



# The Marque

**"All the news that's fit to soak up oil"**



We are now official, we have a flag.

## July 2017

### MVT Club Info

**Miami Valley Triumphs** is a non-profit club founded to preserve and enjoy Triumph and Standard automobiles. You do not have to own a Triumph or Standard to be in the club, just be interested in the preservation of the marque. For more info on joining the club and dues please

contact the MVT Membership Chair (contact info below).

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**Club Website:**

<https://www.miamivalleytriumphs.org/>

We are also on **Facebook** at

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/1654893204751113/> - this is a closed group so you will need to request joining.

Please send comments/suggestions to: [miamivalleytriumphs@gmail.com](mailto:miamivalleytriumphs@gmail.com) or to the PO Box.

**Cutoff date** for next month's Marque is the 22nd of the month.

**MVT** is a Chapter of the Vintage Triumph Register (<http://vintage triumph register.org/>) and Center of the Triumph Register of America (<http://triumphregister.com/>). We actively participate in activities of these clubs and their endeavors to preserve the marque. In addition to the above national clubs you also might want to check out 6-Pack (TR6/TR-250) <http://www.6-pack.org/i15/> and the North American Spitfire Squadron for Triumph Spitfire and GT6 owners <http://www.nasshq.org/>.

## MVT Monthly Meeting

MVT Monthly Meetings are held on the first Wednesday of each month at Archers Tavern Kettering, 2030 E Dorothy Ln, Kettering, OH 45420, (937) 291-1015. We are in the meeting room off the bar at the front of the tavern. We have dinner and socializing at 6:30PM and the president usually ruins our fun by starting a meeting at 7:30PM.

<http://archerstavern.com/archerstavern/>

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Miami Valley Triumphs is a registered chapter of the Vintage Triumph Register and a local center of the Triumph Register of America. Membership is \$20 yearly and is usually paid in May. Non-renewing members are deleted from the mailing list.

Meetings are held the first Wednesday of the month at a location as published on the MVT website or in "the Marque", and/or by Email. General membership meetings are at 7:30 pm with informal dinner starting at 6:30 pm prior to the meeting. Anyone interested is most heartily invited to attend. Triumph car ownership is not required.

## This month's contents:

- **Officer's Reports**
- **Gobs O'Events**
- **A Tech Article or Two**

- **MVT Classifieds in there somewhere...**

## Officer's Reports

### President's Report

Hope to see you at Archer's Restaurant on the 5th of July. I encourage anyone who knows club members who are not regularly attending, to give them a call of invitation. I will be returning from St. Louis and a family reunion on the Fifth. If I start early enough, I should be able to join you. If not, then it will be up to our very active Vice President, Dan Stinson to run the show.

June was packed with activities. Including what appears to be a very successful Bourbon Trail adventure in which (it is rumored) over sixty bottles of the amber liquid came home with the club members. There were car shows, such as the Concours at Carrollon Park (sic) in Dayton and Ault Park in Cincinnati and (as I write this) TRA over in Edinburgh, Indiana. July will be just as active.

What did not happen was the BCD meeting, now being pushed into July, but we did get the flyers and I am mailing out a bunch to those attendees who forsake electronic registration.

You may or may not have noticed that the website information for clothing has been taken down. Diamond Print informed me that they were stepping away from helping us due to very little business. I could not blame them, as in the four years we have been associated fewer than dozen garments have been ordered. My job will now be to find another embroidery company to support us. I also will have to plan a more intelligent advertising scheme to drum up orders.

If you have not registered for British Car Days, Dayton, I invite you to do that before too long. Several in the club are registered already. We have about twenty-one cars registered, and are hoping to have over 175 pre-registered by the time August gets here.

In the June letter, I said: " Please consider the engagement of young people to help keep the traditions of the British Sports Car movement alive and well." Through May and June I have talked with several young people about our cars. Getting them interested is a tough sell as they have many examples of fast, roadable cars that offer more and better protection from the elements and much improved comfort. My son is a good example as he is less interested in the TR3 and much more interested in the Porsche 914 he's restoring.

Best regards, Stan Seto

### Vice President's Report

We are pleased to report that we have no report. That isn't to say that there couldn't be a report, just that we do not have it. It could have been lost, never written, eaten by the dog, or stolen by a band of Tinkers. We like the last option, it at least will make a few of you look up that word...

### Treasurer's Report

**Treasurer's Report:** As of 1 June 2017, the club account had a balance of \$2867.27. For the month of June the club income from 50/50 was \$24.00 and membership renewals for \$160.00. Total income for June was \$184.00. The club had the following expense: mailing of the marque for \$2.10 and \$283.06 for the Club's new Flag. Total expenses for June is \$285.16. The account balance as of 1 July 2017 is \$2766.11. Please remember that May was Membership Renewal.

### Membership Chair Report

We are still awaiting membership renewal dues from nine current members. If you haven't paid, please do so ASAP by submitting your \$20 check (payable to MVT) to PO Box 144, Bellbrook, OH 45305.

In accordance with our by-laws, membership shall lapse if dues are not received within 60 days after the 1st of June.

Thank you! Valerie

### Marque Editor's Report

How things have changed. Received these pictures last month of a tech session we had at our place back in the fall of 1996.



**The Grey Ghost Circa 1996**

We were working on Frank Ciboch's Grey Ghost (at the time) - I think we were working on the alternator. Danny, Ellis, Chris Y, and I were there (at least). Above is a shot of us working on The Grey Ghost...

...and below are the cars parked in the yard from front to back: In front is the 1960 Buick LeSabre 4411 I was driving at the time (beautiful car, just couldn't go anywhere quickly and forget maneuverability), TR Stealth in late-Yanity configuration, and Stinson's-then McKittrick's-now Yanity's TR3B.



**Old Fleet Shot - MVT**

This is that same spot in the yard now:



You can still park cars there, just have to be a bit more careful...

