



"The Marque"

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January 2017

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

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President's Post:

The President's Comments – January 2017

It's now the start of the year and where did 2016 disappear to? This is also the time of bad weather (cold, sleet, snow, clouds). In spite of all that, hopefully everyone will be meeting at Archer's Restaurant on the 4th of January.

December was a full month, Miami Valley Triumphs celebrated the Holiday Soiree on the 3rd, with Lois Bigler again showing us how to really organize an event, with the Brownbag auction as the highlight of the evening (although others would have voted for the meal, and some, the Happy Hour that was the "lead-in" to the festivities). Thank You, Lois.

There may have been at least one tech session the following weekend as Bruce has been using those to fill-up the months and keep members munching the doughnuts and drinking the coffee. Finally there was the Christmas Dinner, held Sunday night, 18 Dec., after the most recent Bengal's loss to the Steelers and some twenty members of the club convened at the Paragon Restaurant on Paragon Road in Centerville. You know you are up-scale when there is a sign by the front door asking visitors to be in "Appropriate Attire"! This restaurant is no sham, the food was uniformly excellent and although I thought the attention was slow in the beginning, once the drink orders were taken, our waiter was with us all the way through to dessert. The cost to eat there was medium high, but I think we will be going back there next year, and spending more time at McDonald's and Skyline in the meantime to save up for that trip.

Work on the "3" has been suspended by Christmas (gift buying, cards to address, stuff to mail, cleaning up the house for guests and the like) and the ten odd days we've recently had of very low temperatures. As Christmas approaches there are going to be five or six days off for me and the weather is moderating, so hopefully I will get some garage time with the 3'.

Mike McKittrick is passing the reins of the Marque over to Bruce Clough, and we owe Mike a large vote of "Thanks" for the job he has done as editor of the club publication for the past (I don't know) dozen years or so! Also he works the Website and we should thank him for that effort also. Unlike the jobs of Secretary, Treasurer, etc., which are voted on every two and four years, these two activities are strictly voluntary, until the person gets "shop worn", so "kudo"s to Bruce for accepting this job for the club.

I recently heard a man explain what he did as the head of a group inside a bigger group. One part of his explanation stuck with me... He felt that in his position one of the main things he should be doing was providing the "Vision" for his people. What is the Vision of Miami Valley Triumph's? If you have thoughts on this how about contacting me with your ideas and ideals?? I think our club needs a vision.

Best regards for the New Year, Stan Seto

Treasurer's Report:~ Harry Mague

Treasurer's Report: As of 1December 2016, the club account had a balance of \$4673.84. For the month of December the only club income was from our Brown Bag Auction for 196.00. The club had the following expense: new name tags and mailing of the marque \$63.45 and the Christmas Party food and donation for \$119.88. Total expense for December is \$183.33. Account balance as of 1 January 2017 is \$4686.51.

Secretary's Report:

Miami Valley Triumph Meeting
December 3, 2016
The meeting was called to order by Treasurer Harry Mague at 8:15 PM. There were 34 members in attendance
Agenda
Officer's Reports:

President –absent

Vice President – absent

Treasurer – Harry Mague said the report was in the Marque.

Secretary – Patti said the minutes were in the Marque and asked for corrections or additions. No corrections or additions were noted. Patti Clifford asked for motion to accept the minutes, motion made by Lorna Ball, seconded by Greg Relue. Motion carried,

Membership Chair –Val Relue reported that

we are holding steady at 43 members.

Events Chair - waived

Committee Reports -waived

John Clifford made a motion to adjourn, second by Chuck White. Motion carried.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:19 PM.

Submitted by Patti Clifford, Secretary

Duncan photo-bombing the nice shot of MVT Holiday Soiree dining...chip off the old block...

3 – Holiday Soiree – Thanks to Lois and Don again for putting this together and all the folks who brought in the great dishes. Thanks to Harry for making a couple of great stain-glass hangings for the auction, and thanks to all who bought stuff at the auction (Stan, we have your stuff). I believe this year was a new record for the treasury???



18 - MVT Christmas Dinner – Went off without a hitch, well except for Marty's meat which seemed to be still on hoof and mooing. Nothing that a shotgun and a bit more time under heat could not fix. We even had a visit by Santa, and we think this was the real Santa – ask the White's about this one!

MVT Events Calendar January 2017

Events Chair Ramblings

January – time to plan the MVT 2017 calendar. If you want to be part of the sausage making show up at 5:30PM at Archers on Dorothy Lane on Jan 4th. We hoist a few adult beverages, talk about the holiday's and put a schedule together. We welcome folks who want to host something new and look forward to seeing you. The normal membership meeting will start at 7:30PM.

December 2016 Recap



January 2017



4 – Events Planning and MVT Monthly Meeting - If you want to be in on Events

Planning for 2017 show up at 5:30, if you are coming for the dinner and meeting – dinner is at 6:30, meeting at 7:30. This calendar should look a bit more beefy after that 5:30 meeting. We encourage all who want to help plan or participate in putting events together for the year to participate.

April 2017

22 – Cincinnati Sports Car Spring Tour –

Just in from John Coutant: *“Had a lunch last week and Kurt announced that they are planning a Spring Tour next April 22nd. Remember he put on the big “goat mud” tour 2 years ago but scaled it back to a very small one this year. He said if he puts the work into a bigger event, he wanted to do something that gave back to charity. Still in planning but looks to be challenge to clubs to participate and donate to the charity of their choice. He was taking about up to 7 different routes for different classes of cars (e.g. no 62 Caddys on tiny back roads). I should have more information by our planning meeting in January.”* I think MVT is up for a challenge!

