



# "The Marque"

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**March 2014**

## **MVT Officers**

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Cutoff date for next month's Marque is the 20th.

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**President's Report:** ~ Lorna Ball

Fifteen brave souls gathered at Logan's this month for a very productive meeting. Be sure and read the minutes and the information regarding raising our dues for new members. There was good research done by Chuck White and he had the backing of all those present. Thanks for your work on that Chuck! "Hats off" also go to Bruce Clough. At the most recent meeting he read thru all the events and ideas for events for this whole year. So much work went into it and he got a round of applause when he finished. What a great Events Czar he is. We have a very busy year planned. Now let's all get out there and enjoy some good times with each other. ...tops down--the wind blowing in our hair.....ahhhhhh, Spring!

I did read the minutes in advance, as I always do. **There has been a change. I stand before you and state that I have changed my mind and I AM running for President for the upcoming term. I would like some ketchup as I eat crow!**

I have to comment that I am just thrilled to see the large numbers of club members that turn out for our TRA2014 meetings. Just like for BCD, our club really steps up and does what needs to be done. It's hard work but it is such good times.

Plan on making some events in March! Happy Trails, Lorna

**Treasurer's Report:**~Harry Mague

**Treasurer's Report:** As of 1 February 2014, the club had a balance of \$4513.63. That is a change from the last report due to TRA incomes that occurred late in the month of December. This will continue happen thru out the spring until TRA show is complete. For the month of February, the club had the following income: 50/50 for \$6.00 and one expense: TRA for \$24.79. Deposits for TRA included \$1113.00 for registrations. There was a \$400.00 transfer from Paypal TRA registrations. Balance as of 1 March 2014 will be approximately \$6007.84 of which \$2698.55 is dedicated for TRA. Therefore the club's

balance for March 1, 2014 is \$3309.29 compared to \$4178.59 in 2013.

**Secretary's Report:** ~ Stan Seto.

**MVT Meeting Minutes, February, 2014,**

The February Meeting was held at Logan's Roadhouse on Centre Drive in Beavercreek, Ohio. The President, Lorna Ball, opened the meeting at 7:30 PM, with "Hail to the Queen!" There were 16club members and the Clough children there. Attendance was weather affected.

Lois Bigler gave us a quick rundown on the Awards Banquet, Beavercreek Golf Club, same room, food and drink and timing as in 2013. Lois would like RSVP's by 3 March. Banquet is on 8 March.

VP Hayes was not able to make it tonight.

The Secretary, Stan Seto, stated that the January minutes were published in the Marque. Stan made a motion that they be accepted. Bruce seconded. 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 the numbers may look funny because there is a mix of MVT and TRA14 funds being listed. This will self-correct in the future.

The Membership Director, Valerie Relue, was also absent but her report is that we still have 37 members.

President Lorna asked if there was any way to get Triumph members who are in the Cincinnati British Car Club interested in our club. It was suggested that she get the contact information and ask for a request to be put in their club periodical.

The Events Chairman, Bruce Clough, announced that the list in the Marque was up

to date and that members could add events throughout 2014.

Chuck White asked about a breakfast run, which lead to a discussion about early morning runs. Outcome to be listed in the Events section, 22 March was suggested.

Bruce reminded about the TRA14 Awards meeting scheduled for 12 Feb. The Planning meeting will be on 27 Feb. He also mentioned that on 29 March there would be a River Run to Augusta, KY.

#### Committee Reports:

Technical – No report.

Spares – No report.

Newsletter – No Report.

Regalia – No Report.

BCD Report – Next meeting is on 17 March at Poelking Lanes.

TRA14 Report – Feb. Planning Meeting resulted in 22 people at Logan's, so We'll do it again on 27th.

Old Business- Nominations were opened for Officers.

President – Bruce Clough was nominated and Lorna, tears in her eyes, declined a second term. Lorna later asked Tim Moore and Curtis if they would be willing to serve and got two negatives.

