



# "The Marque"

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*July 2015*

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

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**President's Report~** Lorna Ball

Hello One and All! Thanks to all of you who signed up to help at BCD. That list will again circulate at the July meeting. And, remember...just because you don't make it to the meeting, we still need your help, so reach me if you wish to do so. I'll add you to the list.

Remember the upcoming summer party Saturday, July 18<sup>th</sup> at the Ball House. Looking forward to seeing you all there. Be sure and RSVP no later than Wednesday, the 15<sup>th</sup>, so we can get the steaks ordered. Let me know what dish you want to bring.

On a sad note, the MG Car Club lost one of their longtime active members and many of you knew Louie DiPasquale. He died earlier this month at the age of 93 with complications from a minor surgery. I've extended our sympathies to the club on behalf of all of us.

Stay on the back roads.....Lorna

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

**Treasurer's Report:** As of 1 June 2015, the club account had a balance of \$1668.97. For the month of June, the club had no income or expenses. (50/50 to added to July income). Upcoming expenses include the pool party and PO Box renewal. Account balance as of 1 July 2015 is \$1668.97.

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

MVT MEETING, JUNE 3, 2015

The meeting was called to order by the President at 7:33 with "To the Queen". There were 30 members present and one visitor, Jason Bigler.

Officer Reports: President Lorna Ball reported that a signup sheet for BCD would begin was going around during the meeting. Sign up often.

Vice President Dan Stinson reported he was glad to be here. Secretary Karen Sipos thanked Patty for taking the minutes last month. The minutes changed to reflect the date of Cincinnati Car Show as July 12. Stan made a motion that the minutes be accepted as corrected and it was seconded by Tim. Minutes were approved as corrected.

Treasurer Harry Mague was not presented but Chuck White reported that the Treasurer's report was in the Marque and that the quilt donated to the British Transportation Museum auction brought in \$60.

Membership reported that as soon as 11 current members pay their dues we will have 40 members in the club. Yeah

Events; Bruce Clough recapped the previous events. The Meet at the Market by the British Transportation Museum was a great success. Three of our members won 1<sup>st</sup> in class. The wine tour on May 30 was good fun. Great job to the planner and thanks to Dan for putting up the window in multiple cars during the rain. June events include a special evening at Caesar's Creek Winery on June 5 honoring Alice's retirement. The tech session for June 6 will be rescheduled. July 12<sup>th</sup> in the Cincinnati Car show and the Pool Party at the Ball's will be July 18. A drive will begin earlier in the day. Ellis will cook the steaks and members are to bring side dishes to share. RSVP to Lorna with what you plan to bring. Aug. 1 is BCD.

Lois Bigler informed all of the Sept. 25 Dayton Concourse featuring Triumph cars and cycles. There is need for volunteers for the day and also be sure to register. Registration info and forms will be in the Marque. Lois and Don are in charge of the Volunteers and would appreciate any help for 3 hour tours of duty.

Committee Reports.

Technical: John has written up an excellent report on the process of installing LED lights. This will be in the Marque and will be handed out to interested people at TRA.

Newsletter: Lorna reported that Mike will be out of town at the end of the month quite a bit so please get all newsletter into to him by the 20<sup>th</sup> of the Month. Also Tim wanted to "thank" the person who identified the person with him on the May 23 tour at Horseshoe Bend curve as Monica. Marty his wife was "amused."

BCD: Stan noted that the T-shirts this year will be gray and have the Sunbeam and Alpine design. There was discussion of the sound system by an independent source and the handling of the vendors. The next meeting will be July 7

No Old Business

New Business: Mary thanked Tim Moore and John Clifford for the great curvy roads on the wine tour. She also revealed Lorna weakness for "plain donuts".

50/50 of \$12.50 was won by Carol Rutledge. At 8:07pm Tim Moore moved the meeting be adjourned and Greg Relue seconded that motion. Meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted

Karen L Sipos. Secretary.

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From our friends at COCTRA:

Folks, please remember that our FIRST British Car Cruise In of the season will be held this coming Monday, June 29<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm at Quaker Steak & Lube, Lyra Drive and Polaris Pkwy in Columbus.

Bring your Brit-mobile if you can, and enjoy a Pint and a burger (or such) with all your other Anglophile friends.

