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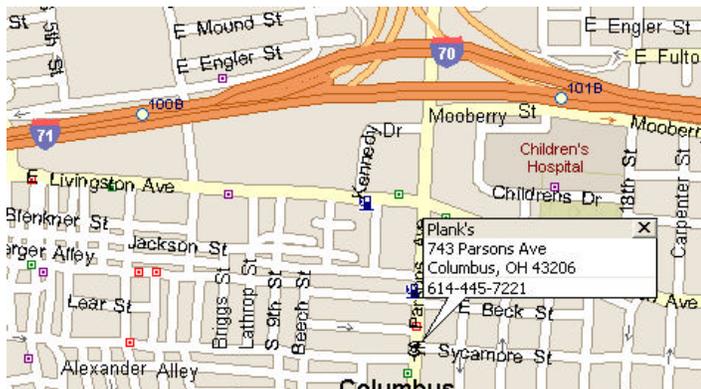
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Winner of VTR Best Newsletter Award – 2003!

BT November Meeting Monday, November 1st – 6:30 PM

Monday, November 1st, 6:30pm
 Plank's Cafe
 743 Parsons Ave.
 Columbus, Ohio 43206 445-7221
 It's right off of the junction of I-70 and I-71, at the corner of Parsons Ave. and Sycamore St. (It's two blocks south of Children's Hospital and Bobb Chevrolet)



Great food ! Nightly specials on the steam table, a full service pizza shop, and one of the few places in town where you can still get a pickled tongue sandwich!

Joe Lynch

OCTOBER BONFIRE AT VANORDER'S FINALLY TAKES PLACE

Well after two successive Saturdays of being rained out, we were finally able to hold this event on Sunday, October 24th. Considering the fact that we had to keep many people on hold, it was quite well attended.

There were around 13 cars in attendance and all went on the drive to Legend Hills Orchard. This drive was planned and orchestrated by the Drive Master, Bruce Miles and as usual we all had excellent directions. All the cars arrived at the Orchard safely and they loaded up on apples, cider and other associated goodies.



A few of the cars returned to the VanOrder's and proceeded to start the fire and make themselves comfortable, while the VanOrder granddaughter's entertained them on the swings.

The balance of the cars then drove down to see Roy Gay's garage "set up" in Newark. You would all be very impressed with Roy's setup. He has a very large block garage, well heated, with a nice new lift, lots of other tools, plenty of storage area, office and toilet facilities. This is his home away from home. Well, that may be stretching it a bit, he does not have a bed down there, yet!!!! It was very nice of Roy to show us his setup, we will be back Roy.



All then returned to the VanOrder's as quickly as possible, as they all were getting quite hungry. JVO fired up the grill and got the hamburgers and brats going. Naturally it does not take Triumph people long to get the food going, as that is one of our favorite past times. Several other couples, who could not make the drive, showed up for the food and camaraderie. There was lots of dessert, so all naturally took care of their sweet tooth.

Since it was a Sunday night, we did not make a late night of it and the gathering broke up around 7:00.

We want to thank everybody for being patient with the morning cancellation phone calls, we know we woke a few of you up. Thanks

Jim & Gayle

Editor's Corner

A fairly busy month in my world, and I bet in yours as well. The first weekend of the month I took the TR6 to a family reunion, I know that everyone thought I was crazy driving 100 miles with the top down in 50 degree weather (but I had fun).

The second weekend of the month we participated in the MG clubs fall tour up to the Wooster area. The weather was nice, four of us joined in from BT. The roads were nice, about 300 miles total. Here is the best picture for the day that Bill Blake took:



Do you think we know where we are going?



Last weekend, we had our "fun run" for apples in conjunction with the VanOrder's bonfire / cookout (details in the newsletter)

Good articles from Jim VanOrder on his TR6 restoration. Bruce Clough returns as the "TR Dude".