Secretary – Karen Sipos was nominated. So it is Karen and Stan.

Treasurer – Harry Mague.

Nominations for officers was closed and the awards nominations were opened.

Keep it on the Road – The White's were nominated. So nominees are them and Stan.

Most Improved – John Coutant was nominated so it is John and Bruce.

Press on Regardless – The White's.

Marque of Distinction – Harry Mague, Lorna and Bruce are the candidates.

The nominations were closed.

The secretary will bring paper ballots to the March meeting. There will be an electronic ballot in the Marque.

New Business – Chuck White told the meeting that badge costs were going up from \$4.75 to

\$6.00 plus shipping (\$4.00). In consequence he feels a change in the membership dues should be done to cover the cost increase. Chuck made a motion to amend the By-Laws to increase the dues for a newly joining family from \$25.00 to \$30.00, while keeping the single new membership cost at \$25.00 and the yearly renewal member cost at \$20.00. For a member needing a new badge, the cost will be the market price and shipping. Harry Mague seconded the motion.

The Amendment Process is this:

Propose the language and get it approved at the club meeting, simple majority vote. Publish the language in two consecutive issues of the Marque, with specific information on when it will be voted for insertion into the By Laws. Absentee ballots will be accepted by the Secretary prior to the designated meeting. Amendments are accepted by simple majority vote.

Stan Seto will bring the ballot language to the March meeting.

Comments – Lorna commented that Betsy Coutant will have eye surgery on 20 Feb. and Carol Rutledge will have surgery on her little finger on 10 March.

50/50 Drawing was won by Bridgette Clough in the amount of \$6.00.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:20 PM.

Respectfully submitted – Stan Seto, Secretary.

## Upcoming MVT Events

### March 2014!

Upcoming Events From your MVT Event's Chair – Bruce Clough – [bclough@woh.rr.com](mailto:bclough@woh.rr.com)  
937.238.4962

"Boxed" events are ones sponsored by Miami Valley Triumphs

# February Recap



**22 – Valentine’s Day Rendezvous** – Great time had by all – what great food, what wonderful company, what good wine! We all met at the bar at The Paragon

**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 – still in the future at time of publishing!

## March

### **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.



**8 – MVT Awards Banquet** – Beavercreek Country Club – we will be in the Grille Room - cocktails at 6:30 PM, dinner at &, awards afterwards. Lois needs to know if you are going by 3 March to get a head count. MVT pays for the dinner, you have to pay for any adult beverages. Contact Lois at 937-253-1580 or [bigday@zoomtown.com](mailto:bigday@zoomtown.com). Make your plans now, and rent your tuxes...

**12 – Dayton BCD Planning Meeting** - First meeting of the season is Wed., March 12th at 7pm, Poelking Lanes behind Dayton Mall off Kingsridge



**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, by 0830 for a breakfast run to mystery location – we leave at 0830! Where are we going? Pssst – it's a secret....hope the snow drifts have melted by then.



## **MVT River Run**



**29 – MVT River Run** – Well, we said we'd "Meet early in the morning south of Dayton for a run to Augusta KY and back. An all-day affair!" ...and that is what we'll do. The meeting place will be different – The Country Kitchen Restaurant, 3150 Ohio 350 Lebanon, OH 45036. This is a little local-owned place at the OH 350/I-71 exit. They get good reviews and the food is inexpensive. Perfect for Duncan. You can probably expect a stop at The Home Place to look for fake food, and as long as the weather is good we will test brakes for a ferry ride. Once in Augusta we will head to the Baker-Bird winery then a shop or two before we head back to Ohio, more great roads, and dinner. I'm always up for Valley Vineyards – we'll decide at March Meeting....