Also, please add to your calendar the remaining Cruise In Dates (all at 6:30pm):

Monday, July 27<sup>th</sup>

Monday, August 31<sup>st</sup>

Monday, September 28<sup>th</sup>

# ***MVT Events Calendar as of Jul 2015***

## **Jun Recap**

**13-22 Jun – Triumph Register of America National Meeting, Solomons, MD** – What a time – what a drive – what roads – what a show and no rain during the day to speak of – Mother nature saved the rain for night! The daunting band of MVTers, with more Triumphs than not, made the back-roads trip from here to there and back and had a great time. Lots of car show trophies and Bridgett and Alice won the TR Olympics, absolutely spanking the competition in the Corn Hole tournament! All that Pool Party practice put to good use! Eillis would be proud of them! We drove well over 1500 miles without a breakdown, and took some fantastic roads to boot – life is better on the back roads (and in the wineries). Solomons MD is on the Chesapeake Bay and needless to say we had a lot of seafood! Next year it's at the Quail Hollow Resort just outside of Painesville – east side of Cleveland. Very close, so I expect all MVT'ers to think about going!



**Obligatory DQ stop in Ellenboro WV, John and Stan put up with the rest of the crew tasting wine at Rappahannock Cellars outside of Front Royal VA**



**Morning shot in Waynesboro VA looking toward the Blue Ridge, evening shot at Tygart Lake in WV – everywhere we went the scenery was beautiful! Pays to go the back roads!**



**Cars of TRA2015 – I counted 42, mostly TR2-3Bs, but I thought I saw a Stag....??? Maybe 2??? Attendance down a bit this year. Some blamed the location, but I thought it was nice!**



**Scenic View stop in WV, and wine stop in VA – Both times Bridgett had signal....**



**Cornhole Tournament Action: Left – Alice lining up another punishing shot. Right – Bridgett’s form being mimicked by Chuck – it didn’t help! This was just one of the events in the TR Olympics that the TR7 Crew competed in – they won the Olympics overall and spanked everyone in Cornhole....**



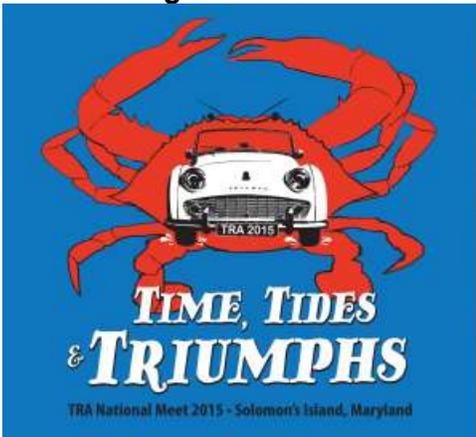
**Duncan and Bruce try their luck at the Funkana – Alice and Bridgett’s Luck was a bit better!**



Marina at Solomons behind the hotel, Evening close to sunset from the Solomons Pier looking west at the Patuxent River Bridge



Morning of the car show – Concours participants making things beautiful, Banquet time!



Great time – hope to see you next year at TRA2016!

**July – Busy month folks – warm weather, tours, pools and getting ready for Dayton British Car Day! There also might be a pop-up tech session sometime – Allison’s Stag is calling us!**

**1 – MVT Monthly Meeting** – Logan’s Roadhouse, Fairfield Mall (Beavercreek) location (off N Fairfield Rd in front of the Best Buy). Meeting starts at 7:30PM, but if you’d like to join us for dinner at 6:30PM that would be fantastic! We are in the separate meeting area behind the bar to the left as you come in.

**7 – BCD Meeting** – Lounge in Poelking Lanes, on Kingsridge behind Dayton Mall. Last meeting of the season before BCD – starts at 7:30PM, be there or be square!

**11 - Indiana British Car Union Presents - The Annual London to Brighton Run - Saturday, July 11, 2015,** On November 14, 1896, the first London to Brighton Run was held in England to celebrate raising the speed limit from 4 to 14 mph. The IBCU celebrates the 119th anniversary of this event with another rally/tour across Indiana for all British Cars. This year we would like to offer another option to the event. Upon completion of the drive, we will have dinner at (Ainsley's Cafe) followed by awards. Then you can choose to head back home, or

join several others on a drive to stay overnight at the Holiday Inn Express Fairfield (location and reservations: <http://goo.gl/sZ4aVo>) and view the Cincinnati British Car Day on Sunday July 12, 2015. If you wish to register for this event, you may do so here: <http://goo.gl/mcvqoz> . Here are the details about the cafe below, and a map here: <http://goo.gl/QMGQmm> Ainsley's Café, Harbor Links At Sagamore Resort, 15179 Old State road 101, Liberty, IN 47353

**12 – Cincinnati BCD (See Information Poster at end of Event’s Calendar)** – We plan to show up in force. Meet for Breakfast at the Middletown Bob Evans – the OH122 exit off I-75 – at 8AM. Head toward Middletown and take a right at the first intersection off the interstate (Towne Blvd) and Bobby E’s is at your right. We leave for the show promptly at 9AM. The Show is at Harbin Park in Fairfield. We usually stop for dinner afterwards somewhere between Cincinnati and Dayton, deciding that real-time at the show.



