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or to the P. O. Box.

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

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First Edition

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The President's Comments, **March Marque, 2008**

The March meeting should be pretty standard. We will be voting for the officers and award nominations for the club, and it is hoped that most, if not all, members will vote electronically. **Go back and look at the front page of the Marque, and down the page a bit and see the Voting link provided. Each household gets two votes. We will have paper ballots at the meeting for those few members who like to have a pencil or pen in hand when they do voting.**

As I write this message, the Awards Banquet date and place are up in the air. Got a call from Lois, and she has a previous engagement (not on her calendar) for the April date selected at the meeting. We are looking at, perhaps, a restaurant and the 29th of March to do the awards. Hopefully this will all be cleared up by the meeting.

The Super Bowl party went very well, helped along by the fact that it was actually a game you could cheer about. There's an article in the Marque, elsewhere.

As most of you know, the club donated \$100.00 to restoration of, or purchase of a Stag, so that the Trans-America Triumph Charity Drive, 2009, will be a success. In addition to that donation we have started some dialog in the club to establish a fund raiser for the event proper in 2009. A cruise-in was suggested and I will be talking to the Events Chairman to establish a plan to have this event. We might also use this event to engage some of the club members who are not so numerous at our monthly meetings. We may also

think about engaging other clubs to join us in this adventure. The monies donated go toward helping those affected by Post-traumatic Stress Disorder, here in the US, in Canada and in the UK. Julie Smith has volunteered to check out the organizations when they are announced to insure that the bulk of the giving actually goes to the charity cause and not to the administration of the charity (which happens more times than not).

Thanks for listening, Stan Seto

Vice President's report

Ice storms had us home bound last month. I bet we are all looking forward to spring. The March edition is themed in green for that purpose. Happy St. Patty's Day to those who celebrate it. On with business. The club has begun its annual process of calling for the candidates of the next term. In March, we vote for those that will lead the club onward. Ahead of us are many of our favorite calendar dates. The business of running the club has become a smoothly polished march. Don't miss your chance to vote. Mike has the ballot on the web site for those who find it convenient.

At the hanger, cold temps and ice still prohibit this smarter than the flu season car hobbist. The scale autos are getting my hobby time for now. On tap for spring break are Mini door hinges, and Spitfire carburetion details. The ever silent TR-6 has hope of running again if the wiring gremlin can be fished out of the loop. Welcome Spring. I have had my share of snow days for this year. RW

February Meeting Minutes from Phil.

Sounds like Jay Kolb won for the meatballs at the Superbowl party. Desert was won by the Rutledges. All had a good time. Wonder who lost big bucks on the game?

Balloting for the award winners the new officers will be electronic this year again. Mike says it will be easy.

Awards banquet will be held April 12 instead of March due to Easter being early this year.

V.P. report: There were problems getting the Marque out this month but thanks to Mike for fixing all.

Membership: We have 43 members.

Treasurer: A good bit of cash in the checking account.

Secretary: No report

Events: Bruce was not here tonight but is working on a fall tour.

Old business: Brian has named badges the need to be picked up. If you asked for one come to the meeting and get it. There was some info on car badges, Brian is going to continue to seek pricing and will report next month.

New business; TRA will be in northern Ohio this year and is anyone planning to attend. The White's are planning to attend.

Trans-America Charity Drive will happen in 2009. A Triumph Stag is the car that will be used. Ted Allison made a motion that the club donates 100 dollars to this happening. A second by Chuck White brought this to a vote; the club will donate as voted. The secretary will need info to create check and mail.

50/50 was won by Marlene. Meeting was adjourned.

Club Pledges a Sum

As per discussions at the meeting, the following were received at the Marque Office.

The Triumph Trans-AmeriCan Charity Drive 2009 will wind its way across the U.S. and Canada between July 4 and September 29, 2009. They have their route, and now they have the money for a car. The organizers of the Triumph Trans-AmeriCan Charity Drive 2009, a trans-continental drive intended to raise at least \$100,000 for each of three charities in the U.S., Great Britain and Canada, put out the word last fall that they were looking for a solid Triumph Stag that could be restored with volunteer labor and donations. When a promising car came up for sale in Georgia, word spread quickly through a Triumph e-mail list, resulting in more than \$5,000 pledged toward its purchase and restoration within 24 hours. "You people are fantastic!" said John Macartney, a historian and well-known Triumph enthusiast who is a main organizer of the drive. Macartney said the Georgia car and another located in Chicago are under consideration.

