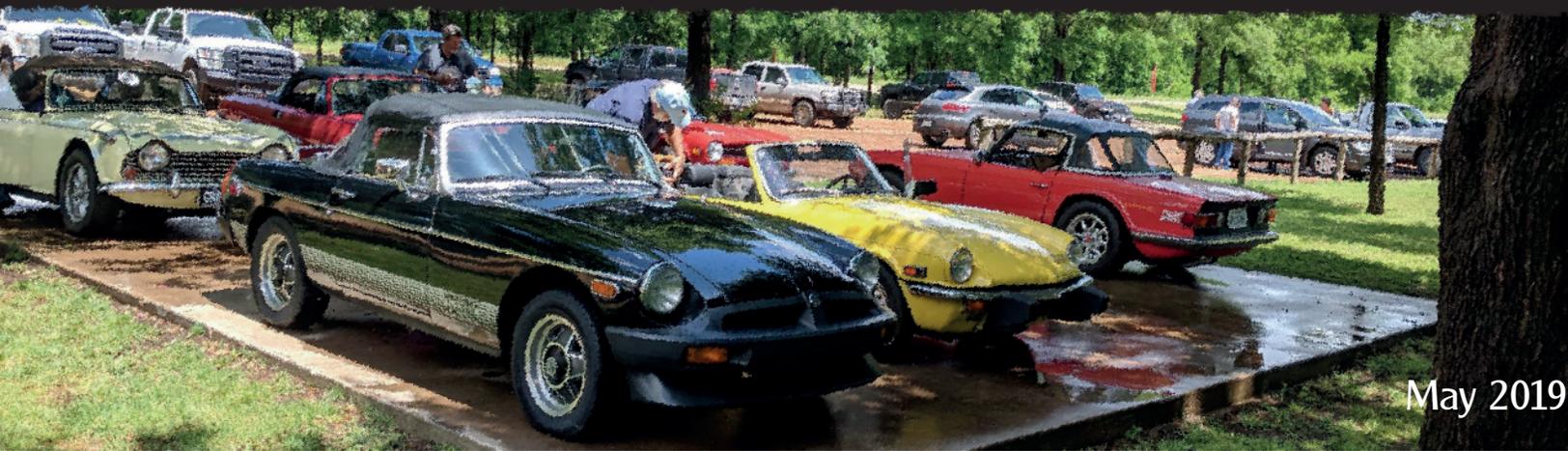


The Ragtop



May 2019

Letter from the President

By Don Couch

A big thank you goes out to Lee and Duncan Charlton for organizing and hosting our Wildflower drive last month. Quite the crowd braved the weather for a fun, spirited drive thru Bastrop and Fayette county. With so my drives out west, it was nice to see the beauty that is on the east side of Austin. Rolling hills and green pastures greeted us around twisty backroads with a stop for lunch at The Roadhouse in Paige, TX. We filled the parking lot with Triumphs, MGs, Minis, and Morgans. All hands were on deck when Dan Julien's TR6 seemed to be running on half-throttle. Mike McPhail broke out his toolkit and it

was found that a bushing was loose on the throttle linkage. Within a few minutes, the HCTC pit crew had the TR6 back to a full roar! After lunch, the sun greeted us for the drive to the Charlton farm in Bastrop. It was a great drive and a great turnout. Thanks again, Duncan and Lee.

HCTC member Robert MacKenzie called me and asked about setting up a tech day at his place again. I know a lot of members have been asking about this as well. We will see about scheduling it in early June. It's always a good time.

Stay Tuned,

Don

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The Hill Country Triumph Club, the 50th Chapter of the Vintage Triumph Register (VTR), was founded in 1990 to bring together the owners of Triumph automobiles in the Central Texas area surrounding Austin. In 1991, the membership decided to include other British car fans as associates due to lack of other clubs in our area that represent some of the other marques. As owners and lovers of our unique types of cars, we have a special kinship, which draws us together. Membership is open to anyone who is a British car enthusiast, with or without a car.

