



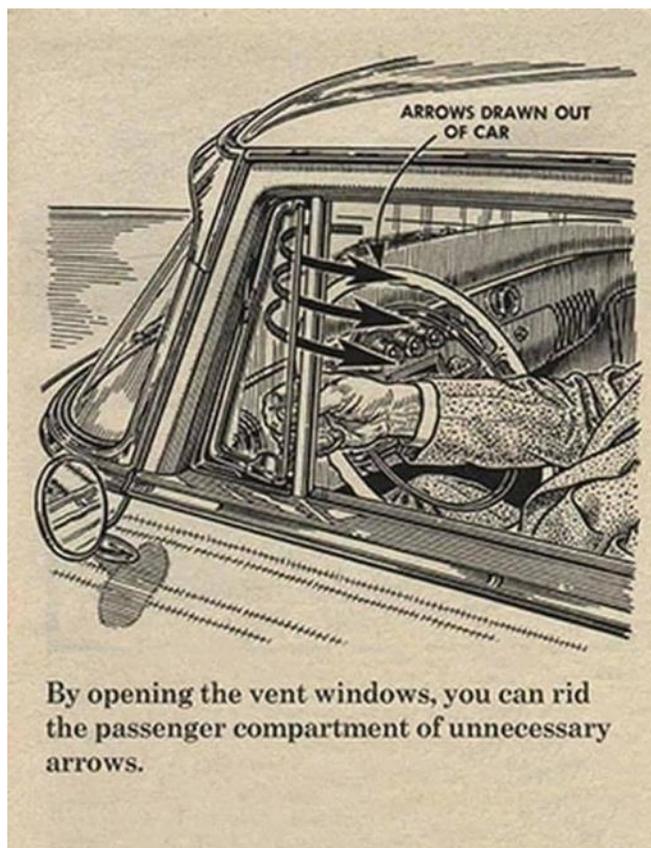
The Marque

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

March 2021

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Good to know! The Stag had this capability.
No wonder I never found any arrows!

Events this month:

- 3 - Membership Meeting
- 10- Virtual Awards Banquet
- 13 - Tech Session
- 27 - Miller's Bakery Visit

I DON'T WANT FLOWERS!!



**I WANT YOU TO LOVE ME AS
MUCH AS YOU LOVE YOUR
TRIUMPH**

Valentine's Day is like that...

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

We are also on **Facebook** at

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/1654893204751113/> - this is a closed group so you will need to request joining.

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

Cutoff date for next month's Marque is the 22nd of the month or when the editor screams...

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

MVT Monthly Meeting

COVID-19 UPDATE – Until further notice we will not be meeting at Archer's for the monthly meeting, but will be doing a web meeting instead. Instructions on how to do this will be sent to the members by email prior to each month's meeting.

Officer's Reports

President's Report

A Thaw in the Weather and the Pandemic?

John Coutant

What a February! This kind of snow and is what I put up with in central Michigan. Made me want to dust off the old ice autocross trophy mugs and have a hot bourbon toddy. Then just like always in Cincinnati, today the weather was 55 deg and sunny so I washed off the salt on Betsy's SUV and pattered around the garage. Also last week we got the second vaccination so together with the warmer weather my outlook is improving and I hope yours is also.



As I wrote in an earlier column, the first three months are going to be more of 2020 but we should see some improvement in the spring although there is a way to go. As more and more club members get vaccinated, we will probably be a bit more comfortable in small club activities. March and April should see some tech sessions as we get the cars ready and even a few tours.

In March, we have traditionally had our awards banquet. Last year it was one of the first casualties of the COVID-19 pandemic and this year we will do a short Awards Virtual meeting on Wednesday March 10th for the State of MVT address by yours truly and to announce the recipients. Fingers crossed we can get back to the traditional banquet in 2022.

The news about Kurt Niemeyer losing all his cars in a fire really affected me. I cried when I heard the news as I knew how much personal connections and stories there were with the cars that were his father's and brother's. I have that connection with my Volvo 1800E that has been a part of our family's life and adventures for 35 years. I am sure many of you have a similar connection to some of your cars. Incidents like this always make me think of insurance and I did review my coverage and made some adjustments. I think we all make an initial policy on our classic cars but don't sometimes

review to take in account changes in value of cars and cost of repairs. So next time your renewal comes up, take a few seconds to see if the level and type of insurance you have is still valid or needs updating.

