



"The Marque"

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October 2013

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President's Report: ~ Lorna Ball

Hello there MVTr's,

No input this month.

Happy Trails, Lorna

Treasurer's Report:~Harry Mague

Treasurer's Report: As of 1 September 2013, we have a balance of \$2945.26. Since September 1, 2013 the club had the following income: 50/50 for \$12.00, membership renewals for \$25.00, BCD 2013 shirt sales for \$25.00 and a name tag reimbursement for \$5.25. Total income for September is \$67.25. The club had the following expenses in September: Post Office Renewal for \$78.00, Name Tag Orders for \$44.07 and Office Supplies for \$33.74. Total expenses for September are \$155.81. Balance for 1 October 2013 will be \$2856.70.

Secretary's Report: ~ Stan Seto.

MVT Meeting Minutes, September, 2013

The September Meeting was held at Logan's Roadhouse on Centre Drive in Beavercreek, Ohio. The President, Lorna Ball, opened the meeting at 7:28 PM, with "Hail to the Queen!" There were 28 club members and two Clough children there.

Madam President welcomed Patti and John Clifford and Tim Moore (TR250 in Frame-off restoration) to their first meeting with the club.

She also thanked the Rutledge's for their successful running of Part II of the Rutledge tour. For their part, Carol announced that Bridgett Clough won the cemetery contest by spotting 12 of the 13 on the tour.

The Vice President, Curtis Hayes had nothing to report.

The Secretary, Stan Seto, noted that the August minutes were published in the Marque. He asked that the August minutes be accepted.

Madam President requested correction, saying that the introductory remarks were recorded wrongly, that the Smith Baby was a boy and announced as a girl. Motion was made by Stan, seconded by person's unknown to accept the minutes with correction. This passed by voice vote.

Harry Mague, the Treasurer, gave his financial review, a write-up is in this issue of the Marque.

The Membership Director, Valerie Relue, said we still have 36 members with the addition of Tim Moore.

The Events Chairman, Bruce Clough, lead off with British car day at the pub, not well attended by MVT, but well attended by MG Club. For September there would be the Deer Creek Scope-out on 11 September and the Harvest Day tour on the 21st of September. On 28 Sept., a Tech Session at the Clough's.

Further out, 5 Oct. will be a one day Fall Tour, and on 19 October the End of Summer Picnic at Caesar's Creek. For other events, see the Events Page in the Marque.

Committee Reports:

Technical – A quiz, Bruce would hold up a part and ask for identification. We saw a fan hub and pulley, and a broken motor mount.

Spares – Idiot lites for Ted's Stag, a front cover for a (TR3?) block with a hole in it where a fan tensioner rubbed it.

Newsletter – No report, But no trees harmed.

Regalia – Pete had it there.

BCD Report –Stan Seto reported that almost all the bags left by BCD pre-registered no-shows had been disposed. Still awaiting wrap-up meeting.

Old Business- None, but a reminder that words to "Happy Trails" had not been published in the Marque so the club could learn to sing the song.

New Business – None.

Comments – Need to do TRA14 Committee reports every month until meet.

Reminder for Holiday Soiree in December, start planning.

50/50 Drawing was won by Stan Seto in the amount of \$12.00. 9th time for Stan.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:20 PM

Respectfully submitted – Stan Seto, Secretary.

MVT Meeting Minutes, August, 2013, revised, 19 September

The August Meeting was held at Logan's Roadhouse on Centre Drive in Beavercreek, Ohio. The President, Lorna Ball, opened the meeting at 7:30 PM, with "Hail to the Baby!"

Madam President announced that Julie and Brian Smith had a baby, George Alexander Louis (We all applauded and the new members asked, "Who are the Smith's??"). She also thanked everyone for the effort on Saturday when we had BCD day and noted that in 2014 we will be celebrating our 30th anniversary of the event.

There were 28 club members, two Clough children and Caitlin Hayes there.

The Vice President, Curtis Hayes continued his comments concerning the vendor, Michael Hide, noting that he had the Weber carburetors from the TR6.

The Secretary, Stan Seto, noted that the July minutes were published in the Marque. He asked that the July minutes be accepted. Motion was made by Stan, seconded by Greg ReLue, and passed by voice vote.

