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# **February 2009**

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## **The President's Comments,** **February Marque, 2009**

As we go into February I have to think...Where's the year going so fast. Why.. just yesterday it was Christmas and the day after, New Year's and suddenly we are staring at St. Valentine's Day.....!!

Today is Martin Luther King Day and tomorrow we inaugurate the first African-American male as President of the United States, but he's less a (totally) black man and more of a mixed race man, someone who in my day we would have labeled "Mulatto" for half white/half black (not currently politically correct) and by (southern) convention anyone who is more than (about) 0.033% black blood in him is "black". Further to this point if a person were 75% white and 25% black that person would be labeled by everyone in general (not by just the southern rednecks) as Black, whereas I would think he's a white person. I'm a mixed breed, white and oriental. When I was a kid and Dad was alive, I was slotted in the "Chinese" category. After Dad died (that is, was not available to be looked at), and depending on the form I was filling out, I'd become rather randomly, a white person, or a Chinese person, or a mixed race person. And as one Human Resources guy at GE put it one day, "Gee, Stan, with your glasses on and the color of your skin and your black hair, I thought you were an Eskimo!" Go figure!! At any rate this has little to do with sports cars, except that if you are other than full blooded white, no one thinks you'd make a good race driver, and I don't care about that, but we have elected a person to the presidency who is not "lily white" for the first time since this whole democracy thing started. He

is educated, articulate, seems to be pragmatic, has a wife who has some definite thoughts about her surroundings and young daughters who are probably going to drive the Secret Service agents nuts. It ought to be an interesting four years and based on Bush's ability to accomplish something, Obama should be very re-electable, so maybe it's eight years before the ladies take another crack at this position. We should wish him well at the February meeting.

February meeting should be pretty standard. We will continue to ask for officer and award nominations for the club, and get some more info on the Spring, Summer and Fall events. Continue to think about who could be deserving of the awards and who you'd like to see as officers. As a reminder, the positions that are open are the Vice President, Membership and Event Chairmen, for club officers in 2009 – 2010, and the awards are - Marque of Distinction, Keeping it on the Road, Press on Regardless and Most Improved Car of the year.

Thanks for listening, Stan Seto



## The Vice President's Corner

**CHANGE:** 24 January at the frozen workbench of the hanger is an unpleasant place to be. The tools make my hand ache almost immediately. Then again, there was that episode in my life when I was really desperate for work and found my chance delivering ice bags. Home City Ice Company sent me out with their big refrigerated truck and paid me three cents for each bag I sold for the day. My longest days were the ones where my hands got wet and the icy cold set in. My hands stayed beet red all day. Permanent frost bite occurs when the skin is exposed to this kind of extreme condition. To this day, whenever the temperature goes down I have an achy reminder of my leaner years. On one occasion, I drove from Greenville to Eaton and back to Dayton whilst selling only one skid of ice. I was paid \$9 for those eight hours of work. So if I don't run out to the hanger for four below fun; forgive me. Better days are coming. I still hunger for the feeling of finishing my car projects. I am more patient though.

**CHANGE:** Today the Daytona road course begins the racing calendar for me with one of my favorite events. Since I have an utter contempt for boring basketball games; winter is a depressing time that confines my spirit. Viewing the first race will rebirth me.

**Change:** Though I go it alone most of the time, I can occasionally find a talented friend willing to help this poor sod with his lofty goals. Such is the case with my church buddy Jim Hielman. Jim is a talented machinist who has taken pity on my Mini's door hinges. He is re pinning the left pair in hopes that a proper swing of the door can be set.

**Change:** Instead of building a model of a sports car or custom, these days I find myself building a great old International Paystar 350. Gee whiz its big! I can comfortably park two model cars in the dump bed of this behemoth.

**Change:**The local car pubs are thinning with each edition. I always thought that there would be an endless supply of MGB and Spitfires in the paper. Not only are they much less in number, but also are the prices gaining higher value at an alarming rate. It seems that the few old cars that are left, have been invested so deeply that current restoration rate values are compounding them. The old starter car is disappearing fast. Cars of the 80's and 90's are so much less valued because of their lack of style, pedigree and aftermarket support. The end result is that the elevator drops to 0 rather suddenly on old Hondas and Toyotas that rightfully should be shredded to rid our country of ugly cars. The local cruise-in has become a show place of high value cars. The TR-6 has moved up from \$12,000us to about \$15,000 in average selling price. That value grows in all our cars like a good savings bond! Imagine the shock on the bankers face when I turned down an insulting 1% interest opportunity telling her honestly that I could do better buying old junk cars.