On a more somber note, Lee Swartz (Tim and Leonie Swartz - Marion) has spent the last 3 weeks in therapy recovering from a "mini" stroke that she suffered on October 4th. I am happy to report that she is home and recuperating. I saw her last night at OSU's Dodd hall – her spirits were quite good. I know we all wish Lee well in her recovery.

Kind of a short note from me this month – I need to get this in the mail. Be sure to vote on November 2nd.

Bruce Miles bmiles@INTInfo.com

Next Newsletter Article Deadline – November 25th, 2004

President's Corner

(Or the ravings of a BT madman)

Charma and I just returned from our last road trip of the year, so this will be brief. We drove our Mini Cooper to Florida to see our families and to celebrate Charma's sister, Jerilyn's 50th birthday. Since our pugs traveled with us, we used our roof rack and car-top carrier to pack our roller blades, beach paraphernalia and everything but the kitchen sink.

The drive to Charma's parents' home in Valrico, is a bit over 1,000 miles from Columbus, but is a pretty easy trip. Our only bad experience was with some idiot outside of Atlanta. In case you have never driven in the Atlanta area, traffic flows at 80 MPH and you may get run over, if you drive any slower. We were driving in the middle lane and some dumbass came racing up behind us and nearly ran into the car left of us. Then, Dumbass got about 2 feet off the bumper of the car in front of him and he started flashing his lights. When the front car didn't move over (because traffic wouldn't allow), he swerved behind us and he pulled the same crap on us. Being sufficiently pissed off, I tapped the brake peddle to let him know that I don't appreciate tail-gaiters especially while traveling at 80 MPH. As soon as my brake lights came on, Dumbass jammed on his brakes. Then, he swerved into the right lane passing us at about 100 MPH. As he went by, we exchanged the middle finger "salute" and he continued his rude and reckless behavior of cutting off cars and tail-gaiting. We kept listening for the inevitable crash sounds, but fortunately, we didn't hear any. Other than that experience and some motorcyclists who drove by us at over 100 MPH between traffic lanes, our drive was pleasant and we arrived unscathed.

We stayed at my Mother's condo and got to spend a couple of days with her and my sister, Joellen. My Mother and Sister live in Venice, which is about 15 miles north of Punta Gorda, which was devastated by hurricane "Charley". (Mom and Joellen had no storm damage.) After our Venice visit, we returned to Valrico to spend time with Charma's folks and to attend a surprise party for Jerilyn. While in Valrico, we got to take a side trip to Fort Desoto, which is off of St. Pete Beach. We like Fort Desoto because they have several miles of wonderful paved trails just for hikers, bikers and roller-bladers. Also, there are 2 beaches there, so it is the best of worlds for us. On our last day, we visited with Charma's family. I let Charma's niece, Ingrid, drive the Mini and she fell in love with it. (She is ready to ditch her Camry and buy a "real" car.) Our drive home was completely uneventful, which wasn't a bad thing.

Unfortunately, we had to miss the VanOrder's cookout and bonfire due to the rain postponement. I hear that it was a good time and was well attended.

Even though the weather is currently beautiful, it will soon turn south and most TR driving will be done for the season. As usual, I am planning to get back on my TR3 restoration project and I hope to have a rolling (and running) chassis

by spring. However, before I get back into the garage, I need to install a new turn signal switch in our TR8 and take the car to Bill Blake's large storage building in Delaware. Also, I just bought a custom 3-speed transmission for my "Mighty Cushman" motor scooter, which I need to install and test. The extra gear should give the scooter better drivability and I even got a "buddy" seat for Charma.

I see from the BT website that our next Business and Social Meeting will be hosted by Joe Lynch at Plank's Café, in German Village, on Monday, November 1st. Thanks for stepping up to the plate, Joe.

One last thought: Please consider being a club officer or accepting an appointed position for 2005. Although it isn't difficult, it takes leadership to keep a club active and viable. In case you don't know, Buckeye Triumphs is about to enter its 7th successful year and we need to keep the momentum rolling!

