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**Aint misbehavin' , savin all our love  
for thee.**

## February 2012

### **MVT Officers**

President: Chuck White, 937-372-6631

VP: Ted Allison, 937-475-3886

Secretary: Stan Seto, 513-683-7974

Treasurer: Harry Mague 426-3802

Membership: Eden Allison, 740-361-1272

Events: Bruce Clough 937-376-9946

Please send comments/suggestions to:  
[news@miamivalleytriumphs.org](mailto:news@miamivalleytriumphs.org)  
or to the P. O. Box.

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

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Membership is \$20 yearly and is usually paid in May. Non-renewing members are deleted from the mailing list. Meetings are held the first Wednesday of the month at Tumbleweed Steak House in Kettering, unless otherwise noted in the "Marque". General membership meetings are at 8:00 pm with informal dinner starting at 6:00 pm prior to the meeting. Anyone interested is most heartily invited to attend. Triumph car ownership is not required.

## President's Column:

Greetings!

Can you believe this weather? Here it is nearly the end of January (as I write this) and the temperatures are in the low 50s. The day-before-yesterday, the temperatures were in the mid-20s with  $\frac{1}{4}$ " of ice and freezing rain falling. It must be Ohio!

In early January, Bruce held an MVT planning meeting and filled the calendar with lots of neat stuff for us to enjoy. It looks like he'll be able to schedule at least one event each month with some months having multiple events. Look for more on this in the weeks ahead.

One of those events was a tech session at Ted Allison's garage to help him remove the heater box from his Stag. A few hardy souls braved the weather and we had it out in about an hour and a half. After Ted gets the leak in the heater core fixed, we'll plan another session (or several?) to get it back in. Ask Eden about her green feet!

We're still in election mode so come to the membership meeting with your favorite nominee for an office. We've still only got one person per office and need more candidates. The last chance for nominations will be the March membership meeting just before the election. Please consider running for office (especially President!)

Well, that about does it for this issue. See ya at the meeting!

Cheers,

Chuck

## Jays Funnies from the web.



Winter humor abounds on the web. Snow devils are tempting God to dump a bigon' on us!! Then again, who doesn't laugh at a "Not 2 Smart Car" spinning in the cold snow. Most have disappeared from our streets for the season.



The car guys hospital stay. hey , I resemble that remark!



See anything wrong here? Not a trucker eh?

Turn the page.



picture 2. The impact.



picture 3, the result.



The weird zone. Humidity and fast aircraft.



Old people with too much time on hands do synchronized carting. See Jay for full video.



Okay, we heard about tsunami.



Ancient wisdom, if tree not move, build on.



Drinking problem?? Or druggy teaser?



Cat fans humor.



Pretty classy I say.



One for the outlaw.



And finally, one for the rail fans. One long and two shorts.

**Blurb...**

One of our members, John Coutant, is rebuilding a TR3A and needs to borrow a spring compressor. Anyone have one they can loan him? He's in the Cincinnati area and his e-mail is

[John.Coutant@Cinci.RR.Com](mailto:John.Coutant@Cinci.RR.Com) (please contact him directly). Thanks!

**Treasurer's Report:** As of 1 January 2012, we have a balance of \$4305.78. Since

January 1, 2012 the club had the following income: membership income: \$20.00, and 50/50 of \$7.00. Total income for January is \$27.00. The club only had the following expense: Chuck White for \$13.00 and Marque Expense-- \$7.04 Total expense for January is \$20.04. Balance of 1 February 2012 will be \$4312.74.

### **Miami Valley Triumphs Monthly Meeting, 04 January, 2012**

Meeting was held at Tumble Weeds restaurant on Dorothy Lane. President Chuck White convened the meeting at 19:30 hours. There were seventeen club members, two guests and the Clough's two children in attendance. The guests were Bobbi and Tim Ross, Spitfire owners and we hope they return in February. Also in attendance for the first time was new member Art Van Houten, Welcome, Art.

There were no changes or additions to the agenda.