## MVT Events

Public Shout-Out to Steve Miller of MG Automotive – Steve noticed at the Market Car Show that I had lost most of my master brake cylinder fluid (due to an internal master cylinder failure due to age) and flagged me down. Thanks!!!!

Also, despite the written articles, I am not a lush. During the MVT trips in June we stopped by a lot of wineries and distilleries it's true, but it was for medicinal purposes only, trust me!

## Past Month's Events

### MVT Monthly Meeting – 3 May 2017

The meeting was called to order by President Stan Seto at 7:28 PM with a hail to the new flag. There were 24 members in attendance.

**April Minutes Changes & Addition** – no additions or changes

**Guests and/or new members** – none in attendance

### Officer's Reports:

President –President Stan Seto reported on his recent trip to Key West, Florida with the Texas

Triumph Register. There were 10 cars on the tour (only overheated 8 or 9 times). It was a good tour, but will not be going back any time soon. His car ran fine – replaced the exhaust gasket when he got home. Next year's tour will possibly be to California. Stan also announced the birth of a new grandson. Said he has taken lots of pictures. Stan recently had laser stitching on his retina due to an injury. Said they did 420 stitches in about 10 minutes. The club would like to wish "Happy Birthday" to Debbie Ferratt.

Vice President – Dan Stinson said he was glad to be here. He has nothing to report.

Treasurer – Harry Mague reported we have \$2866.27 in the account after expenses.

Secretary – Patti Clifford said the minutes were in the Marque and asked for additions or corrections. No corrections. Patti asked for motion to accept the minutes, motion made by John Coutant, seconded by Bruce Clough. Motion carried.

Membership Chair –Val Relue reported that we have 43 members. There are 16 members who have not paid dues yet.

### Events Chair

- Review of May Events
  - Western Wine Tour consisted of the Old Schoolhouse Winery, the Kennedy Winery and the AR Winery. Old Schoolhouse was the favorite. Dinner followed at the Hickory River Smokehouse in Tipp City.
  - British Car Day XXXIII at Quaker Steak & Lube in Columbus.
  - 2nd Street Market Show. Harry Mague thanked everyone for their help at the show. Club members swept the awards. John Coutant won best of show. Next year the show will probably be in Miamisburg on the first weekend in June.

- JUNE

- June 10/11 - Cincinnati Park Car Show. There will be a tour of the Packard Museum.
- Week of 11-17 – Bourbon Trail Tour mid-week. Bruce Clough is working on details.
- June 21-25 – The TRA Nationals will be held in Columbus, IN. The Clough's and White's will be leaving at 9:00 on Tuesday, June 21 if anyone wants to join them. They plan to make a few stops on the way.
- June 22- 25 – Mid Ohio Heritage Grand Prix. For more information: <https://svra.com/events/2017-vintage-grand-prix-of-mid-ohio/>
- JULY
  - July 8 – First annual pool(less) pool party and tour at Lorna & Ellis Ball's. More info on the tour will be coming. Please RSVP to Lorna by July 4 and include which side dish you will provide. Steaks will be ordered on July 5.
  - July 9 – Cincinnati British Car Days
  - July 29 – Yanity / Clifford Mystery tour – 10-6. We will meet at Yanity's in Brookville for donuts and begin the tour at 10:30.

## Committee Reports

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Regalia – Pete Stroble was absent

Technical –Spare Parts – Bruce Clough reported on Stag master cylinders. Says they are interchangeable with Saab. He was going to rebuild the old one, but it looked difficult. He decided it was much easier to replace with new one. Harry Mague is still having issues with his car. The header is causing the carburetor to overheat. He asked for input on whether to wrap the header or install heat shield. Heat shield was the favored solution. Stan Seto reported that he

was able to trim his push rod and still use it successfully.

Marque - If you have articles or pictures for the Marque, email Bruce at [cloughowenclough@outlook.com](mailto:cloughowenclough@outlook.com). Please let him know if you find errors on the webpage. Our new club email is: [miamivalleytriumps@gmail.com](mailto:miamivalleytriumps@gmail.com). Stan Seto complimented Bruce on the pictures and would like to see us send the newsletter to the competition for car club newsletters.

British Car Days - Stan Seto says we have 16 cars registered. Stan commented that registrations seem to be slow this year. The next committee meeting will be June 13. The committee is hoping to see the t-shirt design.

Spare Parts - Harry Mague has an upgraded front and rear sway bar available.

Web Page - John Coutant would like to have members submit stories about their cars with pictures.

## Old Business

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Lorna Ball has purchased the tent.

Greg & Val Relue had the new flag displayed.

## New Business

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Chuck White said the Little British Car Company has a 6 x 9 British Flag on sale for \$30. He suggested we purchase one for a backdrop in the tent. Chuck will contact the company to find out the material weight and we will do an online vote.

## Split the Pot

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Harry Mague was the winner of \$12.00. He donated the money back to the club. Stan did not win, we repeat, Stan did not win.

**Motion** was made by Bruce Clough to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Tim Moore. Meeting was adjourned at 8:13 PM.

*Submitted by Patti Clifford, Secretary*

**10/11 – Cincinnati Concours**

**When it rains it pours – both Jay and John Coutant wrote articles about the Concourse (and sent photos). We like this kind of rain!**

*By our star reporter Jay Kolb:*

The Cincinnati Concours d'Elegance (formally The Ault Park Concours d'Elegance) is not just a car show on Sunday but a whole weekend of events. The Cincinnati Concours is the 2nd oldest in the country after Pebble Beach.



**Mini on the Tarmac...**

It all started on Friday night with a welcome party at The American Sign Museum in Cincinnati. If you have never been to this world class museum, it is definitely worth the trip. There are many interesting and usual neon signs on displays.

