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First Edition



Figure 1 Where is that darn Triumph? I thought I parked it right here!

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

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*The President's Comments, January
Marque, 2009*

We've come to the end of another year (who needs reminding?) As I write this, Christmas is four days behind us, and all the children have come and are gone. Cluttering up the living room are all the wrapping paper for the presents they'd brought with them. They got out and shopped in the two days after and who know where that money comes from??. I'm broke, but was still willing to go with them just to watch the crowds and fight the traffic. Luckily their idea is to go to Malls less visited, which normally means away from the I-275/I-75/I-71 loops. From what I've seen so far it is hard to believe the news stories that this is a bad retail year. The malls were packed on the days after Christmas that we visited them. It looked like everyone was buying.

The next club meeting is on Wednesday, 06 January, 2009, and you'll not see this until Christmas is past, never the less I'd like to wish each and every club member and their families a Very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Bruce's comments after the fact suggest that the Christmas Party (there, I've said it), went pretty well, and we can hope that all the driving and party events we do in 2009 also go well. One driving event still in the offering is a driving rally through the ritzier parts of northern Hamilton County, drive the course, answer the questions and get a chance to see the up-scale side of Southwestern Ohio. It's about a two hour tour and we'll accept any car you want to drive. Only two cars tried it in November, so we plan to re-do it in early spring. There

will be another road rally of a similar type in Butler county later in 2009.

Car wise (isn't that what we're about?) I took the TR3 out today for about 15 minutes, just to shake the dust off the paint and re-lubricate the engine parts. It ran like it was still summer. Have decided that as long as I'm going to replace the heater coil I might just as well replace the radiator which has previously been damaged by a bolt coming loose from the fan support. Don't yet know where the money is going to come from, but maybe I just won't pay my county property tax bill this January, maybe buy a new flat screen TV set while I'm at it. Gettin' ready for the Spring Tour!

The Vice President, Randy Wakefield, hasn't told me if he has nominations for the club positions or for the awards, yet, but we hopefully will have some candidates. Continue to think about who could be deserving of the awards and who you'd like to see as officers, we redo nominations at the January meeting. The positions that are open are the Vice President, Membership and Events for club officers in 2009 – 2011, 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

Election process has begun. I have enjoyed the honor of being the Vice president for two consecutive terms now. I think that it is time to teach someone else how to say "just happy to be here." If you are not familiar with the running joke, it was the report given each month by one of our most charming members, Mrs. Diane Ciboch. Which is to say that I miss Frank and Diane very much. Frank helped build a desire to tackle paper models. I used the skills I learned in paper modeling to deliver a *state of the state* unit on solids in geometry recently. I know every teacher looks for something to occupy little minds and hands with at Christmas time. As the break draws near, the activity increases in anticipation. So Frank, thanks buddy. You helped me make it to break time with less stress. Friendships increase us without announcement. Later, it comes to mind pleasantly.

On less pleasant burbles, the temperature has fallen in the hanger and the excess seems to have transferred to my body as I battled a cold over the Holidays. It was great to see my daughter flying home, even if she caught germs in the aircraft on the way. When the whole family got together for the big dinner, they spurned our warnings only to fall into predictable outcomes.

So another week of work on the cars has to wait. That's OK with me. I need some head time to plan out how to get the last of the Mini wires back where they go. I keep falling into the same trap. I label wires with masking tape. But have you ever tried to read my handwriting? It does much to confuse when after tugging the wires about with greasy hands, and oops, that one fell

off! I think you see my point. No Bruce, it is not covered by my hair. Still, you would think that I would buy the professional number stickers from the local electricians stockist. But, no.

The TR6 continues to loosen as I crank the engine. When I am satisfied with the result, I plan to try some fuel and test for voltage at the coil. After ten years of sitting, I can not imagine what a delight that it would be to drive the car again.

