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27th Annual Arthritis Foundation Classic Auto Show & Cruise-In

Saturday, July 11 is the 27th Arthritis Show at Dublin Metro Center Office Park.

Friday is the Cruise in.

I know last year there was talk that this year we would have to find a new venue, but apparently they were able to convince the new owners of the site that this was a good thing.

The MG people are planning on having more cars than the rest of the little Brits combined. We can't have that, can we?

Visit www.arthritisautoshow.com

I hope to see you on Friday and Saturday.



Editor's Corner

Well, another marathon newsletter editing session has come to a close – and, as usual, I'm too tired to write anything for my corner. But we'll give it a go anyway.

I wanted to get this out before the upcoming weekend because of the Immke show on Friday and Saturday. I am glad that they figured out a way to have the show at the Metro Center again – I don't know whose arm was twisted, but this is a very nice venue.

June was a very quick passing, the weather for the Vintage races was great, I only made it up for Saturday, but the weather was just perfect. The parade lap, however, was the worst ever.

Ryan has his 911 on the road and has participated in 2 Porsche autocross events in June – this car is much more

of a "track" car but he has done quite well and is having fun.

A friend of my Uncle's in Findlay has an old 70's Mercury that he told me about in May – my antenna went up but is wasn't as nice as I had hoped for – I really don't need a car with a 460 cubic inch engine (or do I?). It had set much longer than he had originally indicated, and I know from experience how much effort is involved in putting a car back on the road after all the seals have dried up. I did help him get it started (no oil pressure indicator, no Amp gauge, no tach – eeewwww)

My thanks to Bruce Clough for the TRA 2009 recap in this issue, and my thanks all others that contributed.

Plenty to do in July - and many things coming up in August as well.

One of my favorite "goofy" things to do is to go to Celina on the 24th to attend the annual "Splash In" at the amphicar nationals. We'll put out emails to remind you of this as time draws near.

Also – don't miss the Dayton show on August the 1st – a very nice venue and lots of shade in the Dayton metro park.

As I did last year, I'm planning on making a freezer of ice cream and a pan of brownies to Immke on Saturday – be sure to come by the Triumph gathering around 2:30.

I look forward to seeing you on the road this month and at the Immke event(s) this weekend!



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President's Corner

Easy come easy go. June 2009 saw the Johnson family bid a fond farewell to our mimosa TR6.

We sold her to an excited new owner in Daytona Beach, Florida. So I guess my car got to retire to the sunshine state twenty years before I'll get the chance, that figures. It wasn't an easy decision but the more I thought about our options it was the correct one.

We drove back from 6-Pack Trials last September and the only time it came down from the lift since was to take it to British Car Day. I'm just not in the position right now to keep two classics.

Well on to better things! It's been kind of a slow month as far as the club is concerned but man; the weather has been great for driving. Since our last club meeting at "Mansfield Manor" we have had a cruise at The Pub at Polaris and our day at Mid-Ohio.

The Sunday cruise at The Pub was great, since all our food was free! It was a beautiful day to enjoy a casual get together on their patio and partake in the free grub! The weather for Mid-Ohio could not have been nicer either and we had a strong turnout of B/T cars in the infield. Our "parade lap" was in danger of being passed by an actual parade though since we went about 10 miles an hour.

I hope you have noticed some of the great new videos we have posted on our clubs YouTube page, <http://www.youtube.com/user/BuckeyeTriumphs> .

If you would like to see your car on the site get in touch with me and we can produce a video featuring your Triumph. It would be nice to get a video featuring a TR3, TR250, Stag, Spitfire or another model not already on the website. But whatever model you have we can make a video of it.

July is hot and heavy for events with two of our family's favorites, Immke and the Amphi-Car swim in. I hope everyone will be at the Immke arthritis show this coming weekend.

Keep your submissions to Bruce coming he can always use a good article.

Gotta Motor.....John

BT Meeting Minutes

June 1, 2009 Business Meeting Minutes

Present: Bill Blade, Ann Gillman, Greg Gillman, Carol Halkias, Sam Halkias, Buck Henry, Mary Henry, Sean Henry, Charma Huddy, John Huddy, Howard Jefferson, John Johnson, Kim Johnson, Joe Lynch, Doug Mansfield, Eri Mansfield, Jacqueline Mercier, Murry Mercier, Bruce Miles, Mike Sparks, John VanNorman, Michelle VanNorman, Gayle Vanorder, Jim Vanorder, Jim Washburn, Margo Washburn, and Lisa West.

Visitors present: Ann Hunter, Mark Brinkman, and Pete Moss

1. Call to Order.

- President John Johnson called the June 1, 2009 meeting of Buckeye Triumphs to order at 8:07p.m. at Doug & Eri Mansfield's lovely home in Westerville. John thanked Doug and Eri for hosting the meeting.

2. Old Business:

- **The British Car Day.** British Car Day was a success. There were 221 registrations. The weather was wonderful with great turnout. Thank you to everyone who volunteered, with a special thanks to John Huddy for m.c.'ing the event.
- **Eric Jones Memorial River Run.** The 2009 Eric Jones Memorial River Run was held on May 23, 2009. There was a small Buckeye Triumph group and a great number of cars of different makes and models. John Johnson has posted a video he recorded on You Tube and the Buckeye Triumph website.

3. New Business:

- **6-Pack Trials Festival.** 6-Pack will be held at Long Beach Island, NJ from September 24th through 26th. Registration forms are available online at the 6-Pack website. Bruce Miles is once again hosting the "TR Family Feud" and asks that you complete a survey.

- **Vintage Grand Prix of Mid-Ohio.** The Vintage Grand Prix will be held on June 27th. A group will be meeting at the Westerville McDonalds that morning. John and Charma Huddy have offered their place at Candlewood for camping.

- **Immke Arthritis Foundation Classic Auto Show & Cruise-In.** The 2009 show will be held on July 11th. Registration forms are available.