Saturday started out early for me with a judges meeting. We have a new chief judge this year and he wanted to get to know the judges. Then it was off to the country side tour. The route and final destination change each year. This year the destination was The Packard Museum in Dayton. Then Saturday night it was off to the hanger party at Lunken Airport. This has turned out to be a great, well attended event with many collector cars a vintage aircraft on the tarmac.



**1947 Tatra T-87**

Sunday of course is the big show. It was a hot but beautiful day. We had close to 200 cars and motorcycles this year. The featured marks were Camaros and Firebirds on there 50th anniversary. Since they were manufactured in Cincinnati it was fitting. We also featured tuner car which turned out to be popular with the younger people. This was the 40th anniversary of The Cincinnati Concours so we featured classes for either best of class or best of show winners from previous years. We had the best of show winner from the first show, a 1909 Buick that still belongs to Dr Ted Bernstein from Dayton.



**1934 Bentley DHC**

The antique class had some very unusual cars: a 1920 Cleveland, a 1923 Flint, a 1920 Jordan, a 1922 Pilot and a 1916 Willys-Overland. We only had one Triumph this year, a TR4 from William Kinney. The Classic Car classes had a 1935 Delahaye that won Best of Show Concours d'Elegance and a 1938 Delahaye that won Best of

Show Esprit De Sport.. Both cars were shown a Pebble Beach last year.



**1935 Delahaye 135M**

It was a great show that made a lot of money for Juvenile Arthritis.

*By our star reporter John Coutant:*

There are a number of activities around the Cincinnati Concours (named changed from Ault Park Concours to Cincinnati Concours at Ault Park) to raise money for the main charity, Juvenile Arthritis. I attended two plus working as a circle host for Sports Cars 1959 and earlier.



**It's yellow, but at least it's not a Corvette...**

On Saturday morning there was a tour that started at the Voice of America museum and went up the back roads to the Packard museum in Dayton. It was interesting for me as I had not been to either one, something about not taking advantage of things in your backyard.

I went with a friend in the TR3 and we had a good time. We really enjoyed the Packard museum, especially the pre-war cars.

On Saturday night there is a party and silent auction called the Hanger Party at Lunken airport. Betsy and I went in the TR3 and spent some time eating, drinking, and talking. We did not manage to get any items we bid on though.



**Hanging at the Hangers**

I like working as a circle host, especially the first shift (6 am) to help all the people showing their cars get set up on the field and get oriented as to what is expected of them for judging, etc. I get some time to meet and talk to all the owners and their cars while it is still cool and no people are around. No TR's in my class this year (two last year and both won awards) but a nice XK120 OTS almost the exact color of my TR3.



**Look – John's car grew up!**

There was a TR4 in the next class, Sports Cars 1960 to 1985. A nice car but tough competition and they did not get an award.



TR4 in the grass



Mobile Still at Kentucky Artisan Distillery – and it still works! Get it, “still”? Oh, I crack myself up...



**The MVT Bourbon Tour As Per Tim The Bold (with a few injected comments by Bruce, okay, more than a few...) Tim observations in normal font, Bruce's in italics**

Our Triumph Club went to Bardstown and Frankfort KY for a few days to visit some of the Distilleries on the Bourbon Trail. We also visited several wineries along the way. A big Tip'O the Hat to Bruce Clough for organizing and leading this tour. We originally had around 20 people wanting to go but unfortunately they all had to cancel. So us 4 intrepid adventures forged on with high spirits..(pun intended)

*This was probably the best “wine” tour we have put on. The weather cooperated, the tour stops were all good (okay, maybe Jim Beam not so much), food great, and lodging fine.*



**Stop 1 – Kentucky Artisans Distillery Tasting**

The 1st stop on the first day was at a small craft distillery called Kentucky Artisans Distillery. They produce a variety of bourbons but their main one is Jefferson's. They offer a very small batch of bourbon that's aged for 6-8 years on land then crated up and put on a boat for 6-10 months. It travels around the world and the salt air and motion of the ocean reportedly gives it a unique flavor. So I had to get one.

*So did I. Turns out they number the voyages, I sure hope we picked a good cruise!*



**Stop 2 – Brooks Hill Winery**

Next was Brooks Hill Winery and then Forest Edge Winery. Both had some very nice wines and we came home with some.

*Brooks Hill is a very nice winery just south of Louisville off I-65. The wines were great, and Alice found a great wine purse.*



**St Pauli Girls? Where's the beer?**

*Forest Edge I discovered while going to Jim Beam a while back – it is just outside the entrance of Jim Beam's "showroom" and is another winery I wish was closer.*



**The plantings outside Forest Edge Winery were very pretty!**

We then stopped at Jim Beam. This place is huge. It was a bit touristy for us and you could not do a tasting without taking the tour. All the tours were sold out so we left for more adventures elsewhere.



**Dang if I could get Jimmy to give me demon liquor...**

*Tim is being nice. You would expect a place that is designed to suck \$\$\$ out of your wallet to cater more to folks stopping by for a taste. You can only taste if you tour, and all tours were closed 2 hours before they closed. Oh well, I suppose they didn't need my \$\$\$\$.*

The last stop of the day was Willett Distillery. It probably has one of the most unique stills around.

They use it as the design for the bottle of their signature bourbon.



**Nothing Finer**



**The bottles lined-up at Willett's – The Pot Still Reserve is the second bottle from the left – try some!**

The other thing that was nice about Willett's is that they let you taste everything they bottle – very few of the other's do that – try going to Buffalo Trace and asking for a sip of Pappy!

That night we stayed at the General Nelson Inn (a Best Western Hotel if I remember right) which was significantly cheaper than the last place we stayed in Bardstown (The Jailer's Inn) but was pretty good for the \$\$\$\$. While the Moore's went off for dinner with relatives Alice and I found The Rikhouse – an American Steakhouse in a basement a few blocks away – very much like Ruth Chris or a Jeff Ruby restaurant – very nice, except they said they had 150 bourbons, but were out of Willett's Pot Still Reserve. What's up with that?



