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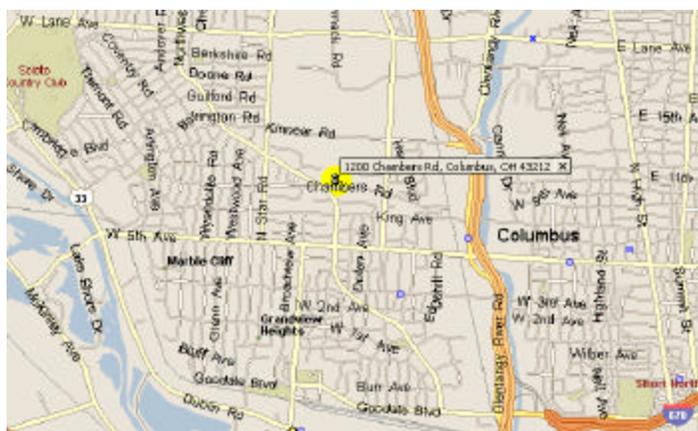
Winner of VTR Best Newsletter Award – 2003!

BT February Meeting Monday, February 7th – 6:30 PM

Bill Blake is hosting the December meeting at:

The Rose and Thistle Pub and Grill
 1200 Chambers Road
 Columbus, OH 43212
 614/486-1990

We will have a meal with the meeting around 7:00. To eat, arrive around 6:15 to 6:30



Beer on tap: Newcastle, Harp, Guinness, Smithington Irish Ale, Budington (Michelob Ultra in bottles)

Bill and Kathy will also host March or April's meeting in their new digs. More details later – any volunteers for 2005 come prepared with your calendars.

Editor's Corner

Happy New Year everyone! As I begin work on this newsletter it's hard not to ask myself "How long have I done this?" (The answer – 5 years). I *think* (hope) I still have a few more issues in me.

This is the time of year when we all complain about the weather. We were in the middle of the ice storm just before Christmas – lost power for 8 days – a Christmas to remember for sure.

This will be a short issue. But now is the time for planning. I'm dreaming of driving events and routes. I have wanted to get down to the garage and work on tearing apart the 250

but just haven't found the energy. Perhaps with the hint of Spring things will be better.

We sure had a nice crowd for the Holiday Party (even with the non-event snow storm that they were calling from). I've had to travel to Cleveland and West Michigan in January and lucked out dodging winter storms.

British car days will be at the Dublin Metro center this year (Easton has evicted us – I simply don't understand how they could do this – oh well) I think we will try to have the poker run driving event that was a bust last year on the Saturday before.

Bill Blake has been busy keeping the Calendar up to date on the web site – go to www.buckeyetriumphs.org and click on the calendar option.

I talked to Jim VanOrder the other evening, his winter TR6 rebuild option is proceeding on schedule. Ask him when you see him at Monday's meeting.

I have to travel to do training next week (in Florida – it's a tough job, but someone has to do it) so I'll miss the meeting, someone take a few photos for me?

We (my company) have always done our training at training labs that we support at the Huntington in Columbus. We are in the process of re-configuring our office in Granville to be able to offer classes to the public. After we make that change I would like to invite anyone from the club to attend a class on using Microsoft Word and graphics (we call it "Building Better Brochures using Microsoft Word") I'll update you as that time draws near. (I figure that it would make my job easier when you all send me input)

On a club note, it's "club dues" time. Many of you have paid at the Holiday party, annual dues are \$20 (a bargain to be sure) Please forward your dues to:

Jim VanOrder
 9023 Concord Rd.
 Johnstown, Ohio 43031

Your support is appreciated.

Well – that's all from me. Think warm thoughts.