### **Officer's reports –**

President White opened the meeting and gave a toast: "Hail to the Queen and to the United States". He then spoke for a minute about recent training he had attended to obtain guidance for the proper running of meetings. MVT runs meetings (more or less) by Robert's Rules of Order, which fit the guidance given, but another rule he'd like to see observed was "one speaker at a time". That's less well observed by our attendees.

**The Vice President, Ted Allison,** was his usual jovial self and commented he was still breathing.

Secretary Stan Seto said that Minutes from the November meeting had been published in the Marque. Most in the audience had read them and they were approved without change, Bruce Clough seconding.

**Membership Secretary, Eden Allison,** was absent but reported, through Ted that 38 have signed up for 2011 – 2012.

**The Treasurer, Harry Mague,** has a separate report of our finances elsewhere in the Marque. It continues that the club is still solvent.

**Events Chairman, Bruce Clough –** Recapped Soiree in which there was a huge success with the Brown Bag auction.

Bruce plans an events scheduling party at Horton's located at I-675 and (more or less) Wilmington Road (go North to first light and turn right for about 100 yards and there it is. This for the 11<sup>th</sup> of January. Hope it went well.

04 February is the date for the Buckeye Swap Meet, and it's indoors, but I did not get address because of the cross-talk.

26 February is the Chicago British Car Swap Meet. Call Bruce for location as Chicago is a pretty big place.

### **Committee Reports**

Technical – No Report this month.  
Spares - No Report this Month  
Newsletter – No comments this month.

Regalia – Pete Stroble brought some of the flags and patches laid out in a nice presentation box that was passed around.

## **Old Business –**

Phil Daye Update –doing well and continues to be optimistic.

Marlene Carter – Was released to home before Thanksgiving, but was back in Heartland shortly thereafter. She is in Room 104A now and could benefit from mailed-in cards.

Forrest – Is doing well and sold one of his (several) Miata's.

Dan Stinson is recovering from what sound like a very bad auto accident, the MiniCooper was reported to have been totaled and Dan was lucky that the accident was observed as the car ended up in an area of high weeds. Cause is speculated to be medical in nature.

Nominations were reopened.

There were no additions to those nominations for club officers.

For the awards, The Rutledge's were added to Keep it on The Road.

Roger Rutledge was added to Most Improved. Lois Bigler was added to Marque of Distinction.

The list of Nominations is as follows:

President - the nominee was Charles White

Secretary - the nominee was Stan Seto.

Treasurer - the nominee was Harry Mague.

The Club awards nominations are

Keep It on The Road – the nominees are Bruce Clough, the Rutledge's and Stan Seto

Press on Regardless - the nominee is Stan Seto

Most Improved (car) - the nominees are Debbie Ferratt and Roger Rutledge.

Marque of Distinction - the nominees are Lois Bigler, Bruce Clough and Carolyn and Phil Daye.

Amounts for Annual Awards – There was some discussion about the amounts of money provided for the award winners in the form of gift cards, along with an award memento. This subject had been brought up by President White in the November meeting, and commented to in the December Marque by Stan Seto. President White felt the award amounts were too high and would like to see them reduced. Stan Seto made the point that the amounts of these awards had no specific effect on the annual budget and that the club's end of year balances have increased or stayed about the same, so why change them. The current amounts of the awards have been \$150.00 for Marque of Distinction and \$75.00 for the other three winners. Gift certificates have been from Moss Motors, TRF and Kroger's, most recently.

A ballot of the club membership was requested by President White to see what the members thought of this issue. The ballot was proposed by Stan Seto and seconded. The Ballot requests each member of the club to consider the selection of one of three proposed amounts for the awards, that the member having selected their choice should email his or her selection to the club treasurer, Harry Mague ([harrymague@aol.com](mailto:harrymague@aol.com)) by the March Meeting. The vote would take effect for the awards conferred in the March 2013 Awards Banquet, that is, the vote would be effective for the award winners selected for the year 2012.