**Disco for sale in Bardstown. \$2000 – any takers? Gen 1 – any takers???**

The second day we started off at Barton's. They offered free samples of two of their bourbons and a sample of their cream bourbon and a bourbon candy. Cream bourbon tastes a lot like Baileys.

*Note – don't search for "Coffee Shop" using Google for Bardstown – they send you to an Italian Bistro that doesn't open until 11 AM...now you know.*



**Barton's Visitor Center in the morning shade...**

*Man, was this place nice. The Bourbons were good, staff very friendly, no charge for the tastings, and we headed home with more than a bottle, but also with used barrel bungs that can be used as smoking wood. Bourbon chicken here we come!*

It was then off to Heaven Hill Distillery. This is also home of the Bourbon Heritage Museum. It was a very interesting place and we were also treated to the best tasting of the tour. Not because of the bourbon but our tasting guide. She was obviously of the south and had a great sense of humor and gave us a very entertaining history lesson on their bourbon. Plus she had a tickle in her throat that she kept having to treat with a sip of the recipe. But don't get me wrong the bourbon was very good as well.



**Tasting at Heaven Hill – the 2<sup>nd</sup> from the right is \$250/bottle – good, but not that good....**

*Turns out we ended up buying the Rye Whiskey at Heaven Hill – normally they are a bit more “rough” than bourbons, but this one, Pikeville, was smooth. Oh, we also bought a couple of Chocolate-Bourbon Twinkies. Interesting!*



**Feet at Heaven Hill – you don't think you'd get out of here without a foot picture did you?**

Our next stop was Horse Shoe Bend Winery. This turned out to be one of my favorite stops. It was picturesque beyond description. It was a bit of a drive along a very long driveway to a hilltop surrounded by hollers, I think that's what they call those valleys lol. But even better than that was the incredibly engaging and delightful woman who ran the place. As it turned out we were the only ones there at the time and she entertained us with the history of how they came to acquire the land and open the winery. She also was the one who made the wine, and it was pretty good wine too.

*This is the home of the infamous “Kong's Thong” red table wine that was such a big hit at TRA 2013. This has shown up in several sit-coms as backdrop including Big Bang Theory. The latest bottling is not quite as good as the earlier one we had. It was a wonderful visit and I think it made her day, certainly helped ours! She directed us to a little shop in Lawrenceburg called “Heaven to Besty!” for some lunch. FANTASTIC. That's all I have to say about it.*



**Kong's Thong! Don't look Ethel!**



**Rising Son Winery – the hot bar...**

Next up was Rising Sons Winery. This was in an open barn with picnic tables and various appropriate barn paraphernalia. The fact that it was very hot and humid didn't help. The wines weren't up to the level of the ones we had visited up to then but they did offer jellies made from their wine. Raspberry was a hit. They did suggest mixing some of their wines with various fruit juices to make sangria. This was a hit with the wives and we bought some to make more when we got home.

*Yeah, if you like sweet wines, theirs are pretty okay – dries, not so much. This reminded me a lot*

*of some of the local rural wineries. The tasting went much better after you got past the dry reds, or drank a lot of the sweet whites....*

A short drive away is Lovers Leap Winery. This place is incredible. It's a very upscale winery with rolling acres of grape vines as far as you can see. Plus they also have some very nice wines.



**Rolling Acres Of Vines!**

*As Tim wrote between Rising Son and Lover's Leap we went from night into day. That night we were staying in Frankfort, downtown Frankfort, and decided to wander around to see what we could find for dinner. We ended up at a little place called "Bourbon On Main" that had great food and Willett's Pot Still Reserve". Bonus.*



**We found the buffalo...**

Day 3 had us off to Buffalo Trace Distillery. Makers of some very popular bourbons including

Pappy Van Winkle. They also offered free tastes of 2 bourbons and a cream bourbon and candy. I guess that's because they are owned by the same company as Bartons. They suggested adding root beer to the cream bourbon to make a root beer float. It was another hit and some came home with us.

*If you get a chance, stop at Buffalo Trace. The combination of free tastings, best gift shop we've seen so far, and just general ambiance of the plant made it my favorite stop on the tour.*

Before leaving Frankfort we had to stop at Rebecca Ruth Candies. The home of the creator of the original Bourbon Ball.

*I thought this place might be a bit bigger than it was based on the "hype" – just a little house and attached building right down from the KY capital building. Their chocolates were good, but so is Esther Price's. They did have a horse-head cap that Alice just shook her head when I put it on!*



**Horses and chocolate – Rebecca Ruth's**



**Elk Creek Winery - Exterior**



**Elk Creek Winery - Interior**

Elk Creek Winery was next on the list. Another interesting winery looking a bit like a hunting lodge with all its wood interior. Wines again were very nice.

*This is probably our fourth visit to Elk Creek over the years. It consistently produces good wine even though it has changed owners. If you are in the area stop by and maybe you'll get to see a pheasant release.*

Next was another very small craft distillery. Boone County Distilling Co. They are very new and are still 3 years away from bottling their own bourbon but have contracted with another distillery to make product from their mash build. Their tasting consisted of 2 bourbons and another cream bourbon and they also suggested adding root beer to it and again we complied...tasty. The bourbon they had comes in 8yr and 12yr aged varieties. They didn't offer a taste of the 12yr since they only produced 177 bottles. The 8 yr was very smooth so I had to get a bottle of the 12yr. Hoping it's just as smooth.



**Awaiting the tasting at BCD Co.**

Boone County Distilling Company makes very decent bourbon. Yes, they contracted with Seagram's in Lawrenceburg (IN) to do the distilling for them, but it was with their recipe and process. You can do a tour or tasting, but we just decided to do a tasting. This is not far off I-75 south in Independence, KY, so it is very close.

