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April 2005 Events:

6th - Membership Meeting at Fuddruckers
behind the Dayton Mall on Kingsridge Drive;
7:30 PM.

- **MVT Officers**

President: Stan Seto, 513-683-7974

Vice President: Randy Wakefield,
937-439-5025

Secretary: Lois Bigler, 937-253-1580

Treasurer: Carolyn Daye, 937-423-8157

Membership: Sue Bell, 937-890-1969

Events: Bruce Clough, 937-376-9946

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

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President's Corner

At the March meeting, we voted for three new officers, and for the Awards the club gives each year. The New officers elected were:

Vice President – Randy Wakefield, replacing Mark Macy, thanks for serving, Mark.

Membership Chairwoman – Sue Bell, replacing Carol Rutledge, Thanks Carol!

Events Chairman – Bruce Clough, replacing the temporary Chairman, Bruce Clough, Thanks, Bruce!!!

The awards voted start with MVT's most prestigious, the "**Marque of Distinction**", which goes to the person (or persons) who most exemplifies the character of the club, awarded this year to the team of **Tonda Macy** and **Carol Rutledge**. Congratulations Ladies.

Then there is "**Keep It on The Road**", which goes to the person who drives his Triumph the most. The award this year went to **Roy Qwens**

The Travel award is "**Press On Regardless**" which is the award for tenacious spirit and overcoming significant problems in the course of trips and finishing what was started (tripwise, that is.) It was won by **Alice Clough**.

Finally there is "**Most Improved**", car that is, not personality. The award was won this year by **John Parker**.

Congratulations to these deserving award winners.

The Awards Banquet was held at the Patterson Homestead, and catered, with the club picking up the expense for dinner. We had about twenty couples, including brand new member Glenn BJORINSON and his wife Melba, who is just charming. Those of you who missed it, missed not only a great time and some delicious food, You missed Mike McKitrick dressed in a Kilt (Mara's outfit was almost as stunning, but more

sensible). The State of The Club message is published elsewhere in the Marque.

The Tech Session at my House did occur on 12 March in spite of snow and cold weather. Those who showed up (Forest Gwinn, Ted Allison and the Biglers) were put to work replacing the rear springs in my TR3. We had two guys under the car from about 9:30 to about 4:00 in the afternoon. They got a pretty good lunch for their trouble. We got all the bolts off the springs, pulled the pin on the spring front shackle on the passenger's side, but could not budge the pin on the Driver's side. I continued to work that problem and on Thursday, the 17th, and using a 26 inch breaker bar, finally got the pin loose. It's clear that a couple more stationary parts have to come off the frame before I drop the springs, but now it is just a matter of time. Here's a bit of information that might be helpful in the future: Sears has Grade eight bolts and nuts in both fine and coarse thread. Tractor Supply has grade eight washers, both flat and split ring lock type, but all their grade eight bolts are coarse thread.

The other thing I got done was to drop the drive shaft off the differential, pulled the exhaust system and pried out the oil seal in front of the differential. Now that's ready to replace. April is right around the corner, and with it hopefully some decent weather, so let's start getting the cars ready for the driving season....

TRA Registration forms are now available, let's get them in and have a good turn-out.

Thanks for your attention.....Stan

**MARCH MVT MEMBERSHIP MEETING
03-02-05**

30 members present

Pres: Meeting called to order by Stan. Thanks to all for coming this evening. Letter received about portable Storage garages. See Stan for further information.

Randy related story regarding engine rebuild. Much money exchanged. In the end, got engine and box of parts.

Vice Pres: No report

Membership: 43 members with two new members in attendance this evening.

Glen Bjornson, lives in northern Kentucky, has 59 TR3A

David Couch, lives in Cincinnati, has 72 TR6

Treasurer: Income and expenses outlined.

Sec'y: Minutes of February meeting approved as printed in Marque.

Marque Editor/Website: All is well.

Events: March 12 Tech Session at Stan's garage. Work on TR3 springs. Directions available from Stan and on Website.

19th MVT Awards Banquet. Social beginning at 6:00. Call Lois Bigler regarding attending by March 14 so caterer will provide sufficient food. No charge for members.