- **Miscellaneous shows and events.** The Louisville British Bash will be held on June 6th in Louisville, KY. Peace United Methodist Church will be holding a car show on June 7th in Pickerington, OH. The Ft. Meigs British Car Day will be held on June 7th in Toledo, OH. The Cincinnati British Car Day will be held on July 12th in Fairfield, OH.

- **Miscellaneous announcements.** Howard Johnson noted that his neighbor has a TR7 for sale. Additionally, a friend of a friend of Howard's has a TR250 and needs help with the restoration. Finally, the Howard's will be hosting a pool party around the middle of August.

- **July meeting.** There will be no July meeting.

4. Adjournment.

The meeting adjourned at 8:30 p. m.

Respectfully submitted, John VanNorman, Secretary.

Rust in Peace

From: John Johnson [mailto:john70350@msn.com]

Sent: Tuesday, June 30, 2009 11:03 PM

The Volvo p1800 is an estate model I spied on the way to Mid-Ohio. The car hauler was by Kim's work off Rome-Hilliard Road and had an eclectic mix of cool vehicles.





John

Celina Splash-In

One of the largest exhibits of Amphicars in the world is held during the Celina Lake Festival at Grand Lake St. Marys in Celina Ohio.



Amphicars were cars made to travel by land or in the water. Exhibitors come from all over the world to show off their unique vehicles.

Cars hit the water at 7:00PM.

Watch for emails as to when and where we are leaving from.

Dayton Car Show 2009 August 1st



25th Annual Exhibition of British Automobiles
Saturday, August 1, 2009 9am - 4pm
Eastwood Metro Park, 1385 Harshman Rd., Dayton, OH.
Celebrate with us 25 years of British Car Day in Dayton, 100 years of Morgan, 50 years of Mini plus the NASS 2009 Spit-Together!

Popular vote car show, vendors & swap meet, full service concession stand, dash plaques to first 325 entrants, spectators admitted free!

Registration: \$15 in advance includes free BCD t-shirt if received before July 17, 2009; \$15 day of show, Vendors; \$20 or door prize of equal value. Registration open 9 am until Noon. Show runs rain or shine!

Buckeye Triumphs Members:

Plan on meeting at the McDonald's North off of Rome Hilliard Road and I-70 on the West side of Columbus
Plan on leaving around 8:30 – Arrive Early for breakfast.

MG Rover Fraud? Four Years Later?



U.K. Fraud Office to Probe MG Rover Collapse

LONDON -- Britain's Serious Fraud Office will investigate the collapse of MG Rover following an independent inquiry into the car maker's demise four years ago, the government said Monday.

Business Secretary Peter Mandelson said in a written statement that he had ordered the agency to "consider whether there should be a criminal investigation" in light of the report.

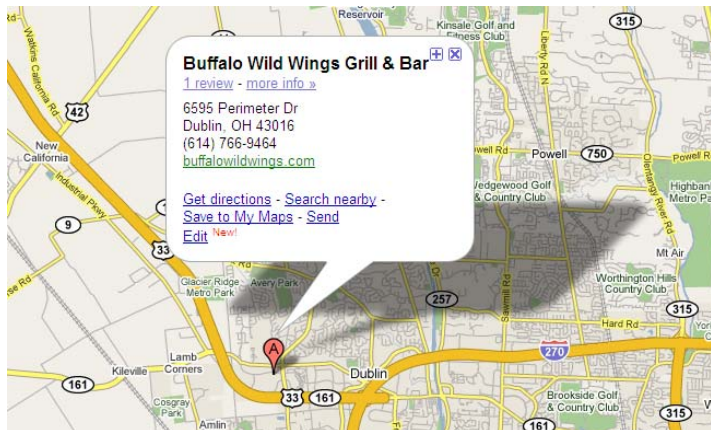
The investigation of what went wrong after BMW AG unloaded MG Rover to Phoenix Ventures in 2000 has taken four years to complete and reportedly cost £16 million (\$26 million).

In 2000, Britain's Phoenix consortium bought Rover from BMW for a token price of £10.

Rover -- the last major British-owned car maker – declared bankruptcy five years later with debts of more than £1 billion. Its assets were sold in 2006 to China's Nanjing Automobile (Group) Corp., which revived the MG sportscar brand. So it has taken the Brits four years to realize the Germans and the Chinese stole their last car manufacturing company? Where are those revived MGs? At least the Chinese fixed the head gasket problems.

3rd Annual Joseph Lucas Night Rally – Saturday, August 8th

8:30p -11:00p 3rd Annual Joseph Lucas Night Rally
Leaving BW3 in Dublin
(We are leaving at 8:30 – arrive early for wings)



Ending at Handel's ice cream (new longer route) contact John Johnson for more info.

Pool Party at the Jefferson's Saturday, August 15th

Pool Party & Drive! At the Jefferson's 12PM - ?
Meat and non-alcoholic drinks provided.

Please bring a side dish to share. Our drive will take us past Slate Run Vineyards. <http://www.slaterunwine.com/>

For those wishing to stop and visit, please let me know.

Please RSVP BY SAT AUG 8 EMAIL:

htjefferson@ieee.org



Riverside Motors Summer Party

SAVE THE DATE: AUGUST 23, 2009

RIVERSIDE MOTORS SUMMER PARTY - 1271 POLLOCK ROAD, DELAWARE OH.



This celebration is in honor of Eric Jones and Susan Logan who hosted the Summer Party for many, many years and now the British Car Council plans to continue this tradition.

If you would like to attend, there will be a \$10.00 fee per person to cover event expenses. All profits will be donated in Eric Jones' memory to The James Cancer Hospital for Mesothelioma Research Fund.

PLEASE MAIL REGISTRATION TO:
RIVERSIDE MOTORS SUMMER PARTY 2009
Tony & Lynne Burgess, 318 Hampton Park, Westerville, OH 43081-5723

Questions: 614.899.2493 or e-mail: mgohio@aol.com

Give me a full report- please! The TRA '09 saga.

