



"The Marque"

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January 2014

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

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President's Report: ~ Lorna Ball

Howdy everyone! Hope everyone is great and had a wonderful Christmas. What a perfect time of year to count our blessings. Wish everyone in the Club could have made it to the Christmas Soiree. What a fun time we had and lots of money was raised for the Club in our brown bag auction.

Nominations were opened for President, Secretary and Treasurer at the mini-meeting. If you would be interested in serving, drop me a note. We need volunteers. Hey.....if I can be

President.....ANYONE can be President!!!!!!

Keep that in mind.

We had a TRA2014 meeting last week. It's important to support this endeavor. There is a lot of work setting something like this in motion. It is going to take all of us doing our part. One thing I will need from some of the ladies of the club is cookies! Ellis and I are in charge of the Thursday night picnic and cookie platters are going to be the dessert item. I will be asking for your help.

Ellis and I consider all of you our extended family and always look forward to spending time with all of you. We wish all of you a very happy and prosperous New Year.

Treasurer's Report:~Harry Mague

Treasurer's Report: As of 1 December 2013, we have a balance of \$3377.10. Since December 1, 2013 the club had the following income: Brown Bag Auction for \$184.00. Total income for December is \$184.00. The club had the following expenses in December: TRA expense of \$919.75 and Christmas Party expense of \$141.45. Total expense for December was \$1061.20. Balance for 1 January 2014 will be \$2499.90. Please note that any monies dispersed for TRA will be reimbursed to the club.

Secretary's Report: ~ Stan Seto.

MVT December 2013 meeting

Submitted by Lorna Ball

We had an abbreviated December meeting while at our Christmas Soiree. We did not pass around an attendance sheet but I attest to the fact that there were people there!

Events: Bruce informed us that we did need to have a TRA2014 meeting before the end of the year because of decisions that had to be made. No

date was set, stating that we would plan that thru email.

Old Business: none

New Business:

---Lois Bigler stated that she would reach the Beavercreek Country Club regarding our March Banquet. She will get back to us at the January meeting with the date and details.

---Nominations were opened for election of officers and awards. They are as follows:

President: None

Secretary: Stan Seto

Treasurer: Harry Mague

Press On Regardless: Chuck White

Keep It on the Road: Stan Seto

Most Improved: Bruce Clough

Marque of Distinction: Bruce Clough and

Lorna Ball

A motion was made by Lois Bigler and seconded by Carol Rutledge to adjourn.

Upcoming MVT Events

January 2014!

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

January already? Another year? Wow. I suppose we need some events, but first a recap from December

December Recap

MVT had two official events in December – the Holiday Soiree and the Shopping/Dinner Excursions

Holiday Soiree

Fun was had by all this Holiday Season at the MVT Holiday Soiree. Hosted by that ever energetic Bigler couple, multitudes of members showed up for the obligatory consuming of mass amounts of good food and spirits.

We even had an auction afterwards! Wild ruckus it was, with bags flying all over the place. All won bags full of goodies, and Harry won "Best Bag" for his stained glass



Vittles!



Danny showing off his new earrings



Food!



Even Esteban showed up.



The Moore's enjoying bunnies...



Harry won best bag!

Folks crowding around the vittles before the we torched Guy

November 9th saw the club heading over to the Clough's to torch a Guy Fawkes (the guy who tried to blow up Parliament in 1609, and, as a matter for

fact, where we get the use of the word “guy” in American English). All had a good time, much Bourbon, wine, soda and other fluid flowed, and food was had by all.

Holiday Shopping & Dinner



Yeah, so much for December weather – 60F and tropical deluge. We had 16 people signed up to shop and eat dinner at The Golden Lamb, but most punted on shopping in the rain and decided to meet us for dinner instead. No matter, the Clough’s, Moore’s and the White’s wandered around a wet, but festive Waynesville, picking up this or that for somebody, and some even had some Peanut Butter Pie before hooking up with the rest of the club folks at the restaurant (okay, actually it’s an Inn).



Happiness and mirth at MVT Table 1



Not to be outdone was Table 2!

They had to split us into two tables, the same two tables as last time. Something about Table 2 - they got served first again! As usual, the food was excellent – I think the White’s got the “Daye’s not served quite right” award. We all agreed a good time was had by all.