I'm looking forward to seeing everyone in person at tech sessions or tours so stay safe, get vaccinated when your stars align for eligibility and availability, have faith, the thaw has started.

March's MVT Meeting - Videoconference with Google Meet

John Coutant

The general meeting of Miami Valley Triumphs for March will be by video conferencing using Google Meet. This will be our 1 year anniversary of using Meet so I think most people are getting comfortable using this technology.

As a reminder, to use Google Meet all you need is a computer with microphone, speakers, and camera (most laptops have these built in) and a recent browser (Chrome, Edge, Safari, Firefox). You can also use a smartphone or tablet but need to download the Meet app first. To join, all you have to do is click on the link for the meeting. All this is explained in detail in the Guide to Video Conferencing on the MVT website. Please review if you have questions:

<https://www.miamivalleytriumphs.org/videoconferencing-guide>

Remember if you are using your computer for video and phone for audio, please connect first by computer and then select options (3 dots on lower right) and select use phone for audio. This way only one picture is displayed.

Come in early to chat as I will try to open the meeting at 7pm with a start of the meeting at 7:30pm. The link for the March meeting is <https://meet.google.com/sjt-gucp-ams> and we will send this link a few more time before the meeting.

Nominations & Voting for Awards

You can still make a nomination orally at the March general meeting with a sort description of why you think that person should receive the award and the secretary will record your nomination. Nominations have been published in the Marque and voting will take place in March electronically after the general meeting.

As a reminder, the four awards are:

Marque of Distinction - Most prestigious in the club, and should go to a member who most personifies the character of the club in the past year. Most nominees have served as club officers and have promoted and served the club at both internal and external events.

Press on Regardless – A driving award that is normally given to a person who perseveres through times of trouble during the club driving events or trips to faraway places, while representing the club, such as going to attend a National Meet, and always manages to complete the trip.

Keep it on the Road – A driving award to the club member who is able to drive their car from January to December, demonstrating good upkeep and the reliability it brings in this day and age.

Most Improved – Normal improvements are car performance or car appearance, for example: A club member who has a car that does not run at the beginning of the year, but has it running in club events by mid- or late year due to the work they have invested in the vehicle to obtain the better performance. A club member who has a rather dilapidated car in January and who has put time and money into the necessary area (seat upholstery, engine compartment, trunk, or body work) to materially improve the car's appearance.

Current Nominations for Awards

Marque of Distinction

- Valerie Relue - She has been an officer for several years and promotes the Miami Valley Triumph Club to recruit new members. At the T shirt booth during our British Car Days, she has a display detailing our club activities and whenever anyone stops to look at it, she always asks if she can help or answer questions.

- Bruce Clough - This year has been unique for the challenge of maintaining a club that centers on social interaction as well as Triumphs. Bruce has responded with events, either planned or pop up, that allowed members to safely drive and interact during the COVID-19 pandemic restrictions. In addition, he has continued to edit and publish one of our main form of communication during the pandemic, our newsletter -The Marque

Press on Regardless

- Jeff Barth - In a year of limited driving events, Jeff had some issues on the one (Fall Foliage tour) he did almost make it to. The whole story has been published in the Marquee, plus he almost caught up to the club for the second half of the drive.
- John Coutant - What did he do? - Think back a year, as the impact of the pandemic slowly became a reality understanding, John moved quickly, using his computer skills and his learned knowledge to establish a virtual meeting place, utilizing "ZOOM", for the Miami Valley Triumph Club. So quickly done, that our monthly meetings never missed a beat. In fact, as late in the year as August or September, there were still Triumph clubs around us who hadn't figured out how to meet electronically.

Keep it on the Road

- Stan Seto - This has been a difficult year for long drives (no trips to national meets like VTR or TRA) and even club drives. Stan this year, even with the constraints of COVID-19, did a multi thousand-mile tour with the Texas FOGs in the west to Yellowstone and other parks and back. That was keeping it on the road a lot.
- John & Patti Clifford – They have consistently shown the “wedge flag” at club events and elsewhere. Their tireless promotion of the wedge may be a major factor in the increase of TR7/8s in the club.

Most Improved

- Scott Huey. The work he has done with Project Yellow Jacket has been above and beyond what I had ever expected anyone to participate on the project. He has not only participated in the weekend tech sessions, but has also shows up during the week to work on the various issues on Project Yellow Jacket. He has repaired holes, sanded rust, tackled mechanical issues, and the dreaded electrical gremlins that plague the Triumph name.