By Bruce Clough

Sidebar - This was written from the point of view of the author as a member of Miami Valley Triumphs. Stan is Stan Seto – the MVT President, along with the other MVT members along for the ride – Paul Corcoran, Chris & Chuck White.

'09? We went to our first TRA meeting back in 1984. Hmmm, twenty-fifth anniversary. Back then we drove a Dodge Colt and had a TR3 and TR4, now it's those nasty anti-green SUVs and TR7's. I wrote up the visit article on an Epson QX-10 and pasted pictures from my Minolta 35mm into the article. Now it's being written on some HP laptop with the latest Word and pictures coming from our phones. I'm not sure that's progress, hmm, what's the opposite of progress? Congress, of course...

General Plan of the Trip

We're going to take it slow and enjoy the drive and relax – that's right, relax. First night to just east of Parkersburg, WV, then to Charles Town and stay there about a day before the TRA festivities start. On the way back it's gonna take a couple of days also. Good roads are too nice to blow by them.

Packing

Packing? Why are you writing about packing? Simple, I have the space, and I have the time. You don't have to read this – just skip to Day One. Okay, for all of those still with us, packing for TRA is always a mess, and this year with just two wedges and no following SUV we need to pack light. I've gone off the deep end, relying on washing my clothes and buying things along the way. Alice thinks I'm nuts. Maybe so – trying an experiment; however, we have spare space in the trunk! Auction parts were mailed ahead and I did not bring the usual amount of paranoid spares, yep, living on the edge.

Day One: On the Road

Remember, the goal is to relax, so we slept-in late, packed the cars with our coolers and sunshade (other luggage was already in) and headed for the meeting place, the Frisch's in Greenfield, OH (just northeast of Hillsboro about where the glaciers ended and hill in Ohio start.

Only problem is that there is no Frisch's, or at least anymore.

Damn you Google.

Okay, Burger King then! The Whites beat us there, and Stan came in just after we arrived All are here!



Jumping into semi-trusty steeds at make-do Frisch's

Sidebar – you will notice a few pictures here – the author decided to take all pictures using his cell phone – okay, here we go!

Getting out into traffic after lunch was easy, what was problematic was the sticking float bowl needle valve in the red TR7. Un-jammed in time for me not to pull over. Have to watch that one.

Ohio 28 is a great road from Greenfield to Chillicothe – goes over the last bit of Illinoisan Glacier till plain before going over the first range of low hills to Chillicothe. Duncan was enjoying the drop-offs and curves, come to think of it,

so was I! We got on to US 35 to US 50 and headed east towards Athens.

Okay, I had one strike against me for the Frisch's debacle. I wanted to redeem myself by stopping at the Dairy Queen at Albany on US50/OH32, I stop by there on my way to DC and their service is great any they are always busy.

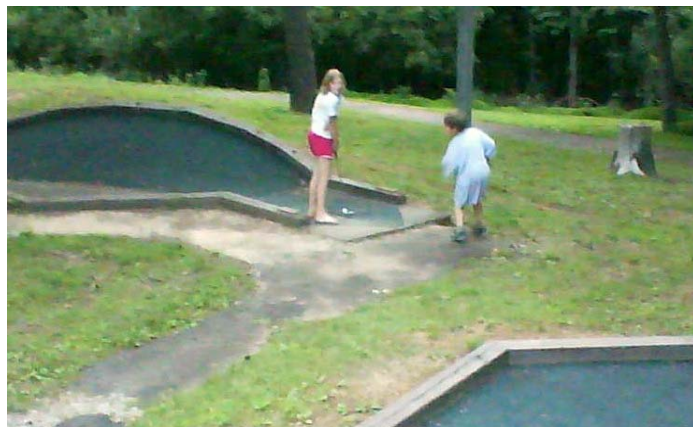
Except they were out of business. Strike two. The rest of the team was wondering if I really know where we were going. I assured them there really was a North Bend Park in WV and it had a lodge – honest! I did pull the caravan over to a gas station to get some ice cream for our kids (and watch other kids wash cars, or was that a squirt gun fight?

US50 is complete around Parkersburg now, much nicer drive. We got to the North Bend State park without incident, well, there was that uphill hairpin turn with a slight roadway lean towards the outside ditch – ask Alice and the White's about that one.



Sun setting on North Bend and LBCs

North Bend state park is a great little park to stay at. Room clean, rates reasonable, and food decent and decent priced. Hey they have putt-putt golf even!



Bridgett and Duncan practicing how to cheat on golf score cards. Hey, they didn't learn this from me – Alice is the golfer!

10PM and time for bed – looking forward to tomorrow!

Photograph of the day:



Would you eat this? The Colonel looks on in amusement...

Things we saw but did not photograph:

About 20 small birds sitting on a sign in a row near the Athens airport – hatching evil plans?

A line of early 80's LeBarons outside a building on US 50 going into MacArthur, OH. People collect anything.

A sign saying "No Way Out" on top a sign for "Cemetery Road" – some of us more spiritual folks might beg to disagree....

Day Two: Well we made it!

A bright sunny morning met the lodgers at North Bend – we had a wonderful little breakfast, bought some stuff at the lodge shop, and packed up. Upon arrival at the cars we noted that only our red TR7 had coon prints over the hood. Up one side, down the next. Looks like he peeked in, saw it was a TR7, and ran away fast. No respect, not even from the critters!



Traces of Coon Love – Blasted critter didn't even wipe his feet!



Backside of a picture you'll see somewhere else in the Marque...

Hit the road about 0930 and headed east through the mountains. Nice pretty tour, only hairy moment was on the switch-backs going down Laurel Mountain where a semi-trailer was going up the same hairpin we were going down. Bruce's pants almost got brown. Carol, Roger doesn't drive like that, right?



Typical "on the road" shot on US 50 as we went through the Allegheny Mountains – no truck in this one thank goodness!

Had lunch in Romney, WV at a coffee house – great place – Alice spied it after I gave up finding a Dairy Queen we could stop at. We missed the DQ – the sign going into the town lied! They lied! It wasn't on the left, it was on the right! Lousy cretins... Pressed on and finally got to the hotel in Charles Town about 4:30 PM.

