The RAGTOP

February 2021

Letter from the President

Don Couch

I wish I could announce we are resuming monthly meetings but with Austin and Travis County in Stage 5 Covid risk it just doesn't seem prudent. For those wondering, Stage 5 is defined as the following: "urges individuals to avoid all gatherings outside of the household and avoid dining and shopping except as essential. Businesses are recommended to only operate through contactless options such as curbside and delivery." I hope we can get this virus under control and get back to having meetings again next month or April. Seems I heard it was supposed to "just disappear in the Spring". Again, let me repeat what I've said for months now, I am not against club members organizing drives or meeting up.

That being said, Nick and Julie Roccaforte along with the CCMGC have once again organized a Valentine Drive. If you've never attended one of Nick and Julie's drives you are missing out. This year's drive winds thru some of the most amazing fun hill country roads around on it's way to Canyon of the Eagles. There will be stops along the way and those who feel comfortable staying, lunch at the Canyon of the Eagles

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restaurant. Nick and Julie ask that you wear a mask whenever you are outside of your vehicle. They are also limiting it to about twenty cars so please email Nick and let him know you will attend. More info is included in the pages below. I hope they have a great turnout!

Wednesday, February the 10th is *International Drive Your Triumph Day.* It celebrates Sir John Black's birthday, the man who organized Standard's purchase of Triumph after World War II and went on to make the cars we enjoy driving today. I hope we can all get out and enjoy driving out Triumphs Wednesday and flood Dan with stories and snapshots of our drives. And Speaking of Dan and newsletter articles, I have to again, thank Dan for all his hard work cranking out the Ragtop every month. Dan has had some challenging times here lately and I know I speak for all of us in thanking him and wishing him well.

I also want to thank past president Steve Johnson for sending out to the club various bits of information that comes in from time to time. As club officers, we get announcements and inquiries from members, other clubs, business and organizations on a wide variety of subjects. From someone wanting to sell a car to someone wanting to buy a car. Recently, a bride getting married here in Austin was looking for a TR3 similar to what her recently deceased grandfather had that she could use in her wedding. A flurry of emails went around, much in part to Steve, and HCTC member Jim Haller stepped up to offer her the use of his beautiful 1959 TR3. Thanks Steve and Jim for this.

I know we all get fed up with our mailboxes getting full of junk mail so if you'd rather opt out of any of the clubs emails, kindly drop us a note and we'd be more than happy to remove you from our email blast list. You can always keep track of club activities on our FaceBook page. Robert Mackenzie keeps our FB page on target weeding out any unsolicited or "off-topic" posts. He keeps it HCTC related info and I thank him for this babysitting/ policing of our online presence.

Now everyone go wash your hands, put your masks on, and get out there and DRIVE YOUR TRIUMPH! (and write Dan a newsletter article about it!)

Stay Tuned,

Don

Secretary's Report
January 2021

Mike McPhail

For most of us January was another lean month Triumph-wise. Oops, hold on…the somewhat anonymous and unofficial "Triumph Outlaws" once again braved the virus-laden landscape in search of beer and bravado. The ninth of January proved to be a perfect day for a spirited drive to the famous Oasis Brewing Company overlooking magnificent Lake Travis. In case you d didn't know, this is not the well-known restaurant, but another establishment next door that shares the same incredible lake view.

If you park on the second level of the garage, you can hoof it straight over to the brew-pub and that beats walking in the hot sun from the dirt parking lot, then up a bunch of stairs! Anyway, the place wasn't too busy (got Covid?) and the pizza was really delicious!

Oasis Brewing.

Wanting more time behind the wheel, our next destination was the Family Business Beer Company on Hamilton Pool Road. This is another lovely beer garden, and yet the public health precautions proved too onerous for our manly men.

We made a hasty retreat to the Fitzhugh Brewing Company on well you know…that road. There was a huge crowd of marginally compliant revelers in attendance, but a comfortable spot was secured a safe six feet from any infectious strangers.

The sun goes down mighty early that time of year, so we had to call quits after ingesting only two beers each all afternoon…bummer!

Just about every Sunday, Nel and I drive a

Fitzhugh.