Nominations and Voting for Officers

Nominations for the three positions to fill a 2-year term were closed at the end of the February meeting. As only one candidate per position has been registered, voting for these candidates will be done by the club secretary, Mark Senter, submitting one vote for each at the March general meeting. As a reminder, the three elected Offices and the candidates are:

- **Vice-President** – Chuck White
- **Membership Director** – Valerie Relue
- **Events Coordinator** – Bruce Clough

Vice President's Report

What a great couple days we had this week! A little less than a week ago, we ended nearly two consecutive weeks with highs below freezing and a few days where the lows were below zero! We've now had a couple days above 50 with today above 60. I'll take it! In fact, it prompted me to get out in the garage and get some grease on my hands. Harry & I should have the dash on my TR6 back together this week and, hopefully, I'll have the transmission out next week and on its way for an overdrive rebuild. I just might have the car back on the road for the Spring drives.

For those of you who qualify but have not yet been able to get your COVID vaccine, don't give up! Chris and I had been trying to get an appointment for our shots for weeks without success. Then, one

day, I saw a posting on Facebook that gave a website that listed, by county, all the locations where the shots are being administered and their websites for requesting appointments. Up to that time, we had been trying to get an appointment through the Greene County Public Health department. From that website, I found that Kroger and Rite-Aid were giving the shots in Xenia and was able to get appointments for Chris & I at Rite-Aid for Friday of that week. Wednesday afternoon, Public Health contacted us that we could get the shots between 11:30am and 5:00pm on Thursday. An hour or two later, we were notified that our appointments at Rite-Aid had been rescheduled to March 12th due to the weather impacting the arrival of their vaccine shipment. Dilemma. What should we do? Wait for our appointments at Rite-Aid where we knew the wait would only be a matter of minutes or get in line on Thursday and wait for hours. We chose the latter and, as it turned out, didn't have to wait long at all. So what has been our experience with the shot? I'd said it was like most other shots I've received. After about 8 hours, there was a little discomfort starting to be noticeable in my deltoid muscle. The next morning, I noticed a slight bit of swelling in my shoulder. By the 3rd day, both the discomfort and swelling were all but gone. I experienced no headaches, fever, chills, or nausea as had been reported by others. Now I'm looking forward to our 2nd shots on March 18th. They are already scheduled!

For those who might be interested in the website I mention above, it's

<https://vaccine.coronavirus.ohio.gov/>.

Good luck! Stay safe and let's get back to normal (whatever that is going to be).

Respectfully submitted - Chuck White

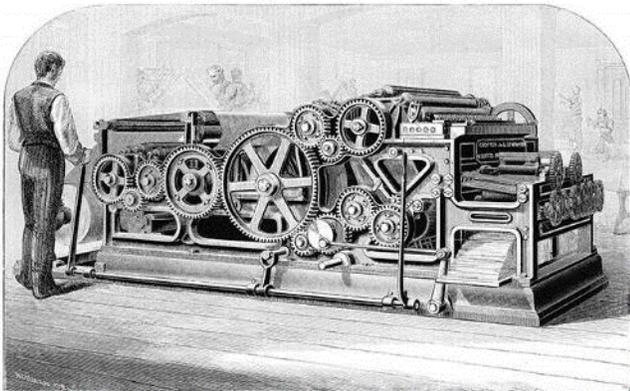
Treasurer's Report



As of 1 February 2020, the club account had an account balance of \$3504.06. For the month of February the club's income was a \$100.00 donation. The club had had one expense for Web Service for \$168.90. As of 1 March 2021, the club's account balance is \$3435.16.

Respectfully submitted, Harry Mague.

Marque Editor's Report



Not Web Enabled

What can I say - keep the articles coming!

Cheers - Bruce

Membership Chair Report

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Still holding at 47!

Valerie

Events Chair Report



Apple Country Gothic

Another Triumph Enthusiast now belongs to the ages

Susie Householder passed. Most of you don't know Susie, but she was integral for years on making sure the TRA National Meets came off well. You might have heard of her husband Tom, not as active now but in prior times was a very active COCTRA members and still is a character - I'll leave it as that. Susie was just the nicest person and ran the TRA Concourse Judging for years, only retiring from that in the last decade or so. So it was with great sadness I read Tom's post about her passing. We do not know arrangements yet, but when we do I'll pass them along.

