



# "The Marque"

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*May 2015*

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

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

I keep thinking.....we will be getting our convertible out soon. For us...not yet! So glad the weather was grand on April 18<sup>th</sup> and Tim and Marty were able to take their maiden voyage. Ellis and I are looking forward to the Northern Wine Tour the month of May..... the weather will be perfect and we will all certainly have taken that seasonal maiden voyage by then.

The first BCD meeting for 2015 took place in April.....the car show will be here before we know it. We are hoping for the great success we shared in 2014.

Remember May is the time to pay your dues. 20 bucks...what a deal! See you at the monthly meeting.

Madam President

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

**Treasurer's Report:** As of 1 April 2015, the club account had a balance of \$1533.32. For the month of April, the club had the following income: 50/50 income of \$9.00 and membership renewals of \$220.00. Total income was \$229.00. The club had the following expenses: Liability insurance renewal for \$200.00, Marque expense for \$3.00, Web Hosting and Domain Name renewal for \$127.35. Total expense was \$330.35. Account balance as of 1 May 2015 is \$1431.97.

**Membership:**~ Valerie Relue

Just a friendly reminder that your MVT membership renewal dues are due in early May...

Please bring \$20 cash or a check in that amount (payable to Miami Valley Triumphs) to our next membership meeting on May 6th at Logan's Roadhouse OR mail your renewal dues to Miami Valley Triumphs, PO Box 144, Bellbrook, Ohio 45305.

Thank you for your attention to this request!

Valerie Relue  
MVT Membership Chairperson

**Purposed Changes to Miami Valley Triumphs By-Laws**

**Current: 7.4 Annual Budget**

Before the March Awards Banquet, the Treasurer and the President shall prepare the annual budget showing in detail the upcoming fiscal year's anticipated income and expenditures as well as the income and expenditures of the last fiscal year. Unless directed by a membership meeting of MVT, the Officers shall not budget the expenditures to exceed the projected income. The budget shall be adopted by a majority of the members present at the April membership meeting.

**Purposed: 7.4 Annual Budget**

**At the January MVT Membership meeting,** the Treasurer and the President shall prepare **and present** the annual budget showing in detail the upcoming fiscal year's anticipated income and expenditures as well as the income and expenditures of the last fiscal year. Unless directed by a membership meeting of MVT, the Officers shall not budget the expenditures to exceed the projected income. The budget shall be adopted by a majority of the members present at the **February** membership meeting. **By passing the Annual Budget, it authorizes the Treasurer to allocate and pay those expenditures as outlined in the Annual Budget.**

**Current:7.5.1** No member, officer, or representative of MVT shall have the authority to contract any obligation for MVT or expend any monies of MVT unless the contract or commitment has been authorized to incur the expense, liability, or expenditure by the President, Board, or general membership.

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

MVT meeting April 1, 2015

Meeting was called to order at 7:30 pm by President Lorna Ball at Logan's Steakhouse in Beavercreek with a salute to the weather – 68 degrees and sunny. There were 28 members present.

## Reports:

President: The insurance renewal paperwork has been submitted. The cost this year was \$200 and the amount budgeted was \$250. Good news.

VP: All ok and glad to be here. Just keep the weather going in this direction. Sunny and warm.

Secretary: Correction to minutes – Chuck not church. Karen asked for someone to take the minutes at the May meeting since she will be out of town. Stan volunteered to take minutes. Thank you Stan.

Treasurer: Checking balance \$1533.32. That is about where we were last year. Harry and Chris will be moving to Florida later this year. Chuck While has agreed to fill Harry's position until elections next March.

Membership: We still have 37 members. Dues of \$20 are due next month. Valerie would be glad to take dues anytime. Several took her advice and paid at the meeting.

Events: First a big thank you to Lois Bigler for a wonderful Award Banquet. Also a thanks to all who showed up at the Tech session at Scotts. Good time and great eats. A mention of the May events includes BMC Show at the Second St. Market on May 23. There will be a silent auction and children's activities at the Show. Harry said sign up often. Reminder of the May 30th North wine tour. Also a Pre TRA tech session on June 6. TRA will begin the Week of June 14.

## Committee Reports:

Tech and Spares: Bruce mentioned that he has tools.

Newsletter: All is ok

Regalia: All regalia is "free" tonight, APRIL FOOLS!

BCD: There are 4 people signed up. Harry said there was some trouble with the electronic registration.

Old Business: Stan expressed concern about the working of the by-law change proposed. The concern is that if 7.5 & 7.5.1 may be too vague. Discussion centered on the reason for the change so that the Treasurer would not have to have a membership vote for items already in the budget. Stan moved and Dan second the motion to add language to 7.5.1 "authorized to incur the expense.... By the President, the Treasurer or a vote by the Board, or a vote of the General membership." No vote was taken.