Bruce Miles bmiles@NTInfo.com

Next Newsletter Article Deadline – February 28th, 2005

President's Corner

I want to thank everyone who came out last Saturday night to the holiday party at the Buckeye Hall of Fame, despite the inclement weather. The food was great, the bar was well stocked and the deserts were terrific. There were many familiar faces at the party as well as some newer members. Thanks again to Jim and Gayle Vanorder who did a wonderful job of organizing the event. With the 50/50 drawing, and the gift exchange, I think everyone went home with something special. Especially with all of the free gifts Bill Blake donated to the party. We'll have to call him Santa Blake. Thanks Bill! Again this year, Bruce Miles presented a slide show of photographs that highlighted the club

activities of this past year. Thanks to Bruce for not only being a valuable historian for our club, but for his publishing of the famous and informative monthly newsletter, "Buckeye Triumphs Newsletter".

This was my first opportunity to introduce myself as President of the club. Although a little nervous, I truly enjoyed helping John Huddy and Bob Mains make presentations to both Margo Washburn and Murry Mercier. Margo was presented a large framed picture of the club logo for being the "outstanding member", during this past year. Margo has been a great help to the club and has been the club secretary for a number of years. Murry was presented a framed logo of the Granville 6-Pack meet, for his dedication and hard work organizing the event.

Again, I want to thank everyone who made it to the Holiday Party. I encourage everyone who was there that night and all members of the club to attend the monthly meetings, the more the merrier! This should be another exciting year for the club. There are already quite a number of events on the calendar. The next meeting is February 7th at the Rose and Thistle at 1200 Chambers Rd. Please try to attend and bring your ideas for club events, club drives and tech sessions.

See you there. Mike

BT Meeting Minutes

Minutes of the December 6, 2004 meeting of the Buckeye Triumphs:

The meeting was called to order at the Rose and Thistle Restaurant at 7:50.

There were 19 adults (and Moira) attending. Thanks was given to Bill Blake for arranging the place for our meeting. John Huddy commended Joe Lynch for his latest article on winterizing a car.

Bill (?) announced that he saw a '72 "Spit" for sale and that he has found another "Cushman" for John. Charma thanked him.

Murray is having a work party to take his car apart for repainting Dec 18th. Everyone was reminded of the Holiday party. Jim VO passed around a list to have people sign up if they want to attend. He reminded everyone that if they need to cancel, they should please do it by 4 days before the event, if possible, as the club will owe for anyone who doesn't show.

The gift exchange items should be limited to \$15 and be labeled with "male" or "female". There will also be a 50/50 drawing and door prizes will be available.

The slate of nominees for the club officers for 2005 was presented as follows: Pres.-Mike (Buck) Henry; V-Pres.- Joe Lynch; Sec.- Margo Washburn; Treas.- Jim VanOrder; Newsletter publisher- Bruce Miles; and events coordinator- Bill Blake. There was a motion made and seconded that the slate be accepted. The vote was unanimous to accept all those nominated.

Meeting adjourned at 8:10.

Minutes of the (short) meeting of the Buckeye Triumphs, during the Holiday Party, January 22, 2005:

After a wonderful dinner at the Buckeye Hall of Fame Cafe, the meeting was called to order by our new president, Mike (Buck) Henry .

Beautiful awards of matted and framed logos were presented to Margo Washburn for 2+ years as Secretary and to Murray Mercier for his great work on the past 6-Pack meeting.

Many door prizes were awarded and all the participants enjoyed a gift exchange.

Bruce Miles presented a wonderful slide show of all of the activities that the club has participated in during the past year.

The meeting was adjourned for social hour for the remainder of the evening.