**30 – Chicago's 18<sup>th</sup> Annual All British Car Swap Meet and Autojumble –**  
[www.britishcarswap.info](http://www.britishcarswap.info)

## April

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**10 – TRA 2014 Planning Meeting – 6:30PM**  
Cuvee Wine Bar - 4457 W Franklin St,  
Bellbrook, OH 45305 (937) 848-2161  
**11-12 – Deer Creek Visit?** We need to do an over-nighter...which night will depend on Alice's schedule

**12 – 15<sup>th</sup> Annual Williamsburg British Car Club British and European Car Show –**  
[www.wmbgbrit.com](http://www.wmbgbrit.com)

## MVT Spring Tour



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

## May

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**10 – Deer Creek Visit? Stay tuned!**



**14 – TRA 2014 Planning Meeting** – 6:30PM  
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Bellbrook, OH 45305 (937) 848-2161

**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](mailto:britishcarmuseum@yahoo.com)).



**May 31 – June 8 - British Car Week!** Drive your British Cars! Unsure of the MVT Event we might have that week to commemorate it, but the info on National Events is at <http://www.britishcarweek.org/events.html> Maybe we do a cruise-in somewhere that week?

## June



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

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**11-15 Jun – TRA National Meeting**, Deer Creek State park, OH – This is OUR meet! [www.miamivalleytriumphs.org/tra2014](http://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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**13 – Cincinnati British Car Day – Assuming Harbin Park in Fairfield.** If so we will meet at the Bob Evans Restaurant in Middletown (OH 122 Exit of I-75) for the drive down for those coming from up north. Breakfast at 8, leave by 9.



**19 – MVT Drive to the Pool Party & MVT Pool Party** – Leave at 1200 from a place TBD for the drive to the Ball's in Franklin and the pool. If just going to the poll be there at 4PM. The Ball's live at 112 Hemlock St., Franklin

OH 937-746-5189. Let's hope the bands are hot that night!



**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 2 30th Annual British Car Day, Dayton, OH.** This is OUR car show, so let's all plan to be there and be active! 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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**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 – The Pub Cruise-In** - The Pub in The Greene

## 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 Vinyards 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." TWOA 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 (TWOA) 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

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**TBD – Harvest Tour –**



**TBD – Fall Tour – The New Wineries of Ohio**



March 2014 Bruce Clough

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## November

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**8 – Guy Fawkes Tour & Dinner - TBD**

Well, I decided that since the weather has not retreated from its Artic position I'll just have to suffer in the garage since I have to get some stuff done so I can get this car on the road.

## The Anniversary

Feb 14 marks a years since I started back into re-doing The Grey Ghost. Wow, has it been that long? I think the family would say –“yes, you nincompoop...”, but it’s still hard to believe. I started on the 8<sup>th</sup> of February last year. One year and over \$10K later we still haven’t started the engine or made any tracks outside the garage, but I am hopeful Spring will bring good things.



### **The Grey Ghost when we got it**

I'd like to thank all the folks over the year that have helped us move the restoration along as

well as Alice Duncan, and Bridgett that have put up with Bruce banging away at odd hours!



**The Grey Ghost after a year of work**  
...but anyway, back to work!

## Battery

In order to move forward I had to put power to the car, real power, so I finally spent the money for a battery. Since the battery is going in the back of the car, and since I hate corrosion and battery acid I spent the money and bought an Optima gel-cell battery.



**Optima Group 34 Battery in the Boot**

These batteries are expensive (\$180), but they do not cause corrosion, and their charging and discharging characteristics are better than a lead-acid wet-cell battery. Also expensive is relative – a good wet-cell battery will run you over \$100 anyway, so going a bit more to get a gel-cell seems a no-brainer. Okay, the battery is in, let's get back on the avionics...

## Avionics

One of the things I could do while waiting for the weather to break is to install and check out

the Avionics. “Avionics” is what airplane guys call all the electronic gadgets that don’t directly help them fly the plane (I’m separating them from instruments here) but without they’d be lost. For a car guy like me that is the music, the GPS, and the phone.