New Business: None

Comments: Alice White presented Harry with the Quilt of the British flag for the silent auction at the Meet at the Second Street Market. Congratulations to Duncan's basketball team for winning the

League Championship. April birthdays were announced – Mike McKittrick, Chris White, Bev Stout. Anniversaries were Jeff and Jodi Barth and Scott and Bev Stout.

50/50 was \$9 and won by Stan Seto (who else!).

Meeting adjourned at 8:08 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Karen Sipos, Secretary.

## Comment – Awards Banquet

Just want to say "Thank you" to all of those club members who voted me the "Press on Regardless" award. The event I pressed on about was a tour of the USA side of the Great Lakes by the Houston Texas Triumph Register. Good tour to several places (Ford Museum) I have not been to and some places I had been to (Auburn Museum). Stan Seto

## Spring Tour – 18 April, 2015 (Stan S.)

Got the head repaired through Macy's garage, and back on the car, put on a new water pump, see as how the unit on the car has suffered through two water jacket failures, caused by an old heater bypass hose two years ago and a new bypass hose in 2014. The old pump was bought from Gallander's Body and Frame (West Coast Supplier) and had more vanes, but really did not seem to provide any cooler temperatures than a normal pump. So, I went back to the standard design, but added a Macy Fan in place of the reversed TR6 unit I had been using for the past six years. Also replaced the small glass fuel filter with a solid metal can from O' Reilly's Automotive. Got the car started on the 14 of April and let it run at idle for about 45 minutes, radiator cap off, to displace as much air as possible. Started right up and sounded like it was hitting on all four. Put the rest of the sheet metal on and connected up the electrical system, and checked out the lights, which all seemed to work and at the proper urging. Put the car on the road after dinner on the 16<sup>th</sup>. Took Sparky, top up, no side curtains. Though cloudy, there were no reports of rain. Went out to see my son over on the other side of Loveland. Crossed the Little Miami River and climbed to the level road above the river, turned south for the one mile run to Matt's house and as we came around a corner of the road, there was the rain, coming at us like a freight train. Sparky did not pull his head inside the car nearly fast enough when we hit the wall of water, although he did get down into the footwell

fairly quickly. His head was wet all night. All the lights worked, the windshield wipers worked OK (no great shakes in a car this old), and we survived the initial drenching. Just drove home, from there. Hit the interstate for two miles, car got up to speed OK so no one ran us over, and back in the garage, towed off the dog and wiped the car down.

Saturday morning and I got off to a slow start, gassed up and went to Milford, Sparky stayed home. The Burger joint parking lot was very large and there were a lot of cars, many Porsche's, some Ferrari's and at least one Lambo. Signed the waiver, got instructions, talked briefly with John Coutant and the Moore's. Decided to leave the top up as it was still pretty cool, but more because I was running alone and I did not want the instructions to leave on their own. This tour was the twenty fifth organized by Tom Cole and Kurt Niemeyer and the fifth year it has been opened to the public. It looked like there were seven clubs and two businesses involved, one of them being MVT. The major stopping points had been announced and it was pretty evident we were going to be in Adams and Brown Counties. The weather turned out to be perfect for this tour, warming gradually and very light clouds which helped to take the sting out of the sun. We rolled out at about 9:45 and John and his navigator, Frank Harrison, had the lead with the Moore's and my car trailing. Short run on Rte. 28 and down to Rte 50 and into the country we went. As we went south and east, the roads selected for this tour were a good combination of cross country, very light Saturday traffic and, once we'd crossed a couple of traffic lights, there were no long lines of sports cars all trying to get through upcoming stop signs or small villages. We had gotten spread out sufficiently. It was about 55 miles, one covered bridge and not quite 2 hours to the first stop, Keim's Amish Market, just off Rte. 32. Famous for having only two restrooms (and the ladies had a clogged toilet) and a Tour Bus, the line ran out the door. One guy on the tour had the guts to ask and was told there was a plunger in each bathroom. He bolted into the Ladies, unclogged it, used it to assure it worked OK and the ladies formed a new line which was a big help for us guys. We took lunch there and by all accounts the sandwiches were excellently made. We stayed almost the hour, then back out onto the roads again. We had a Mercedes sedan in tow and on Graces Run road got to a second covered bridge, and one of the tour photographer's, who stopped each car as it was exiting the bridge and took

several photos of each. Shortly thereafter we pulled into the Rooster's Roost, on Coon Hill Road, a B & B and antiques store, six bedrooms, no waiting... The husband and wife who ran this establishment were quite nice and several of our fellow travelers seemed to be well familiar with this establishment. When we left, it was in the midst of about ten or twelve cars, and four miles later we were at JZN Goat Farm, and as a special interest, we passed an exquisite looking Pig Farm before we got there, more's the pity as Madam president was not with us to enjoy **that** sight.