**CHANGE:** The model car supply continues to trickle into the local hobby stops. Horrors! Will my stockist stay in business? He reports that traffic during Christmas represents about 80% of his annual trade. That is a surprise alone, but buyers have less choice in shopping as model kits become fewer in scope. He says the economy further reduces the demand as people will eat before shopping for hobbies. Over all, his report shows about a 10% departure from last

year. With Dayton unemployment going at 1 in 9; that figure is in line with the overall picture. I hope we don't move too far away from the simple, easy pleasures of life. I depend on those to keep me in the game. I can not imagine a world without toys. Big kid that I am, life would be a drag without them. Pass the HotWheels please. Any Triumph this year?

Same: After a record commercial effort and a pageanted beginning, Barak Obama has become our 44th president. The next day, we all went right back to work just as we had done all year. And we faced the same old stuff. After all the talk of change; I sure hope that we Americans have it in us to create the change that our elected leader talks about. Americans have always had a finger waving beurocrat in the main seat; and have always worked hard for a better tomorrow irregardless of beurocratic promises and programs.

Pray for Peace, Justice and Prosperity  
Act in Honor and Faith. Blessings come after obedience to the Father. Anyone else want a blessing?

***The next meeting of the Miami Valley Triumphs will be 4 February at the usual place. Fudruckers restaurant at 7:30.***

## **Brumos Porsche Team Wins at Daytona RW**

In a long fast duel, the Brumos Porsche car number 58 has prevailed as winner of the 47<sup>th</sup> annual Rolex 24 Hour Race at Daytona. The driver at the wheel was David Donahue win the checkers were displayed. David's father needed no introduction and was in fact the victor exactly forty years previously. That fact, although waved off in the interview after the race, made his team a sentimental favorite. Absent from this years running were the main Corvette teams that we were used to seeing atop the GT1 class. In fact, while they no doubt ponder the road to LeMans, there was also an absence of Vipers, Aston-Martins, and Mustangs. There was one minor effort entered in a Mustang. It came home almost last. Fellow Ohioans , the Slonamakers from Canton posted their Corvette last overall.

Next race for Grand-Am will be Virginia on 24 April. Check now if you wish to join in on the fun at Mid-Ohio on 19 June. Most of the field that raced at Daytona will be there.

Also see  
[Grand-Am.com](http://Grand-Am.com)  
[RacingOne.com](http://RacingOne.com)



## From Chuck and the web.

I saw this on an internet mailing list recently and thought you might get a chuckle out of it.

Chuck

**\*DRILL PRESS:\*** A tall upright machine useful for suddenly snatching flat metal bar stock out of your hands so that it smacks you in the chest and flings your beer across the room, denting the freshly-painted project which you had carefully set in the corner where nothing could get to it.

**\*WIRE WHEEL:\*** Cleans paint off bolts and then throws them somewhere under the workbench with the speed of light. Also removes fingerprints and hard-earned calluses from fingers in about the time it takes you to say, 'Oh sh --'.

**\*ELECTRIC HAND DRILL:\*** Normally used for spinning pop rivets in their holes until you die of old age.

**\*SKILL SAW:\*** A portable cutting tool used to make studs too short.

**\*PLIERS:\*** Used to round off bolt heads. Sometimes used in the creation of blood-blisters.

**\*BELT SANDER:\*** An electric sanding tool commonly used to convert minor touch-up jobs into major refinishing jobs.

**\*HACKSAW:\*** One of a family of cutting tools built on the Ouija board principle. It transforms human energy into a crooked, unpredictable motion, and the more you attempt to influence its course, the more dismal your future becomes.

**\*VISE-GRIPS:\*** Generally used after pliers to completely round off bolt heads. If nothing else is available, they can also be used to transfer intense welding heat to the palm of your hand.

**\*OXYACETYLENE TORCH:\*** Used almost entirely for lighting various flammable objects in your shop on fire. Also handy for igniting the grease inside the wheel hub out of which you want to remove a bearing race.

**\*TABLE SAW:\*** A large stationary power tool commonly used to launch wood projectiles for testing wall integrity.

**\*HYDRAULIC FLOOR JACK:\*** Used for lowering an automobile to the ground after you have installed your new brake shoes, trapping the jack handle firmly under the bumper.

**\*BAND SAW:\*** A large stationary power saw primarily used by most shops to cut good aluminum sheet into smaller pieces that more easily fit into the trash can after you cut on the inside of the line instead of the outside edge.