And then there is the Spitfire. Rj is trying to con me out of the car. With other projects in the wings, I may yield to temptation. I truly love the unpretentious little car. It is such a good looking car. It will be hard to do. My wife insists that the cars all get a garage space. I think she knows that the number will increase if she doesn't pull back a bit. The bit? Whatever.

Kattie will graduate this year as a medical assistant. The way she attacks the school work tells me she will be a good one. She has a high grade point. It is a good thing as there are hundreds of un-employed people all thinking the same thing. We are content even if we have less money for outings and such. And we still feel blessed after all. 2009 may be a very good year indeed for the Wakefields.

See you soon.



December meeting minutes.

Meeting called @ 8 P.M. by the Vice Pres.

Officer reports: none.

Nominations for:

Membership Lois Bigler

Vice President Don Bigler, Chuck White

Events Randy Wakefield

Awards nominations:

Most Improved Ted Allison

Keep it on the road Stan Seto, Paul

Corcoran, ChuckWhite

Marque of Distinction Randy Wakefield,

Lois Bigler, Roger and Carol Rutledge

Press on regardless Roger Rutledge

Awards banquet will be 2nd Saturday in March at the Beaver creek Country Club

Meeting adjourned.

89.75 in brown bag auction money, if you neglected to pay Phil.

The next meeting of the Miami

Valley Triumphs will be 7

January at the usual place.

Fudruckers restaurant at 7:30.

From an MVT member with a sense of humor. (my kind)

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In light of your failure in recent years to nominate competent candidates for President of the USA and thus to govern yourselves, we hereby give notice of the revocation of your independence, effective immediately. (You should look up 'revocation' in the Oxford English Dictionary.) Her Sovereign Majesty Queen Elizabeth II will resume monarchical duties over all states, commonwealths, and territories (except Kansas, which she does not fancy). Your new Prime Minister, Gordon

Brown, will appoint a Governor for America without the need for further elections. Congress and the Senate will be disbanded. A questionnaire may be circulated next year to determine whether any of you noticed. To aid in the transition to a British Crown dependency, the following rules are introduced with immediate effect:

The letter 'U' will be reinstated in words such as 'colour,' 'favour,' 'labour' and 'neighbour.' Likewise, you will learn to spell 'doughnut' without skipping half the letters, and the suffix '-ize' will be replaced by the suffix '-ise.' Generally, you will be expected to raise your vocabulary to acceptable levels. (look up 'vocabulary').

Using the same twenty-seven words interspersed with filler noises such as 'uh' and 'you know' is an unacceptable and inefficient form of communication. There is no such thing as U.S. English. We will let Microsoft know on your behalf. The Microsoft spell-checker will be adjusted to take into account the reinstated letter 'u' and the elimination of '-ize.'

3. July 4th will no longer be celebrated as a holiday.
4. You will learn to resolve personal issues without using guns, lawyers, or therapists. The fact that you need so many lawyers and therapists shows that you're not quite ready to be independent. Guns should only be used for shooting grouse. If you can't sort things out without suing someone or speaking to a therapist, then you're not ready to shoot grouse.

5. Therefore, you will no longer be allowed to own or carry anything more dangerous than a vegetable peeler.

Although a permit will be required if you wish to carry a vegetable peeler in public.

6. All intersections will be replaced with roundabouts, and you will start driving on the left side with immediate effect.

At the same time, you will go metric with immediate effect and without the benefit of conversion tables. Both roundabouts and metrication will help you understand the British sense of humour.

7. The former USA will adopt UK prices on petrol (which you have been calling gasoline) of roughly \$10/US gallon. Get used to it.

8. You will learn to make real chips.

Those things you call French fries are not real chips, and those things you insist on calling potato chips are properly called crisps. Real chips are thick cut, fried in animal fat, and dressed not with catsup but with vinegar. -----

9. The cold, tasteless stuff you insist on calling beer is not actually beer at all.

Henceforth, only proper British Bitter will be referred to as beer, and European brews of known and accepted provenance will be referred to as Lager.