March is here, time to march

Weather is getting better - the 14+ inches of snow we had (for some reason it dumped at our house more than most???) is gone and replaced by yardwork. At least this year there was some return for getting the snow blower ready to go! I took the Z4 for a tops-down drive on the 27th and am thinking of getting Inca and TGG out - I'm waiting for the carbs to come back for Carma so I can get that car going also. Hopefully I will have a TR ready to go for the first official MVT tour later in March. Somewhere in this I need to sandwich in replacing the camper's canvas and all that yardwork!

Speaking of March events:

- 3 Mar is our Monthly Membership meeting. As you read in John's column this will be a Google meeting and the link is there.
- 10 Mar is the Virtual Awards Ceremony. This will mark a year of MVT COVID operations since the non-banquet of 2020 started our club's sojourn into the virtual club world. We have a good slate of nominees and it will be interesting who brings home the hardware! The details are still being put together on this.
- 13 Mar is another in the continuing saga of tech sessions working on the White's TR6. This time we will be taking the transmission out.
- 27 Mar is our first tour/road run of the season - we will be heading to Miller's Bakery in Adams County and planning on visiting Serpent Mound on the way back. There are some great roads on this tour!

As far as other events go it was announced the 6-Pack Trials will be in September in the Petersburg VA area. Columbus British Car Day is on for 15 May, and the Cincinnati BCD will be in September this year. Still no word on our BCD.

Over the next few weeks I'm going to focus my remaining grey cell and flesh out the April and May events. If you would like to lead any of those let me know - Cliffords and Aullwood - gotcha!

Events Tsar Bruce

MVT Events

Past

February 2021



3 - MVT Monthly Meeting

Minutes

Pre-Meeting – No guests or new members. 15 members signed in online

Officer Reports:

President – John Coutant – This is our 11th virtual meeting. COVID-19 still ongoing. He got the first dose of the vaccine and hopefully will be getting the second in time to come to next tech session. Don't know when we will be able to return to Archer's for in person dinner, but will touch base with them to let them know we will be back eventually.

Vice President – Chuck White – Echo John's remarks on COVID-19. They are having problems with Greene County registering for the vaccine. Still waiting on return call now that they are eligible.

Treasurer – Harry Mague- We currently have \$3504.06 in checking. All the refunds for TRA have been sent out and we are still about \$1600 in the red. We will be able to use some of the purchased items for the next show we do. He is waiting to see what the TRA National will do as far as reimbursing us for some of the expenditures. Even if we have to pay for all of it, we will still have over \$2000 in the account.

Secretary – Chuck White made motion to accept the minutes in the Marque. Harry Mague seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Membership – Val Relue – We have 47 members.

Events – Bruce Clough – Published the baseline schedule in the Marque. We will continue to do drives and virtual events. Call him if you are interested in the Valentine's Dinner. February 27 will be a tech session about TR7 engines at the Clough's. Let him know if you are planning to

attend. We currently have 15 members who are also members of the VTR. Since we are a VTR chapter, he would like to see that number increased. He will be publishing information about the VTR in the Marque and would like to encourage the membership to join.

- March 10th will be our annual Awards Meeting, which will be virtual this year.
- Upcoming tour plans include a trip to Miller's Dry Goods and beginning in April, a Tech Session on the 17th and a tour to Ohio Heritage Sites on April 24th.
- Watch for additional pop-up tours and activities on Facebook or email.

Committee Reports

Technical – nothing to report

Memorabilia – email Harry if interested

Parts – Chris was not in attendance, but Bruce reported that Roadster Factory is still up and running

TRA 2021- Bruce thanked the committee for their time and commitment in planning the TRA. Said all the venues have been cancelled and they are waiting to see which will return our deposits. We may do the 2023 TRA.

Old Business

Budget – Patti Clifford made a motion to approve the 2021 budget. Jeff John seconded the motion. Motion carried.

By Laws – John would like to look at changing the bylaws to include virtual meetings. Stan said he would look into writing a new section.

New Business – None

Nominations for Officers – no new nominations.

MVT Awards

- Marque of Distinction – Stan will send a nomination to John,
- Press on Regardless – no new nominations
- Keep it on the Road – Bruce Clough nominated John and Patti Clifford
- Most Improved – no new nominations.