26th British Breakfast Club [new happening] Steak and Shake by Fairfield Mall. Will meet last Saturday of every month March through October

April ? Spring Tour

May 13-15 Scottish Weekend Mara and Mike McKitrick [Celtic Isles Shop] will be vendors at show

15th British Car Show Dublin Metro Center

27th British Day at the Second Street Market Dayton

22-29th British Car Week DRIVE YOUR BRITISH CAR ALL WEEK

June 4 British Car Show Louisville KY

5th British Return to Ft Meigs Perrysburg OH

9th Lem Immke Classic Auto Show Dublin Metro Center

29th TRA Branson, MO. Bruce caravanning.

See Marque for times, details of travel and registration form.

July 1-3 Mini Meet East Dublin Metro Center

26-30 VTR Rockford IL

August 6 British Car Day Eastwood Metro Park Dayton

REVIEW MARQUE AND/OR WEBSITE FOR PARTICULARS ON EVENTS:

Old Business: Should be meeting regarding BCD sometime this month. Contact Stan.

New Business: Motion passed to allow President Stan Seto to spend up to \$250.00 for awards.

ELECTION RESULTS- CONGRATULATIONS TO

Vice President: Randy Wakefield

Membership: Sue Bell

Events: Bruce Clough

Award recipients will be announced at the awards dinner.

MVT AWARDS DINNER, March 19th

37 MVT members gathered at the Patterson Homestead on March 19, 2005, for our annual awards dinner. We socialized, drank, dined, and entertained. Glad to realize we were able to assemble those huge 15 piece puzzles and Bruce does well with parachute bunnies.

We had a special celebration for Phil's birthday with birthday cake. The biggest treat (?) of the evening was Mike McKitrick looking simply marvelous in his wonderful outfit. Even though Ellis might protest, I would like to hear the bagpipes.

CONGRATULATIONS TO AWARD WINNERS:
MOST IMPROVED, JOHN PARKER
KEEP IT ON THE ROAD, ROY OWENS
PRESS ON REGARDLESS, ALICE CLOUGH
MARQUE OF DISTINCTION, TONDA
MACY/CAROL RUTLEDGE

50/50 Carolyn Daye

Next meeting April 6 at Fuddruckers

RMEMEBER YOUR NAME BADGE!!!!!!!

Miami Valley Triumphs – State of the Club,

2004, Presented at the Annual Awards Banquet by MVT President Stan Seto

First, I'm glad to see you all here tonight, and we hope this is the start of another successful driving year.

Our activity year begins with the Super Bowl party in January, then the Awards Banquet in March, held last year in Middletown, Ohio, at the Manchester Hotel. We installed newly elected officers and present awards for the past year's activities.

In April, the driving year started when we did the Spring Romp, which took eight or so mixed

British, American, European and Japanese cars into the heartland of Ohio, to visit the Lafferty Funeral and Carriage Museum in West Union, Ohio, where the funeral accouterments of six generations of undertakers to Adams County, Ohio are displayed. We lunched at the local Olde Wayside Inn and then were off to see one of two nearby covered bridges, and went on to visit Miller's Amish Bakery, Bulk Food and Furniture Stores, about eight miles away. The Romp ended at another restaurant some seventy miles north near Waynesville for supper.

In May, a small contingent of the club drove down to Carrolton, KY, for Scottish Weekend and to participate in a small car show put on by the Cincinnati British Car Club. Besides having a good time listening to all the bagpipe and drum bands, shopping the local vendors and watching the (decidedly Male) athletic events (where else can you see some brawny guy try to throw a telephone pole end over end, only to slip and almost wipe out all the spectators??), we took two trophies in Triumph Classes in the show, and had a great dinner in a small restaurant in Aurora, Indiana, during the return to Ohio.

June was a signature month as MVT hosted the Triumph Register of America Annual Meet in Springfield, Ohio. The club set up a tour of a local truck factory and for the distaff side there was an antiquing run to nearby Waynesville, Ohio. There were separate early morning runs for breakfast on Thursday and Saturday, the Concours, TRA Business meeting, a cracking good rally on Saturday and the auction, which was well attended. By all accounts heard, everyone attending had a good time. Two MVT members from Texas came up and one of them took first place in the Rally.

July was another busy month, as the club members attended Cincinnati BCD Days at Edgewater Park, and a week later while one group headed to Richmond, VA for VTR, another small contingent drove their cars up to Kingston, Ontario for the Canadian Classic. In addition, there were small one day shows through-out the month in the Dayton-Columbus

area that club members attended to support the events. But, everyone was back for.....