**\*TWO-TON ENGINE HOIST:\*** A tool for testing the maximum tensile strength of everything you forgot to disconnect.

**\*PHILLIPS SCREWDRIVER:\*** Normally used to stab the vacuum seals under lids or for opening old-style paper-and-tin oil cans and splashing oil on your shirt; but can also be used, as the name implies, to strip out Phillips screw heads.

**\*STRAIGHT SCREWDRIVER:\*** A tool for opening paint cans. Sometimes used to convert common slotted screws into non-removable screws and butchering your palms.

**\*PRY BAR:\*** A tool used to crumple the metal surrounding that clip or bracket you needed to remove in order to replace a 50 cent part.

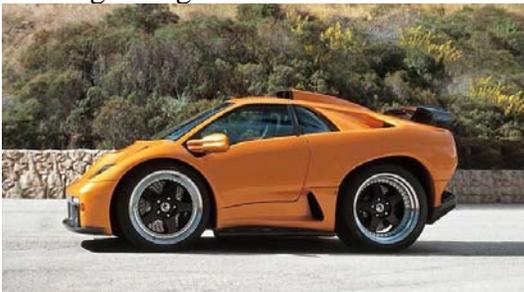
**\*HOSE CUTTER:\*** A tool used to make hoses too short.

**\*HAMMER:\*** Originally employed as a weapon of war, the hammer nowadays is used as a kind of divining rod to locate the most expensive parts adjacent the object we are trying to hit.

**\*UTILITY KNIFE:\*** Used to open and slice through the contents of cardboard cartons delivered to your front door; works particularly well on contents such as seats, vinyl records, liquids in plastic bottles, collector magazines, refund checks, and rubber or plastic parts. Especially useful for slicing work clothes, but only while in use.

**\*DARN-IT TOOL:\*** Any handy tool that you grab and throw across the garage while yelling 'DARN-IT' at the top of your lungs. It is also, most often, the next tool that you will need.

Also posted were these pictures of conversions ( I look out my window here at the Marque office at snow falling rapidly) for those who own “Notso-“ Smart cars and prefer a bit of an upgrade. (traction and heat come to mind), but no! These lads are about image. So as to not lead you all off into the weird world too far, the web address will not be printed. Let these pictures be warning enough.



Wanna be one.  
And then wannabe two.



So there they are. Then again, there was this post from my contact Ingrid Wragg. She post to the Modelers for Christ web blog. I stared at it a bit before my eyes ferocused! Careful now.



This seems to have come from a site entitled StrangeVehicles.com and I quite agree. I enjoy getting looks at and on the way to the cruise-ins but I draw the line at paralyzation.

Last on the sheet this month, we will take one more look at the old “not running” car inherited by the lucky relative of a great old uncle car-guy. Its about four million worth of special and in no need of introduction to autofiles. Would anyone else wish we could get so lucky?





this, you will still receive the free cooked breakfast and the free happy hour drinks at the Embassy Suites!

Reservations must be made at the Best Western by

### **British Car Archeology:**

Try this web page for fun. Guess where this takes place. What make of car is this? Hint: read the address bar.

calling 805-544-4410. Please identify yourself as a SCTOA–Triumphest participant.

Don't delay. Call and make your reservation NOW!

### **VTR- posted by Jim.**

Hello everyone.

BTW, our registration forms are still under development. Many details must be sorted out, so stay tuned. A notice will be sent out when it is ready.

Embassy Suites, (our host hotel) is sold out for Friday and Saturday nights.

But don't despair! We have another hotel which is holding 35 rooms until 30 days prior to the event. They won't last for long, so please make your arrangements right away.

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Here's the deal... The rate is \$139 per night at the Best Western Hotel (1.5 miles – a 5 minute drive from the Embassy Suites) For

# **MIAMI VALLEY TRIUMPHS SUPERBOWL & WINE TASTING PARTY SUNDAY, 1 FEBRUARY 2009, ANYTIME AFTER 5:30 PM**



The Clough's Invite You To The 2008 MVT Superbowl Party, at which we eat, drink, cavort, chat - about everything but watch the game (although we try to catch the commercials)!

This year we've continuing the Concourse d'Beltech with fantabulous prizes given in the Appetizer and Dessert classes. Bring on your best - we're waiting! Competition is truly fierce, with winners chosen by popular vote, so bring on the bribes and forget those chads. We also have quite a few bottles of wine to savor - so act like you know a Chardonnay from a Cabernet Franc and stick that nose in the air!