Now, this hotel is an interesting place – it is part of a horse track/casino combo. No restaurant in the Inn, you have to take a shuttle bus to the food court around the track. Or...you could walk across the street like we did. Mountain

View Diner – lotsa food, lotsa choices, little cash. Wonderful. Full dinners for four was about \$40. Burp.

Sidebar – pools. We had just assumed North Bend had a pool (it did, outside, cold, and down the hill at least ½ mile). We just assumed the Inn at Charles Town did also. Nope. It really is a large B&B for the racetrack and casino. Kids were bummed! Adults were also!



View out our hotel window – losers are glue!

There were already about 20-30 cars there by the time we hit the sack with more coming in. Sleep is good!

Day 3 – First day at the meet.

Yawn.

Wake up, see I am on vacation and rest of family is sleeping, roll over, ignore alarm. Alarms are evil on vacations.

Wake up again, hit shower (did I say that the showers we have here are huge?), wander out for coffee. Find folks I know, engage in conversations, wander back up and wake up Duncan and Bridgett that Alice had tried to already get up. Some things are more stubborn than mules.

Finally get everyone in clothes and downstairs – this place has decent breakfast bar (included in room rate). Eat my fruit, cereal, and toast. Run into more people we know.

Oh, the skies were low, overcast, and showers blanketed the area, just what we needed for our Harpers Ferry Tour. Outside tour, walking tour, wakling in the rain tour. Walking in the rain with kids that don't want to be under the umbrellas. Cold kids, complaining kids, told-you-so parents. Joy.



Darrell Floyd in the rain. Note Bev Floyd has solved her problem.

Actually Harper's Ferry in a neat place steeped in history, and the Park Service has done a great job in restoration and using tour guides that know their stuff! The place also has a lot of neat shops, bars, and restaurants! Ask Duncan about the ice cream!



“Just touring in the rain, just touring in the rain, what a suuuuuky feeling I'm wet again...” Harpers Ferry in the mud.

We were at Harper's Ferry for about 4 hours, rain never really let up. Duncan was soaked! Drowned duck, wet rag. Had to get them all changed before the BBQ.

BBQ?

Yep, BBQ. Big dead pig. Was told to call it pork, but it looked like a big dead pig to me. Tasted yummy, and the park it was in was very nice. Would have been nicer if the rain wasn't still going! Duncan got wet again.



Dead Pork. Notice we did not say pig. We strive to be PC around here.



Late nite racing shot from the balcony! Action, adventure, weak American lager. Did I mention more pig, sorry, pork?

I gave up after a while and went back and made sure Mr. D and Princess B were in sleepland, then checked work email in bed – put me right to sleep!



Crowd at the pig, err, pork roast. We decided to call it chicken.

That's okay, since we were going to the TRA Membership meeting and had time to do a load of laundry (total cost of doing a load was \$7.80, but at least Duncan had dry clothes). Meeting was okay, but I tire of the politic of arguing about \$50 awards given to folks spending \$20K+ on restorations so they can claim being top dogs since after being married they can't vie for females any more... Don't get me started....

At least after the meeting we could retire to the now-open meet hospitality room, where we went to the balcony to watch horse racing. Yes, horse racing. You don't think I was there for the left-over pig, err pork, and Budweiser, do you? Neither was Alice – she doesn't drink Bud.

Shot of the day:



This is a pay phone. Pay phone – yes P-A-Y P-H-O-N-E. Wow – lotta history at Harpers Ferry!

Day 4 – A Day At The Races!

Ah yes, EMR's. The dreaded early morning run! Why dreaded? Simple, you were up drinking late the night before. Enough said.

It did rain in the night – thunderstorm. Woke me up, but (thankfully) kids slept. Inca's trunk got wet – that's a first time! Oh well – lined up for EMR (oh yes, EMR – Early Morning Run) in sunlight, of all things!



If you look closely in the wet mirror you can see Stan Seto shooting a picture!

EMR was a good run, except for one exciting moment – the caravan was stopped down a hill for a train at the bottom but the two pickups and the dump truck that crested the hill were going a bit too fast. Nobody got hit, but the pick-ups scattered to the side and the dump truck got sideways in the road. Yikes! The last car in line, a TR4 with a couple from Richmond, VA, probably had to change underwear...



Waiting for the train – dump truck fun was at least 100 yards behind us....

After the EMR (food was good, burp) cleaned a load of filth off the cars, and got in line for Summit Point – a race track you might know of! After an intro and lecture from race veteran, we were turned loose on the track for many laps – about 10 I counted. Vroom. Freebie saw 5000RPM several times. Fun.

Unless you were a TR2. One overheated in the parking lot and the other broke down on the track. Thought they were 7's, did they?



Under the tent at Summit Point.

After lunch at the track we headed out for antique shopping at Charles Town. Although we found ice cream and coffee, we did not find an antique, but, I bought a beanie baby for Mr. D. Back to the hotel so the kids could get naps.

And nap they did – 2 hours, and a darn good thing too since we made them come with us to the Harper Ferry Ghost Tour.



The start of the ghost tour. We're not quite sure if that is Stan or a ghost. He was registered at the meet though....

We spent the better part of an hour and a half getting a tour of some of the more haunted places in the town. Jeepers, creepers. I now know a few houses I don't want to stay in. Both Duncan and Bridgett were very good, and didn't scare away any ghosts.



Yikes – Ghosts! Yep, scary crowd here – and that was just us TRAers in the dark!

We got back about 10PM and remembered we didn't eat dinner – ancient secret – The Diner across the road from the hotel has good cheap food. We went over and had a wonderful late dinner. Came back and were in bed by midnight...after I typed this!

Photo of the day:



Pat & Marty Jones's TR3A. Flat tire – had to search for a tube. Note chicken has already made its way to the windshield under the driver's wiper....



A close-up of the chicken

Day 5 – Friday, I think?