Annual dues are just \$15.00 per family group or address per year. We have dinner meetings on the 2nd Tuesday of each month and at least one other event each month. We encourage you to join and support us, even if you don't drive your car regularly. We also offer technical assistance if needed. One goal of the club is to help its members keep their cars on the road. Please call one of the club officers listed in the newsletter for more information about club benefits and spread the word about our club to others.

The Hill Country Club is a local chapter of the Vintage Triumph Register (VTR)/Triumph Sports Owners Association, which is open to all drivers of Triumph motorcars; a chapter of the Triumph Register of America, exclusively for TR2 through TR4A sports cars; and a chapter of the 6-PACK, dedicated to the enjoyment, preservation, and restoration of the Triumph TR250 and TR6 sports cars. Membership in these national organizations is encouraged. Visit their websites at www.vtr.org, www.triumphregister.com, and www.6-pack.org.

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Secretary's Report April 2019

By Mike McPhail

All that refreshing Spring rain did wonders for the Central Texas wildflower crop! Consequently, Duncan Charlton led a large group of British car enthusiasts on a circuitous romp through Bastrop and Lee Counties on Saturday the 13th, arriving at the fabulous Paige Roadhouse just before the bottom fell out of what was otherwise a lovely morning.

Duncan really knows his way around the area, and the revelers had been treated to a memorable display of flora and scenic by-ways. The sky had turned a beautiful shade of blue by the time we had finished sharing a pleasant meal and fellowship with our new friends from the Morgan and MG clubs. The Roadhouse is a hidden jewel that I will certainly revisit!

Still craving more comradery, the road warriors bustled over to the

charming Charlton homestead just west of Bastrop. Duncan and Lee directed the cars to a grassy knoll between the farm house and the garage/workshop for a photo-op, producing some very flattering images. There certainly was a wide variety of British iron on hand, representing Morgan, MG, Austin-Healey, and of course Triumph. Actually, with Spitfire (Bill Waller), TR4 (the Roccafortes), TR250 (Bob Skewis & Don Couch), 3 TR6s (Mike



And the rains came.

McPhail & Benson Tuttle, Wiley Christal and Roger Bolick) and TR8 (Bob Blake), we had just about the entire product line! Oh yes, John and Gail Akins drove a Mini!

The month's activities were far from over, however...the VTR South Central Regionals began on the 24th, running through Sunday. Benson, Joe, Bill, Bob and myself were to meet in Bee Cave for a scenic drive up 281. As is turned out just Mr. Tuttle joined me for the trip, the others having last minute scheduling problems. Then promptly at our carefully planned 8:30 departure time it began to rain cats and dogs. Fortunately, by the time we passed Hico the rain had stopped and the pleasant

sojourn we had greatly anticipated finally materialized.

Our route was hardly a short-cut and it was nearly 4 PM by the time we made it to our quaint rental cottage. Just in time for happy-hour! Bill and Bob were not too far behind, but we would not see Joe Payne until Friday. Art Graves had caravanned with the Green Country TR Club and was waiting for us at the Tanglewood Conference Center were most everyone else was lodging. Roger Bolick joined the HCTC delegation Thursday after setting an Austin to Pottsboro world speed record. He was too late to participate in the marathon 94-question-gimmick-rally, but fortunately was able to enjoy the pool-side costume/welcome party.

The car show was on Friday and this was my big chance to debut the much hyped "Pimento Spit-Six". I had arranged to have several of our members on the judging team for my class, so victory was assured!

A professionally run Autocross was the agenda Saturday morning with Mike Jankowski, Art Graves and myself representing the Hill Country. The results were (are?) available real time at www.erlive.autocross.com. Sure enough, we all garnered hot shoe awards at the sumptuous banquet that evening!

Our tired but happy entourage reluctantly departed on Sunday morning for a most pleasant journey home. As usual "a good time was had by all!"



Down on the farm.



Rollicking in the Roadhouse.



Costume Party.



Roadside maintenance.



Show field.



Vacation rental.

