



# "The Marque"

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**May 2014**

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

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

Hello MVTr's. I don't have a report for May.

Happy Trails, Lorna

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

**Treasurer's Report:** As of 1 April 2014, the club account had a balance of \$6363.12. For the month of April, the club had the following income: 50/50 for \$10.00, deposits for TRA included \$1440.00 for registrations, \$500.00 transfer from Paypal TRA registrations, \$25.00 for MVT Membership, and \$25.00 for miscellaneous TRA expenses. TRA. Total income into the account was \$1995.00. MVT expenses for April were: \$235.00 for Club Insurance thru VTR and \$127.35 for Web Services and Domain Name. TRA2014 expenses are: \$420.97. Total expenses for April are \$783.32. Account balance as of 1 May 2014 will be approximately \$7574.80 of which \$5745.09 is dedicated for TRA. Therefore the club's balance for May 1, 2014 is \$1829.71.

**Secretary's Report:** ~ Karen Sipos.

**MVT April Meeting Minutes**

The April Meeting was held at Logan's Roadhouse on Centre Drive in Beavercreek, Ohio. The President, Lorna Ball, opened the meeting at 7:30 with a Toast to Spring. There were 25 members present as well as two Clough children. There were no visitors or new members.

Notice was made of the birthday cake provided by Chuck White in honor of the birthdays of Chris White and Mike McKittrick.

President Report: Club insurance of \$235 for 2014-15 was due and a check will be written for that amount for the President to pay the bill.

Reminder that MVT dues are due in May. Also a reminder that the revision of the by-laws will be published in The Marque for all to read with a vote on the by-laws in June. Lorna has brochures for Moss Motor Challenge. John Coutant was presented with the award for the most improve since he was unable to attend the Awards banquet.

Vice President Report: No Report

Secretary Report: March Minutes were published in the Marque. Chuck White made a motion they be accepted. Alice Clough seconded. This passed by voice vote.

Treasurer Report: Harry Mague reported balance of \$6663.

Membership Report: 37 Members.

Events Report: The two March events were well attended. The morning run was to Clifton were they had pancakes as big as man hole covers. Or so said Alice and Bruce. The River Run was a great event with 18 people. Good food, good fun and good wine. That is unless you get stuck. Ask Lorna and Elis about that. Upcoming events will be Sat. April 5<sup>th</sup> at the Rutledge's to reinstall the engine; TRA planning meeting on April 3; the 11 & 12 will be at Deer Creek checking out the breakfast, the event space, and the planning of some of the drives and rally. Spring Tour is set for May 3.

Committee Reports:

Technical - Bruce asked if anyone knew of a machine shop that might make a part. Jim Sipos said he know of one and would give him the address and phone number after the meeting. Spares – Bruce gave some information about rebuilt parts he had purchased that were not rebuilt. He cautions members to look over parts well. He showed the parts he was talking about.

Newsletter – no report

Regalia – Pete suggested everyone get ready for the car show season and get items they might need or want. Also a reminder that the Second Street Market Car Show sponsored by the British Transportation Museum will be Memorial Day weekend.

BCD – Next meeting is Mar. 12. All is running smooth. There has already been a good response to electronic registration and 1 paper registration. At the April 30 meeting Lorna will present T-shirt colors. Green is the color but the shade might be a problem.

TRA – Reminder to register for the event and to get your room at the Lodge is you have not already done so. Next meeting is April 10.

Old Business

Valerie Relue presented the new membership application. Valerie suggested the last question be changed to "I have the following car related questions" and the change of date to reflect the month we vote on the new application. Vote will be at the May 7<sup>th</sup> membership meeting. Current members were asked to fill out new form when they renew membership so all information is current and correct.

50/50 drawing of \$10 was won by Duncan Clough. It was pointed out that there was cake enough for everyone one.

John Coutant moved the meeting be adjourned. It was seconded by Harry Mague. Meeting adjourned at 8:30. Respectfully submitted by Karen Sipos, Secretary.

**Revision to the ByLaws, Paragraph 7.3 Amount of Dues**

**Background** – The cost of membership badges has been increasing. The current price for a single badge is \$4.75 and is covered by adding \$5.00 to the yearly membership fee when a new member is inducted into the club. However, in the very near future the cost of the badge is being increased to \$6.00 and the shipping fee is \$4.00. A new family joining would require two badges (member and spouse) plus shipping, or a \$16.00 fee. A single new member joining would cost \$6.00 plus shipping or \$10.00. To the extent that the club has the resources, the shipping fees are normally absorbed. So, the following change to so much of the “amount of dues” is proposed.

Current – 7.3 Amount of Dues – As of October 2003 the dues are \$25.00 for new members and their immediate family and \$20.00 for current members and their immediate family. New membership dues include two name badges.

Revised – 7.3 Amount of Dues – As of May 2014 the dues are \$30.00 for new members and their immediate family and \$25.00 for a single new member. The renewal fee for current members, family or single, will be \$20.00. New membership dues includes two name badges for a family and a single name badge for a single joining member.