January Events

8 Jan – 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. This month the big topic will be laying out the 2014 MVT events – the Event’s Chair will bring some suggestions and he wants the membership at large to add to this. Will just leak out a few suggestions:

April - 2014 Spring Tour – 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.



11-15 Jun – TRA National Meeting, Deer Creek State park, OH

Oct – VTR National Meeting – Dobson, NC. Maybe we can get a decent MVT contingent going to this??? Nice venue.



~ by Tim Moore

While I have been languishing in the rain, slush, sleet and snow my car has been basking in the warm sun and tropical breezes of north Florida. But it has not been sitting idly. My brother has been busy sculpting its curves to the sultry likeness of a Venus de Milo. Well actually he's just been cutting out the rusty bits and replacing it with new bits.

It all started when he decided to replace the foot well, since he said it would be easier than trying to fix it. It seems that a DPO (for those that don't know that refers to the Dreaded Previous Owner) had hit something and put a bit of a dent in it.



Once he had it out he said there's a little bit of rust in the floor pan so why don't we replace that too while we're at it.



Here's the old piece cut out next to its shiny new piece.



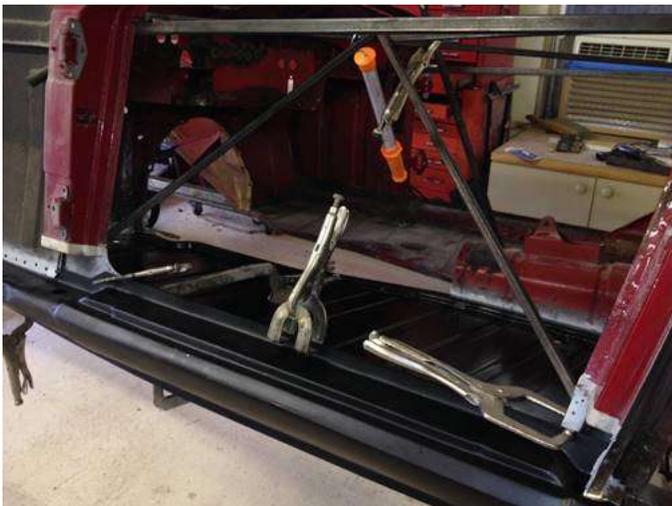
And then he said you know if we take the floor pan out we will need to replace the rocker panels too. The rockers had been replaced when I did the first restoration back around ohhhhhh 1984ish. This is from that repair. Brazing seemed to be the thing to do back then.



So away he went happily cutting away at my precious TR until it was a mere shell of its former self.

But all was not lost. A cry went out in the Kingdom and low and behold shiny new bits arrived and were installed into the ravaged TR.





A door was hung by the new parts with care, in hopes that the door gaps soon would be there. The people looked upon the gaps and rejoiced.

The DPO (as previously mentioned) had put some kind of patch over the firewall in the plenum area where the battery goes.



We cut it out and SURPRISE!!!!



It appears that the TR was the victim of the not so scarce dreaded Plenum rustholio. Looks like more cutting and welding is in the Ole Trminator's near future.

Till next time. Tim Moore



January 2014 Bruce Clough (bclough@woh.rr.com)

Update

December was a fast month – here is The Grey Ghost at the start of the month:



TGG – First week of December

Here it is as of about 22 Dec:



TGG – Mid-December

You will notice that I did have the cut-down windshield done by the start of the month. Never did document that one in this column, just be sure that it looks neat, and will cause me to get bugs in my teeth. You'll note by mid-month I had the full-sized windscreen on and had started on what I like to call a "sun-top", just covering the top part of the cockpit and leaving the sides open. Saw this done by Joe Germy from Michigan a long time ago and I wanted to duplicate – duplicate I will, but I ran into some alignment issues with web straps and top frame, so I'm going to fit new web straps and the top before completing the sun-top.

So what did I do between early and mid December? Shop? Nope, I suck at that and prefer the shoppees to be with the shopper. Reinvent the dash? Why yes I did.

Those who have been with me when talking about the car know I have been unhappy with the dash I made since:

1. The idiot lights were put in somewhat haphazardly.

- The caution buzzer for low oil pressure will wake the dead and cause you to pee your pants if you didn't know it was going to happen.
- The dash was made from 1/4" plywood to save \$\$ (plate aluminum or stainless steel is big bucks), but that made it hard to install the supports and stuff that attaches to the same studs as the dash.



