



The Marque

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

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President's Corner

At the January meeting, we opened nominations for the Awards the club gives each year. These awards are the "Marque of Distinction", which goes to the person who most exemplifies the character of the club. Then there is "Keep It On The Road", which should go to the person who drives his Triumph the most. Then there is "Press On Regardless" which is the award for tenacious spirit and overcoming significant problems in the course of trips and finishing what was started (tripwise, that is.) Finally there is "Most Improved", car, not personality. You can read the current nominations in the meeting minutes, and we will open the nominations in the February meeting, and I'd like to see more nominations, so put on your thinking hats.

Work on TRA '05 continues, Bruce Clough is working on a trip route that should be a real experience for those of you with the gumption to drive six hundred miles, or so to the meeting site, Branson, MO. One thing you will be able to look forward to at this meet are people from clubs we don't normally see at the eastern events, it's going to be interesting just for that aspect.

Weather has been in our faces since just before Christmas, and those of you who live around Kettering are really getting to see a winter. Here in Northern Nearly Cincinnati, we've had a little less snow than you, but the kids in the neighborhood have a great time sledding down our front lawn, and out into the street (when we're not watching). I'm more reminded of my home town in New Jersey, in the late Forties and Fifties, when the lakes and ponds were frozen before Christmas and you could ice skate on them until early March.

We may have an awards banquet site and we need a Super Bowl Party site, so come on out to the February meeting and learn all about it. Bruce has also laid out a slate of '05 events, so check that part of the Marque, This is the year to participate, so get your cars running....

Thanks for your attention.....Stan

JANUARY MVT MEMBERSHIP MEETING 01-05-05

20 members present

Pres: Meeting called to order by Stan. HAPPY NEW YEAR!!!!!!! Thanks to all who attended Holiday

Soiree. A fine, fun filled evening.

Phil Daye related ongoing saga of selling Spitfire!!!!!!!

Vice Pres: No report

Membership: No report

Treasurer :Income and expenses outlined.

Sec'y: Minutes of December meeting approved as printed in Marque.

Marque Editor/Website: All is well..

Events: January 15-23 North American

International Auto Show Detroit MI

March 19 MVT Awards Banquet

April Spring Tour

May 13-15 Scottish Weekend

21 British Day at the Second Street Market

June TRA Branson MO

18 Mid Ohio British Car Day

July 26-30 VTR Rockford IL

August 6 British Car Day Eastwood Metro Park Dayton

REVIEW MARQUE AND/OR WEBSITE FOR PARTICULARS ON EVENTS:

Old Business: BCD meeting will be in March.

New logo in 2005. More at next meeting.

Stan encouraged our participation and support of TRA convention in June in Branson, MO

The Texas Triumph club are sponsors of the show [Several of those folks are members of MVT].

Discussion regarding location for awards banquet. Lois Bigler will call Patterson House [where We had Holiday Soiree] to see if available on March 19. If not will try Kohler Presidential on David Road. Decision at February meeting.

New Business: Mike brought travel brochures for trips to Ireland and Britain 2005

Elections for MVT office will be held at March meeting

Nominations:

Vice President - Randy Wakefield

Membership - Phil Daye declined & Sue Bell

Events - Mike Ross, Bruce Clough

Nominations for awards to be given at banquet:

Press On Regardless - Alice Clough, Ted Allison

Marque of Distinction - Lois Bigler, Stan Seto

Most Improved - Bruce Clough, Jimmy Carter, Ted Allison

Keep It On The Road - Stan Seto, Russ Seto, Roy Owens

Additional nominations for officers and awards will be taken at February meeting

50/50 Don Bigler

Next meeting February 2 at Fuddrucker's

RMEMEBER YOUR NAME BADGE!!!!!!!

The 2005 TRA National Meet

The Meet of the Next Generation!

For the first time in history, the TRA National Meet is being held west of the Mississippi. To attract the next generation of Triumph owners, we will be awarding 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place awards for **ALL** classes in both a Participants' Choice show, as well as the traditional concours show.