Friday is car show day, and that is what we did – got ready for the car show.

Now, these days we don't shine everything up waiting for concourse, nope, we carve off the top layer of dirt and get it over to the show field, which was an nice grass lot with trees just down from the hotel.

Wunderbar – grass we love it.

And it had vendors, selling great stuff, and we bought some of that great stuff. Shirts, books, other great stuff. After we parked (I asked where the infidel section was...) Alice dragged out her reading, I dragged out my books to study (yuck) and the dynamic duo dragged out the Frisbees. Fun had by all. Actually, I'm not joking, between studying we got in a lot of talk and looked at a lot of great cars. Great show!



Small segment of the car show field. All were loving it. Shade was nice!

Day 6 – Slept in!

Saturday dawned gray and dreary – rain’s back! Joy. Don’t care, need to sleep!

No way baby – body is programmed to be up by 0530, you’re awake!

Bleeeech! Okay, grab a shower and coffee. Ran into Nino. He looked sleepier than me! Uhhh, good thing I wasn’t going on the Gimmick Rally – I’ll let Stan tell you about that one.

Theoretically Saturday was a day where the boys stayed at the hotel and sat in workshop talking with the likes of Bill Piggott (who still remembers me “trying to kill him” in that Hammerite Green Herald in 1995 - ;-)) and several Triumph racers, then a workshop from Mark Macy on technical stuff. Girls were loaded on a bus for a shopping tour of Shepherdstown. Had Shepherdstown had a music store or boy toy store I might have gone. I’m not much into hearing about past Triumph glories (philosophy - we live in the present, but look forward to the future. Past is just that - past) so I went out to the parking lot and kibitzed with folks out there and cleaned up the cars. I was also nabbed by the Mason-Dixon folks to watch the gifts they were giving the girls when they returned. I’m highly qualified!

After the girls did get back we were supposed to leave on a Mountain Tour, but threatening rain clouds delayed the departure for almost an hour, so we decided to visit a winery instead and a few more folks joined us.

Sidebar: wineries. The east side of the Blue Ridge Mountains in Virginia is littered with wineries. I think there are over 15 close to Charlestown, or something like that, and they all seem to have good wine!

The first one we visited was having a Cajun Music show and entrance fee was \$15. Naw, baby, naw. On to the next one – the Hillsboro Winery just east of Charles Town on the other side of the Blue Ridge. Good choice! All wines tasted were good, some not quite our taste, but all well-crafted!



View from Hillsboro Winery of the Blue Ridge Mountains heading Southwest.

Our group ended up buying quite a few bottles of wine. Life is too short not to have a bottle and take a few home.



Nothing like good wine!

We got back to the Inn just in time to change and go to the Awards Banquet

Sidebar – the Awards Banquet was over by the racetrack in a room the overlooks the track and is above the casino. To get to the room you had to go through several huge, and I mean huge, rooms filled with slot machines. Uggh. Not a gambler (Casinos exist to take money from middle class folks that smoke and give it to the rich, or at least as far as I can tell :-O). Had to make sure the kids stayed on certain paths since children are not allowed at the slot machines – tough to do that in a crowded casino.

The banquet was excellent. I mean excellent. The food was excellent. The bar served Rusty Nails, and for once we had seats where we could see the show! Hat’s off to the Mason-Dixon folks! (anyone remember the 1986 banquet??? :-O!!!! – Yikes, what a difference...)

I don't have any pictures of the banquet. We'll have to rely on Stan for those. Needless to say all MVT Members there trophied. We got a 3rd Place for Other Triumph Participants Choice for Inca, Stan took 1st place in TR3B Participant's Choice, Paul took 3rd (I think) in TR4/4A Participant's Choice, and Chris and Chuck took 2nd in that category. Joy.

Oh, best of show went to Pat Davis for his TR2, shouldn't forget that...

Even more joy, all the Clough's ended up with door prizes – two car care kits and two hydraulic jacks. Can't get much better than that! We were happy enough not to care about the walk back through jingling-machine hell to get to the bus.



Our banquet booty!

After we got back we headed up to the Hospitality suite for more fun with TRA folks. Free beer. Free wine. Free food. I was stuffed and had to drive the next day, so I stayed around and congratulated winners, then headed back down to get some sleep, making sure the kids were brushed and in bed.



Party in Hospitality Suite!

I slept good enough to miss Duncan getting up at 1 AM and sleepwalking (sleepwizzing) and tinkling on the bathroom floor – joy.

Day 7 – Starting back home

0530 and my eyes were wide open. Okay body, I'm up, so I started to pack. Got most of the cars packed and gassed by the time the rest of the family started stirring. During the meantime I said goodbyes to a lot of folks heading out early. Great memories this time. Heck, great memories most of the time! By 0800 we were down for breakfast and by 0845 our tinier caravan – Stan was headed toward the Tidewater and a week of work – was retracing our steps west.

It was cloudy at first, but gradually the clouds got less and blue sky more, just in time for the mountains.

Except this time Duncan was getting motion sickness.

Sidebar – US Route 50 between Bridgeport, WV and Winchester, VA is roughly 150 miles of road without any flat straight section to be had. There are some great sections that can make the driver motion sick! Several folks have commented to me that it's better than The Dragon's Tail since the curves last forever!



The mountains in the distance while crawling up the Alleghenies

We were about 30% up the Allegheny Escarpment when Duncan let me know he was not doing good, we slowed down and after we got to the top he was better, however; just a little ways later he asked to stop, but the little guy didn't blow chunks. We put him with Alice for a change of venue and got him some water before we took on Laurel Hill coming out of the Cheat River Valley. No further problems.

But where did you get the water? Cool Springs Market.

Cool Springs Market is on the lower eastern slope of Laurel Hill, and is a general store, souvenir shop, gas station, and restaurant serving that area, which really is rural. But wait, they have a, um, I don't know what you would call this, zoo-museum? You can wander around looking at rusting antique farm machinery and train stuff (they have a real tank engine!) while petting donkeys, avoiding geese, ignoring chickens, and trying not to pet the cats. You'll also run into a load of bikers this time of year as well as the locals. The place was packed!