At this point we found Blanton's. I suppose I should elaborate. The Moore's asked a relative what he'd like while we were touring distilleries and he replies "Blanton's", which is a Buffalo Trace brand (the one with the egg-shaped bottle and horse on top). So we bounced around places in Frankfort looking for Blanton's – no go. Asked at Buffalo Trace – no go. Finally found it at...wait for it... a Kroger's Liquor in Northern KY. Where else?

That concluded the Bourbon Trail and we headed for home with a stop at Valley Vineyard for dinner. I got a sampling of their VIP wines and Bruce got their beer sampler. One thing I learned is never never try a Gose beer. You have been warned. We munched on quite tasty appetizers and then headed our separate ways back home.



**The food and wine we had at Valley Vineyards was very good! Gose? Not so much...**

Over the last couple of years Valley Vineyards has stepped up their game. The wines are now a higher-caliber and they have opened a microbrewery. Even their appetizers are fancy. I decided to sample the beers. As Tim says, stay away from Gose – a very sour beer that has an initial taste of sour lemon beer, followed by an

intense saltiness, and then an Alka-Seltzer finish and after taste. Yuk.



**Can you guess which one was the Gose?**

After getting home we unpacked our haul. I had no idea we had brought that much back...Oh well I'm sure we can put it to good use.

We had the same experience – 26 bottles if I counted correct, and a very unique (ask Alice) purse. We will have an MVT Bourbon Tasting this summer at some undisclosed location...

This was a very enjoyable (bourbon and wine might have had something to do with that) and informative trip. Learning about the various ways the distilleries make their bourbons different from the rest. But the people we met really made this for me. Everyone was so friendly and obliging. One thing I did take from this trip is Kentucky makes some darn good wine and a lot of it is from grapes grown there.

Bon Appétit

**So what did we learn?**

- Losing a barrel aboard a ship can be a good thing.
- Get to Jim Beam's early.
- Don't ask Google about Bardstown coffee shops.
- Losing a barrel in a rik house can be a bad thing.
- The difference between Wellers and Pappy is time.

- Just because you can make sweet whites doesn't imply anything about the ability to make dark dry reds.
- Seagram's will make you great contracted bourbon.
- Kong is not as good as the Jester.
- There are many different tops to Blanton's that correspond to horse race segments.
- Don't inhale deeply while smelling Barton's barrel bungs.
- Google opening time and actual opening times may differ.
- If you are looking for a particular booze, forget specialty shops and head to Kroger.
- KY back roads are fun to drive.
- Never swirl bourbon like it's in a washing machine.
- 17G5 will be our next meeting day.
- Just say no to Gose.

We will be doing this again, hope that more can come out!



**Triumph Register Of America  
National Meeting – One Good Time,  
And One Wet Day**

*By Bruce Clough*

Weird thing happened – for the first time the Concourse was postponed, but more on that later.

Unlike the past few years we drove to the meet in one day. Columbus IN is really pretty close, so doing an overnighter to get there would be overkill even by Clough standards.



**Rendezvous Breakfast Meeting at Another Broken Egg Café at Austin Landing**

But that doesn't mean we drove over there as fast as we could, oh no. We had to meet somewhere great for breakfast. We had to stop for coffee at the quaint shop in Oldenburg, IN, and also stop at a couple of quilt stores as well as a winery (what else)



**Simmons Winery near Columbus IN – one side winery, other side brewery**

The day was absolutely beautiful and it was a great drive then we discovered a lot of folks arrived that day for the meet. Hands were shaken, hugs exchanged, cheeks kissed and stories told. We had a large suite due to having Duncan and Bridgett with us, and we needed every bit since

they pick at each other a bit – in jest, but it still takes up space!

Wednesday morning dawned clear and wonderful. The Meet agenda had a tour to the Indy Museum that day, but since we're not much for looking at old static cars we decided to organize a trip to Nashville IN (Brown Co.) instead. Think of it as a combo of Waynesville and Yellow Springs with an interesting mix of shops, wineries, breweries, and restaurants. On the way to Nashville we passed a winery and distillery, so, of course, we had to stop, Clough rules!!!



**Tasting at the Brown County Winery**



**Tasting Room at the Bear Wallow Distillery**

Turns out Wednesday is a great day to visit Brown County. Weekends are high-tourist times, but weekdays not so much. Not every shop was open, but the vast majority were, and parking was easy. We hit a lot of shops including rock collector and music stores, walking around for about five hours before it was time to head back. We headed back with shirts, popcorn, and wine (what else?).



**Parking Lot at the Bear Wallow Distillery**

One back at the hotel we met up with those that came in or were at the Indy Museum. We stayed up too late talking and soon drifted into sleep when back in the room.



**Bruce admiring a sculpture in Nashville IN**

Thursday we were up and at'em. First there was a Concourse Judging Workshop where I

volunteered to do chassis (and also volunteered Duncan to help) and next a tour to first Hope IN (and an interesting pawn shop) ending up at the Columbus Airport for a tour of an aviation museum celebrating the airport's lineage as an Air Force Base then dinner at the Airport Restaurant (good!). We headed back with skies clouding up due to the remnants of Tropical Storm Cindy. That night while the rain showers started we had the TRA Membership meeting and Ice Cream Social. A great dinner to wrap up the day.



**Dave Coutant gets to drive dad's car!**

Friday was a write-off. Wind-driven horizontal rain most of the day, so they moved the car show to Saturday. We did manage to make it across the street to a HUGE antique mall where I found a Big Mouth Billy Bass new in box for \$8. What a deal! I also found a cheap extension cord for the sculptures I was donating to the auction.

Sculptures? Sure, I've combined old Triumph parts and modern electronics to develop a set of sculptures I called "Lights, Cameras, Action", the quintessential combination of old and new, light and dark, rust and stainless steel. Steam Punk meets TRA.