## Music

For this car I am using a Curtis Klue 8" Android Tablet (cheapie I got at H.H.Gregg) as the music source, and the amp is a cheap one I picked up back in 2006 - the one I took out of FrankenStag a while back when I upgraded that audio system. That amp feeds a single, but stereo, speaker in the back. Simple, yet high-tech enough to surely give me fits.

And give me fits it did – after I put the battery in I fired up the music system to make sure that it worked and heard a horrendous amount of electronic noise, a lot more than when I was just running the car electrics on the portable charger. This perplexed me since that portable charger should make a lot more noise than a battery. Rats.

Chased this around for a while – what I noticed was the sound was only being made when the signal source – the tablet and also my iPhone (I tried that also) – was connected to charge while playing an audio file. I tried doing a ground isolation on the audio cable, but that didn't work. Okay, isolate and filter – I found the line filter I also had been using on the FrankenStag, stuck it on, and the noise decreased almost to nothing. Victory, or at least good enough. If it continues to be a problem I'll filter the power going to the amp.

## GPS

On The Grey Ghost the GPS I used for more than location – it's the speedometer. Just like in the FrankenStag, Mr. Garmin tells me, and oh so much more accurately and precisely, how fast the car is going. Only thing is location, location, location. On the FrankenStag I put it on the lower driver's side of the windshield. While that works well on the FrankenStag, on The Grey Ghost that is problematic since then the suction cup that holds the GPS in place fails the GPS unit can

fall off the car. They fail regularly and I hate to spend \$100 for a road-bouncing GPS. I need to put it somewhere else.

I tried in front of the driver just above the cockpit trim, but the separation between wheel and GPS wasn't enough. I tried in the windshield underneath the rear-view mirror (Under the mirror? More on that later), but that blocks too much of the view. I finally compromised and attached it to the passenger's side of the two-part dash layout so it would face me. Not optimum, but it won't fall out, won't block vision, easy to glance at, and I can beg the passenger to set any routes or location searches...



**During Avionic Checkout – Klue Tablet in the middle and Mr. Garmin to the right**

## **Phone**

Okay, so it's really not a phone, but a small personal computer that happens to be a tablet that is small and has a phone app. They call them smart phones, but they really are PCs. Okay, enough preaching. In the Subaru I have cup holders I can put the phone in while charging, in the TR3B I have nothing – the phone is not secured and can "roam" at will based on my driving habits. Not good. To solve this I decided to use the windshield arm mount I had been using on the FrankenStag. Works well on the FrankenStag where the windshield is much farther from the driver, but not so well in a TR3 since that arm puts the phone between the driver and passenger, and it blocks vision since it gets stuck to the same place I tried to stick the Garmin.

The solution I came up with was to modify the arm hardware such that it could mount to the top of the trannie tunnel aft of the shifter hole. At that mounting point it's out of the windshield, still able to talk to cell towers, and in easy reach. The only issue I was going to have was power.

I had intended on using power from a cigarette-lighter style power receptacle I put in the dash, but when the phone mount moved to between passenger and driver I had to rethink that. Using the receptacle meant that I'd have a power wire draping down across where I was shifting and where my right leg would be. Need to find another way to run the power.

Which I did – I decided to repurpose a cigarette lighter style USB power supply to attach to the wiring harness that runs to the starter near the passenger's left foot. A USB cable harness on the trannie tunnel could plug into it at that point.

First thing, find an extra USB phone cable and attach it to the trannie. Not as easy as it sounds since Apple uses proprietary connectors on their equipment, but I found a spare cable sitting around that was just long enough to have the connection after the cable cleared the front of the tunnel

Next thing was to secure the cable. I was going to use plastic clamps, but I guessed I used them up. Second was to drill several sets of closed-spaced holes and run a nylon cable tie through them. Even better (and cheaper). Several drill holes later it was ready.