Cool Springs' Donkeys

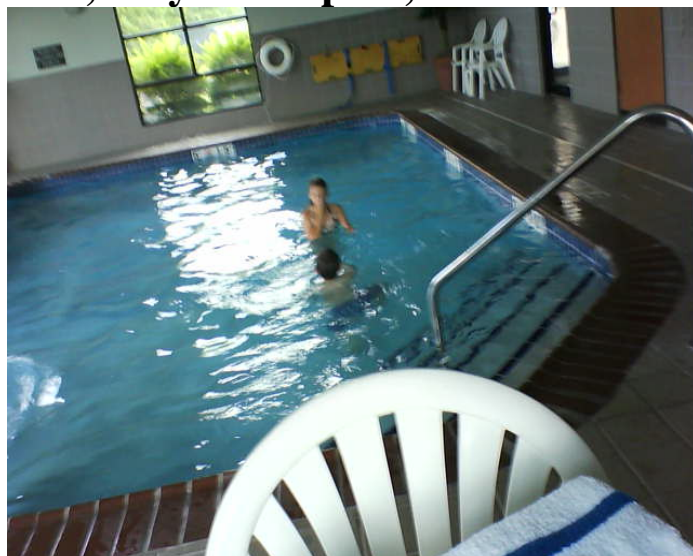
The Whites peeled off before Bridgeport to go visit relatives, which left the wedges on their own. In Bridgeport we managed to stop at, get this, an open DQ!



The DQ was open – we have evidence...

The skies were sunny as we got on the 4-lane part of US50 headed toward Parkersburg (more great cruising road, like an interstate, but feels like a rural country road). The staying up late for two days was starting to tell, I was feeling weary and made a stop to rejuvenate – Alice needed it also. Made it to Parkersburg about 4PM for the overnight (we knew we wanted to rest and relax one more night).

Oh, they had a pool, and a hot tub.



Yes Virginia, this is a pool

Day 8 – Homeward Bound

Boink. Eyes opened at 0530 just as I knew they would – good thing I was in bed by 10PM after that pretty-good

dinner at Red Lobster in Parkersburg. I rooted around a bit then woke up the crew and we were headed west by 0900.



New US50 bridge over the Ohio just west of Parkersburg – this really helps!

Sidebar – the new US50 bridge west of Parkersburg attaches to a nice limited-access 4+-lane road that bypasses downtown Parkersburg. Now you don't have to figure out the maze of one-way streets, traffic lights, and strip clubs. This takes 15-20 minutes off your trip at least, so next time you are headed east, why not US50?

This ride was really un-eventful. Besides Alice and myself trying to keep alert (had to stop for caffeine!), the weather was great and roads clear. No dump trucks, no logging trucks. Zoom! We crested the last hill before the till plains start west of Chillicothe (OH – you can see forever from a couple of those hills) before 1130 and got home by 1215. Unpacked by 1PM, still doing laundry at 3:30 PM ;-).



Ooops, have to complete this so I can fold clothes!

Post-Mortem

Two cars, four people, 900 miles both ways, and 8 days. Did I mention a TRA Meeting? Had a great time and would like to thank the Mason-Dixon TRA folks for doing a wonderful job! Can't do meets without full involvement by a good number of individuals.

Was this the best TRA I've been to? Dunno. I still hold the '85 meet in Gettysburg as the gold standard, but time dims the bad parts and accentuates the good parts, so who knows – it was up there amongst the top!

Cost

For kicks and thrills we kept track of cost. Total was \$1613.10, consisting of \$903.95 for lodging, \$326.76 for food, \$231.46 for gas, and \$150.93 for goodies. We made about \$114 on the auction, so in the end we came close to our \$1500 goal. Not bad for four people for over a week.

Car Fixes

Well, the cars worked well, but not perfectly. We have some work to do before TRF Summer Party:

- **Freebie's brakes** – SQUEEEEEEEK! Yuk. Hate that noise. They stopped fine, but the noise is driving me nuts! I've got a lot of brake parts on order, so that's #1.
- **Freebie's Tires** – These were transplants from Bigler's TR7. They have good tread, but are over 12 years old. They also have no traction in the wet. Fortunately I learned that out before I cornered hard in the wet with them – I **was** very cautious on wet streets. When I had them balanced in May the tire guy said I should replace them due to age, so I'll bit the bullet and replace them and those wobbly rims also.
- **Freebie's Carbs** – the car has one float bowl needle valve that likes to stick after heat-soaking when stopped on a warm day. I can avoid that by popping the hood, but probably should replace it, but which one?
- **Inca's strut** – Inca's driver side strut is not **moving** smooth, so it's time to replace the strut insert which means changing the tie rod end as well as gaiter.

They also need a few gaskets replaced as well a some upholstery fixed, so I'm going to be a busy guy!

Next Year

Amish, Holmes County, Wooster, OH, Lehman’s Hardware.

Did you know that we know where good wineries are?

Hosted by Buckeye Triumphs – ought to be a good time!

Almost forgot! Ohio Route 28 from Blanchester to Chillicothe is a blast – a great road! Maybe MVT’ers we do a drive some day from Blanchester to Chillicothe and back. Just a thought!

Errata

Charles Town, not Charleston. Charleston is on the Kanawha River in the south-central part of the state. Charles Town, named after George Washington’s brother who built the town, is in the eastern panhandle about 5 miles from Virginia.

Clive’s Car – Stan and myself spent a good part of the first morning at the Inn fixing Clive’s non-charging TR3A. After determining that the generator was not working, we swapped it out with Stan’s spare. Did that in about 30 minute, maybe less.

Red light went out – success!

Lasted about an hour. Red light came back on. Bummer. Turns out the control box was trashed also. Generator was bad, control box was bad. Perfect symbiotic relationship worthy of a little British sports car. The Roadster Factors brought him a new control box and bingo – no red light and it stayed off!