Charma and I hope to see many of you on Monday evening. As always, feel free to bring a guest. - John

BT October Meeting Minutes

Minutes of the October 4th meeting of Buckeye Triumphs:

The meeting for October was held at Ann and Greg Gillman's lovely home. If you missed this meeting, you really missed seeing a GREAT garage and some beautiful photographs of the Gillman children.



Greg is a professional photographer as well as a car enthusiast.



Thanks to the Gillmans for hosting the meeting.



Approximately 25 members attended the meeting/cookout.

The first announcement was about the next 6-Pack annual event which will be held in "Little Switzerland" North Carolina. This announcement was greeted with much enthusiasm, as the last meeting that was held there was a great success. All who went there before have said it is a wonderful place for the meeting and are looking forward to it.

The next item of business was a report on the Mid-Ohio race. Sam Halkias won 6th or 7th (the speaker was not sure) out of a very large field (40+ cars). He is thinking of adding more horsepower next year. Congratulations, Sam!

Future events include an October 9th joint drive with the MG club toward the Wooster/Kidron area and a drive to an apple orchard and cookout and bonfire at the VanOrder's on the 16th. (The actual event was held on the 25th because of the weather--see elsewhere in the newsletter for details, as this Secretary was unable to attend).

John Huddy suggested that a nominating committee be formed to suggest new officers for next year. JimVO, John and Murray Mercier volunteered. At the time of this meeting, there is no volunteer for the November business meeting. Details later. Also, it was again announced that the holiday party will be held on January 22nd at the Buckeye Hall of Fame Cafe. We should be able to send in money for tickets soon.

Meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:30. Respectfully submitted, Margo Washburn, Secretary

Events 2004 - Bill Blake

November	
1	BT Business and social meeting
December	
6	BT Business and social meeting

January 2005

MARK YOUR CALENDARS BUCKEYE TRIUMPHS HOLIDAY PARTY

SATURDAY, JANUARY 22, 2005

We have made arrangements and are going to have our **Fifth Annual Holiday Party** at Buckeye Hall of Fame Café, 1421 Olentangy River Rd., Columbus, Ohio.

Start planning, this will be Buckeye Triumphs sixth year in existence. Set the Saturday evening aside and come and celebrate the Holidays and the New Year with your TRIUMPH friends. Further details will be listed in future Newsletters.

- Stag
- Herald Convertible

What the hell happened here?

Long story.

The Story

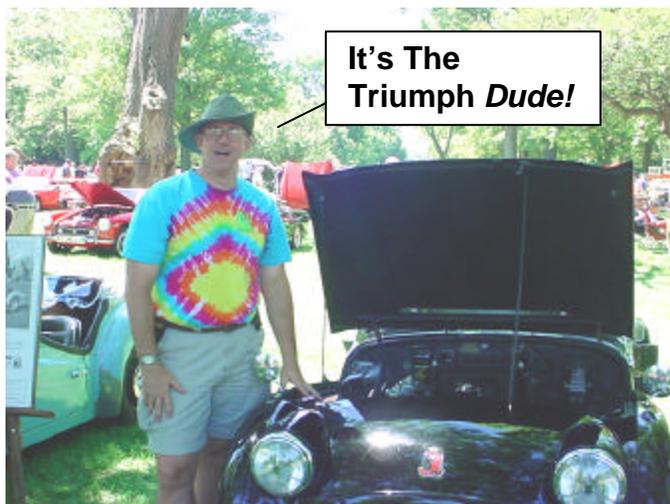
I'm tired of not being able to make it to a Triumph Club meeting in a Triumph. If you've been counting I made it to one MVT meeting this year in a Triumph, and that because Alice could make it so we drove both wedges. I only drove a Triumph to work a few times, and even then it was because the Concorde or Blazer was in the shop, not because it's a nice day. Kids and two-seaters just don't mix. I had to do something about this. I knew Frank was thinking of selling the Herald, so I stopped by.