June 2017



21-25 - Triumph Register Of America National Meeting - A quick note to let everyone know that we have selected a site and contracted with the hotel for next year's National meet. The hotel is the Hilton Garden Inn of Columbus/Edinburgh Indiana. Both Columbus and Brown County/Nashville to the west have numerous attraction that will meet the needs of our event. It is located east of the French Lick area that was discussed in this year's officer's meeting. They have hosted several car clubs including the Pontiac GTO, Austin Healey, and Cobra groups in the past.

Current info is on the TRA Website - <http://triumphregister.com/tra-national-meet/> .

August 2017

5- Umpteenth-Annual Dayton British Car Day – let's get ready!

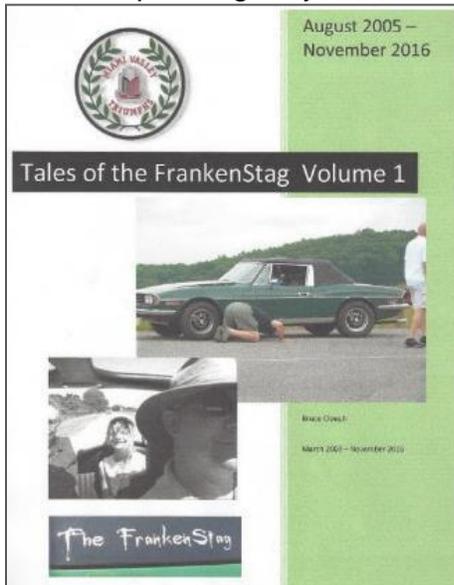


16-19 – Vintage Triumph Register National Convention, Princeton NJ - <http://vtr2017.org/>
The Events Chair is planning on going this year

– 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.

Now available – The Complete Incomplete Tales Of The FrankenStag!!!!

Yep, just when you thought it was safe to come out again, we have released a compendium of the first ten or so years of modified old car blues, or bliss depending on your view.



Only available in electronic .pdf format, there are no plan on moving to hard copy, so order yours today – the price is right – free!



January 2017 - Bruce Clough

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Well, I thought it was a good idea at the time.

TRA 2016. TRF TR3 carpet set up for auction. The Grey Ghost has a carpet set made of \$40-worth of carpet I found in a Lowes display. Retail on these TRF carpet sets is about \$500, but they are usually on sale for \$350. Alice said “Happy Father’s Day” and won it for \$225. After we got back I placed the order with TRF and got it in a couple weeks. At that time I went to put it in, but found out that I’d have to cut off studs that hold the car seats to the seat rail sliders, so I said “Let’s wait until Fall...”.

It’s Fall.

So I tried to install the carpet. Tried. This is the story of the epic failure.

Seats, come out!

Oh wait, it’s not that easy – back to the studs. TR3 seats are connected to the top of the seat rails by eight studs and nuts. The studs are welded to the top seat rail piece so it won’t turn, or that’s the story.

I had at least three studs on each seat spin. That’s right – these are four year old, \$100 a seat, rail systems and they are broke. I had to get the Dremel tool out with a cutting wheel to cut off the offending studs and ruined both sets of rails.

Ordered another set. Rolling the dice – I ordered the last set from Moss, this set will come from TRF.

When I got them as far as I can tell they are from the same manufacturer. Nice.

Anyway, I got the seats out. I then took the old carpet, okay, it’s not that old, I took out the home-made carpet. And started to fit the new carper back in.

Carpet back in

Only is didn’t fit right.

1. The carpet over the trannie tunnel was way too much and wrinkled during application. I think if I put at least 1” of padding, maybe a lot more, under the piece the wrinkles might have come out.

2. The piece that goes over the flat back section did not have the cut-out for the rear end pumpkin bulge and separate carpet piece (as per original) – it was just flat across the back and that won't work well covering a curved hump – more wrinkles.
3. The rubber scuff protector on the driver's footwell side piece was not in the right place for where the stock high beam switch is. Not close.



Now if I could only figure out how to get the GPS speedo under there...

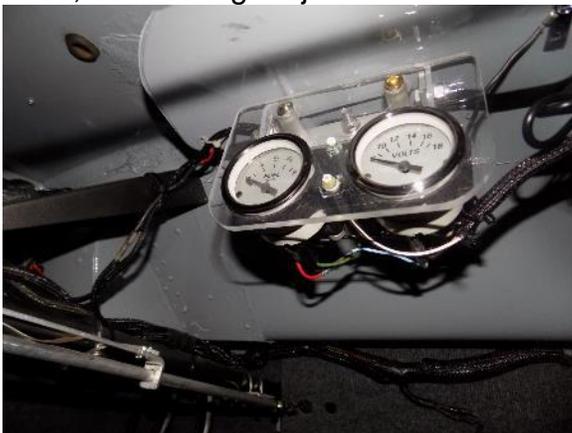
Okay, now we are ready for Spring – only a few months away....

Epic failure.

At this point I gave up and put the old carpeting back in. not perfect, but it fits. I added a few more snaps and fixed a few errors that I missed when I made it originally so it's better than it was. The TRF carpet went back in the box. Anyone want some carpeting????

Gauging the gas

After I modified the dash after BCD this year I got rid of the gas gauge. Quite frankly, I was being lazy. I have a rod gauge to put in the tank to note the level, just like an old Model T, but after a few rides I missed my fuel gauge, so I decided to put it back. I also decided to add a voltmeter to match the other gauges. Mounted them both in the center. Had to add a few wires, but nothing major.



Gauges in place

Visibility is good day and night and keeps the Plexiglas dash without holes.