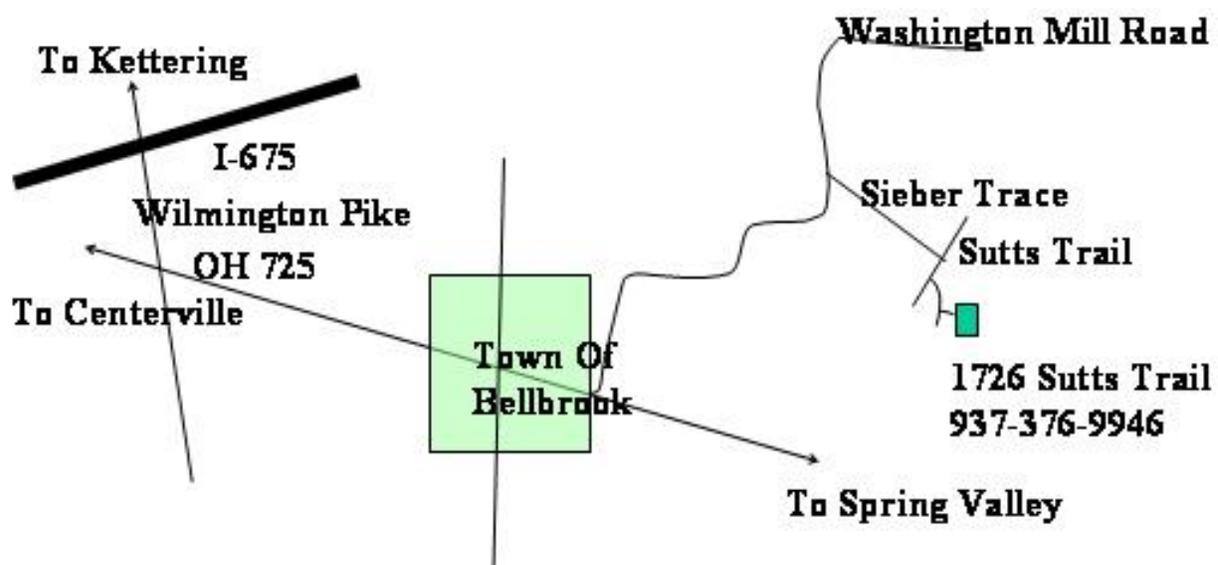
Bring your best appetizer, dessert, or even both! Win fabulous prizes! Bring alcoholic beverage if you wish, plates, dishes, wine and non-alcoholic drinks will be provided. Drink too much? Never fear, always room at the ranch to sleep it off!



More Info? Call 937-376-9946, or email: [bclough@weh.rr.com](mailto:bclough@weh.rr.com). Looking forward to seeing you! Map On Overleaf!

# Map To Rancho Clough

Directions From Kettering: Take Wilmington Pike to OH 725 (Alex Bell Rd) Turn left and follow through the lovely town of Bellbrook. As you leave the town's east side there will be a road on the right, Washington Mill (hard to miss - there is a driving range on the corner and it's across from a closed ice cream shop/stand - it's also the second left after the light in "downtown" Bellbrook. Turn left on Washington Mill and follow it until it comes up out of the valley and makes a sharp left turn. Right after this turn is a road to the right called Sieber Trace. Turn on Sieber Trace and follow it until it dead-ends. That's Sutts Trail. Turn right on Sutts and turn down the asphalt driveway on your left which is flanked by two stone mailboxes (only one, "1726" is beside the first one). Go through the woods and cross the creek and we're the first house you come to, a contemporary ranch sitting up a bit with the four car garage. Park as close to the garage as you can - if you see the Montero or Blazer sitting on the lawn don't park next to it! Lost? Call 937-376-9946 or 937-238-4962 – see you there!



**Map Not To Scale**



## **A Note from Lady Lois, Awards Banquet Co- ordinator**

### MVT FAMILY

For those who missed our very entertaining holiday soiree[how is the fish behaving Duncan?], here is your opportunity to gather with fellow MVTERS at our annual awards dinner. The dinner is scheduled for March 7, 2009, at Beaver Creek Golf Club[same location as last year] at 2800 New Germany Trebien Road. We will gather at 6:00 PM, dinner will be served at 6:30PM. We are having a 3 entree buffet so come hungry. Ice tea and coffee are on the menu. For those who wish a more serious drink, there will be a cash bar.

Members are to pay \$10.00 per person, MVT will cover the additional costs.

Call reservations to Lois Bigler by March 1, 2009. Make checks payable to Miami Valley Triumphs

Come enjoy the evening and see who will carry home the MVT awards!!!!!!!!!!

Reservations and/or questions call  
Lois Bigler 937 253 1580[home]  
937 603 4194[cell]