The auction was a hoot. I was the auctioneer, and I pretty much auctioned the whole time – we had well over a hundred items, but we completed the auction in three hours. During the auction the rain stopped and sun came out – a harbinger of Saturday. The artwork sold well, both the sculptures and Harry's stain glass went to new homes (one of them close to home). I ended up

buying a couple of things, and Alice a few more. Stan even bought something!



**Bruce has too much time on his hands!**

Saturday was back to gorgeous weather. Everyone was up early polishing and positioning cars.



**Stan's Car, but where is Stan?**



**Getting the car show set up**

Due to the rain the day before doing the Concourse on the grass next to the parking lot was nixed and the Concourse cars instead set up their displays down the middle of the parking lot.



### **What a wonderful blue sky on car show day!**

There were ten cars in Concourse and it took Duncan and I about two hours to judge (with some downtime in the middle to look at a dilapidated early TR2 that showed up on a trailer).



### **The Stinson/McKitrick/Yanitymobile**

That morning I was pleasantly surprised that there wasn't any water in the trunk. That was until I found the lake under the back seat. Moral of the story is that the next time the car sits out in a tropical storm I'm going to put on the top cover. So, the FrankenStag was in the show with the hood pen, the Targa top cover open, and the back seat out. A different display than the TR3s around me for sure...



### **Rutledge's car in the show**

Once complete with the judging we headed into Columbus to have lunch, see the architectural wonders, and have ice cream at a restored ice cream parlor circa 1905. Great time and we got back in time to watch a tech session. Ernie Parent (COCTRA member) lost a front wheel bearing and Franz Bachmann (Pensacola FL) was fixing it. Ernie deserved a chicken, and got one!



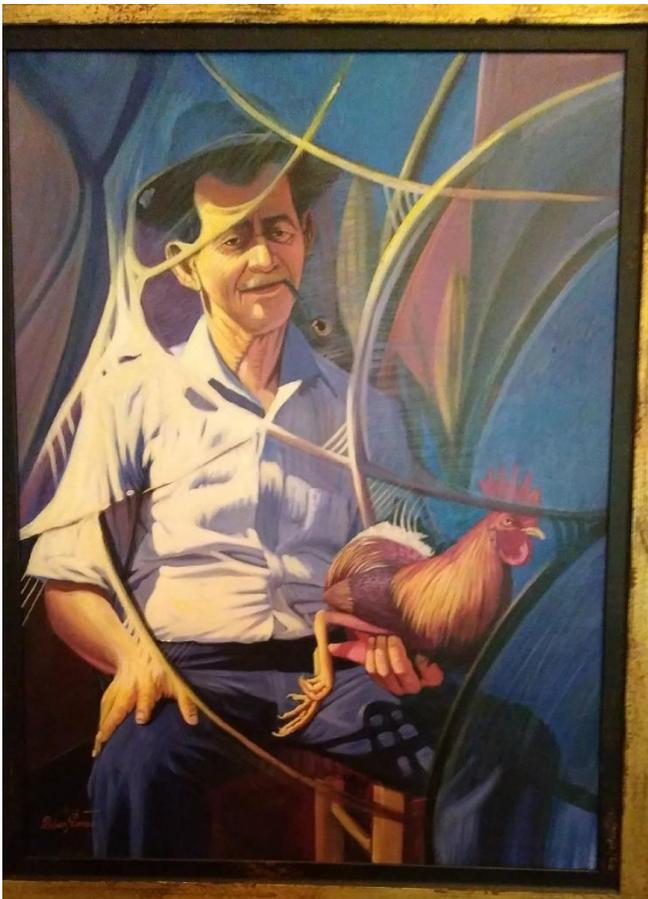
### **Ernie parent and his new friend!**

We got back inside just in time to clean up and head to the banquet. The food was quite good, service fine, and awards ceremony a good length. We took second place in the Other Triumph Participant's Choice category, and John Coutant also trophied with his TR3A. Best Of Show Concourse went to a stunning TR3 that Chris and Kathy Kressler just finished.



**TRA Banquet: Left is Lou Metelko (TR2) talking to Mike Scarpa (TR2, TR4) and Earl Fergusson (TR2, TR8 with back to camera) is talking to Nick Tomasi (TR2, TR4, TR6 facing camera)**

The next morning we slept in, said our goodbyes, and headed out for some final adventures which included two more (good) wineries and lunch at a brew pub in Oxford.



**Prophetic painting at Ertel Cellars**

From there we split up and finally ended home mid-afternoon. It was a great trip with mostly splendid weather. We are looking forward to next year's TRA Meet at Chetola Resort in North Carolina. If you are curious, click this link:

<http://chetola.com/>

looks delicious...

**22-25 – Vintage Grand Prix of Ohio** - Mid-Ohio Sports Car Course, Lexington, OH

<http://www.svra.com/events/2017-vintage-grand-prix-of-mid-ohio/>

I guess it was a good time. As far as I know no MVT members went, but you can find lots of pictures from the Buckeye Triumphs on their Facebook page.

## The Upcoming Events

**July 2017**

**5 - MVT Monthly Meeting** at Archer's Tavern Kettering, 2030 East Dorothy Lane, Kettering, OH 45420 (937) 291-1015. We are in the meeting room literally behind the bar towards the Dorothy Lane side of the tavern. Dinner starts at 6:30, meeting at 7:30.



**MVT Summer Party from distance past – I see Jim and Cathy Quillen in this picture! (Cathy thinks it's from 1994...)**

**8 – MVT Summer Party – JOIN US for the FIRST-ANNUAL-POOL(LESS)-POOL-PARTY**

For 20+ years we have hosted the annual summer pool party. As most of you know, our pool no longer exists!!!! So, it's really not

necessary to bring your swimsuits, unless, of course, you want to just show off that six-pack you worked on all winter long!

Saturday, July 8th starting around 3:30pm at Ellis and Lorna Ball's house: 112 Hemlock Street, Franklin OH.