South African beer is also acceptable, as they are pound for pound the greatest sporting nation on earth and it can only be due to the beer. They are also part of the British Commonwealth - see what it did for them. American brands will be referred to as Near-Frozen Gnat's Urine, so that all can be sold without risk of further confusion.

10. Hollywood will be required occasionally to cast English actors as

good guys. Hollywood will also be required to cast English actors to play English characters. Watching Andie Macdowell attempt English dialogue in Four Weddings and a Funeral was an experience akin to having one's ears removed with a cheese grater.

11. You will cease playing American football. There is only one kind of proper football; you call it soccer. Those of you brave enough will, in time, be allowed to play rugby (which has some similarities to American football, but does not involve stopping for a rest every twenty seconds or wearing full kevlar body armour like a bunch of nancies).

12. Further, you will stop playing baseball. It is not reasonable to host an event called the World Series for a game which is not played outside of America. Since only 2.1% of you are aware there is a world beyond your borders, your error is understandable. You will learn cricket, and we will let you face the South Africans first to take the sting out of their deliveries.

13. You must tell us who killed JFK. It's been driving us mad.

14. An internal revenue agent (i.e. tax collector) from Her Majesty's Government will be with you shortly to ensure the acquisition of all monies due (backdated to 1776).

15. Daily Tea Time begins promptly at 4 p.m. with proper cups, with saucers, and never mugs, with high quality biscuits (cookies) and cakes; plus strawberries (with cream) when in season.

God Save the Queen! She is too great a lady to say any of this.

NASA astronaut appearance

USAF Col. Gregory H. Johnson to visit on Jan. 22

Hear a first-hand account of life at the International Space Station from NASA astronaut Gregory H. Johnson at 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, Jan. 22. Johnson was pilot of STS-123 *Endeavour* on March 11-26, 2008, which completed both launch and landing at night. It was the 25th Shuttle/Station assembly mission and was accomplished in 250 orbits of the Earth, traveling over 6 million miles in 15 days, 18 hours, 10 minutes and 54 seconds.

Family event set for Jan. 17

Learn about boomerangs this month

The museum's popular monthly Family Day is scheduled for 10 a.m.-3 p.m. on Saturday, Jan. 17. This month, celebrate learning about one of the first airfoil: boomerangs! Also, speaker [Broadbent](#) will talk about the competition of boomerangs, and visitors can participate in aviation-related demonstration stations, storytime and an Aerospace Adventure. Activities are located throughout the museum's galleries.



Here's the latest news on the Triumph Trans-AmeriCa Charity Drive from John Macartney.

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From: On Behalf Of John Macartney
Sent: Thursday, December 11, 2008 11:47 AM
Subject: [TR] More news on the Triumph Trans-AmeriCa Charity Drive 2009

As some of you already know, the Stag that I'm driving next year is now known as 'uncle jack' in memory of Jack Drews, who died earlier this year while racing his TR4. Reconstruction work on the car itself continues apace under 'Stagmeister' Joe Pawlak and his team at ISOA and Tim Buja has posted the latest pix of work undertaken this last weekend. You can see those pix and the dedication of the Stag in Jack's memory on the event website which is www.triumphtransamerica.org.uk Cheers, all John Macartney

From an MVT member. Consider the new wave in speed control.



From Vin Wragg, my yahoo-groups buddy. He and I are modelers. We found yet another model builder running amuck! Check out his full scale replica. It needs no introduction.



Less than 30 weeks to BCD 2009!!
Happy New Year.



9-11 January ISCA Sanctioned car show. See www.autorama.com For details.

No word yet from Pete & Nancy as to the Detroit show. Last year Kattie and your VP went along for a great ride and a good show. It will be interesting to see what the economy affects will be. Vendors need to dazzle but budgets no doubt have frazzles.