Harry Mague, the Treasurer, gave his financial review, a write-up is in this issue of the Marque.

The Membership Director, Valerie Relue, said we still have 36 members. She noted that the club lost Trevor Bihl and Mike Casen but gained Andy McKinley and Steve Meadows, and that Roy Owen joined last month.

The Events Chairman, Bruce Clough, lead off with 31 August, the date for the second part of the Rutledge Tour, Breakfast at McDonald's in Tipp City, leaving on the tour at 9 AM. Further down the road (October) will be the "End of Summer" party. He asked that in the time period 8 – 12 Sept. we go out to Deer Creek and join the Rutledge's in their camp-out and look the place over again.

He noted there's a cruise-in on 14 Sept. (Franklin, OH?) and on 21 Sept. the club will do the Harvest Day tour.

On 28 Sept., Tech Session at the Clough's. Further out, 5 Oct. will be a one day Fall Tour, and on 19 October the End of Summer Picnic.

Committee Reports:

Technical – There will be a blurb in the Marque.

Spares – No report.

Newsletter – No report, But no trees harmed.

Regalia – Pete had it there.

BCD Report – Stan Seto made a verbal report of the event highlights. See a written report in this issue of the Marque. After, Stan was asked to contact all Clubs within a 250 mile radius and remind them that in 2014 we will be celebrating the 30th anniversary of this event and to please put it on their calendars.

Old Business- None.

New Business – The club was asked to learn all the words to "Happy Trails". They are somewhere in this issue of the Marque. We sang two full verses as a warm-up to leaving.

Comment – In the MG Club, Charley McCamey's wife, Jill, has just suddenly died. Madam President will send a condolence card from MVT.

50/50 Drawing was won by Valerie LaRue in the amount of \$13.00.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:25 PM

Respectfully submitted – Stan Seto, Secretary.

Upcoming MVT Events

October 2013!

*Upcoming Events From your MVT Event's Chair –
Bruce Clough – bclough@woh.rr.com
937.238.4962*

September Recap

September was one wild month. We had a great day at Deer Creek scoping out the place for TRA, great farmtour, and fantastic tech session(s). Don't believe me? Have a few photos!



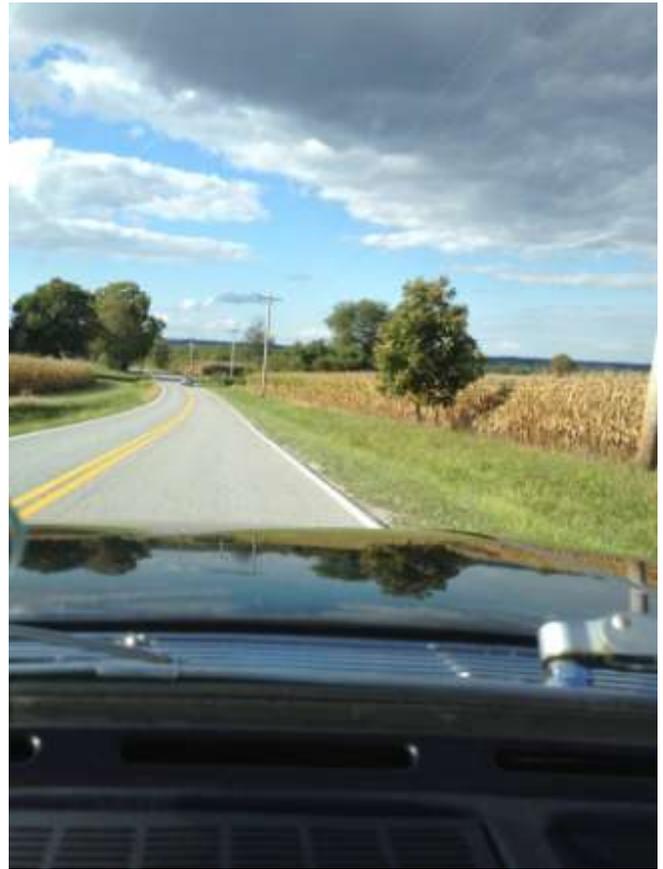
Early TR Drivers calling for a tow in Washington Court House



Triumph(s) @ Deer Creek



Wine!



Farmstand Tour Roads



Covered Bridges!