Editor's Note: Here are a few pictures:



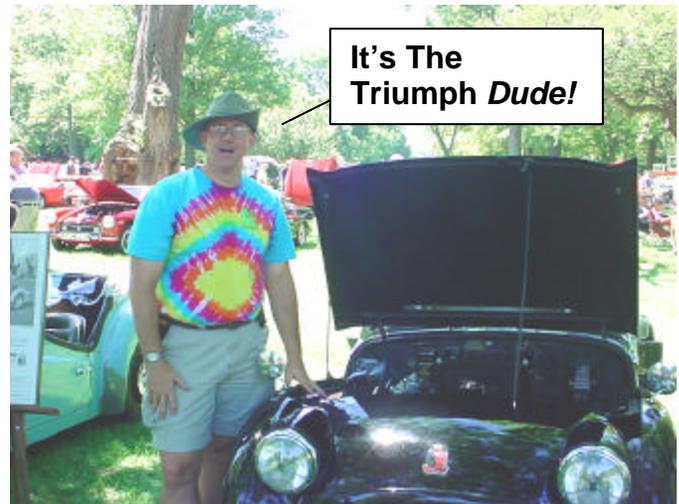
We aren't quite sure what Mike is supposed to do with this.





Respectfully submitted, Margo Washburn, Secretary

Dude, Where's my Triumph?



From: Bruce Clough clough@erinet.com
Sent: Wednesday, January 19, 2005 9:57 PM
Subject: 2005 TRA National Meet - Update from the TRA National Meeting Coordinator

Happy 2005 folks - just 6 months until Branson and TRA 05. Jim, Gary and the folks from TTR are working their behinds off to ensure all have a good time. You can't argue that they've not been effective.

The host hotel is The Dutton Inn (http://www.theduttons.com/dutton_inn/inn_information.htm) with a room rate of, get this, \$40/night. That's right, \$40. Wow - haven't seen that in a while Jim! Jim tells me that you need to make reservations by calling the hotel at 1-888-388-8661 (1-888-DUTTON-1) and mention TRA or the Triumph group.

For those of you heading west to Branson from the Ohio area, I'm putting together a leisurely 2 day tour to get there, so contact me separately if you're curious about that. We will go by roads less traveled, count on it.

Cheers,

Bruce Clough

TRA National Meeting Coordinator

Editor's Note – And there is more.....

Please pass this along to parties that might be interested - thanks!

For those of you contemplating coming to TRA '05 from Ohio and points east I'm getting together a "roads less travelled" tour going to, and coming from Branson. For those that have never been on my tours, we take state routes and stop at places of interest, no blowin' by on the Interstate at 70mph. It takes a couple of days (on purpose) to get there, but you arrive rested and full of wonder - those who participated on our "Round Ohio" tour for TRA'97 can attest that we found quite a few interesting stops (and wineries) along the way. We would actually leave here (lovely Spring Valley, Ohio) on Tuesday in order to get to Branson on Thursday. For those coming from longer

distances, we could actually put some of you up here at the Clough ranch, or refer you to the B&B's in the area. My thought on an itinerary going there is:

- Monday night - pre-celebration at the Clough Ranch
- Tuesday - Drive to near Marion Indiana, stopping at Metamora, and a few other places. Stay at Clifty Falls State Park.
- Wednesday - Drive to the "Land between the lakes" in Western Kentucky, stops include a lot of places that I'm still listing. Stay at one of the 3-4 Kentucky State Park Lodges in the region.
- Thursday - Drive to Branson via scenic routes along the Arkansas border (twisty-turny roads)
- The return trip would be maybe a day shorter getting to western Ohio, probably staying around Vincennes IN. - again , we could put up a few folks at the Clough ranch that are heading farther east.

If anyone would like to come along, let me know. If folks have any thoughts along these lines, let me know.

Thanks,

Bruce Clough
 TRA National Meeting Coordinator
 MVT Events Coordinator
 Bad mandolin player

Events 2005 - Bill Blake

June 2005

Texas Triumph Register

P.O. Box 40847
 Houston, TX 77240-0847

November 17, 2004

Dear Triumph Club:

The 2005 TRA – Bigger, Better, and Uncut

NEVER BEFORE has the TRA been held west of the Mississippi River, and **NEVER BEFORE** has there been a participants' choice show at the TRA with 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place awards for all classes of cars entered.