**18 – MVT Pool Party & Tour** – As usual, the Ball’s open their pool and house to us (as well as the grill). For those that want a leisurely tour to the Ball’s Homestead meet at the Bellhop Café in Bellbrook at 12:30PM – we will leave at 1PM for Valley Vineyards by roads less travelled to get some cheap wine and then head to the Ball’s. For those going directly be there anytime after 3:30PM. Lorna says bring a covered dish but please call or email Lorna to let her know you are coming and what you are bringing - RSVP to [ballpad@aol.com](mailto:ballpad@aol.com) or 937-746-5189 no later than Wed, the 15th, so the steaks can be ordered. If you are on the tour and you need your dish kept cold Ellis is meeting us at the Bellhop and will pick up the dishes that need refrigerated. MVT buys the steaks and soda. What a deal! Bring you bathing suit for the water ballet competition....

**31 – Dayton British Car Day Set-up @ Eastwood Metro Park** – This is the day before our big show of the year. Friday night is when we pack the registration bags as well as set up parking and identify driving and parking hazards. Club members should arrive at 6PM at Eastwood – take the entrance off Harshman

(between Springfield St and Rt 4) and follow it back to the parking lot. We will be in the shelter immediately to your right. This usually takes about 90 minutes, and then we sit back and talk a bit!



## August

**1 – Dayton British Car Day** – if you've been around, you know the ropes. If not, just plan to be at Eastwood Metro Park (Off Harshman Road between Springfield St and Rt 4) by 9AM, period – you'll soon see what the excitement is all about. Hundreds of British Cars – hundreds, all brought to Dayton by the MG Car Club and Us. We want to see all you Triumph owners get in your cars and bring them down to the show. Thanks to those who have volunteered to work so far and more are always welcome! Our special guests this year are some

Sunbeam folks that are bringing a national meeting to the show. Let's roll out the red carpet for them! If you need more info head to the MVT website for the link to the BCD homepage. We will have parts vendor, food, fun, and gobs of cars!

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**8 - Indiana British Car Union Presents the 27th Annual Indy British Motor Days** - Saturday, August 8th, 2015. You and your British Motorcar or Motorcycle are again invited to join us for the 27th annual Indy British Motor Days. This year's celebration of British Automobiles will highlight Mini as its featured marque. Awards include Best of Show, Best in Class, Excellence in Class, and specialty trophies. Classes are by Marque and Model, with 4 pre-registered cars needed to create a voting class. Additional classes include Masters (winners from last year's show), Featured Marque, and Motorcycles. We will return again to Lions Park in Zionsville, just one block from downtown. Click here for a link to Google maps: <https://goo.gl/maps/IVRqp>. Your family will enjoy browsing the galleries, antique shops, specialty stores and the farmers market. Lunch will be available on-site, but there are also a variety of restaurants on Main Street offering breakfast & lunch. For more information on Zionsville, visit the Chamber of Commerce website at [www.ZionsvilleChamber.org](http://www.ZionsvilleChamber.org).

**Week of August 9 – VTR National Convention (Information Poster at end of Events Calendar)**

## 28-30 – Michigan Tour –

Things are coming together for the Quilt & Wine Tour of Southwest Michigan and Northern Indiana of August 28, 29 & 30. Just as the Northern Wine Tour of May 30 started at the Englewood Horton's, we will leave at sharp from the same for a leisurely drive to Shipshewana, Indiana. We will have several hours to check out Shipshewana before we can check into



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Van Buren Hotel (<http://www.thevanburenhotel.com/>). Then we have the opportunity to have an Amish dinner with an Amish family on their farm which must be reserved by the visitor center. Or we can have the same type dinner at an Amish style restaurant in town. If any one is interested in the Farm Family dinner let me know as soon as possible. Saturday morning we will leave the hotel at 8:30am and head out to visit wineries. We will travel back roads (no gravel roads) wending our way through rolling hillsides. There will be some antique shop stops and finally the wineries. Tabor Hill Winery (<http://www.taborhill.com/>) will be the first. There we have the opportunity to take a morning winery tour, about 45 minutes. Those who do not take the tour may stay in the and tasting room for simply look around the grounds. Then on to the Round Barn Winery, Brewery, and Distillery (<http://www.roundbarnwinery.com/>). They also have a restaurant. After that it is the Free Run Cellars (<http://www.freeruncellars.com/>) where all their wines are made from free run juice not pressed (*Ed. note – so are Free Range Chickens not pressed either?*). From there on to Lemon Creek Winery (<http://www.lemoncreekwinery.com/>) where they have not only wine but also produce from their farm. It is a very relaxed atmosphere.