Pumpkins!



Spitfire Tool Box – now that's a tool box!



Big Chairs!



Photo Op @ Paul's Place



Charming Amish Couples



Charming Children



Blue Skies and LBCs



The Coutantmobile just after it made the noises

<http://www.triumphtravelers.org/Events/triumphest13/tfest13home.php>

2-Oct – MVT Monthly Meeting at Logan’s Roadhouse near the Fairfield Commons Mall. Dinner at 6:30, Meeting at 7:30, BS all the time.

5 Oct – MVT Fall Tour



Always room for vittles and wine!

Back down to a one-day tour, but a full one-day tour down twisty-turny roads. We will plan to meet at the Waynesville McDonalds (on Main St close to OH 73) at 8:30 AM and head out from there, maybe even to the vineyards not open to us for the Spring Tour??? Look for more fake spilled food? Anyway, plan to spend the day on the road around the Cincinnati area and end up at Valley Vineyards for dinner. If you don’t want to come but want to join us for dinner that’s fine also, just let me know for a head count for the Vineyards... Let’s hope for some great early Autumn weather.

Oct 9 – BCD Wrap-up Meeting. Poelking Lanes

Oct 10 – TRA 2014 Planning Meeting – Cuvee Wine Bar, 4457 W Franklin St, Bellbrook, OH 45305, Phone:(937) 848-2161. We’ll start this at 6:30. Should be plenty of room for all.

Oct. 12, 2013 , Nashville British Car Club's Show at Nashville, Tennessee's acclaimed Centennial Park. Get complete info at

www.nashvillebritishcarclub.org . If you have questions, contact Mike Long @ 615-790-2169 or email myriley4@bellsouth.net

October Events

2-6 Oct – Triumphest & VTR National Convention, San Rafael, CA – I know it’s a long drive, but I’m sure it will be fun – more info at:

19 Oct - End of Summer Party



Eating area at Caesar's Creek Winery

On the 19th we will have a short tour ending up at Caesar's Creek Winery. I have contacted them and they are more than happy to host us. We will meet by noon at Tim Horton's in Xenia and head out from there. We will discuss food options at the October MVT Meeting. The leaves will be mostly turned by then, so maybe we head to Washington Court House for some Fall shopping at North Coast Primitives (yes, find my stinky wax) and then head back to Caesar Creek past a few farm stands?

November Events

2 Nov – Last Fall Tech Session Clough's Garage – there will be work to do on the Grey Ghost, or you can bring your own project to tackle!

9 Nov - Guy Fawkes Tour & Bonfire – Well, the Corwin Peddler is no more, but that doesn't mean we can't find a reason to celebrate and burn mannequins! Hopefully the weather will be warm enough for top-down time, but you never know later in the Fall! We'll talk turkey and look for places that warm the heart and home!

Latter Events

7 Dec – MVT Holiday Soiree - Get you brown-bags together and get ready to rumble!

14 Dec – MVT Shopping Excursion & maybe dinner??? Last year we did some shopping in Lebanon and ended up at the Golden Lamb for dinner – does that sound like a good plan again? We might even start out the day at Waynesville and work south!

That's the planning so far – As we know more we shall fill it in!

Next Year



11-15 Jun – TRA National Meeting, Deer Creek State park, OH

Oct – VTR National Meeting – Dobson, NC. Maybe we can get a decent MVT contingent going to this??? Nice venue.

Tour Stuff

Just a few notes on what to do if you are planning on coming on a tour.

1. Get a walkie-talkie. What you want is an Motorola Walkabout radio. They are the best. I suggest a Walkabout 250 that you'll have to get on eBay. We run Channel 10, Code 0.
2. Trade cell phone numbers. This comes in real handy.
3. Don't lag way back but don't ride bumpers. To keep an effective caravan going folks need to follow each other at an interval that will allow the most to get through lights as possible.
4. We will not intentionally loose you, so if you fall back look for us pulled over waiting for you.

John McCartney – Back Down the Years
a must-have for me (and you?)