The Club will be providing the steaks and everyone is to bring a covered dish. Please RSVP to Lorna and/or Ellis at (937) 746-5189 no later than Wednesday, July 5th, so the steaks can be ordered. Soft drinks and water will be provided. Also, let Lorna know what dish you are bringing. Looking forward to seeing y'all...



**29 - Yanity-Clifford Tour** – Starting time is 10 a.m. at the Yanity's house (816 Shaney Lane , Brookville ,Oh.) for donuts and coffee . The drive will begin at 10:30 . Direction will be North and West , slightly into Eastern Indiana .Scenic country roads ,shopping ,antiques , and a winery or two will be on the agenda. Lunch will be available in the old historic section of Richmond , Indiana . The tour will conclude by 4-5 p.m. for an early dinner at J and J winery on old rt.40 west of Richmond , with an option to stop by The Olde Schoolhouse Winery on the way home . A nice chance to explore a little of eastern Indiana. Questions ? Contact Chris or John August 2017

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**3-5 TRF SUMMER PARTY 2017**—We Will Stick to Our Traditional Dates, August 3, 4, and 5. Cost Will Remain the Same as Last Year at \$99.00 for One Person in One Car—Other Options Will Be Available. Price Includes Driving Events, Car Show, Field Party with Picnic Feast, Event T-shirt and Lots More. Camping on TRF Grounds Is Available, Hotel Rooms Will Be Blocked, and Everyone Will Have Fun Driving Cars, Eating, Drinking, and Socializing on Our Beautiful Farm and All Around the County—You Know, “The Usual Thing...”



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**9 – Cincinnati British Car Day** - Harbin Park, Fairfield, OH. As with most prior years MVT will meet in the Middletown area at the Bob Evan's at the OH 122/I-75 Interchange. Be there around 8 for Breakfast and we leave at 9.

<http://www.bccgc.com/2017-british-car-day/>



**5 - Umpteenth-Annual Dayton British Car Day** – let's get ready! As mentioned above you can register now at:

<http://www.britishcardaydayton.com/>

Yes, we will be looking for volunteers, yes, we will be bugging you to get registered, so why don't you just save the grief and volunteer/register now?

**12 – Indy BCD** – Info forthcoming



**16-19 – Vintage Triumph Register National Convention**, Princeton NJ - <http://vtr2017.org/>  
The Events Chair is planning on going this year – FrankenStag away! The VTR site is fully functional for hotel and meet registration. We will make this at overnight trip heading there and back, but exactly where those stops will be is TBD right now.



**27-30 – 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Put In Bay Road Race Reunion** - Classic sports car owners recreate the post WWII road races around the island from 1952-1959 and again in 1963. More info can be found at:

<http://www.pibroadrace.com/>

**September 2017**

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**Dayton Concours d'Elegance  
at Carillon Park**

**16/17** – Dayton Concours – <http://www.daytonconcours.com/>



**16/17 – Mothman Festival** – Pt Pleasant WV, who wants to look at shiny cars in a Councours when you can celebrate the Mothman?

**22 – Farm Stand Tour** (Orphan Auto Show?????)

**29 – Yanity Run?** (trip to Little Miami River Café)

## October 2017

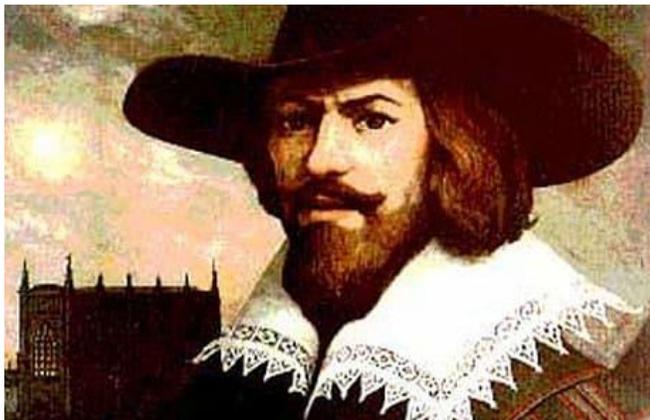
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**7 - Wine Tour North?** Need host

**21-22 – Fall Foliage Tour** – Possibly to West Virginia This Year

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**4 - Guy Fawkes Tour and Party** – who is Guy Fawkes? Well, let's just say that had he succeeded in his dastardly scheme the world would be a bit different!

<http://www.who2.com/bio/guy-fawkes/>

**16-19 It's a Wonderful Life: A Radio Play – Undercroft Players.** This beloved American holiday classic comes to captivating life as a live 1940s radio broadcast. The story of idealistic

George Bailey unfolds as he considers ending his life one fateful Christmas Eve. Auditions Oct. 3 & 4, 2017

*\*\*Special Note: We will have commercials for local businesses during this production. If you would like to purchase an ad for the program, you will also receive a commercial performed by the cast in our show. See the Donation/Sponsor tab for more information. \*\* (I think*

**18 – Last MVT Tech Session** of 2017...

## December 2017

No separate membership meeting due to the Soiree

**2 – MVT Holiday Soiree** – Queen of Apostles Community, Bergamo Center

**3 – MVT Christmas Dinner** – Location TBD but maybe around Austin Landing...

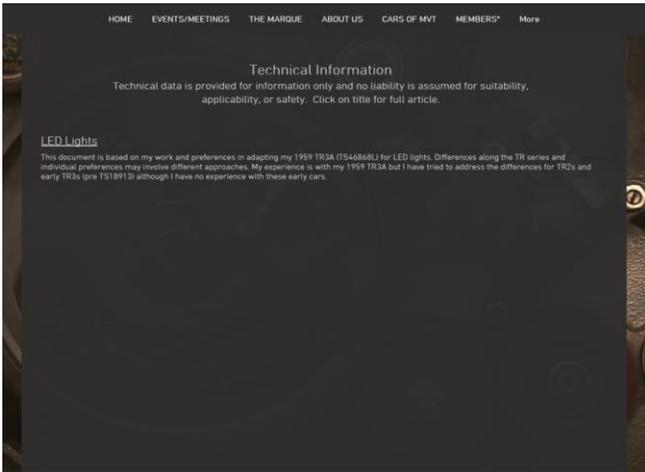
## What's Up With The Web?