Well, after that stop I ended up buying the Herald, the TR6 and a Spitfire parts car. Long story there that needs beer. The Herald had the back set, so it was a natural. The price on the TR6 was so attractive I had to go for it, and I had to take the Spit as part of the Herald deal. The goal was to sell the Spit as parts, clean up the TR6 and sell it to finance the Herald work. I let Alice in on my plans (which is rare, just ask her, I usually do, then beg permission rather than ask in the first place...) and she said:

"You aren't going to sell the 6, are you?"

Memories came flooding back. In the early 90's I bought a TR6 from Wendell Terrill for her that turned out to be a big rust bucket. Parted it out. It was supposed to be Alice's car. She wasn't very happy. The door was open, guilt came pouring in. Upon this was heaped the lamentations of Bridgett not to sell it, and Duncan sitting in it going "Vroom, vroom". Yep, a true family car in every sense of the word. Yep, the paint's coming off in places, rust bubbles in the back, and frame rot, but the orphan needs a home.

Dude, Where's my Triumph?



October 2004: By Bruce Clough (clough@erinet.com)

A Bit Of A Change

The Triumph Dude? What's that all about Clough? Simple:

July 2004, in the garage:

- TR2
- TR7
- TR8

October 2004, in the garage:

- TR2
- TR7
- TR6



Late September – almost running...

So the Herald was stored aside for now, and the TR6 was put in the side bay for repair. Extensive repair. Where I could I got used parts from Doug Braden, where not, I got

them from The Roadster Factory. I also picked up other spares where I could, like a complete set of Michelin X red-lines on wheels w/trim rings from John Huddy. Kinda funny – even after all these years without a TR6 in the garage (about 13) I still know what is what! The goal was to spend \$500 on the repair to get it on the road. Underestimated reality – we're up to \$1100 now and we still have to buy and install a top! This has been somewhat offset by ebay sales of un-needed parts, but we're still over budget.



October: TR6 Awaiting a Windscreen...

It now runs and drives. Has one of those TR6 magic clutches in it so it takes Conan legs to drive. Most of the electrics work (now that was a struggle). The suspensions will have to be gone over, but Frank bought most of the parts to do those. Right now (18 Oct) the windscreen is off pending new gaskets and I repaired a few cracks in the dash. Okay, so they were like crevasses and the vinyl repair kit didn't work perfect. I'll work on that later. Who knows what the gas gauge is reading, the front bumper needs re-chroming, and the aluminum sheets I put in place of the rubber diaphragms on the seat bottoms are a bit too stiff. We'll work on that.

Post Mortem – The windscreen is back on care of Harmon Glass, and it still doesn't idle on the choke like I'd want. I'm not going to put a top on it until Spring, the same time I get the frame reinforced, so I put it aside to work on...

The Stag

So, what's with the Stag business?



People's Evidence #1 – '73 Stag

Long story short – Doug Braden noticed I wanted a family car with Triumph on it. I noticed he wanted a TR8. We traded. Now this isn't your normal Stag, it's got a 4.3L GM V6 in it, so it tends to scoot. Body has been redone, and the interior is in tolerable shape. On the minus side the electrical system is a mess, and tubes, hoses, and cables need to be re-routed in the engine compartment. It needs a soft top installed (got a new one), and the center console modified for the GM tranny shifter. Hard top needs put back together, as well as the trunk panels. Radio? Yes, it needs one of those. Something to look forward to! Something to keep me writing for a while...

The rest of the beasts

Well, the Herald is waiting for the Stag to be completed, then I get back to getting the TR2 rear end rebuilt. Oh the TR7? Needs the head gasket replaced! It never ends, I kinda like it that way...I suppose...



Shhhhhhhh, the wabbits are sweeping....

Notes from Members

From: Mark Uhlig[silverarrowstables@comcast.net]

Sent: Tuesday, October 19, 2004 3:17 PM

Subject: Sad news

Guys,

Janice's father, Robert C. Taylor, passed away last Wednesday late afternoon of a sudden heart attack. He was 72 years old and in great health having just completed his annual physical. So this was the last thing we all expected.