Sidebar – when you have an electrical failure you might want to question if possibly a symbiotic relationship was present. In this case it very likely that the control box gave itself trying to compensate for a generator that had bad brushes in it. Gotta love Lucas...

Oh, the only breakdown we had on the way wasn’t – we were heading towards Romney, WV when we noticed Stan was not behind us. We turned around and found his car by the side of the road, but no Stan. Ahh, pit stop! Whew!

Speaking of breakdowns, we saw a couple of cars making love in the parking lot!



Caught red-handed in the parking lot with their hoods up, these two lusty cars had to be separated by the TRA vice squad.

Jeff Krupp’s car was very unhappy, wore a frown most of the meet...



Ouch!!!!!! Actually Jeff slid off the road and hit a pole on his way to the BBQ. He was uninjured and the car was still driveable. Jeff’s already collected quite a few of the parts needed to fix! We’ll see it as good as new next year!

Remember – pigs are alive, pork is dead!

Notes from Members

From: hedgerfam@hotmail.com
Subject: tr6
Date: Wed, 8 Jul 2009 10:29:39 +0000

Hello, I live in South Devon UK.....near Plymouth. I'm sorting the brakes on my 1972 TR6 that was shipped back to UK from Dallas about 10 years ago. [Now RH drive].I wanted to say two things: Firstly, thank you for a really good section on Brakes....I loved the humour[e.g. cat and vacuum pump]...you certainly have fun with the TR's. Secondly, I'm sorry to read about Eric Jones.....I've just retired as a family physician and know how devastating the illness can be. I often wonder about asbestos that may be in underground train system brakes.

Thanks again for a really great site.

James Hedger.

From: Margo Washburn [mailto:jimbo.165@hotmail.com]
Sent: Thursday, July 02, 2009 2:23 PM
Subject: FW: Come see these fire works!

This show is just amazing! I didn't believe it could be better than the last one, but I think it is.



<http://www.fpconservatory.org/index.htm>

From: John Huddy jhuddy@columbus.rr.com]
Sent: Wednesday, July 01, 2009 10:24 PM
Subject: TRA National 2009 005, TRA National 2009

Bruce,

Attached are two more photos from TRA. The first one is everybody lined up ready to run laps at Summit Point Raceway. The second one is Jeff Krupp's TR3B. Unfortunately, he slid off the road going to the Pig Roast on Wednesday evening and really crunched the front end.

Fortunately, the car is still drivable.



John

From: John Huddy jhuddy@columbus.rr.com]
Sent: Wednesday, July 01, 2009 10:07 PM
Subject: TRA National 2009

Bruce,

Attached are two photos from Harper's Ferry National Park where we went while at TRA.



The second photo is some dude who dressed up in period clothing and who told us local ghost stories.



John

From: Terry Birchler [mailto:tbirchler@zukunft.com]
Sent: Tuesday, June 30, 2009 2:49 PM
Subject: Imports at Carlisle

I managed to get to the Import & Kit/Replicar Nationals in Carlisle PA this year (May). There is always lots of TR stuff on display in the car show and in the swap meet area. I was surprised this year to see something in the Kit Car vendor area. Ted Lathrop of Fast Cars, Inc. displayed his Custom frame and V-8 conversion for the TR6.



Whether you are 'For' or 'Against' this type of thing, the frame and car on display looked REALLY well done! His website www.fastcarsinc.com shows lots of other high quality custom work including a hand-built spitfire chassis recreation.

Regards, Terry Birchler

From: billblake [mailto:billblake@thekayesco.com]
Sent: Monday, June 22, 2009 2:38 PM
Subject: 1966 TR4A

Yes, it is true, the BT club has a running TR4A, Dick and Rick brought it over yesterday to give it some run time, I got to drive it a bit, felt awesome! Thought you might all enjoy seeing the little British car run.....Bill



This little Chevy is just too cool!
 We date ourselves if you recognized all three of the cars this car was built by N2A motors (No Two Alike). Cost \$40,000 over cost of new Corvette C6 (MSRP \$44,000). Unbelievable! The company is planning a production run of about 100 vehicles. It sits on a Corvette C6 chassis, front styled like a 57 Chevy, side like a 58, rear like a 59. Hence the designation "789."



From: John Johnson [mailto:john70350@msn.com]
Sent: Tuesday, July 07, 2009 9:06 PM
Subject: Cinti BCD

Hello,
 This is to remind you that Sunday July 12th is Cincinnati British Car Day. Go to our website listed below for more info. It should be a great show so come on over and join in. Please forward this email to any of your club members that might be interested in our show.

Cheers
 Byron Waller
 513.543.1039
 Don Fales
 513.378.5805

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 1300 Hunter Road
 Wm. Harbin Park,
 Fairfield, Ohio

From: Margo Washburn [mailto:jimbo.165@hotmail.com]
Sent: Tuesday, June 16, 2009 3:35 PM
Subject: 789 Chevy

Nice, very nice.....
 1957, 1958 & 1959 All Rolled Into One!

Events 2009 - Bill Blake

Date	Event
Sat, Jul 11	9:00a -11:30p 27th Annual Classic Auto Show at Dublin Metro Center for British Cars
Mon, Jul 13	6:30p -10:00p Quaker Steak British Cruise In with Tony Burgess
Thu, Jul 16	2:00p -9:45p Scooter Show Portland, IN
Fri, Jul 24	6:30p -11:00p Grand Lake St. Marys Amphicar Splash In and Cruise In in Celina, OH
Mon, Aug 3	6:30p -10:00p Business and Social meeting
Sat, Aug 15	Pool Party & Drive! At the Jefferson's 12PM - ? Meat and non-alcoholic drinks provided. Please bring a side dish to share. Our drive will take us past Slate Run Vineyards. For those wishing to stop and visit, please let me know. Please RSVP BY SAT AUG 8 EMAIL: htjefferson@ieee.org