I've just received a belated birthday present and I'm so 'chuffed' to have it that I wanted to share it with all of you. I must say at the very outset this

isn't a sales pitch in which I would benefit in any way but yes, it is a sales pitch all the same. Triumph Sports Six Club in the UK (probably the largest of Standard-Triumph clubs anywhere) has recently released a double CD box set of the 'Standard Car Review' magazine. This was a factory publication issued monthly for dealers, importers and English speaking customers the world over and there's a raft of stuff in each copy from the world over as well. I've just spent a delightful hour flicking through just two editions and I'm both enthralled and delighted by the adverts, articles and pictures of things Standard and Triumph cars did with their owners. So many of the pictures show scenes that have effectively vanished from today's landscape - and there's plenty of stuff in there for US and Canadian enthusiasts. In fact the first two issues from 1959 naturally cover the period when the TR3 was in production and there's no mention of Heralds at as the dates pre-date its release.

The CD's cover the period from 1959 to 1968 and each magazine, issued every month during that period, is a .pdf file at two pages to view, so you can zoom on to anything you want to examine and study in detail. Believe me, you won't get closer to how things were in those days about and around the products of those times than by reading these files - and it's far more interesting than reading a parts book!

Getting one of these CD sets won't break anyone's bank balance as TSSC are selling them for only GBP10 (US\$15 approx.) plus P&P and as Christmas isn't too far away.....?

If you want a copy, I'd recommend you email info@tssc.org.uk who can pass your enquiry to the Club Shop (I don't have its email address) or you can fax them at: +44 1858 431936

As I said at the start, absolutely NFI as far as I'm concerned, just a delighted reader for whom these magazines have brought back many happy memories of cars, people, places and times past in which I was so fortunate to share before it all vanished forever.

Recommended without hesitation - to every enthusiast of these amazing (and sometimes infuriating) cars

Jonmac

PS I'm also sending this as a Bcc to many of my own email contacts but I think it would be

great if all of you (as recipients) could pass this post on to your respective club newsletter editors so they can further spread the word to those who aren't on this list.

I'll shut up now 'cos there's lots more to read :)

From: On Behalf Of bill_beecher@flash.net
Sent: Monday, September 23, 2013 1:35 PM
To: 'TR3/6'

Subject: [TR] Smith Instruments

Out searching for gauges for the 3B and ran across this interesting bit of history in the form of an article in Hemmings last year.

http://www.hemmings.com/hsx/stories/2012/06/01/hmn_feature18.html

Bill Beecher

From: On Behalf Of Don Hiscock
Sent: Tuesday, September 24, 2013 12:15 PM
To: Triumphs

Subject: [TR] Works TR3s at Goodwood Revival 2013

For those who might be interested the two works TR3s at this year's Goodwood Revival, here's a slideshow of 38 photos taken last week. SRW992 was car number 33 at the 1957 Sebring race, driven by Bob Oker and Ed Pennybacker. SHP520 was a 1957 Mille Miglia car.

<http://4xdog.smugmug.com/photos/swfpopup.mq?AlbumID=32061434&AlbumKey=trkL7S>

There's obviously a ton that's been replaced and modified on these cars, but enough remains to satisfy the British DVLA that they're entitled to the original registration numbers. No photos of them on the track during the Fordwater Trophy race, alas. The last three photos are of the cars returning through the paddock post-race.

There's a lot of tiny detail that might be interesting to some, if a bit esoteric. Note the clever cutout switch on the Beige/Sunset Red car -- routed through the demister vents and clamped to the windscreen stanchion plate in a fully-reversible mouting.

For anyone considering it, a trip to the Goodwood Revival is HIGHLY recommended. A simply amazing event.

Triumph Register of America National Meeting 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.

Wow, is it Fall already? Wow, how time flies! Planning for TRA 2014 is coming along. Just this last month we visited Deer Creek, updated the web site, and got out promo and other meet information to other Triumph clubs and parts vendors. We had to cancel a planning meeting, but we plan another meeting this month as things are going to start to ramp up. I'm tentatively setting the planning meeting on 10 Oct at the Cuvee Wine Bar (near the intersection of 725 and Wilmington Pike) for 6:30 PM.



Triumphs at the Lodge

The Deer Creek visit went fairly well. The meeting with Lisa Harrington, the Sales Manager, went great, the group breakfast at the restaurant was so-so. Food was great but service was slow and we gave them that feedback. We works location questions, room questions, got in some photo ops at the lodge and at the dam for promo material as well as scouted possible BBQ locations. A reminder - reservations are open at the lodge, so get your reservations now to get the best rooms.