The 2005 annual TRA national convention will be held in Branson, MO, from Thursday, June 23 through Sunday, June 26, 2005, and is being sponsored by the Texas Triumph Register of Houston, TX. For those of you who have never been, or feel that it's been too long of a drive, now's your opportunity to attend. And because of the expansion of the participant's choice show, this is an event for **ALL** Triumph owners, not just TR2, TR3, and TR4 owners.

We're planning many events, drives, shows, and on-your-own options for everyone's interests, including: The traditional TRA concours show for TR2's through TR4A's

June 2005

A complete participant's choice show for all Triumphs with 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place awards for all registered classes of competition.

- A paddlewheel riverboat ride, dinner, and show
- A welcome dinner and events
- An awards banquet with door prizes
- The many shows, dining, attractions, and shopping of Branson, MO
- A poker run and rally
- An autorama
- A funkana
- A winery drive and tour
- A breakfast run and rally
- The beautiful weather of Branson, MO in late June

We have chosen a host hotel in Branson and have already negotiated an unbelievable price of \$40 per night with them for all TRA attendees. The actual schedule, costs, and details will be provided soon, but it's time to start planning this event, so put it on your calendars for Thursday, June 23 through Sunday, June 26, 2005. [Branson, MO is a vacation destination for the whole family, so start making your plans now!](#)

We look forward to seeing many new faces and many new cars that will take advantage of this location and expanded events.

Notes from Members

From: HornJungle@aol.com

Sent: Monday, January 31, 2005 8:49 PM

To: bmiles@buckeyetriumphs.org

Bruce,

Just a quick note from the sunny shores of Hawaii. Weather here beautiful, even when it rains it's better than shoveling snow!! Miss our TR friends and will see you all at the April meeting. We get back on the 2nd, assume the meeting will be on the 4th.

Any different let us know!!

Aloha and Mahalo everyone,

Sunny and Dave Rempe

1777 Ala Moana Blvd.

Condo #1718

Honolulu, Hawaii 96815

#614-563-9200

Editor's Note: I wonder if Sunny and David would adopt me?

Editor's Note: An item from Roy Gay that we shall dub:

Roy's Ramblings

From: Roy Gay [mailto: tr3a7n8@msmisp.com]

Sent: Tuesday, February 01, 2005 8:57 AM

To: Bruce Miles

Subject: Roy's Ramblings

Christmas party was great as usual as was the food. Considering the weather I was glad to see the turn out. Always nice to see Sam (#86) there. I don't know if everyone is aware of the Run offs moving to Topeka KS. In 2006, predictable since the SCCA moved the headquarters there. Sam mentioned it and had a few comments as to if he would partake in the event. I pulled up their web site off the SCCA main Site. Having been born and raised in South Dakota flat lands (nice place to be from!) I certainly was not expecting the great hill site viewing we enjoy at Mid Ohio. Here's an aerial shots of the 1.8 and 2.1 lay out which goes right or left at the bottom of the long drag. See any great hillside viewing areas? Or great shaded camp sites?



Anyone up for a driving event Sept.2006?

Lots of repairs going on at Roy's garage, headers, edelbrock intake with Webber 4 barrel, suspension work, steering bushing, wiring, gear reduction starter and that's just the TR8. Found a British Wiring web site that might interest someone www.britishwiring.com though about ordering correct color stripped wire until they said 6 to 8 weeks. I am making up my own harness. Also found this page for wiring color codes www.team.net/so/tech/lucascolors.html There are a couple of TR-7 in the area, one is for sale I think it may be on e-bay, 79 or 80 drop top, green with black top, a friend owns it. Was offered it to me for \$1800 The second one may be a parts car 77 or 78. I am checking on ownership. Call me if you're interested in the first. – Roy Gay

Items from the Internet

Date: Wed, 10 Nov 2004 00:50:51 +0100

From: David Griffiths <daveg@online.no
<mailto:daveg@online.no>>

Subject: Fuel gauge trouble

My float filled up a while back and it went fast.