Name this pub….

New brewpub in Blanco.

TR down to the Redbud Café in beautiful downtown Blanco for a killer Reuben sandwich and a cold glass of Real Ale. This is a lovely way to spend the afternoon and the journey is highly recommended. Try it…you'll like it!

Personally, I have been spending a lot of time in Rockport (have sailboat/will…yeah, you know) and always drive one of my clown cars…I mean Triumphs, on the eight hour/ 400 mile round-trip. It was the TR6's turn in January!

Not so lean, really…

Exterior of Redbud Cafe.

For the Drive a Triumph Day on Wednesday, 10 Feb we are putting a short drive together. We know most people have to work but if you want to join us we will start at Louie Mueller BBQ in Taylor, TX and end is Georgetown. We plan to leave there at 2 PM after lunch. Plan to arrive in time for lunch if you want some there.

Cheers,

Rip Torn

From the Archives

Art Graves

Two items for this months' Archive column. From the August 2001 'Ragtop', an account of the club's first blood drive. As far as I know, it is the only blood drive by the club. In reading the story, you may seem like we left Barbara in the brew room after she passed out. That is not true. We all made sure she was safe in an ambulance and then we continued the tour. Also, note the quality of the pictures.

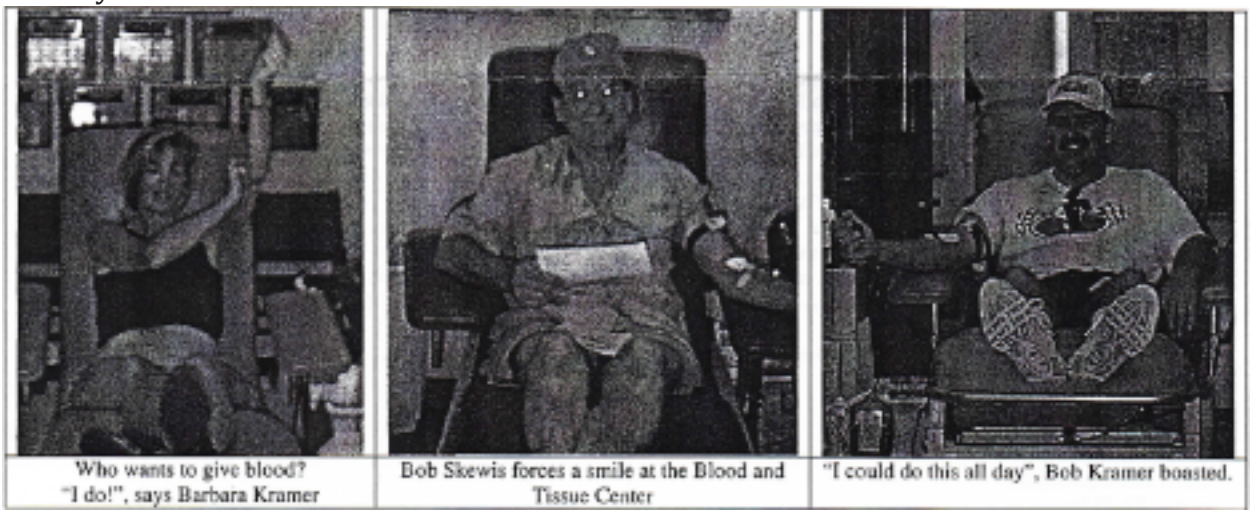
Trip Report: First Annual HCTC Blood Drive A Success
By Bob Skewis

July's event was designed as a response to feedback at the meetings that it was too hot to drive in the summer and we should have more social activities. In addition, our esteemed President suggested we might perform some charitable function. Through a stroke of genius, I decided to combine all of these into the first blood drive in the history of HCTC.