Macartney has also sketched out the Charity Drive's route, which will begin somewhere in Florida on July 4, 2009, and end in San Luis Obispo, California, on September 29, 2009, to coincide with two major events, Triumphest and the Vintage Triumph Register North American Triumph Challenge. Clubs and individuals will have the opportunity to join the drive in progress. To see where the route will come nearest to you, check out the map at the event's [Web site](#).

Finally, Macartney reports that an anonymous donor in England has

donated a UK-spec Spitfire to The Macartney Charitable Trust, the organization he founded for the event. Both the Spitfire, which was voted Car of the Show at the 1996 Triumph Sports Six Club (TSSC) National, and the Stag will be raffled off at the end of the drive. Glenn Merrell, Chairman of the Triumph Stag Club USA, is working with Macartney to organize the event, which will benefit non-profit organizations dedicated to treating people with post-traumatic stress disorder. Visit the Web site for more information.

Chuck White Writes...

Our pledge has been duly recorded. THANK YOU!!

Chuck

-----Original Message-----

From: autox.team.net On Behalf Of Oliver

Sent: Wednesday, February 13, 2008 5:30 PM

To: triumphs@autox.team.net; 6pack@autox.team.net

Subject: [TR] \$2,600 received and \$5,700 pledged!!!!

Thank you all of you.

And, thank you to the Miami Valley Triumph Club

(that's Miami, OHIO!!) who pitched in \$100, bringing our pledges to \$5,700

(I can count that, right?) and our total to \$2,600 received.

The Hemmings article is at.

<http://tinyurl.com/2521jq>

Brain Work Out!

A man in a restaurant asked a waiter for a juice glass, a dinner plate, water, a match, and a lemon wedge. The man poured enough water onto the plate to cover it.

"If you can get the water on the plate into this glass without touching or moving this plate, I will give you \$100," the man said. "You can use the match and lemon to do this."

A few minutes later, the waiter walked away with \$100 in his pocket. How did the waiter get the water into the glass?

Answer on last page.

Value Shopper

Spitfires of the later years continue to appear in the Triumphspitfire.com web page for \$2500-6500. The TR-6 is fairing much better as prices are at 12 - 15000 pounds UK. See TR6.com for the latest offerings from Woodbridge, England. TR-2 and 3s are getting rare and command a price worthy of the great restorations that they undoubtedly received. All such are long gone from the pages of the local trader's publications.



Super Bowl Party – 2008

The stalwarts of the Miami Valley Triumphs met at the Clough's on Sunday evening, 3 February to convivate and to watch the XLII Super Bowl contest between the (Arrogant) Boston Patriots and (Just barely are there) New York Giants. The Patriots were riding a very precarious 18 game winning streak, and the Giants were coming into this game having won their last four games and all away games. Further just at the end of the regular season they had almost beaten the Patriots, losing by just 3 points. Can someone tell me, why then the Giants were installed as 12 point underdogs?? The game should have been even-up! We did not rate the commercials shown in the game, but some of them were very good, and some of them you may never see again.



We gathered just after 5:30 PM, and it was a pretty good crowd. The Biglers, the Rutledges, the Smiths, the Balls, the Bolichs, Jay Kolb, the author and the Cloughs. Everyone bought food, and we had two types of meatballs, several very good dips, a vegetable tray, and desserts of a wondrous variety.



The game was one of the great ones, with the defenses dominating from the middle of the first quarter to the end of the third quarter, and just enough offense in the fourth to keep you glued to the set until the finish, and what a finish, with New York scoring the go-ahead with just 37 seconds left for the Patriots and then the swarming defense of the Giants shutting down what had been up to this game, a dominating offense. The king was dead, long live the king and the only mystery is how will both teams do in the 2008-2009 season. Oh, and will Peyton Manning have good enough support next year to get the Colts to the Super Bowl to perhaps play the Giants, and his younger brother.



There was then, also to report, the voting for the favorite food items at half time. That was pretty tense, and in a close call, Jay Kolb took home the prize for the best entrée, one of the meatball dishes, and by a wider margin, Carol Rutledge

won the dessert prize, for her Caramel-Chocolate-Peanut tipped Pretzel sticks. Recipes to be published.



This was an event well worth attending, the weather co-operated and I think most of us were home before 10 PM.



Answer to puzzle

First, the waiter stuck the match into the lemon wedge, so that it would stand straight. Then he lit the match, and put it in the middle of the plate with the lemon. Then, he placed the glass upside-down over the match. As the flame used up the oxygen in the glass, it created a small vacuum, which sucked in the water through the space between the glass and the plate. Thus, the waiter got the water into the glass without touching or moving the plate. You can try this experiment at home with appropriate supervision.