August 6th when MVT in conjunction with the MG Club of Dayton, had their BCD Days at Eastwood Metro Park, out near Wright-Patterson AFB. This is an ideal setting with woods, a lake and seclusion. The weather cooperated to a degree never seen, being sunny and cool the whole day long. We had well over 300 cars attend, not including the local Miata club that came out to visit. We ran out of food, sold most of the Tee Shirts (Twentieth Anniversary Issue) and awarded about a million plaques and trophies. A truly great day and it's going to be hard to top, next year.

In September was the Pool Party, at the Ball's house. About half the club showed up for swimming, pitching games and a scrumptious Steak dinner. This is the wind-down after TRA and BCD, and we took full advantage of the quiet atmosphere and again the great weather. October, we had the Fall Leaf Tour, a rather cool drive and a little wet, but a clear indication that winter was at hand. Somehow we managed to forget about the Holiday Soiree, until it was almost too late, but with some luck managed to shoe horn the event into everyone's busy schedule.

For Year 2004

Club membership has held at between forty and fifty over the year, and while we are getting opportunities to get the cars out on the road, the numbers participating have not been large. On the other hand, the club as a whole has been active at many meets this past year and who can deny that we gave TRA one of the best meets they've had in several years. In addition, I have to think that BCD Days is going to be hard to live up to for the next couple of years. And..., over the year, the club meetings have been pretty well attended, except in the cold months of January and February.

Financially, the club is very healthy. We began 2004 with \$2,651 in the bank, we had income of \$4,874, and we had expenses of \$3190. At the close of 2004 we had \$4,337 in the bank,

an increase of over \$1500. There will be a summary financial report in the April issue of the Marque.

Looking to the future,

The activity schedule for 2005 is not yet full, **I'm challenging the club to collectively work on that, as it would be good to get some of the newer members involved in setting up some more driving events.**

While we seem to have pretty good turn-outs at club meetings, there are some members who use to come that don't, any more. **We should have a small committee, two people for example, who would be responsible for calling these inactive members and jogging them a little about coming out (it might suffice to merely inquire about how things are going in their lives).**

Moving to other matters....

WE elected some new officers this year. Hold your applause until I finish the announcement.

The new Vice President is Randy Wakefield, Randy succeeds Mark Macy. Mark, thanks for serving.

The new Membership Chairwoman is Sue Bell, Sue succeeds Carol Rutledge. Carol, thanks for your service.

The new Events Chairman is Bruce Clough, who succeeds the temporary events chairman, Bruce Clough. Bruce, we appreciate your fortitude.

WE have chosen the 2004 award winners. In the first three categories, hold your applause until I have all three winners up here.

Most Improved: Candidates were Ted Allison, Jimmy Carter, Bruce Clough, and John Parker. The winner was John Parker!

Keep it on the Road : Candidates were Roy Owens, Russ Seto and Stan Seto

The winner was Roy Owens!!

Press on Regardless: Candidates were Ted Allison and Alice Clough. In a very tight race,

The winner is Alice Clough!!!

Finally there was the award for Marque of Distinction. Candidates were Lois Bigler, the team of Tonda Macy and Carol Rutledge, and Stan Seto.

The winner is (Tonda and Carol).

Thanks for your attention, and have a pleasant and safe journey Home.

Miami Valley Triumphs Club
Financial Report Summary
2004

Beginning Balance January 2004 - \$2,651.20

Income 2004 - \$4,874.09

Expenses 2004 - \$3,189.88

Ending Balance December 2004 - \$4,337.41

Income (over 50\$)

BCD -	1,700.00
TRA -	1,424.59
Membership -	880.00
Banquet - (Member's portion of Cast) -	660.00
Swim Party -	147.00
50/50 -	117.00
Brown Bag Auction -	76.00

Expenses (over 50\$)

Banquet -	1,062.65
Holiday Party -	877.70
Marque Expenses -	424.17
Insurance -	154.00
Donations -	200.00
Car Show Sponser -	100.00
Advertising -	76.75
Flowers -	52.61



The only Triumph to make it to the banquet was Ted Allison's TR8



Award for "Marque of Distinction"



"Most Improved", "Keep it on the Road" and "Press on Regardless" award winners John Parker, Roy Owens & Alice Clough



Carol Rutledge and Tonda Macy, Co-winners of "Marque of Distinction"



The award for "Press on Regardless", "Most Improved" and "Keep it on the Road."



Having a good time!



Deep discussion



Table Centerpiece



Phil's Birthday Cake



Carolyn got him again! Good job!



Happy Birthday Phil