JZN (first letter of each of the sons of the farm owner) Goat Farm was the first time I'd been to this venue. The lady owner took time to explain the intricacies of owning and running this establishment that sold Goat Cheese, milk and meat. She explained the separation of the flocks, and if you wanted you could see the nannies milked, or feed the baby goats or just roam around and meet every goat she owned. Later, we got to sample the goat cheese she makes and sells.

The Moore's left us here, to go home and tend to their live stock (dogs), and John, Frank and I set off for the last stop, Moyer's Restaurant, down by the river. A mile down the road we turned onto Chapparral Road, and for the next 5 miles it was a roller coaster, where I kept having to raise up in my seat to see where John and his pal had gone. That road was also narrow, but while we were on it, there were few cars or trucks coming at us.

West Union was a problem, we screwed up one instruction, and had to loop back to get back on course. We left town on Cherry Street, and that four miles and the four miles on Island Creek were some of the most interesting roads we had been on all day.

At Route 52, next to the river, I took over as the lead. We ran the seven miles to Moyer's and swept past, continuing on to Ripley and Route 68 up to Route 32 and hence to I-275. John left as we came up on Route 28 and I went on to Loveland. Got back home at about 4 PM, and had traveled about 130 miles from Burger King in Milford.

It was an enjoyable tour and we should watch for it next spring.

When the photos were published there were no TR3 or TR250's. Bother!!!





Skip and Stan agreed we would need about 1000 fliers. Stan mailed about 300 last year. 500 would be pass-out material for other shows and about 200 for our show, in registration.

Bruce affirmed that Alice Clough would run judging again this year. The Sunbeam club would be responsible for judging their own show.

The sound system has been farmed out to an independent company who have their own equipment and will be responsible for set up and teardown before and after the show.

Shirt Colors were not discussed, as Lorna Ball was sick.

We agreed to set the cutoff date for free shirts for registering at about 25 July, because we are no longer packaging the shirts into the bags. There will be a shirt booth just like last year.

Skip will buy the same number of awards for 2015 as were bought for 2014.

Next meeting will be on Monday, 01 June at Poelking Lanes.

### **British Car Days, Report of the First Meeting for 2015; At Poelking Lanes on Knights Bridge Road**

Meeting was opened at about 7:10 PM on 14 April, 2015, the MG club was represented by Skip Peterson, John Scocozzo and David Gribler. MVT had Bruce Clough and Stan Seto. Madam President was sick.

Skip reported that the Park contract was in, but we may have to pay for the use of the shelter in 2016.

Ron Parks will do Door prizes again this year.

Skip asked if MVT could provide a person to handle and coordinate the vendors this year. We need to find someone to do this job.

Skip reminded us that this was the National Meet for Sunbeams, Alpines and Tigers. Their registration numbers will be 500 and up just to gain separation from the regular attendees at the show.

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

## **April Recap**

**18 – “One Day” Spring Tour** –I’m glad all the went had a wonderful day. The weather started cool, but was perfect for LBC. The Moore’s took the 250 on the first venture far from home and it ran great, got muddy, but ran great.



**25 – MVT Flashmob At Caesar’s Creek** – Yup, rainy day, ‘nary a Triumph in the parking lot, but we filled a row of tables in the winery and toasted to better days ahead!

## **May**

**6 – 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. Make sure you check the Sunday paper and the web for coupons...



**23 – British Museum Car Show (Registration Form at end of Event’s Calendar)** – The British Transportation Museum in Dayton, Ohio will hold its 12th annual British Car Meet on Saturday May 23, 2015. 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 before May 15th and \$18 day of the show. Registration will be limited to the first 100 cars. For more information, visit the museum web site at: <http://www.britishtransportationmuseum.org/> or contact Harry Mague, Event Coordinator at 937-232-9310 or Pete Stroble, Museum President at 937-429-0871. Hope to see some of your cars at our show.



**30 – Northern Wine Tour** – hosted by your vintners Tim Moore and John Clifford. As of the time of this writing we do not have details besides that the team has arranged a day of driving and great stops for all who participate. Details at the May 6<sup>th</sup> meeting and please watch your email and the MVT web site.

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**6 – Pre TRA Tech Session** – Get your cars ready for the drive, or just stand around and eat donuts and kick tires! Location will be Clough's Garage unless moved ☺ - anyone want to cater?

**7- British Return to Ft Meigs** - : The British Return to Fort Meigs As a former participant at our annual event, we hope to see you again on Sunday, June 7th in Perrysburg, Ohio for "The British Return to Ft. Meigs". We look forward to another great show to include vendors, participant voting for awards, a silent auction, and door prizes. More info at <http://www.lebcc.org/>



**Week Of June 14 – TRA Tour & TRA (Information Poster at end of Event’s Calendar)** – your tour guide Bruce will lead you on a wonderful, multi-day trip to and back from TRA 2015, stopping at unique points along the way to take in all the sights. I think we have all the folks going on the tour recorded, but if you want more info please contact Bruce.