Parking area by the dam

Mike is working on updating the graphics and background of the web site. He is also working the on-line registration and Harry is looking into the on-line payment issues. Please check out the site and give us your feedback!



Picnic shelter by the dam – there is another in the wood on the opposite side of the road

Chris has started contacting vendors about both getting TRA 2014 on their calendar of events and door prize or other donations. We had a meeting about levels of vendor support suggested by Mark Macy and developed a tiered structure from \$2500 down to a vendor space for the Friday car show. Chris is getting that together. I've been contacting other Triumph clubs to get TRA 2014 on their calendar as well as request they forward TRA 2014 information to their members. I also wrote up a TRA 2014 Introduction for the next TRA newsletter out real soon. We need to continue to build the buzz. If you can think of advertising opportunities, or other ways to get the word out, let us know. That's about it for now - watch email and listen for phone calls since it will start heating up!
Bruce



Sep 2013 Bruce Clough (bclough@woh.rr.com)

Introduction

September has been kinda a month in limbo – going between things, actually procrastinating on the drive train since I know how expensive that will be...

I suppose I need to explain a few things about this restoration I'm doing.

I have a budget. \$10K, total, and that includes the purchase price of the car.

\$10K, for a TR restoration, including the purchase price?

Okay, I'm doing a Restoration Impossible thing here – can he do it? Now, I can subtract off the things I sell on ebay, so with that to date we are at about \$6.6K spent, which means I'm being frugal right now until I can sell more plasma. The one thing I know is that given the way Triumph guys are this might be the cheapest amount spent on a frame off in Triumphdom in quite a while. This also means that some things might not be perfect since I don't have the time or budget to get them there. Since I'm not a concourse guy this does not bother me in the least.

I'm also making some alterations to avoid cost, you probably have already seen the aftermarket gas tank which saved about \$250 all together, and you will see a single teardrop cover where the trunk handle would be - that's because I discovered that if you pull the trunk handle out the "T"-handle tool works perfect opening and closing the trunk, just like TR2s and TR3s - buy doing this and not using handles on the doors saves another \$200 since all the locks and handles were shot. Rather than being crude, I think I've derived some pleasure out of how I can re-engineer things to maintain performance while cutting cost, and use the budget on more HP...

Unfortunately I'm not going to be able to do the same with the engine and tranny internals that need help. Oh well, want to buy some original seats?

Seats

Seats?

Yeah, seats. I thought I got a great deal when I got a pair of complete TR3B seats from Al Truax (COCTRA). \$150 for the pair, which was half what they go for from Internet vendors. All I need to do is replace the springs (although Al thought I could weave in new springs, but the ones that are there are rusted too bad), replace the padding, and recover with covers that we could make ourselves,

heck, we made the covers for our first TR3 and Teddy, so what's making more?

Great plan until the sticker shock set in. I got a deal on the seats, but new springs cost \$200 each, padding set is another \$180, and the seat bottoms, although not rusted out, will take significant effort to restore since all the wood tacking panels are shot and there are a few cracks to fix not to mention the original leather seat covers were too shot to make good patterns from. Talking to Tim Krusco in Centerville (same guy that made the grill), he said he could make us two complete seats for \$525 which includes new bottoms, padding and covers (I bring the vinyl). Doing the math I can't compete. Now, if you have seen Tim's seats on eBay (from 2talltr) they are not quite up to TRA concourse standard since they might not be devoid of all wrinkles and also the passenger seat does not lean forward, but they are pretty decent. He makes them all in his shop in Centerville including the bottoms. I ordered a pair and gave him the vinyl - and also asked for a pair of back inner fender well covers.



Seats, Grey also....

Carpet

Lowe's is your friend. How do I know this? I found two 8'x6' rolls of low-pile polyethylene carpet in a grey color I liked for under \$40 at Lowe's. I then paid another \$20 for some insulation padding and \$30 for plain steel snaps. Bingo - carpet set for \$90, and that includes the trunk carpet.