We just got back late last night. Janice is hanging in there. She and her dad were close: sharing a strong love and respect for each other.

Bob was part of a long family tradition of cattle, dairy and cash crop farmers in St. George, Ontario. He served as "Reeve" (Mayor) and was active in Ontario provincial politics & agricultural policy for many decades. He was past District Governor of his Lions group, a licensed real-estate broker and represented Ontario as he traveled to

international Plowing Association functions around the world.

He played hockey....loved *Crown Royal*...and he had a 1989 Buick Park Avenue with over 430,000 kilometers on it that looked & ran like new.

Up at the family cottage in northern Ontario, He would chop wood all day...far out lasting his two sons...and two son-in-laws "from the city".

He had thick, engulfing hands that you'd swear could almost crush golf balls.

One generation plants the trees.

The other gets the shade.

Mark

VanOrder's TR6 Restoration Project

I have finally gotten around to documenting some of the work I have been doing on my 69 TR6. Last winter I had some of the club members over to help me remove the fenders, bonnet, rear deck lid, window mechanisms and sundry other parts. This went quite well and gave me the chance to do the arduous task of removing the undercoating, which had been on for 35 years.

Surprisingly it was pretty much intact, which made for a much tougher job of removing the undercoating. After much trial and sweat, I found that the best way to remove this undercoating was to spray it with kerosene and let it soak for 24 hours. You then need to fire up the propane torch, make sure the area is well ventilated, heat up the undercoat for about 25-30 seconds and apply the old scraper and go to town. It comes off fairly easy using this combination. Notice the rear fenderwell, it is pretty clean and very little rust.



I am attaching several pictures to show you the rest of the chassis, with the engine still on the frame.



The item of real interest is the main differential bridge. Note in the picture the location of the springs in the end of the diff bridge.



I found upon on closer inspection on the engine side of the diff bridge, cracks in the front part of the flange, which are caused by the pressure of the springs. I added stronger springs many years ago and this may have caused these cracks. Note the next two pictures.





These cracks are big enough to stick a pretty good size nail in and they would surely have cracked across the top and allowed the spring to push the bridge against the tub.

I plan to repair it by removing the springs to see if I can bring the crack together. Then I will weld the crack up and weld a plate across the crack on both front and back to give it additional strength. I was advised not to weld across the top of the bridge, as the heat would soften the metal.

There are several other repairs I plan on doing to the frame and those will be documented in future newsletters. Until then, see you next month.

Jim VanOrder

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BTC Logo - front

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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).

Items from the Internet

Nothing this month....

Officers and the Fine Print

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Comedy Clips

From: James D. Franchello [mailto:james@intinfo.com]

Sent: Monday, October 18, 2004 2:17 PM

Subject: Advanced medical therapy

A woman went to the doctor's office where she was seen by one of the new doctors, but after about 4 minutes in the examination room, she burst out, screaming as she ran down the hall.

An older doctor stopped her and asked what the problem was, and she told him her story. After listening, he had her sit down and relax in another room.

The older doctor marched down the hallway to the back where the first Doctor was and demanded, "What's the matter with you? Mrs. Terry is 63 years old, she has four grown children and seven grandchildren, and you told her she was pregnant?!"

The new doctor continued to write on his clipboard and without looking up said, "Does she still have the hiccups?"