**USB phone cable on trannie tunnel with phone in cradle – all in place**

Now for the power to that phone cable. I only have about a gazillion 1 amp 5 V USB cigarette lighter power supplies sitting around – you get them free in various promotions. I took one, took it apart, soldered +/- power supply wires cut to the right length (the + wire also was given an in-line 5A fuse), and used shrink tubing to insulate it and protect the wire run.



**Cheap USB power supply modified for in-line use**

Yep, “if women don’t find you handsome, at least they’ll find you handy”. (Red Green) I installed the power line, attached the USB phone cable, and it all works – wunderbar!

## “Go Pro”-ish Camera

I was wandering through Bed Bath & Beyond early January looking for after-Christmas deals and saw an Emerson action camera on sale for \$40. Wow, I could take movies and pictures while driving – YouTube video stuff – I’ll be all the rage at Triumph meets. Okay, so there is a little Walter Mitty in all of us.

This is a cheap “knock-off” of the Go Pro water-proof action camera line. No, it doesn’t have all the Go Pro features, no, it is not 1080p, but it also isn’t \$300. For \$40, what the heck? You get a waterproof camera, some mounts, and the ability to record a lot of 720P video. I bought one - now to attach it to the car.

For an instant I thought I could just attach it to a helmet and wear a helmet while driving. On second thought that would be just too “Bruce” – I need to hard mount it somewhere. Let’s see, it needs to be in a location that is pointed forward, up somewhat high ( unless I want “Krupp

Shots”, and easy to get to. I decided to mount it to the top of the windshield frame in the middle. I considered double-sided tape for an instant, also thought about duct tape and marine glue. Discarded those thoughts... Now you must realize that when I had this car in the 1908’s I already mounted something (I can’t remember what) in the middle of the windshield top, so the frame already had a couple of holes to use. Bonus! I also had a lot of aluminum bar stock, so I just bent a piece of bar stock, cut to size, and pop-riveted the bracket on it. Easy-peasy – now folks will be able to watch hours-long boring driving films....



**Camera in Place**

## Rear-View Mirror

Let’s face it, the TR3 rear view mirror is basically worthless. Not only is it fairly narrow, it’s far away and mounted low, so you don’t see much. I want to be able to see behind me.

### *Need a solution...*

...so I go to the place I always go when I need a car solution and I don’t know – the Speedway Motors catalog. Speedway is the original “rod” shop and has a lot of stuff to customize rides.

### *Like inside mirrors.*

They have plenty of mirrors – I picked a style that matches the gas cap cover and goes well with the aluminum dash. \$30 and a couple of days later it was at my door.

### *That’s where the troubles started.*

The TR3 mirror mounts to a couple of holes in the cowl, the new mirror attaches to a puck glued on the glass. Tried gluing the puck they gave with the mirror on the windshield. No go,

it fell right off. Went out and bought a new puck and more glue. It stayed on until I tried to adjust the mirror, then it fell off.

*Great.*

Got another puck with adhesive attached. Used that and so far the mirror is holding. Now to get a mirror for the short windscreens.



**New mirror in place – up high, bigger, and closer to the driver – now I can see behind me!**

## Last Minute Update

I did find a mirror for the short windscreens, so at least I can see behind me now.

Oh, and since you can never stuff too much electronics in a car, even if it's as old as you. I found a TomTom GPS in a thrift store for \$10, not a great display, or at least not as nice as the Garmin's, but it's a Bluetooth unit and I can use it with my iPhone. What's another display stuck to the dash?



**Yeah, just another display stuck to the dash...**

I should find a place for the Magellan GPS also – that is the most modern and has road hazard

warnings as well as moving 2D and 3D maps, but I think I ran out of real estate...

## Parts in Waiting

There are a few things just waiting for me to get around to attaching them:

### *Trunions*



When I was putting the frame back together last summer I sent new trunions from TRF back since they didn't fit the original attachment hardware right and I didn't want to buy new hardware. I was then outbid on a set of NOS trunions. Since then I've been looking and found another set. From MG Automotive! Tech session this fall sometime...