The Ballot: It is proposed that amounts of money be selected for the annual club award winners of any of Marque of Distinction, Keep it on the Road, Most Improved and Press-on Regardless. That the highest amount would go to the winner of Marque of Distinction and that lesser, but equal amounts would go to the other three award winners. There are three amounts listed below, and that every club member should make a selection and forward that selection to the Club Treasurer for counting. That this vote should be submitted by the March Meeting and that the result of the vote will be announced at the March 2012 meeting and enforced for the winners of the 2012 awards, and handed out at the 2013 Awards Banquet.

<u>Designation</u>	<u>Amount</u>
1.	\$50, \$25, \$25, \$25
2.	\$100, \$50, \$50, \$50
3.	\$150, \$75, \$75, \$75

**New Business –**

The British Transportation Museum made a proposal to the club about adopting the Triumph cars in their care, to help provide for upkeep and improvement of the vehicles. BTM provided a list of the cars (5 each) and bicycles (2 each) that they currently own. The Club requested that BTM provide a write-up of its proposal for consideration and to give the club members not

present a chance to review the request, in the Marque, before any votes on this matter were taken. Pete Stroble said he would provide such a document.

There was “Split the Pot”, won by Nancy Stroble and in the amount of \$9.00. Meeting was adjourned at 2034 hours (8:34 PM).

Next meeting will be 01 February at the Tumbleweed restaurant and will start at 1930 hours (7:30 PM).

**Submitted by Secretary, Stan Seto.**

From Larry Palguta  
President, Michiana Brits

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June 24, 2012 - Saint Mary’s College, Notre Dame, IN - Michiana Brits Annual British Car Show – contact Larry Palguta (574) 288-3923 - the Michiana Brits British car enthusiasts club invites you to join them at their Michiana Brits 25th Annual British Car Show. This highly popular all-marque show is on the beautiful campus of Saint Mary’s College on the north side of South Bend, IN, across the street from the University of Notre Dame. The featured marque is the Jaguar XKE Series I, II & III. Judging will be by popular vote, with awards given for each class and Best in Show. The entry fee is \$20 per vehicle, and for club members who have their Michiana Brits membership affiliated with their NAMGBR membership, the fee is \$10 per vehicle. Vehicles may arrive after 8:30 AM, judging from 11 AM - 2 PM, awards at 3 PM. Goody bags and collector show pins for the first 100 cars. Concrete ramp for ingress/egress to the show field, and newly expanded food

sales in the air-conditioned club house (rain or shine!) by Saint Mary's College. Open to the general public 10 AM - 3 PM, free admission, club house restrooms. Bring a can of food for our *"Help Michiana Brits Drive Out Hunger"* donation to the Food Bank of Northern Indiana. Entrants may register at the show or pre-register at the Michiana Brits website, [www.michianabrits.com](http://www.michianabrits.com).

**MVT TR3 / 4 Owners** - I plan to sort out duplicate TR3/4 parts from my garage that are not needed for my TR3 project ,which has been waiting for years as my future "retirement project". I plan to take some of the parts to Plain City on the 4<sup>th</sup> for the Buckeye swap meet. If any MVT member needs any particular parts send me a list and I will hang on to them for you if they are available. Anyone going to the meet, or have parts that you want me to haul along ? –Let me know. I will be driving a Jeep Cherokee and may have some extra room . I am not sure if this message went out to all TR3 /4 owners . Please pass the message on to others who might be interested .  
THANKS – Chris Yanity -MVT

# Miami Valley Triumphs

## Superbowl & Wine Tasting Party

Sunday, 5 February 2012, Anytime After 5:30 PM



Back by popular demand, the Clough's Invite You To The 2012 MVT Superbowl Party, at which we eat, drink, cavort, chat - about everything but watch the game (although we try to catch the commercials)!

This year we've continuing the Concourse d' Cuisine with *fantabulous* prizes given in the Appetizer and Dessert classes. Bring on your best - we're waiting! Competition is truly fierce, with winners chosen by popular vote, so bring on the bribes! We also have quite a few bottles of wine to savor - so act like you know a Chardonnay from a Cabernet Franc and stick that nose in the air!