From: Vanorder, James F [vanorder@BATTELLE.ORG]

Sent: Monday, October 18, 2004 9:04 AM

Subject: Top 8 Morons of 2003 (grin)

TOP 8 MORONS OF 2003

1. WILL THE REAL DUMMY PLEASE STAND UP? AT&T fired President John Walter after nine months, saying he lacked intellectual leadership. He received a \$26 million severance package. Perhaps it's not Walter who's lacking intelligence.
2. WITH A LITTLE HELP FROM OUR FRIENDS: Police in Oakland, CA spent two hours attempting to subdue a gunman who had barricaded himself inside his home. After firing ten tear gas canisters, officers discovered that the man was standing beside them in the police line, shouting, "Please come out and give yourself up."
3. WHAT WAS PLAN B??? An Illinois man, pretending to have a gun, kidnaped a motorist and forced him to drive to two different automated teller machines, wherein the kidnapper proceeded to withdraw money from his own bank accounts.
4. THE GETAWAY! A man walked into a Topeka, Kansas Kwik Stop and asked for all the money in the cash drawer. Apparently, the take was too small, so he tied up the store clerk and worked the counter himself for three hours until police showed up and grabbed him.
5. DID I SAY THAT??? Police in Los Angeles had good luck with a robbery suspect who just couldn't control himself during a lineup. When detectives asked each man in the lineup to repeat the words: "Give me all your money or I'll shoot", the man shouted, "that's not what I said!".
6. ARE WE COMMUNICATING??? A man spoke frantically into the phone: "My wife is pregnant and her contractions are only two minutes apart". "Is this her first child?" the doctor asked. "No!" the man shouted, "This is her husband!"
7. NOT THE SHARPEST TOOL IN THE SHED! In Modesto, CA, Steven Richard King was arrested for trying to hold up a Bank of America branch without a weapon. King used a thumb and a finger to simulate a gun. Unfortunately, he failed to keep his hand in his pocket. (hellooooooo)!
8. THE GRAND FINALE!!! Last summer, down on Lake Isabella, located in the high desert, an hour east of Bakersfield, CA, some folks, new to boating, were having a problem. No matter how hard they tried, they couldn't get their brand new 22 foot boat, going. It was very sluggish in almost every maneuver, no matter how much power they applied. After about an hour of trying to make it go, they putted into a nearby marina, thinking someone there may be able to tell them what was wrong. A rough topside check revealed everything in perfect working condition. The engine ran fine, the out-drive went up and down, and the propeller was the correct size and pitch. So, one of the marina guys

jumped in the water to check underneath. He came up choking on water, he was laughing so hard.(NOW REMEMBER...THIS IS TRUE.) Under the boat, still strapped securely in place, was the trailer!

From: James D. Franchello [<mailto:james@intinfo.com>]

Sent: Tuesday, September 28, 2004 1:42 PM

Subject: The pharmacist

A lady walks into a drug store and tells the pharmacist she needs some cyanide. The pharmacist said, "Why in the world do you need cyanide?" The lady then explained she needed it to poison her husband.

The pharmacist's eyes got big and he said, "Lord have mercy, I can't give you cyanide to kill your husband! That's against the law! I'll lose my license, they'll throw both of us in jail and all kinds of bad things will happen! Absolutely not, you can NOT have any cyanide!"

Then the lady reached into her purse and pulled out a picture of her husband in bed with the pharmacist's wife.

The pharmacist looked at the picture and replied, "Well now, you didn't tell me you had a prescription."

From: James D. Franchello [<mailto:james@intinfo.com>]

Sent: Tuesday, September 28, 2004 1:41 PM

Subject: clean imaginations

How To Clean Your Toilet -
The Fun Way

1. Put both lids of the toilet up and add 1/8 cup of pet shampoo to the water in the bowl.
2. Pick up the cat and soothe him while you carry him towards the bathroom.
3. In one smooth movement, put the cat in the toilet and close both lids. You may need to stand on the lid.
4. The cat will self agitate! and make ample suds. Never mind the noises that come from the toilet, the cat is actually enjoying this.
5. Flush the toilet three or four times. This provides a "power-wash" and rinse".
6. Have someone open the front door of your home. Be sure that there are no people between the bathroom and the front door.
7. Stand behind the toilet as far as you can, and quickly lift both lids.
8. The cat will rocket out of the toilet, streak through the bathroom, and run outside where he will dry himself off.
9. Both the commode and the cat will be sparkling clean.

Sincerely,
The Dog

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