Date	Event
Sat, Aug 22	3:00p -12:00p Monty Python Theme Party in the Cottwolds. Bill Blake and Kathy Scott to host, mark your calendar now!
Sun, Aug 23	11:00a -6:00p Picnic at the Eric Jones Shop in Delaware, sponsored by your British Car Council, held on the grounds of Riverside Motors off Pollock Road.
Mon, Sep 7	Labor Day (Fed)
Mon, Sep 14	6:30p -10:00p Business and Social meeting at the Quaker Steak Cruise In
Thu, Sep 24	TRials 2009 -- Long Beach Island, New Jersey
Fri, Sep 25	TRials 2009 -- Long Beach Island, New Jersey
Sat, Sep 26	TRials 2009 -- Long Beach Island, New Jersey
Mon, Oct 5	6:30p -10:00p Business and Social meeting at the Gillman's for Chicken
Mon, Oct 12	Columbus Day (Fed)
Sat, Oct 31	Halloween
Sun, Nov 1	End Daylight Saving Time
Mon, Nov 2	6:30p -10:00p Business and Social meeting
Tue, Nov 3	Election Day
Wed, Nov 11	Veterans Day (Fed)
Thu, Nov 26	Thanksgiving (Fed)
Fri, Dec 25	Merry Christmas

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T-Shirts- Lt Grey Cotton \$14.00
 BTC Logo - front
 Large Wreath Logo – back

Sweatshirts- Lt Grey Cotton \$20.00
 BTC Logo - front
 Large Wreath Logo – back

Golf Shirts with embroidered logos – 100% Cotton\$35.00
 Patch Embroidered Logo \$12.00

Buckeye TRIUMPHS Logo \$10.00 - Embroidered on your article - Select your favorite jacket, shirt or bag since the logo can be added to almost any cloth article.

Halkias Video on Valve Adjustment for 6-cyl TR's - \$10.00
 Send or bring your articles to Bob Mains. Turn-around is usually about 2-4 weeks. (Names or lettering can be added for additional costs).

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Comedy Clips

From: James D. Franchello [mailto:james@intinfo.com]
Sent: Thursday, July 02, 2009 3:04 PM
Subject: Punsters..

YOU ARE WARNED, BUT READ THEM ANYWAY.

1. The roundest knight at King Arthur's round table was Sir Cumference. He acquired his size from too much pi.
2. I thought I saw an eye doctor on an Alaskan island, but it turned out to be an optical Aleutian.
3. She was only a whisky maker, but he loved her still.
4. A rubber band pistol was confiscated from algebra class because it was a weapon of math disruption.
5. The butcher backed into the meat grinder and got a little behind in his work.
6. No matter how much you push the envelope, it'll still be stationery.
7. A dog gave birth to puppies near the road and was cited for littering.

- 8. A grenade thrown into a kitchen in France would result in Linoleum Blownapart.
 - 9. Two silk worms had a race. They ended up in a tie.
 - 10. Time flies like an arrow. Fruit flies like a banana.
 - 11. A hole has been found in the nudist camp wall. The police are looking into it.
 - 12. Atheism is a non-prophet organization.
 - 13. Two hats were hanging on a hat rack in the hallway. One hat said to the other, 'You stay here, I'll go on a-head.'
 - 14. I wondered why the baseball kept getting bigger. Then it hit me.
 - 15. A sign on the lawn at a drug rehab center said: 'Keep off the Grass.'
 - 16. A small boy swallowed some coins and was taken to a hospital. When his grandmother telephoned to ask how he was, a nurse said, 'No change yet.'
 - 17. A chicken crossing the road is poultry in motion.
 - 18. It's not that the man did not know how to juggle, he just didn't have the balls to do it.
 - 19. The short fortune-teller who escaped from prison was a small medium, at large.
 - 20. The man who survived mustard gas and pepper spray is now a seasoned veteran.
 - 21. A backward poet writes in-verse.
 - 22. In democracy it's your vote that counts. In feudalism it's your count that votes.
 - 23. When cannibals ate a missionary, they got a taste of religion.
 - 24. Don't join dangerous cults, practice safe sects!
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From: Sam Halkias [mailto:atr6racer@hotmail.com]
Sent: Wednesday, June 17, 2009 5:37 PM
Subject: Things that make you say 'Aw Crap!'

Having a "bad day?" Think again!





Classifieds

1974 Triumph rust free all parts to complete plus many extra parts. \$2,000 for all. 740-503-5319
Contact Ron Walker, Lancaster



For Sale: '62 Triumph TR-4, running, needs brake work, black, new black top (not on), 117K miles, 4-speed, 4-cylinder, dual SU's, original seats (not on, TR-6 seats in it), carpet need work, white metal dash, wire wheels with spinners, no rust, body all good, CT2868L,



physical conditions I am not able to drive it any longer. I have done quite a bit to it over the years. It has 37,000 original miles. I was asking \$5500 but will drop this to \$3500. I have enclosed a picture. If you could let the other club members know. I can be reached by email at witzky@bhg.org or phone at 614.638.1621. Thanks Mike



From: Howard Jefferson [mailto:hjefferson@my.devry.edu]
Sent: Wednesday, April 08, 2009 10:17 AM
Subject: TR7 for Sale

Bruce,

There is a gentleman down the road here in Pickerington with a TR-7 for sale (please see the attached pictures). It looks like it is in good condition, no rust that I saw. His name is Gary. 614-834-0044

If possible can you put this in the next newsletter?

Thanks R/
Howard Jefferson



\$5,000 firm, 937-615-9398, To pick up in Piqua, Ohio with certified bank check. Car is As Is. Thanks, Jeff



About a month ago I had the club send out a notice that I was selling my 1980 TR7. Due to



All cosmetics are new (interior, trunk, pimento red paint, top, bumpers re-chromed), and the engine was rebuilt by Sam Halkias with new stainless exhaust. It has overdrive and a roll bar. Price \$12,500. Reduced to \$11,000 Reduced to \$9,000 - If interested, contact Steve Hughes - 717-917-3591 - shughespk@yahoo.com



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