell you is all commission
- > plates between about
- > 1946 and 1975 were hand stamped by a small group of five men who were
- > given jobs at Standard-Triumph immediately after WW2 by the then CEO.
- > I remember all of them (though not now by name) and they were employed
- > because of their horrendous war injuries. Two, to my certain knowledge
- > got badly shot up on the beaches on D-Day (6 June 1944) and were
- > seriously disabled, one had been an RAF fighter pilot with
- > indescribable burns and two had had a very rough time in the PoW camps
- > in Burma. It was an incredibly boring job but they all did it
- > assiduously until some years past retirement age and while the spacing

> and positioning of the letters and numbers may
not have been
> absolutely
precise, they rarely, if ever got it wrong.
>
> Jonmac
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> PS Totally useless information about the query
but I thought some
> listers might appreciate the story that lurked
behind?
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> *From:* Geo Hahn
> *To:* James Henningsen
> *Sent:* Monday, 4 November 2013, 1:35
> *Subject:* Re: [TR] Commission Number
Question
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> I believe 1/8" is correct -- what is harder to do is
match the font.
> In particular 3s and 4s may be hard to find in the
original style.
> But then that is a very small detail to some.
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> Geo
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> On Sun, Nov 3, 2013 at 6:03 PM, James
Henningsen wrote:
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>> Anyone know the correct size of punch set
letters/numbers one would
>> use to replicate the original commission
numbers. It is a 1962 TR4
>> commission plate and they look like 1/8 inch. I
know all the
>> questions regarding legality by states etc. Just
wanted to know
>> what the factory size is supposed to be for
these.
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>> Thanks
>>
>> Jim Henningsen
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>> Ocala, FL