Old Dash

I still wanted to use metal for the dash, but since I've already breached the \$10K budget for this thing I had to do this on the cheap. Looking around the garage I spied a piece of diamond-plate aluminum leftover from a project. Perfect.

Well, it turned out not to be long enough to go across the dash, but long enough for me to use it. What to do, what to do?

Simple – assault the paradigm that says you need a continuous dash. Once I did this I came up with a two-piece design that left a swooping gap in the middle. The driver's side held all the gauges and switches, the passenger's side the commission plate and a light that tell me the battery is connected. I replaced the round plastic switches with mini-toggles and added a guarded ignition switch. Also got rid of the big "Engine Start" switch in favor of a smaller push-button. So by the end of this the dash looked like:



New Dash



Driver's side

Okay, so it's a bit industrial, but fun industrial in a weird sort of way.



Passenger's side

However, I still had that gap in the middle where you can see the wonderful, yet woeful, heater. What can I do to cover that? I thought of a black mesh between the two halves, but in the end I decided to go modern.

I stuck a tablet computer in-between. Last Christmas we bought Bridgett a cheap Curtis tablet from H.H.Gregg to play around with. Slow processor, not much memory, and third party vendor for software. For surfing the Internet or

playing Pandora music it was fine, for games, not so much. We bought her a Samsung to replace it, but it was still sitting around the house (had I seen it earlier it would have been sold on eBay...) in December, so I grabbed it. Invented a bracket for it (okay, more like epoxied a piece of aluminum to the back), built a power supply for it, and mounted it to the car.



Now that's a TR3 dash!

Yep. Modern car owners got nothing on me, and you can play Temple Run on this dash, albeit a bit slow!

January I hope to replace that leaky oil pan gasket and try to start this puppy. Winter bliss!

Like Minded Intelligence.

Was sent this picture from Triumphest this last year:



Somebody else wanted to clean up the firewall and get rid of the ugly battery tray area. I asked the guy who took the pictures if he had any more and he sent me this close(er) up of the engine compartment:



Too bad that ugly fuse/relay block was put on there! Also note he ran his hydraulic lines inside the car – now that's over the top!

He's coming along



Mike McKittrick is violating an MVT TRadition by not disseminating donuts to the rest of the club – here is what he wrote:

Thanks to everyone who responded to my help request to pull the body off the frame of the TR3. I had a wild thought while talking to friend & former neighbor in the garage today.....let's just use the engine lift to pick up the body. Sounded easy enough....not much weight really. So I hooked up the lift to the inside seat belt brackets and with Jimmy steering the front end and keeping the body level, we pulled the body off and onto the "custom made wood stand" in about 15 minutes.

So the proposed tech session is cancelled. Couldn't believe how easy this was.

Mike

So now we expect both Roy's and Mike's TR3s to be at TRA 2014 next year! Now I just need pictures of Roy's! Will it be a three way fight for best MVT TR3 between Mike, Roy and John C?

(Mike's TR3 probably won't make TRA 2014.....Roy's yes! ~ed)

Found On Sale, but I won't post the URL so nobody is tempted to try and buy for \$10,000

Yep, \$10,000 – as the add says: *Car is in wonderful condition, just needs a little work done to it...give me a call. The car has it's original interior, and it only has 76,000 miles on the car, get it before it's gone*



The best of both worlds – fins and Triumphs! Motion Backwards! Worth every bit of \$10K I'm sure. I bet this would be one for Ron Fowler's collection!

Emails of MVT interest:

Subject: Bearing, bearing, whos got the bearing

Along time ago in a galaxy far, far away, a young padawan was restoring his T34. He noticed that his overdrive was in need of overhauling and found that on Dantooine there was a supplier called Rimmer Bros. that had what he needed. So he ordered the part only to find that the Intergalactic Bearing Consortium had placed a duty on bearings shipped to Tatoonie.....