We had four cars and five members meet at the blood bank on Saturday morning the 7 of July — John Carl, Art Graves, Bob and Barbara Kramer and Bob Skewis. John had a little trouble with his TR6 as he brought it up MoPac and we had a parking lot repair clinic as he and Bob K. managed a fan belt replacement. We all offered our arms and the blood bank personnel were courteous, efficient and thankful for our contributions. It was punch and cookies all around while we gathered our strength before taking our picture next to the banner we had planted on the lawn. We attracted some attention with our cars and banner, but no cash offers were suggested. Afterward, we started a caravan to the Waterloo Brewing Co. with a short stop to shorten a water hose on John's car that was causing a steam problem. After a second successful repair, and Bob K's requisition of water from a neighbor's hose, we completed our trip and were greeted with reserved parking spots at the Waterloo.

The brew master greeted us, as did Charlie and Adrienne Stewart and Marilyn and Rachel Skewis. As we were all hungry, we postponed the brewery tour until after we had eaten. Barbara was feeling a little weak and passed out on the tour, but the rest of us were treated to the ins and outs of malt, what makes dark beer and why light beer is really light (all the sugar is used up in the fermenting process and then it is watered down). Art, the home brew expert, made us all look good by asking pertinent questions.

Anyway, a good time was had by all and I expect to offer this trip package again next year with a few revisions — and a little better participation on the thin red line. Thank you to all the brave members for giving your best! Oh yeah, we also have some credit built up at the bank and if any of y'all need a pint (no, not beer) we can help you out!



Who wants to give blood? "I do!", says Barbara Kramer

Bob Skewis forces a smile at the Blood and Tissue Center

"I could do this all day", Bob Kramer boasted.

The second item is from the September 2000 'Ragtop'. *There used to be a off-and-on series to introduce club members. Perhaps El Presidente can persuade club members to contribute a short bio to Dan.*

Getting to Know: Dan Julien, Vice-President — Hill Country Triumph Club

State your name: Daniel Julien

Where are you from? I grew up in Duluth, Minnesota.

Would you go back? Only if I could get away for most of the winter!

If you couldn't live in Central Texas, where would you live? Probably someplace in the mountains - maybe New Mexico or Colorado.

What is your favorite color? Green

What are your hobbies? Messing with computers — tweaking the Linux box on my home network. Music — a wide variety — jazz (Miles Davis, John Coltrane), classical (Beethoven, Chopin, Bartok, Stravinsky, Ives), rock. Working on the Triumph. Beer - home brewing when I had more time; these days just tasting different styles.

What would you do to make the world a better place to live? Do SOMETHING about the traffic and constant road construction in Austin. (Can anyone remember a time when either MLK/19th St or 15th St wasn't torn up?)

What is something that most people don't know about you, and would be surprised to learn? I spent a year doing archaeological research in Peru.

Tell us about your family: Married to Francis. Two kids: Melanie (18), student at ACC; Martin (14)

What was your first car? A two-tone brown 1957 Ford Fairlane two-door (with rust holes big enough to stick your fist through. All the salt they use during those long

Minnesota winters is not kind to sheet metal!)

What was your first British car? A 1966 Sunbeam Alpine (bought in 1974). But my first "British" car was a 1969 Datsun 1600 roadster - a copy of the idea of a British sports car right down to the Hitachi-made copies of SU carbs.

What British car(s) do you own now? Just my 1970 TR6.

Ode to the Glory Years of Sports Cars

Matters not upon what you drive,
concrete, dirt or tar
it's time behind the wheel
makes you who you are.

We started in the fifties
and drove em hard and fast
underpowered MGs
to see if they would last.

We learned to heel and toe
and also double clutch
today outdated efforts
back then we loved so much.

The sixties came and with it,
a few more bucks to spend
on cars with more displacement
and of the latest trend.

And soon we caught the bug,
the will to race you see,
and not too far down the road
we bought a TR3.

A trophy here, another there,
and dash plaques galore,
we had great fun racing
but wanted even more.

At Elkhart Lake and Wilmot Hills,
and Lynndale Farms so near,
the fun we had soon gone for good,
a fact we knew so clear.

But alas it became quite costly,
to travel far and wide
so quit we did to sit and watch,
the Mrs. at our side.

And while there watching,
as cars took Corner Five
it dawned upon us greatly
no longer we would drive.

As life went on, success did too
we think about those days
of friends and cars and racing
and of our daring ways.