*John Coutant – webmaster*

The website has been up for a couple of months, [www.miamivalleytriumphs.org](http://www.miamivalleytriumphs.org), and the webmaster has been updating content and refining different parts as he gets feedback. The website is being visited by people outside of MVT as we have gotten several contacts though the contact form on the site.

## Web Technical Information

This month I wanted to talk about the TECHNICAL INFORMATION page. Currently this has just one technical article, mine on LED lights.



I know there is a wealth of technical information in the club and I would love to get it online so everyone in the club can benefit. While you may think everyone knows that or I've seen that information before, I find myself constantly going back to articles to refresh my memory before tackling a job. Don't worry about format; I will clean up anything contributed. If you look the Buckeye Triumph website for example, you can find a lot of technical information.

## Technical

### Update On Curtis's Spitfire

It's been a while since we saw Curtis in the Spit, so he thought he's give us an update – here are some pictures and status.



**Rumbleseat was an option that year...**

### Original problem

- Blown head gasket
- Rust, grime, dirt in engine bay
- Problems while running
  - Trouble shifting into 3<sup>rd</sup> gear
  - Overdrive failed



### Done

- Clean, rust treatment, paint (engine bay only)
- Rebuild front and back suspension
- Refresh differential
- New brakes all around (kept hardlines)
- Parking brake hardware repair





### To-Do

- Clutch
- Transmission
- Engine
- Cooling system
- Misc wiring, electrical
- Tires

## It Takes A Chicken

*By Bruce Clough*

As I wrote in the TRA Meeting article, Ernie Parent won a chicken for having a front wheel bearing failure.

Ernie was very fortunate about deciding to investigate the squealing coming from his front driver's wheel and also fortunate that Franz Bachmann was there to fix it (and that Monica Bachmann let him - □ ). If that had let loose on

the road it could have been a long ride on a tow truck, or worse, an accident.



**Ernie Parent looking good with his chicken**

Okay, Car 101. Wheels have to roll, they have to roll a lot. They have to roll with as small a friction force as possible. Friction creates heat, heat creates failures. Bearings can be looked at as small wheels that ride between the axle shaft and the wheel hub (which the wheels bolt on to). In the TR these little wheels look more like little barrels (hence the name "roller" bearing – you can guess what shape "ball" bearings are in) and they are kept separated from each other by a little cage. The surfaces they run on are not the axle and the hub, but are precisely machined short metal cylinders called "races. The inner race is usually attached to the cage the roller bearings are in, the outer race is separate and presses into the hub. When bearings are installed they are filled with high-temperature grease called bearing grease which ensures the bearing rolls smoothly without heat build-up. There are two bearings on the wheel, the inner and outer bearings, with the inner bearing being the bigger one due to geometry.

Re-greasing the bearings is a maintenance item that is done after so many thousand miles, check your manual. Bearings have useful lives and will eventually wear to the point of needing replacement even if the greasing schedules are followed. If you don't re-grease them the life is a lot shorter. The first bearing to go is usually the outer bearing since it is smaller and the stress is spread amongst less rollers. That's what it looks like happened here – the outer bearing wasn't re-

greased and it wore to the point where the rollers were coming lose in the cage, cage broke which then cracked the outer race. Bad failure and Ernie was one good drive from possibly losing a front axle - which would have been a sporty ride.



**Blown front outer bearing – note the cracked outer race and the damaged cage and rollers.**

Bearing failure doesn't happen without notice. You will note squeals and growling from the hub long before the axle snaps off. You will also smell the remaining grease cooking off due to the heat. That is what happened here – the squealing was just too noticeable to ignore anymore.



**Franz Bachmann repairing the Parent's TR.**

While I was driving home it struck me that I haven't looked at the FrankenStag's front

bearings in a lot of years, so I think I'm going to have a little peek prior to heading off for VTR... So how are your bearings?

## Classifieds

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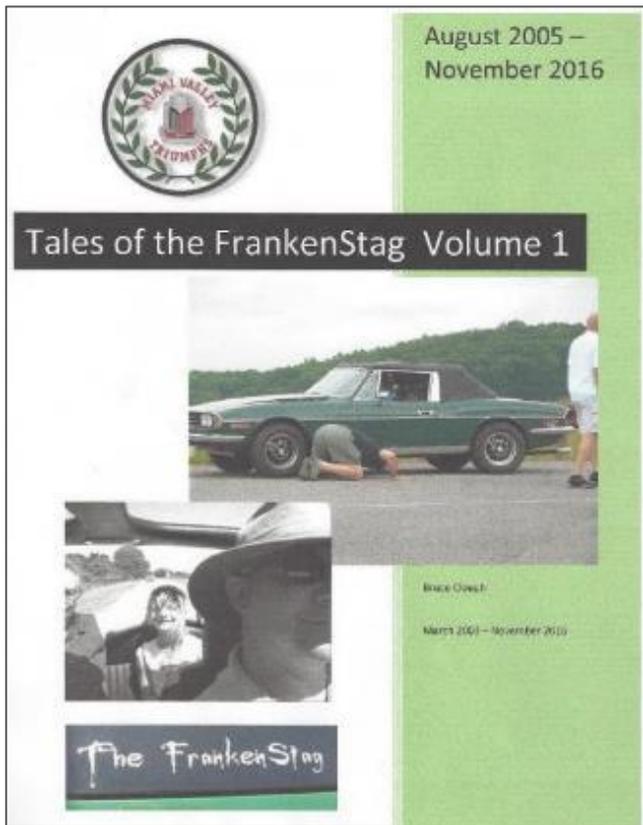
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