\$90 Carpet Set. Close enough for Government work

Fit is pretty good. There is a trick to making the bends around the trannie tunnel and I think one really has to cut and sew to get the angles right. I think I'm going to redo the trannie covers - that's a bit tricky and I think I know how to do it now, plus I have more than enough carpet left over to do that. Didn't use much of the insulation pad either due to noise.

Noise?

Yes, noise. It's plastic, so it scrunches when stepped on! Anyone need padding?

Paint

Well, from last time we had purchased a Peterbuilt paint color (called "Gray", who would have figured, I was hoping for "Slate Foggy Gray" or something), since the tub turned out kinda okay using my cheap Harbor Freight HVP system...

<http://www.harborfreight.com/high-volume-low-pressure-spray-gun-kit-44677.html>

...I thought I'd try and save more funds by just completing the paint with that reverse vacuum cleaner attached to a plastic gun. If not, I have a gallon of paint and it only takes less than half that to shoot the body, so I can always fix things later... Hat's off to Chuck, Mike, Chris Y., and Roger who stayed after a TRA 2014 vendor meeting to help me tape up the beastie and get it ready.



Taped up by the professional MVT tape crew

I shot it the next day. All I can say is it's better than the coat put on by the MAACO folks Frank hired to do the last paint job! Okay, so that's not saying much – it's much better than the MAACO job, okay, somewhat better, okay, I know I didn't get obverspray on everything! It will need buffed out and I can see maybe a fender and the hood being redone next year sometime due to dents and bugs – there is also a chance I might get a louvered hood, oh, and the trunk lid, and... As I wrote above, we have $\frac{3}{4}$ or so of a gallon still left!



Look mom, it's gray!

Panels Upholstered

Cheap, cheap cheap. Decided to reuse the panels I had for the dog legs and door. Looked at the dog leg panels and decided they were too far gone and needed replacement. Hardboard piece from Lowe's for \$4 and a jigsaw – solution found. The door panels were in pretty good shape. I had to take off the door pockets and paint the red a gray and I had to re-pad a side, but besides that not much needed done.

Hat's off to Mike McKitrick for giving us some padding to use which cut the cost. I think those

panels ended up costing us about \$30 since I had a 1/2 off coupon from Joann for the vinyl, \$50 if you include the new DeWalt stapler I bought to do it.



Panels in – grey, of course...

Sound system finished

As you might know, the rest of the car might be crap, but I still have to have my music, and if I have my music I don't care if the rest of the car is crap! I needed speakers for The Grey Ghost, but I didn't want to take up a lot of real estate with them. Doors are not a great location since then you have to put wires to them and ensure the door doesn't catch them. The dog leg sections are too small, under the dash you can't hear them, which leaves you surface mount on the back shelf, or in the back panel. On a stock TR3B the back panel is pretty close to the gas tank, so you can only use surface mount speakers, but since our tank is different we have some depth – not enough for a normal speaker system, but enough for a RetroSound system that is designed for shallow mounting. Moss sells RetroSound systems, but for a lot of money. The speaker I wanted is about \$90 new, so I decided to head to eBay. I bought a stereo 6x9 speaker – two channels in one speaker – for \$11 and a 6x9 grill for \$5, in my price range. Mounting was right in the middle of the back panel and it actually sounds pretty good and looks unique is a retro-futuristic sorta way.



RetroSound 6x9 Stereo Speaker

The grill was a cheap plastic thing I just painted gray, then mounted it all in the center of the back panel just below the curve.



Speaker system in place

The amp is in place in the trunk so I hooked my iPhone to it and fired it up. Not quite an Infinity system in a high end luxury sedan, but good enough for a '62 TR3B.

Smoke check

As you might have guessed by now I had already done my smoke check before firing up the sound system.

Now, a note on checking out wiring harnesses for the first time, especially if you made one up like I did. Be careful. This is where the multiple current settings come in handy on your battery charger. On ours I always start out at the 2 amp setting. This doesn't mean you are out if the woods since for a direct short that's 24 watts which is enough to heat things up, but shouldn't cause a melted mess or a fire.

Everything I could check checked out okay, so it seems my care in developing the harness in the first place paid off.

Getting it together

Here it is as of 28 Sep. Lots of stuff on the car, lots to go. \$3.4K left. Can he do it?



MORE Photos of the Farm Stand Tour from Chris & Stan.