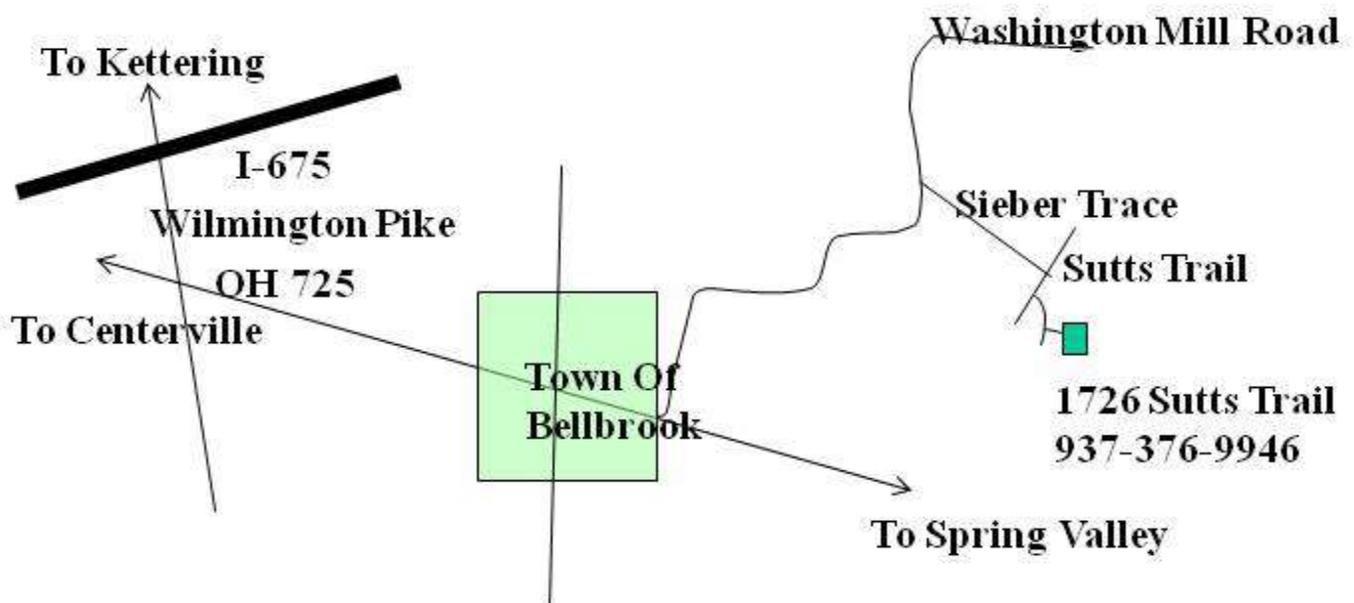
Bring your best appetizer, dessert, or even both! Win fabulous prizes! Bring alcoholic beverage if you wish, plates, dishes, wine and non-alcoholic drinks will be provided. Drink too much? Never fear, always room at the ranch to sleep it off and taxi service is provided as long as you don't mind Bruce's driving!



More Info? Call 937- 376-9946, or email: [bclough@woh.rr.com](mailto:bclough@woh.rr.com). Looking forward to seeing you! Map on next page!

# Map To Rancho Clough

Directions From Kettering: Take Wilmington Pike to OH 725 (Alex Bell Rd) Turn left and follow through the lovely town of Bellbrook. As you leave the town's east side there will be a road on the right, Washington Mill (hard to miss - there is a driving range on the corner and it's across from a closed ice cream shop/stand - it's also the second left after the light in "downtown" Bellbrook. Turn left on Washington Mill and follow it until it comes up out of the valley and makes a sharp left turn. Right after this turn is a road to the right called Sieber Trace. Turn on Sieber Trace and follow it until it dead-ends. That's Sutts Trail. Turn right on Sutts and turn down the asphalt driveway on your left which is flanked by two stone mailboxes (only one, "1726" is beside the first one). Go through the woods and cross the creek and we're the first house you come to, a contemporary ranch sitting up a bit with the four car garage. Park as close to the garage as you can - if you see the Montero or Blazer sitting on the lawn don't park next to it! Lost? Call 937-376-9946 or 937-238-4962 – see you there!



*Map Not To Scale*