This year, the TRA National Meet is being held in scenic Branson, Missouri, from Thursday, June 23 through Saturday, June 25, 2005. If you've thought about attending, but it's just been too long of a drive, then this is your opportunity. Due to the extent of the participant's choice show, this is an event for **ALL** Triumph owners, from the TR2 to the TR8, Spits, Stags, Heralds, Doves, even a Southern Cross, or whatever year and model Triumph you may want to drive, trailer, or even push.

Branson, Missouri is not just a beautiful and scenic area with great roads for our Triumphs, but it offers virtually everything for the entire family: amusement and water parks, outlet malls, world class golf courses, various museums, countless big star shows, and many other entertainment venues. To get a better

idea of some of these attractions, spend some time at www.branson.com on the web.

We will complete the final registration form and schedule in the next few weeks, but the schedule will include the following:

Thursday:

- Early morning breakfast drive
- All day registration and auction item drop-off
- On-your-own scenic drive and Stone Hill Winery tour
- Two different on-your-own Ozark Mountain drives
- The Branson Belle Riverboat cruise, dinner, and show

Friday:

- Early morning breakfast drive
- All day registration and auction item drop-off
- On-your-own scenic drive and Stone Hill Winery tour
- Two different on-your-own Ozark Mountain drives
- A scenic drive and poker rally
- An SCCA supported autocross
- The TRA welcome cookout, games, and traditional auction

Saturday:

- The traditional TRA concours show for TR2's, TR3's, and TR4's
- A complete participants' choice show for all Triumphs with 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place awards for all registered classes of competition
- A scenic drive and poker rally
- On-your-own scenic drive and Stone Hill Winery tour
- Two different on-your-own Ozark Mountain drives
- The awards presentation, banquet, and raffle prizes

The host hotel is The Dutton Family Inn directly on the main strip (U.S. 76) in scenic Branson, but with an entrance from the back so you don't have to get onto the main drag. Rooms have been secured at the unbelievable price of \$40 per night for all TRA attendees. Call the Dutton's at 1(888)-388-8661 and identify yourself as a TRA or Triumph show attendee,

or check out their website at www.theduttons.com. We also have an overflow hotel directly across the street at the Day's Inn at a price of \$49.99 per night. Call them at 1(417)-334-5544, and again, identify yourself as a TRA or Triumph show attendee. The final schedule, costs, and details will be provided in the next few weeks, but it's time to start planning this event, so mark your calendars for Thursday, June 23 through Saturday, June 25, 2005, or make it a full vacation, and come for the entire week – both hotels will extend their prices for the full week prior to and after the event.

We are excited about the opportunity of seeing many new faces and many new cars that will take advantage of this great location, the weather, and the terrific schedule of events.

Re: 2005 TRA National Meet - Update from the TRA National Meeting Coordinator
Please pass this along to parties that might be interested - thanks!

For those of you contemplating coming to TRA '05 from Ohio and points east I'm getting together a "roads less travelled" tour going to, and coming from Branson. For those that have never been on my tours, we take state routes and stop at places of interest, no blowin' by on the Interstate at 70mph. It takes a couple of days (on purpose) to get there, but you arrive rested and full of wonder - those who participated on our "Round Ohio" tour for TRA'97 can attest that we found quite a few interesting stops (and wineries) along the way. We would actually leave here (lovely Spring Valley, Ohio) on Tuesday in order to get to Branson on Thursday. For those coming from longer distances, we could actually put some of you up here at the Clough ranch, or refer you to the B&B's in the area. My thought on an itinerary going there is:

- Monday night - pre-celebration at the Clough Ranch
- Tuesday - Drive to near Marion Indiana, stopping at Metamora, and a few other places. Stay at Clifty Falls State Park.
- Wednesday - Drive to the "Land between the lakes" in Western Kentucky, stops include a lot of places

that I'm still listing. Stay at one of the 3-4 Kentucky State Park Lodges in the region.

- Thursday - Drive to Branson via scenic routes along the Arkansas border (trwisty-turny roads)
- The return trip would be maybe a day shorter getting to western Ohio, probably staying around Vincennes IN. - again , we could put up a few folks at the Clough ranch that are heading farther east.

If anyone would like to come along, let me know. If folks have any thoughts along these lines, let me know.

Thanks,
Bruce Clough
TRA National Meeting Coordinator
MVT Events Coordinator
Bad mandolin player