By request of the President, Lorna Ball

## Upcoming MVT Events May 2014!

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



**Just be glad you don't Skype me....**

“Boxed” events are ones sponsored by Miami Valley Triumphs

**April Recap**

**Roving Wrench Engine Install**

All had an excellent time at Carol and Roger Rutledge's engine install fete on the 5<sup>th</sup>. We got the engine in without too many skinned knuckles. Roger is recovering nicely from his operation (Carol – was that a brain transplant???) and is looking forward to squealing some tires this Spring!

**Deer Creek Visit**

Thanks to all who came out to Deer Creek on the 12<sup>th</sup>. The goals were to:

- Identify things we needed to do, but did not know about
- Acquaint MVT folks with the layout of the lodge
- Meet with lodge staff on meeting details, schedules, costs
- Set up several rallyes, tours, and runs
- Visit several restaurants

I think we did all very well – more in the TRA 2014 update elsewhere in the Marque.

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May



### ***MVT Spring Tour***

Please note **NEW DATE!!!** We have to find out a new date since too many of the Clough Clan had to help out with the Bellbrook Maple Festival breakfast on 26 April. The new date is 3 May. This will be an interesting combo event. Turns out that the MVT Quilting Auxiliary has found out a Quilt Yard Sale will be that day in Circleville, also turns out that we will need to set up what we are calling the "TR3zee Run" for the TRA 2014 Saturday rallye. So here's the plan:

For those that want to go to the yard sale, we will meet at Tim Horton's in Xenia at 6:30AM, grab a coffee, and head for Circleville. The yard sale starts at 7:30 and after that we will visit a few local spots and then show up at JR Hooks in Circleville at 9AM for breakfast. JR Hooks is at 115 Watt St, Circleville, OH 43113, phone (740) 474-2158.

The tour proper will leave from JR Hooks after breakfast, we're going to estimate 10AM. From there we will leave there to tour local stops, both for curiosity and also to set up stops for the TR3zee Run. We plan on heading back west for dinner, either at Deer Creek, or a bit further west depending on how the time is doing. There are a lot of neat places in and around the Circleville area, and yes, we will find wineries. Will we end up with sewing machines coming home? TBD...

**7 – 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.



**14 – TRA 2014 Planning Meeting – 6:30PM**  
Cuvee Wine Bar - 4457 W Franklin St, Bellbrook, OH 45305 (937) 848-2161

**18 - Columbus British Car Day** – Details at Buckeye Triumph's Wed Site:  
<http://www.buckeyetriumphs.org/BCD/bcdindex.htm>  
As of now we do not know of any plans for an MVT Caravan over to the show, but that is something we can discuss at the May membership meeting



**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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**6-8 - SVRA vintage races at the historic Indianapolis Motor Speedway.** Racing of vintage race cars will occur on the 2.44 mile road course in the infield as well as some vintage Indy racers on the famed 2.5 mile oval. Some veteran Indy car drivers will be competing in a Pro-Am event. Al Unser, Jr. as well as other famous drivers are entered. Parnelli Jones will be Grand Marshall. More info at: <https://www.svra.com/events/brickyard-vintage-racing-invitational/>



**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 pool 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!



**The Roadster Factory**

**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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**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." 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 (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

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**TBD - Harvest Tour -**



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

### November

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

### December

**13 - Holiday Soiree**  
**20 - The Run to Christmas Dinner!**



That's it!

# Triumph Register of America National Meeting 2014 May 2014 Update



*Background: MVT is the host club for the Triumph Register of America 2014 National Meeting that will be held at the Deer Creek State park Lodge from 11 to 15 June. Although TRA is focused on early TR series cars, the meet is open to any Triumph fanatic.*

One Month to go.

## One month.

Hmmmm, Wonder if we got everything covered? To tell you the truth, I think we do! Thanks to MVT folks working this we have a great meet planned and I'm sure everything will go smoothly. Last month we had a great meeting at Deer Creek – several of us spent the night and had dinner at the Thursday Early Morning Run (EMR) location (Ben & Joy's Restaurant in Mt Sterling). Reporting that the food is good – we are going to have to look at parking, but the rest is yummy. The next morning a bunch of MVT'ers joined us for breakfast at Deer Creek, a meeting with the lodge staff, and then headed out to set up tours and rallyes. A good time was had by all and we will report out 14 May on what we accomplished.

## So what are we doing this month?

Well, I already mentioned 14 May – we are going to have another planning meeting at Cuvee Wine Bar on OH 725 west of Bellbrook. This meeting will be to tie up loose ends – make sure we are not missing anything. We will start at 6:30PM and go until they kick us out!

Another thing will be to order some of the Awards – for all Concours and First Place Participant's Choice awards we will be making personalized etched awards which we will send out after the event, but for the moving events we will get some plaques made up beforehand, so we will need to order those. Also hat's off to the British Transportation Museum for sponsoring the Participant's Choice Best of Show trophy. We will also start thinking about packing registrations – getting all the info to Stan for the bags, getting name badges printed, getting the programs put together, and getting all that in the bags.