Next up is a short drive to New Buffalo (<http://www.newbuffalo.com/>) where we will finally see Lake Michigan. The Main Street is lined with all kinds of shops. We will have some time to walk around and shop or just sit and watch the waves and some very nice boats. The dinner possibly at the Stray Dog followed by ice cream at Oinik's. Perhaps we will take in another winery on our way back to the hotel

On Sunday more wine and ice cream on our way home.

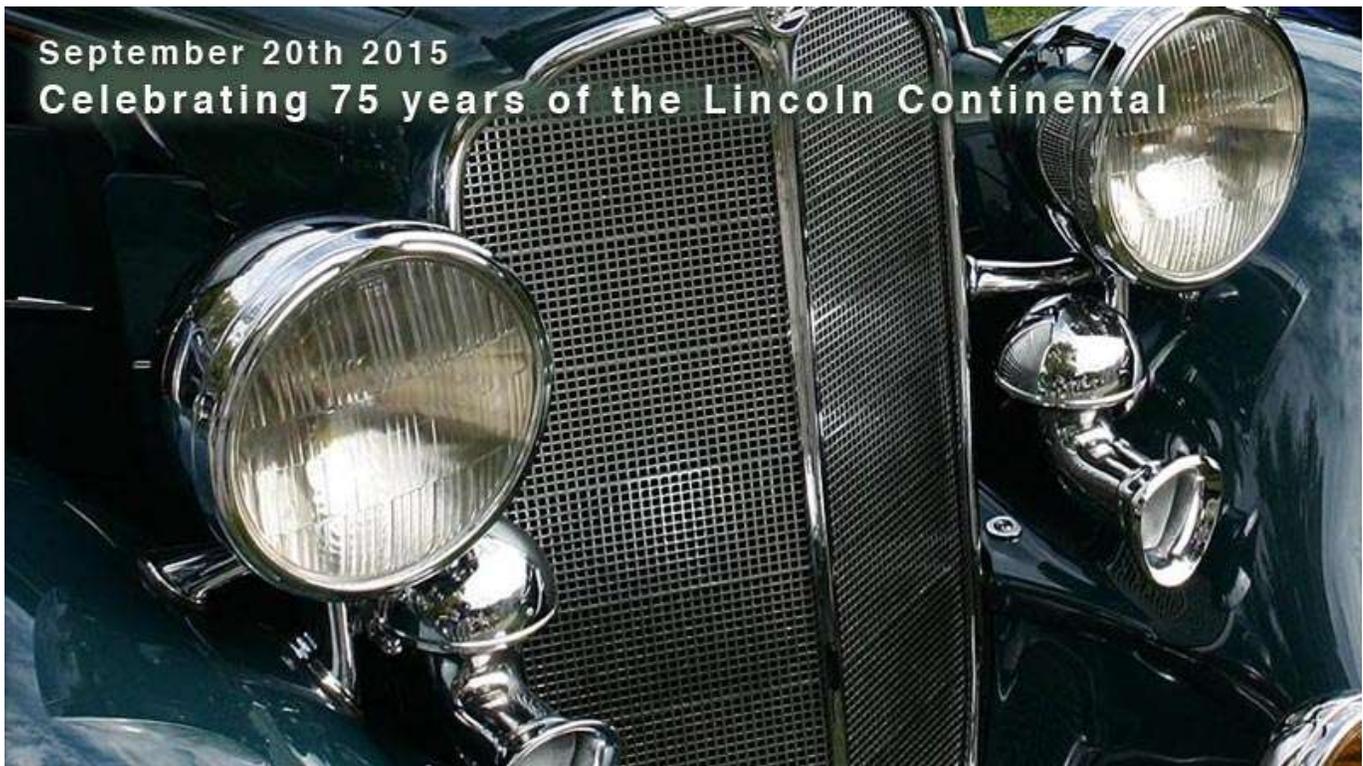
For all those going on this tour you need to make your hotel reservations for Aug. 28 & 29 at the Van Buren Hotel, 260-768-7780. The rate is \$94.00 per night (2 nights stay) for a std queen (2 queen beds). Be sure you tell them you are with the Miami Valley Triumph group. Reservation must be in before Aug 14.