Ok now that silliness is out of the way let me tell you a real eye opener of a story. I have acquired a transmission with an overdrive and figured I would rebuild said OD for shitz and giggles. So I found that Rimmer Bros have a kit that pretty much has everything you need to rebuild one. So I ordered it. It was shipped and ended up in customs. I watched the tracking and noticed that it kept going through customs over and over. So I sent an email asking why. I was told that there is a duty applied to bearings imported into the USA and I need to fill out numerous paperwork. There was a declaration of non dumping, and a power of attorney I would need to fill out. Oh and get this in the fine print of their e-mails there's mention that there is a warehouse charge of \$20 a day while all this goes on. That's just the reader digest version of what transpired. Long story short about \$20 in bearing cost me \$200 in fees since it took about 10 days to get all their paperwork completed. So DONT buy bearings from England. There are probably other items with similar duties so do some research first before ordering items from England. Regards, Tim Moore

Subject: RE: Bearing, bearing, whos got the bearing

Only times in 15 years (with the shop) ordering goods from the UK & Ireland that all had duty requirements, only had to pay duty when products were shipped via UPS, FEDEX and DHL. If shipping was via the GPO (Parcel Force airmail) never had to pay any duty with one exception.....shipper failed to include Zip code and customs sent me notice day before order destruction; wasn't time to get a broker to intervene. ((If they had my address to notify me, why not ship the package? Couldn't find anyone with English as 1st language to speak to.))

UPS & FEDEX notify the recipient of duty charges when they receive the item (sometimes ahead of time). When they receive payment order gets shipped.

U. S. Customs has spurts of "let's check everything" at different times of the year.....Christmas season is one of the spurts.

Without asking, I'd almost bet Tim's order came through JFK.

That's my 2p worth. Mike

Purposed Budget 2014 Miami Valley Triumphs

<u>Description</u> <u>2014 P</u>	<u>Month</u>	<u>Expenses</u>				
		<u>2011</u>	<u>2012</u>	<u>2013 P</u>	<u>2013 A</u>	
Awards Banquet	March	\$920.00	\$807.00	\$920.00	\$985.00	\$900.00
Year End Awards \$500.00	March	\$600.00	\$660.00	\$480.00	\$470.00	
Club Liability Insurance \$220.00	April	\$207.00	\$200.00	\$210.00	\$200.00	
Ball's Pool Party \$190.00	August	\$165.00	\$145.00	\$150.00	\$186.00	
Web Hosting	July	\$147.00	\$130.00	\$130.00	\$167.00	\$170.00
Post Office Box	August	\$77.00	\$76.00	\$80.00	\$78.00	\$80.00
Donations	Yearly	\$190.00	\$250.00	\$200.00	\$100.00	\$100.00
Marque Expense	Yearly	\$102.00	\$82.00	\$50.00	\$80.00	\$80.00
Christmas Party	December	\$130.00	\$155.00	\$175.00	\$150.00	\$150.00
Misc Expense**	Yearly	<u>\$259.00</u>	<u>\$187.00</u>	<u>\$125.00</u>	<u>\$180.00</u>	<u>\$190.00</u>
Summary		\$2797.00	\$2692.00	\$2520.00	\$2596.00*	
\$2580.00*						

		<u>Income</u>				
Membership Dues	Yearly	\$750.00	\$725.00	\$700.00	\$755.00	\$750.00
BCD Final Payout \$1000.00	October	\$1425.00	\$1500.00	\$1500.00	\$735.00	
50/50(average of \$96) Yearly		\$100.00	\$110.00	\$100.00	\$125.00	\$125.00
Brown Bag Receipt	January	\$202.00	\$200.00	\$200.00	\$184.00	\$200.00
Awards Dinner ---0---	March	--0--	--0--	--0--	--0--	--0--
Misc Income** \$100.00	Yearly	<u>\$123.00</u>	<u>\$320.00</u>	<u>\$100.00</u>	<u>\$20.00</u>	
Summary		\$2600.00	\$2855.00	\$2600.00	\$1819.00*	
\$2175.00*						

Actual Club Financial Status

<u>Year</u>	<u>January 1st</u>	<u>December 31st</u>
2011	\$4502.42	\$4305.78(-197.00)
2012	\$4305.78	\$4467.93(+163.00)
2013	\$4467.93	\$3606.27(-861.66)

*The 2013 Actual and the 2014 Purposed do not represent any monies expended or received from TRA.

**Misc Income and Expense include: Memorabilia bought and sold, Computer software, name tags, BCD Shirts