Speaking of programs – we plan on sending an electronic version of the program to the meet registrants in the mid-May timeframe so they have a heads-up on what to bring and what to expect. On 3 May we will use the MVT Spring Tour to visit places to set up the TRA 2014 Saturday fun rallye after the brunch. We will also use it to check out the brunch location. More info in the Events Listing section in the Marque.

## Other Stuff

We also now have TRA 2014 signs to put out at the park entrance and events – got four nice signs made up with stands.



Staff Shirts came, okay, they are not really shirts, but yellow vests to wear to signify you are part of the TRA 2014 staff at an event, or masquerading as construction workers...

Wednesday Meet & Greet moved to our cabin – when we sat down with the lodge staff last month to set up the Wednesday Night Meet & Greet we ended up with an event that not only had \$200+ cost for munchies, but also had a cash bar with \$4 beer and a \$30/hour bartender. To save money we got a cabin and will now plan just to have folks stop by the cabin to meet and greet with the staff. Hotel Status – if you don't have a room you have until 10 May to get it at the TRA 2014 rate. As of April 29, 2014 we have the block filled, but they are still honoring the TRA 2014 price. Note that you might not be able to get double-queen rooms, but loft and bunk rooms could still be available. There are also cabins still available at the TRA 2014 price. Hurry!

Budget – Harry will have a report at the meeting, but right now we are in the black - not enough to get that Lamborghini, but still in the positive.

Auction – we are looking for another auctioneer. Normally Nino Richards helps me do the auctioning, but he won't be there (more on that later) so I need at least one more person to help do the auctioning (we tag-team on the parts). Any volunteers or do I have to lean on people?

Concours Judging – Nino not being there is somewhat problematic for Concours. Nino was the TRA Head Judge whose job it is to put together, run, and award the Concours Show as a part of TRA National Meets. Nino told the TRA National Committee that he was resigning as head judge after last year's TRA meeting, but so far they have not found a person to do it. I am pressuring them a bit to find someone to do it that isn't also a member of MVT, but sometime early in May we might have to bite off that job if they cannot find anyone, so, does anyone want to do that job if we have to? Maybe I give it to Duncan and Bridgett? As always I encourage attendance by MVT folks – these meetings, although they are a little work for the host club, are always a good time.



May 2014 Bruce Clough ([bclough@woh.rr.com](mailto:bclough@woh.rr.com))

### **I made a strategic decision.**

The Grey Ghost will be a fair-weather TR.

I came to that conclusion when I was figuring out how to fit a new top and sidecurtains. I was noting that the original rubber pieces on the stock windscreen needed replacement and thinking about how to get the little holes and seams plugged, then looking at the door gaps and the little bit of daylight coming through on the door fronts. I was remembering the miserable times in rainstorms with TR3s, water leaking in all over, wet towels hanging down, foggy windscreen and windows, the confined feeling of having the sidecurtain pushing in your left arm and the pain I had the last time I fitted sidecurtains and tops at the same time. Then when I staring at the top bows that never had what I thought was the proper profile (and do not match the factory dimensions BTW) the question popped into my head:

So why am I going to all the effort to install weather gear that don't work that well and that turn an open motoring experience into a miserable claustrophobic event when I wouldn't intentionally drive the car in that weather?

*Well?*

I returned the unopened top to Moss, took the top bows off, put the cut-off windscreen back on, cleaned up the tonneau (after 20 years it cleaned up fine, only issue is that with the red tonneau and grey car folks will accuse me of being a Buckeye rather than a Zip...), ordered over-the-glasses goggles and a cheap leather jacket – figured this is almost a bike running it this way. Bugs will be in the teeth. Fair weather baby now, my baby now...  
*Anyone need a stock windscreen and sidecurtains?*  
Oh, I did put a windscreen wiper on just in case!



**Ready for the deluge**



**Fancy Rear View Mirror on the short  
windscreen**

### **Unintended consequences**

One good thing about going to the cut-down windscreen is that it kinda helps the rear view mirror issue.

In Ohio is it mandatory that you have a rear view mirror on the car. I hate fender mirrors and the stock interior mirror is not the world's greatest, although I don't have the pesky top to see through now. I thought I had it solved buying an aftermarket (and nice looking) rear view mirror. If you remember a couple of months ago I was going through angst trying to get the mirror mount to stick to the windscreen, but thought I had that figured out.

*Naw, baby, naw.*

It fell off late March when I tried to adjust it. Not the least amused, I ditched the idea of securing a mirror to the windscreen and decided to look at cheap back-up cameras as a way of looking back. Turns out for \$30 you can get a decent camera and 5" screen combo off Amazon. The camera clipped to a trunk hinge, the display was suctioned-cupped to the windscreen, and the wires ran to where they needed to go.

It actually gave a decent picture over wide lighting conditions, and the wide field of view was more than the stock mirror, but gosh, more wires and more displays.

The cut-down windscreen solved that problem, since the windshield-mount glue actually sticks to the plexiglass where it wouldn't to the 50-year-old safety glass. The mirror I put there in January is still holding strong!

Off came the camera – I'll put it in the FrankenStag, I'm sure, this next winter...or next week, or maybe it's already on it....