### *Shifter knob*



The overdrive switch is literally JB Welded into the original-style shift knob, not one of my greatest engineering feats. I was looking for a knob with a built-in switch, but all I could find were Spitfire ones that used a smaller-diameter shift lever. Then I saw a post on Triumph

Experience for TR3 shift knobs with switches built in – we have one now.

## Web Jewel:



### How NOT to unfreeze the lock on your door.

*"My daughter's boyfriend works in a car dealership down in Cincinnati and this is what showed up at the repair shop.*

*He must have put a propane heater inside the car and didn't monitor it. Looks like he used a blow torch to me.*

*This comes under, "a red neck solution" category and the damage is in the thousands of dollars. "*

Whew – for a minute there I thought he had a BL wiring loom in the truck...Go Ram...

## Love, American Style...



## In memorandum



### Chuck whipping up breakfast at "Camp Chuck" at the 2009 TRF Summer Party

Chuck Davis died last month. Chuck was a longtime friend of ours and member of COCTRA and Buckeye Triumphs. An avid Spitfire owner, singer, and comedian he will be missed!

### That's it, time for a cold one from Florida....

Speaking of Florida, Tim has an update on the TRminator from where else.....but sunny Florida..just to rub it in ☺



Greetings mon ami.

While you all are basking in the artic glow of the great white north, I've been languishing in the sunshine and tropical breezes of north florida.

As I mentioned in my last article my TR had the dreaded Plenum Rusholio, which had been not so artfully concealed by the DPO.

This was how it looked before we worked our magic on it.



Here we excised the top rusty bit



Then we eviscerated the bottom rusty bit



Here is the nicely fabbed bottom section



Making a pattern for the top section



Heres my brother welding in the now fabricated top piece.



Here is the area all patched up



Once it's received a wee bit of TLC and some paint you won't even know there had been a gaping hole there.

All that remains of that nasty bit of business



Here's my handy work with a torch and a putty knife scrapping off all the undercoating in preparation for sandblasting



While we were in there we noticed some rust in the lower left area of the fire wall where it meets the battery pan. There was some rust in the battery pan as well so we decided to cut

out the old rusty parts and put in some new.



The old part next to its fabricated replacement



Some fancy tools used to help with the welding.



The fabricated new sheet metal welded in and ground smooth waiting for some color.



The new battery pan in place waiting to be welded



I ended up getting a ventilated disk brake kit from Rimmer Bros. If anyone needs a brand new set of stock rotors lets talk.



I also managed to score a set of Aluminum Brake Drums.



Theres lots more going on but I think this is enough for now. Just got to keep my knickers from getting in a bunch😊



**Cheers Mates**

# **2014 Miami Valley Triumphs Club Voting Ballot**

Complete, Print & Mail Version

Circle the Candidate's Name for each Category or Write-In a Name.

## ***Officer Nominations:***

### **President:**

Lorna Ball

Bruce Clough

Write-in Candidate Name

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### **Secretary:**

Stan Seto

Karen Sipos

Write-in Candidate Name

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### **Treasurer:**

Harry Mague

Write-in Candidate Name

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Mail Completed form to Miami Valley Triumphs,  
P. O. Box 144, Bellbrook, OH 45305 (needs to  
arrive by March 5<sup>th</sup>)  
Or Bring to the March 5<sup>th</sup> Meeting.

## ***Award Nominations:***

### **Marque of Distinction:**

Bruce Clough

Lorna Ball

Harry Mague

Write-in Candidate Name

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### **Keep it On The Road:**

Chuck & Chris White

Stan Seto

Write-in Candidate Name

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### **Most Improved:**

John Coutant

Bruce Clough

Write-in Candidate Name

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### **Press On Regardless:**

Chuck & Chris White

Write-in Candidate Name

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