I knew the tank was full, but overnight the gauge read empty - all or nothing. A leak would have to be pretty tiny to slow to cause a 1/4 difference. But definitely possible.

The hollow plastic float is exactly the same size as the cork float sold for my other old car - 1929 Chevrolet. I just pulled off the plastic one and put on the cork. Didn't even have to fasten it and it's worked fine for ages. You can get them from the filling station for \$7.50 per pair.

<http://www.fillingstation.com/> Just Click on Catalog, then type in "float" in the space provided, and choose "1929" and "car" for vehicle type and it will come right up.

Hope this helps,

Dave

Date: Wed, 2 Feb 2005 16:04:30 -0600

From: "Richard Seaton" rsh17@msn.com

Subject: Axle hubs rebuilt

Hey I saw this in VTR's site and thought I'd pass the info on to the list, very good price. I had mine rebuilt by him and the turn around time was quick.

NFI of course.

Rebuilt rear hubs for TR4A-TR250-TR6, Winter sale \$165.00 each, exchange unit or yours rebuilt, written warranty 12 month-120000 miles, Rebuilding since 1975

Axleworks

Archdale, North Carolina

336-884-1455

Richard Seaton

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Comedy Clips

From: Nelson Riedel NARiedel@adelphia.net

Sent: Friday, January 28, 2005 6:29 PM

Subject: Momma

Mrs. Ravioli comes to visit her son Anthony for dinner...who lives with a female roommate Maria... During the course of the meal, his mother couldn't help but notice how pretty Anthony's roommate was. She had long been suspicious of a relationship between the two, and this had only made her more curious. Over the course of the evening, while watching the two interact, she started to wonder if there was more between Anthony and his roommate than met the eye.

Reading his mom's thoughts, Anthony volunteered, "I know what you must be thinking, but I assure you, Maria and I are just roommates." About a week later, Maria came to Anthony saying, "Ever since your mother came to dinner, I've been unable to find the silver sugarbowl. You don't suppose she took it, do you?"

Well, I doubt it, but I'll email her, just to be sure." So he sat down and wrote:

Dear Momma,

I'm not saying that you 'did' take the sugar bowl from my house, I'm not saying that you 'did not' take it. But the fact remains that it has been missing ever since you were here for dinner.

Love, Anthony

Several days later, Anthony received a response email from his Momma, which read:

Dear Son,

I'm not saying that you 'do' sleep with Maria, and I'm not saying that you 'do not' sleep with her. But the fact remains that if she was sleeping in her OWN bed, she would have found the sugar bowl by now. Love, Momma.

From: Nelson Riedel NARiedel@adelphia.net

Sent: Wednesday, January 19, 2005 10:29 AM

Subject: Eggs

A wife was making a breakfast of fried eggs for her husband. Suddenly her husband burst into the kitchen.

"Careful ... CAREFUL!" he yelled. "Put in some more butter! Oh my GOD!"

You're cooking too many at once. TOO MANY! Turn them! TURN THEM NOW! They need more butter. Oh my GOD!

WHERE are we going to get MORE BUTTER? They're going to STICK! Careful ... CAREFUL!

I said be CAREFUL! You NEVER listen to me when you're cooking! Never!

Turn them! Hurry up! Are you CRAZY? Have you LOST your mind?

Don't forget to salt them. You know you always forget to salt them. Use the salt. USE THE SALT! THE SALT!"

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The wife stared at him. "What the hell is wrong with you?" she said. "You think I don't know how to fry a couple of eggs after all these years?"

The husband calmly replied, "I just wanted to show you what it feels like when I'm driving with you in the car."

From: Nelson Riedel NRiedel@adelphia.net

Sent: Wednesday, January 19, 2005 7:48 AM

Subject: To place a 7 year old boy

A seven year old Kansas City boy was at the center of a courtroom drama this morning when he challenged a court ruling over who should have custody of the boy.