More Bastrop Drive Photos



Photos by Nick Roccaforte

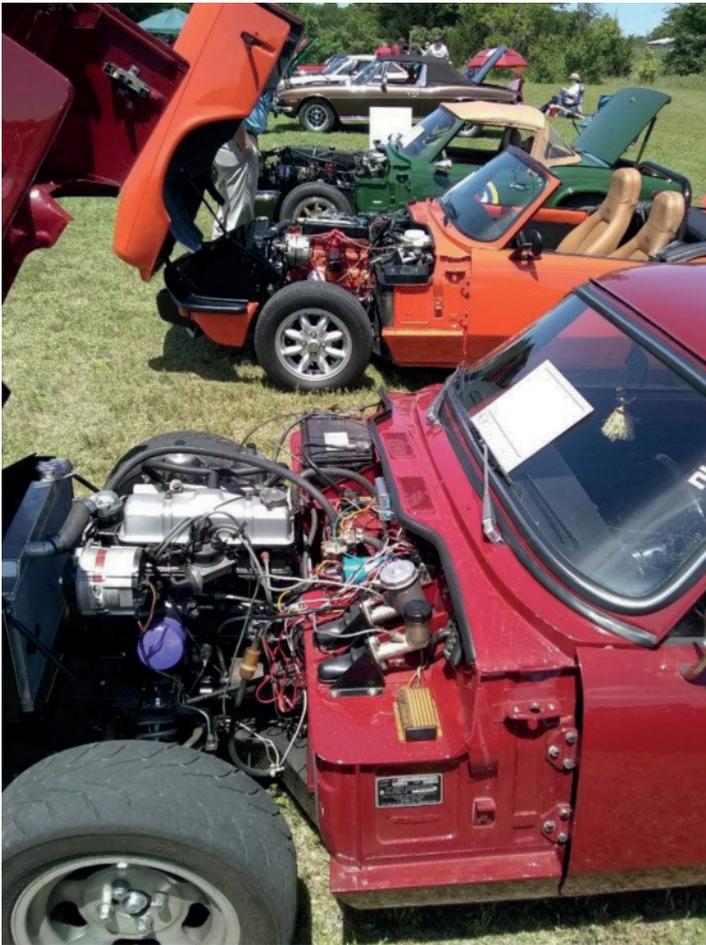
More VTR Photos



Roger turned loose on Main Street, Denison, Texas, at the Regional VTR!



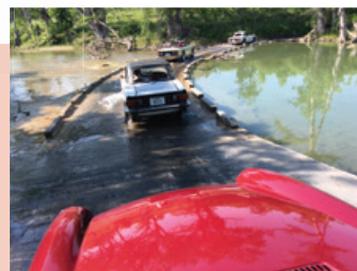
Thanks to Bob Skewis and others





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VTR National 2019

in Dripping Springs, Texas October 6-11, 2019



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VTR National Convention 2019
 Dripping Springs, TX
 Event Registration Form
 October 6-11 2019



Personal Information (for Badges)

Name of Driver A (First & Last Name)			Name of Driver B (First & Last Name)		
Address			Cell Phone A	Cell Phone B	
City	State	ZIP	E-mail address A		E-mail address B

Club Affiliation:

List Additional Attendees below for badges: First & Last Name

1.
2.
3.
4.

Check if you are willing to be a Concours Judge

Check if you Require Parking for Trailer

Car 1 Vehicle Information

Car 2 Vehicle Information

Year	Model	Color	VIN	Year	Model	Color	VIN
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Car show select only one

Car show select only one

Concours Showroom Stock	Concours Senior	Concours Showroom Stock	Concours Senior
Concours Modified Prepared	Concours Preservation	Concours Modified Prepared	Concours Preservation
Concours Modified Touring	Participants Choice	Concours Modified Touring	Participants Choice

Driving Events (check the event(s) Car 1 will participate in

Driving Events (check the event(s) Car 2 will participate in

Autocross	TSD Rallye	Gimmick Rallye	Funkhana	Autocross	TSD Rallye	Gimmick Rallye	Funkhana
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Other Events

Terms & Conditions

If you plan to attend one of the events below, please indicate by selecting below and enter the number of attendees for planning purposes.