<http://triumphregister.com/wordpress/wordpress/wp-content/uploads/2015/03/2015-tra-national-meet-registration-form.pdf>

## July

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**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, details TBD

**18 – Pool Party & Tour** – Details TBD

**31 – Dayton British Car Day Set-up @ Eastwood Metro Park** – 6PM

## 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 at 9AM, period. Hundreds of British Cars – hundreds, all brought to Dayton by the MG Car Club and Us. More details TBD!

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**6-8 – TRF SUMMER PARTY 2015**— Theme This Year Will Be “Alpine Rallye”

**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/IVRqg>. 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** – Heading north in search of good roads, great places to visit, and fun! Jim and Karen have added this detail and a request:

Hi all MVT members,

Karen and I have been privileged with the task of planning the Southwest Michigan tour coming up in August. It will be a three day tour because of the distance. The dates are August 28, 29, &30. If you know anything about Karen, you know she is a quilter above nearly all else and both she and I have been known to tip a wine glass from time to time so this tour is going to be a "Quilt and Wine" tour. We will start out on a nice leisurely drive to Shipshewana, Indiana for the major quilt stop of the tour. Then on to the wineries for the rest of the tour. There are twelve wineries in the area, some of which have won some prestigious awards. Unfortunately we will not be able to visit all twelve but that will give you something to do on your own sometime or perhaps we can do another tour another year. We will have a couple of fun meals at special restaurants along the way. We are going to try to stay away from chains as much as we can. What we need now is an idea of how many people are interested in this tour so we can arrange for our overnight stops. If you are interested please reply as soon as you can.

## 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!

## 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

Transportation Museum will hold its 12<sup>th</sup> annual Saturday May 23, 2015. The Location will be with the Meet at the South side of the Market Street, home of "TOP of the Market Center" in downtown Dayton. The Meet runs registration is \$15 in advance and \$18 day member of the museum, show registration registration will be limited to the first 100 welcome free of charge. For more Harry Mague, 937-232-9310 or Pete Stroble, the Museum at ([britcarmuseum@aol.com](mailto:britcarmuseum@aol.com)). [www.britishtransportationmuseum.org/](http://www.britishtransportationmuseum.org/)



**Directions to the Car Show:**  
From State Route 35  
Take Keowee Street Exit  
North onto Keowee Street  
Turn Left onto 3<sup>rd</sup> Street  
Right onto Webster Street  
Show is on the Right  
Webster Street Market  
332 Webster Street  
Dayton, Ohio 45402



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# Tales of



May 2015 - Bruce Clough

## LEDs? The saga continues

You win some, you lose some when it comes to putting new tech on old tech. Last month I was waxing eloquently on the benefits of LED technology and the LED headlamp bulbs I was using.

*Not so fast.*

When I went out to adjust the headlights I noticed two things:

1. The LED Daytime Running Lights I put in were bright enough to be annoying and they shot light out in all directions.
2. The LED headlamps had a kinda blobby pattern to them with not as much light to the sides as I would have liked. Couldn't adjust them well.

I have back-up plans for the DRLs – I bought less powerful LED H4s as well as bought brighter LED lights for the Bosch Fog Lamps I had in there to begin with – gives me a choice on how I want to go. For the headlights, no easy fix, so they came out and normal H4 bulbs went back in.

The issue is not how bright the bulbs are, but where the light source is in relationship to the reflector and lens of the headlight unit. They are designed for the H4 bulb, which has one filament in front of the other, with the low-beam filament having a reflector inside the bulb below it.

The LED bulbs, in contrast, do not have the radiating elements in the same place, and/or radiating in the same directions as the original halogen bulbs. This is important since the far-field pattern (science & engineering term how the light illuminates the road in front of you) is critically dependent on how the light shines on the reflective back surface of the light as well as how it goes through the fluting on the glass lens. In retrospective nobody should expect that the light pattern they would get from a bulb not designed to fit a reflector-lens configuration will be the same as the original. That is the thing that one has to remember in retrofitting lights. So, for now until they develop LED bulbs even closer in configuration to H4 halogen ones, I've gone back to halogen H4 bulbs in the head lights. The LED ones will be put aside until I can get back around to the Grey Ghost and see how they are in a 7" reflector assembly. I'm thinking the larger size might make the pattern better. I am also evaluating the Bosch fog lights with brighter LED bulbs in them as a replacement for the DRLs.

My advice – go carefully on buying LED headlight bulbs unless they are the type that replace the entire kens and bulb assemblies since you don't know the pattern you will end up with – be prepared to experiment!