

John E. Clark - September 7, 2000



John and his 1979 Triumph Spitfire
1,630 actual miles on it
John won his beloved toy in a drawing in
Lad Vegas

CLARK, John E.

age 72, of Kettering, died Thur., Sept. 7, 2000. He retired from WHIO, Channel 7 as an executive producer/director and previously worked for WCPO, Channel 9 in Cincinnati. John was a U.S. Army veteran. He was a member of the MG Car Club, Miami Valley Triumph and the SCCA. Survived by his wife, Janet (Carr) Clark; a niece; a nephew; great nieces and nephews' and great great nieces and nephews. Funeral services will be held at 10:00 A.M., Tuesday in the Routsong Funeral Home, 2100 E. Stroop Rd., Kettering. There will be a private family. The family will receive friends from 5-8:00 P.M., Monday in the funeral home. If desired, contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society, 40 S. Perry St., Suite 120, Dayton, Ohio 45402-1429. Condolences may be sent to the funeral home's website at www.routsong.com.

John Clark died on September 7th, 2000. I'd just like to share memories about John:
Man, could John talk! - I thought my mother-in-law could talk (don't believe me, just ask Alice), but John beat her hands down. We used to have to take turns listening or fatigue would set in. His turn as Event Chairman

during meetings was infamous since John researched events to death and reported on them. Usually this was nearly 60% of the entire meeting!

Man, could John write! - John wrote as he talked - long. I used to dread getting John's letters (funny how that went away) since they took forever to read. But in a way it was interesting due to the veritable plethora of trivial details within that had little to do with why he wrote!

John was the king of car displays - I remember the first time I saw his display, miniature Buckingham Palace guards and all the "doo-dads". I had a good laugh, until he won all the trophies! Since then I tried to steal all the candy from his display before the judges arrived...

It took us a while to convince him he didn't have a Jag. - Do you realize it took almost four years from when he joined to when he took his car out on a day when there was a chance of rain? To this date the soft top has never been up.

Don't cross him. - After the Ohio BMV person stated that late Triumphs weren't collector cars John went after him with a vengeance, basically badgering the bureau until they gave in and declared that all Triumphs are eligible since they were orphan cars. The collector plate on our TR7 owes its existence to John's stubbornness.

Now that John is gone we'll just have to pick up the jobs he left us. I'll probably volunteer to do his BDC chores, but I'm not sure who'll help out MG Automotive or the Kettering Holiday at Home Show (I bet we'll have less representation by British cars though). Sleep well John, you earned it.

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