We think it will be a fun time for all. Any questions just shoot me an email [jimsipos@icloud.com](mailto:jimsipos@icloud.com)

## September

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**19 – Metamora Run** – it's been a few years since we headed to Metamora (IN) to check out the scene. Time to head there again! Maybe we'll go to Oldenburg, probably not to Batesville! Are there wineries????



**19-20 – Dayton Concours d’Elegance** – Carillon Historical Park. Triumphs are a featured Marque. We need your car there! Head off to [www.daytonconcours.com](http://www.daytonconcours.com) to check it out or give the Bigler’s a call at 937-253-1580 (if I remember right) or email at [BigDay@zoomtown.com](mailto:BigDay@zoomtown.com) .

#### **October**

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**9-11 – Fall Tour (Marietta – SE Ohio)** – Heading to the Marque’s Editor’s part of Ohio, or at least a part he knows well! Details TBD

#### **November**

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**7 – Last Tech Session** – More coffee & donuts – details TBD

#### **December**

**5 – Holiday Soiree** – You can never get your brown-bags done too soon. Details TBD.

**19 (or 20) – Holiday Dinner Out** – Location and details TBD. The Greene was nice this year – what other places exist?



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# Tales of the FrankenStag

July 2015 - Bruce Clough

## LEDs? The saga continues, yet again



Well, based on some info I read on the Web (has to be true, right?) I decided to give the LED headlights another go. Put them all back in and drove the car three times, including the trip to the June meeting. When I got home I discovered one LED was not working. The bulb was okay, but the power supply was not. Then, while I was playing with it, it came back on, so I put it back on the car, and the next time I drove the car it failed again.

### **Sucker!**

So I'm pulling these "Genssi" LED units out and replacing them with ones superbrightleds.com sells. The Superbright ones are a bit more expensive, but that company backs them with a two-year warranty. I'll be using them on the way to Maryland, so we'll report back on them.

**Report back – never drove it at night, so the jury is still out!**

## Muffler Blues

I really like the simplicity and the sound of the Supertrapp muffler I have on the FrankenStag, but it looks hokey. After over three years I have come to the conclusion that it needs a chrome-tipped resonator.

Issue is that if I go that way I'll need to put a muffler in line or I'll have essentially a straight pipe. Those might be nice for Harleys, but my neighborhood would come after me with sharp things that hurt! So I went on line and found a 14" muffler from Summit racing for \$17, and a NOS Pacesetter resonator tip for \$50 (actually quite a deal, believe it or not).

The resonator tip mounts via a bracket between the tips (that is a bear to get a nut under BTW) that wouldn't line up with any hole, so I had to drill another and plug the prior ones.



### **Resonator Tip in place**

This is the configuration all heard when we made the June meeting.

### **Too loud.**

Never thought I'd say that, or write it, but I have. Too loud. So for TRA I'm trying out a 20" mid muffler – was easier to attach than the 14" I took off. Just two clamps needed.



### **20" \$17 Jones Muffler from Summit Racing**

**Report back – a bit softer, but still loud – won't do anything until this fall...**

## What's this?



Oh that? We're back from TRA after 1500 miles and I have to fix a few things. In general the drive worked well but did expose the fact that using a TR7 engine to drive this beastie around mountains leads to slow accelerations and a lot of shifting. Also, the last day I picked up a bit of slop in the steering and I had a lot of wheel rubbing and a bit of vibration all throughout the drive, at least enough that it bugged me.

The steering slop was due to a potentially serious issue – a steering knuckle was coming apart. One of the u-joint bearing cups was coming out on the upper knuckle. They are staked-in by several blows to the metal close to the cup and these were not enough for one cup.



**Top steering knuckle minus a bearing cup**

I immediately ordered two more from Rimmer Brothers so I have a spare and will put this on my "look at this every time you pop the hood" list. To be fair it is a Triumph 2000/2500 sedan part, so not original, but all the other bearing cups in the shaft assembly look good. As if the time of this writing I

am still waiting on the knuckles to get here. Will report out on this further.

I also replaced the 205 tires with 185's. The car originally came with 185s on it and I wanted a more modern tread pattern as well as less steering effort and eliminate the front wheel rubbing. With the power of the mighty 7 engine laying down rubber is not much a problem. Wanted decent traction at an acceptable price point without having to resort to Chinese tires, so I found a set of Kenda Kinetics at Tire Discounters that had good reviews, made in Taiwan, decent price, and turns out match the spare I bought a couple of years back.

We also experienced two leaks during the trip, both into storage spaces, and both due to nighttime gully-washer rainstorms. Some would say don't worry since they were not that bad considering the biblical proportions of the storms, but I'm still going to look into them. Report on that next month....