Proof of car insurance is required to participate in moving events. Under VTR rules all Triumphs entering concours and participants choice car shows are required to participate in at least one moving event. Tech and safety inspections are required in order to participate in the autocross. Any vehicle can be disqualified at the technical inspector's discretion for safety reasons.

of Attendees

<input type="checkbox"/> Welcome Party	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Breakfast Run(s)	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Brewery Tour	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Olive Orchard Tour * Fees Apply	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Winery Tour * Fees Apply	_____

WAIVER OF LIABILITY

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Registration Fees and Regalia

Must be a VTR Member to Register.

I am a VTR member already. My membership number is _____

Item and Quantity	QTY	Sub Total
<input type="checkbox"/> I am not a VTR member but would like to Join VTR (\$35)		\$
Registration Fee 1 Car/ 2 People \$145 (after July 31 \$165)		\$
Additional Attendants (No car, \$75 per person)		\$
Additional Car \$25		\$
Banquet \$45 per person _____ Vegetarian		\$
Pint Glasses with 2019 VTR Logo \$6 each		\$
Caps \$18 Each		\$
S/M/LG/XL T-shirts \$20 each Size _____ Size _____		\$
2XL/3XL T-shirts \$25 each Size _____ Size _____		\$
TOTAL	\$	

Car Insurance Agency _____

Expiration Date: _____

I have read and agree to the VTR 2019 Waiver of Liability

Signature Driver A _____

Signature Driver B _____

See VTR2019.com for more information

Send signed form postmarked by 9/13 and check payable to:
Hill Country Triumph Club c/o Barbara Kramer
4018 Malaga Drive
Georgetown, TX 78628



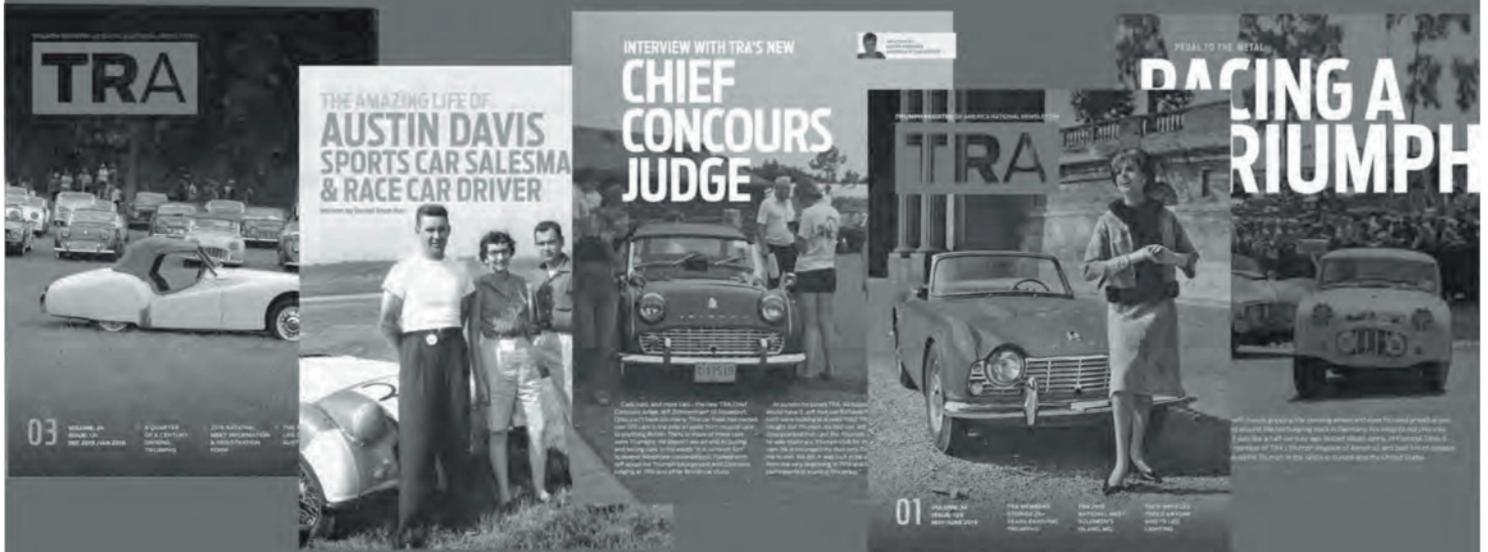
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Make & Model

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Tonda Macy
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4200 Lisa Drive
Tipp City, OH 45371
tonda@macysgarage.com
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HCTC Classifieds



Lucas Brake Master Cylinder for Spitfire

New. Requires DOT 3 brake fluid. (That's why it was never installed) Has sat in box for a few years so if you get this order a re-build kit.