John Coutant will work with Mark Senter after the March meeting to get the ballots out on email. Please return as soon as you get them so they can be counted in time for the Awards Meeting.

Dayton British Car Day (BCD) - Stan will call Skip from the MG Club to ask him to call his contact with the Park District to see about reserving the park for the BCD. Says no one has tried to register yet.

Adjourn – Stan moved to adjourn and Bruce seconded, meeting ended.

10 - Drive your Triumph Day

We actually had a couple members participate on a cold and snowy February 10th. Here are a couple pictures:



The Cliffords got both TRs out for a drive out and back in their garage.



Nikki's sock monkey also head out there...



Senters also got in the action - was told it was a bit dicey driving with the cover on, but they made it back safely!



20 - V-Day Dinner

Bruce Clough

Three other couples joined us for a celebration of all things chocolate, wine, and food at Zemore's Wine Cellar and Bistro. All had good food, good wine, and a good time. Hat's off to Alice for making nice pads to put the glass bases in and Alice and Chris for the candy!



Gourmet Dinner



Fancy Glass pads!



Food was terrible - couldn't eat anything!

Oh yes, we will be doing this again next year!!!

27 - Tech Session

Bruce Clough

I hosted a tech session to talk about TR7 engines - the unloved TR lump. A band of MVT'ers joined me and since the weather was warming up and sunny we did this with the garage doors open! Donuts were fresh and the coffee hot!



Bruce Scott and Mark talk the finer points of TR7 engines



Hydraulic timing chain tensioners!



If Stan and Jackson were there in their "R"s it would have been a VW perfect day...

We went over common faults and fixes as well as differences between the years. We talked about spare parts and club activities. We ate donuts and drank coffee. Perfect day!

So this brings us to March...

Future

March 2021

Just a disclaimer that these events are all tentative due to COVID restrictions - as John stated the restrictions are going to be fluid the first part of this year at least.

3 - MVT Monthly Meeting - Agenda

Opening Remarks – **John**

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

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

Officers Reports

- President – **John**
 - Is Spring on the way?
- Vice-President – **Chuck**
- Treasurer – **Harry**
- Secretary
 - Approval of February's Minutes as published in the Marque– **Mark**
 - Roll call of members attending
- Membership Chair – **Valerie**
 - Current membership, new members
- Events Chair – **Bruce**
 - Summary of events, past and future

Standing Committee Reports

- Technical – **Bruce**
- Marque – **Bruce**
- Memorabilia – **Harry**
- Spare Parts – **Chris**

Event Committee Reports

- TRA 2021 – **Bruce** – update on winding down activities

Old Business

- Review of nominations for MVT awards and request for additional nominations – **John**
- Process for election of candidates – **Mark, John**

New Business

- Voting for officers – Vice-President, Membership, Events – **John, Mark**

Adjourn

10 - Virtual Awards Ceremony

Not completely set up yet, but assume a Zoom meeting starting at 7:30. Remember we will be doing electronic voting between the meeting on the 3rd and this ceremony on the 10th.

13 - Tech Session

The White saga continues -we will be pulling the transmission and getting it ready to be fixed. Be at the Whites, 472 Thelma Ave., Xenia OH 45385 at 10AM.



27 - Tour to Miller's Dry Goods

We haven't visited Miller's in a while, so here we go - Millers is in Adams County a bit north of West Union and a wonderful day drive from the Dayton/Cinci area. Dayton area folks will meet up at the Shell station on US 68 and I-71 at 8:30AM. We could have another rendezvous with Cincinnati folks in Hillsborough at the Holtsfield Gas Station, 620 S High St, Hillsboro, OH 45133. From there we will take OH 247 south through Seaman and then cut east on county roads to Miller's. From Miller's we plan to head to Serpent Mound and then back to the Dayton area. Further stops, as well as itinerary changes and road routes, will be dictated by the weather. Bring chickens.

April 2021

7 - MVT Monthly Meeting

17 - Tech Session - location and topic TBD

24 - Ohio Heritage Sites Tour - Chillicothe area day trip - Meet either in Xenia or at I-71/35 interchange.

May 2021

5 - MVT Monthly Meeting

7 - Dinner w/TTR FOG (and Stan) Group - Location TBD

8 - Wildflower Walk at Aullwood Farm

16 - Central Ohio British Car Day - Dublin, OH

22 - Bellefontaine Run/tour - Need a leader for this!