The boy has a history of being beaten by his parents and the judge awarded custody to his aunt.

The boy confirmed that his aunt beat him more than his parents and refused to live there.

When the judge suggested that he live with his grandparents the boy cried out that they beat him more than anyone.

The judge dramatically allowed the boy to choose who should have custody of him.

Custody was granted to the Minnesota Vikings this morning as the boy firmly believes that they are not capable of beating anyone.

From: Steve Hughes shughes@wideopenwest.com

Sent: Wednesday, January 05, 2005 5:06 PM

Subject: 1904

THE YEAR 1904 Maybe this will boggle your mind, I know it did mine! The year is 1904 . one hundred years ago. What a difference a century makes! Here are some of the U.S. statistics for 1904:

- The average life expectancy in the U.S. was 47 years.
- Only 14 percent of the homes in the U.S. had a bathtub.
- Only 8 percent of the homes had a telephone.
- A three-minute call from Denver to New York City cost eleven dollars.
- There were only 8,000 cars in the U.S., and only 144 miles of paved roads.
- The maximum speed limit in most cities was 10 mph.
- Alabama, Mississippi, Iowa, and Tennessee were each more heavily populated than California.
- With a mere 1.4 million residents, California was only the 21st most populous state in the Union.
- The tallest structure in the world was the Eiffel Tower! .
- The average wage in the U.S. was 22 cents an hour.

- The average U.S. worker made between \$200 and \$400 per year.
- A competent accountant could expect to earn \$2000 per year, a dentist \$2,500 per year, a veterinarian between \$1,500 and \$4,000 per year, and a mechanical engineer about \$5,000 per year.
- More than 95 percent of all births in the U.S. took place at home.
- Ninety percent of all U.S. physicians had no college education. Instead, they attended medical schools, many of which were condemned in the press and by the government as "substandard."
- Sugar cost four cents a pound.
- Eggs were fourteen cents a dozen.
- Coffee was fifteen cents a pound.
- Most women only washed their hair once a month, and used borax or egg yolks for shampoo.
- Canada passed a law prohibiting poor people from entering the country for any reason.
- The five leading causes of death in the U.S. were:
 1. Pneumonia and influenza
 2. Tuberculosis
 3. Diarrhea
 4. Heart disease
 5. Stroke
- The American flag had 45 stars. (Arizona, Oklahoma, New Mexico, Hawaii, and Alaska hadn't been admitted to the Union yet.)
- The population of Las Vegas, Nevada, was 30!!!
- Crossword puzzles, canned beer, and iced tea hadn't been invented.
- There was no Mother's Day or Father's Day.
- Two of 10 U.S. adults couldn't read or write.
- Only 6 percent of all Americans had graduated high school. Marijuana, heroin, and morphine were all available over the counter at corner drugstores. According to one pharmacist, "Heroin clears the complexion, gives buoyancy to the mind, regulates the stomach and bowels, and is, in fact, a perfect guardian of health." (Shocking!)
- Eighteen percent of households in the U.S had at least one full-time servant or domestic.
- There were only about 230 reported murders in the entire U.S.

Try to imagine what it may be like in another 100 years . it staggers the mind.

From: billblake billblake@thekayesco.com
Sent: Wednesday, December 15, 2004 1:32 PM
Subject: The Art of Vehicle Recovery



Classifieds

Editor's note: I was teaching a class last November in Cleveland and a student mentioned that they had a Spitfire that they would like to sell. She said they were the 3rd owner, and that it hadn't seen water (except from the end of a hose) for many years – Here is a note from her husband:

From: "DAN ABBOTT" BOOG20@ADELPHIA.NET
Date: 12/02/2004 08:47AM
Subject: 1972 triumph
– here is a picture:



A 1972 spitfire 39,821 original miles. Original paint, original wheels, original carpet, original chrome [mint]. Every thing works. This car has not seen rain since 1975 . I am the third owner. Thanks Danny Abbott

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