\$60

Charles. 512-296-0972



Spitfire intake manifold 1300-1500

\$20

Charles. 512-296-0972

We have finished the restoration of the TR3A we have owned for about 44 years. After all those years of gathering parts and parts cars, we now have many parts and pieces left. I am wanting to give these to either an individual or a business that will be able to use them to keep some of these cars going. I don't mind if they are sold by a business or used by an individual - I just want them to be used and not stored in my garage.

I have 2 nose caps, a pair of doors, a boot lid, maybe a convertible top frame and some engine parts.

I live in Lockhart and can deliver the parts.

Bill Duran

512-227-6067 (cell)

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Visor assembly with mounts (both sides), ignition switch cover, trunk light, misc. items.

Text Jim @ 254-563-9141



Used seats from a '75 TR6. Headrests are functional and stay up as desired. Asking \$240.00 (Photos above.)

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Effective with the January Rag Top the following ad rates will prevail:

Member ads for Triumph cars or parts will continue to be free and will run for two issues.
These ads may be renewed as necessary two times (For a total of six issues).

Ads or flyers for other club's events will continue to be free and will run for two issues.

Ads for commercial items or services will be charged the following rates:

Business Card ad: \$5:00 per issue

Quarter page ad: \$10.00 per issue

Half page ad: \$15.00 per issue

Full-page ad: \$25.00 per issue

These ads must be prepaid and can be scheduled for as long as desired, minimum of six issues. Long term ad runs must be prepaid at the time of scheduling. All ads must include artwork.

Artwork should be submitted to Dan Julien at dan.julien@gmail.com

Fees should be sent to:

HILL COUNTRY TRIUMPH CLUB

Attn: Mike Schubert
18340 Masi Loop
Pflugerville, TX 78660

Pay Your Dues!!!!!!!

Please check the latest spreadsheet sent out by Nel. If it says Jan-19 in the dues column your dues are over-due now. Any quite delinquent member who hasn't paid will be dropped from the roster.

Cost is \$15 per year per family. If you don't wish to renew, please notify Nel.

Mail your check (payable to **Hill Country Triumph Club** or **HCTC**) to:

Nel McPhail
1105 N Canyonwood Dr
Dripping Springs, Tx 78620
(512) 656-1456
nmcphail@austin.rr.com

Membership Application

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Home Phone: _____
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Email address: _____



Car Make: _____ Model: _____ Year: _____ Color: _____
Car Make: _____ Model: _____ Year: _____ Color: _____

How on earth did you hear about the Hill Country Triumph Club?

Please mail your application and \$15 check payable to HCTC to:
Nel McPhail, 1105 North Canyonwood Dr, Dripping Springs, TX 78620

Upcoming Events

May 11, 2019 — HCTC morning meeting. October 3-6, 2019 — 6-Pack Trials, St. Louis, MO. Info at www.britishironnwa.org/show.html
May 14, 2019 — HCTC evening meeting.
June 8, 2019 — HCTC morning meeting. October 6-11, 2019 — VTR Nationals, Dripping Springs, TX. Info at www.vtr2019.com.
June 11, 2019 — HCTC evening meeting.
September 7, 2019 — Brits in the Ozarks, Fayetteville, AR. Info at www.britishironnwa.org/show.html.

Next breakfast meeting:

Saturday, May 11, 2019, 9:00 AM

Waterloo Ice House

6203 N Capital of Texas Hwy

Austin, TX 78731

NE corner of Lp 360 & RM 2222

waterlooicehouse.com — Phone: 512-478-9700

Next evening meeting:

Tuesday, May 14, 2019, 7:00 PM

The Tavern

922 West 12th St

Austin, TX 78703

At the corner of 12th and Lamar

tavernaustin.com — Phone: 512-320-8377