June 2021

2 - MVT Monthly Meeting

20-21 - Winery Tour to Madison IN and back - Overnight tour & Ohio River Drive

24-27 - SVRA Mid-Ohio

July 2021

7 - MVT Monthly Meeting

? - Pool-less Pool party - is this a go this year?

20-21 - Northern KY Tour (circle round Cinci)

August 2021

4- MVT Monthly Meeting

7 - Dayton BCD?? We have not done any planning to date and the parks are not open to rent out.

Later in Aug - Run to Augusta KY/Winery Tour - take the ferry from Higgensport

28 - Orphan Auto Show - Young's Dairy

September 2021

1st - MVT Monthly Meeting

12 - Cincinnati BCD - Harbin Park, Fairfield - <https://www.bccgc.com/bcd-registration>

14-16 - Vintage Triumph Register National Convention - Edmond OK -

https://redrivertriumphclub.org/blog/event/2020-vtr-national-convention/?instance_id=437

14-15 - Hocking Hills Run - for those not going to VTR we will be heading the other direction - will be a middle of the week run to avoid the crowds. Wear good hiking shoes. This will be an overnight trip.

25 - Farm (stand) Tour - will be on as usual!

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

October 2021

6 - MVT Monthly Meeting

9 - Covered Bridge Tour

Note: Kentucky Tour here if July is not viable

Week of the 18th - Fall foliage Tour - might be overnight run to Burr Oak State Park (assuming they are open) - another tour that will be mid week.

November 2021

3- MVT Monthly Meeting

6 - Guy Fawkes - Tour and bonfire

December 2021

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

19 - MVT Christmas Dinner

TRA 2021 Costs Recovery

By Bruce Clough, TRA 2021 Chair

We are getting funds back - we are getting paid back for the picnic shelter reservation and BBQ. The lanyards are being sold to the club putting it on in 2022. Harry is calculated what we put out with no return and we will be presenting that to TRA National Officers to get funds back hopefully - and we are hoping that is a small number!

Just would like to take a moment to again thank all who helped put it together - it would have been a

great show! Appreciate all the hard work as well as a bit of work to still accomplish.

Cheers - Bruce

Technical Talk

Edited by Bruce Clough



Spares news - NOS seen on a shelf:



Lol - so nobody gave me any articles and I have been so busy being an employee, dad, and

husband (not necessarily in that order) that I've not had much time to work on cars!

MVT Memorabilia

The Club has the following fantastic, wonderful memorabilia for sale. Show your colors in public, on your car or on you! Look at all we have:



MVT Enamel Car Badge - \$30.00



MVT Cloth Patch - \$12.00



MVT Pin - \$5.00



MVT Car Flag - \$5.00



MVT Window Sticker - \$1.00



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



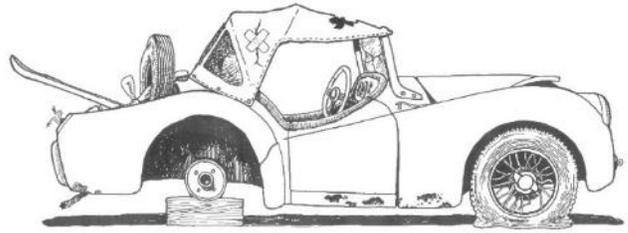
They look very spiffy on a TR7...

All the memorabilia is available at each Club meeting upon request. Pls contact our MVT Memorabilia Manger, Harry Mague harrymague@aol.com

Classifieds

Classified ads are free to MVT members and run month to month. We do not endorse anything in

here, nor do we get any compensation in fees or royalties. As with the rest of life “buyer beware”.



Hardtop for Sale -Triumph TR6 Snugtop Custom Hardtop:

- Black -Built in Long Beach, California
- Factory Mint Condition inside and out, weather stripping, glass ,headliner etc.
- Ready to bolt on and go
- Hardware included -Price Negotiable

Inquire at tryanity@gmail.com

FOR SALE - STA-BIL Storage Fuel Stabilizer, guaranteed To Keep Fuel Fresh Fuel Up To Two Years - Effective In All Gasoline Including All Ethanol Blended Fuels - Treats Up To 80 Gallons, 32 fl. oz. I bought too many, I have one left for \$5. Contact Bruce at portabezi@hotmail.com