So here we are decades past
without a will to play
we drive our vintage Porsches
but just on sunny days.

And after all is said and done
of glory days gone past
each as one we must agree
Damn, that was a blast.

Robert Birmingham
Poet and Wisconsin's 1960 Top Borgward Salesman

Report from Spain

Ian and Elaine Phillips

Dear HCTC,

Things are tough here in Spain, as the government is holding our feet to the fire regarding the supposed pandemic. No more car club trips, but we have managed a few on our own…

Regards,
Ian and Elaine Phillips

Missing Key Solution

Mike McPhail

Did you ever wonder what the @#$% happened to the keys to the glovebox and trunk of your TR6? The DPO always seems to lose the &^%$ things! All is not lost…

A new set of matching locks and keys can be purchased and installed, but where is the fun in that? Besides, the trunk lock tumbler still has to be swapped, and that is the most trouble anyway.

The glovebox lock is sealed such that it has to be replaced, or alternatively, it can be used as a starting point for a DIY solution. There is a three-digit number stamped on the lock that can be used to order a new key from Triple C Accessories (https://www.triple-c.com/Original_Wilmot_Breeden_Keys.cfm) or others. Prefix the number with "FS" and you are in business.

The trunk lock should be keyed the same as the glovebox. If not, the number is stamped on it too, but it is a little harder to get at. The tumbler can be removed from the trunk lock and re-keyed with some effort. The pins in the tumbler can be re-arranged to match another key, as shown in the photo. This can be done to the early dash mounted ignition switches also. Both my TRs have had the switches moved from the steering column to the dash! On the Spit-Six, the ignition key matches the trunk lock and is the only key on the fob.

Okay let's take the trunk lock apart:

FS906.

FS926.

Remove the four screws that hold the lock on the car. The lock may not want to come out, but note that the lock body can be squeezed for better clearance. Notice the three-digit key number stamped on the front. Now you can order a key, or:

Drill out the two rivets that hold the front of the lock to the rear. Remove the two screws that hold the tumbler assembly to the face. Remove the snap-ring that holds the tumbler and remove tumbler. This is done by driving out the pin as shown in the photo.

The five pins in the tumbler can be pushed out with a small screwdriver or the like. Be ready to catch the little springs. The pins can now be re-arranged to match the key that fits the glovebox. Obviously, it helps to have an assortment, but in a pinch any pins that protrude slightly when the key is inserted can be filed smooth with the outside of the tumbler. Hey, this ain't Fort Knox!

TR6.

One key fits all.

Drill out rivets on right.

Remove snap ring.

Drive out pin.

Tumbler revealed.

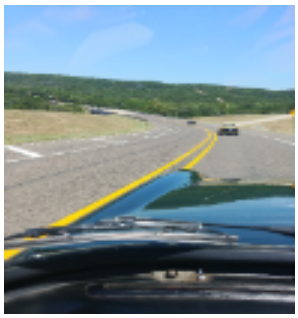
Pin assortment

Doesn’t fit yet…

Now it fits!

Where Did I see that Article?

Rip Torn



Having joined the HCTC almost three years ago after buying my second Triumph ever, I am very fortunate to be associated with some of the finest people I have met. Before anyone questions my standards let me say that to a person if a member has an answer to a question no matter how simple or complex, they have freely shared it and often helped resolve it.

My car "the Green Goblin" was mostly restored when I bought it to about the 80% level. That last 20% has been a labor of love and frustration. My biggest realization on care and feeding of a vintage car has been the paucity of local part availability and dearth of resources on the interwebs. In researching the "how-tos" over the past couple of years I have bookmarked a goodly collection of sites that I am sure the veterans in the club are already aware of. For the new members I thought it would be a nice start to an online reference library. My searches have been confined to the TR-6 world but there are related links in there to Spits, Wedges, and other British cars. These do not have any sponsorship for the list.

TR-6

Blogs

Bob Daniels http://tr6.danielsonfamily.org/

Tripp's TR6 http://trippstr6.blogspot.com/

74TR6 http://www.74tr6.com/

Repairs and Reference

The British Motor Trade Association http://www.britcar.org/members.php

British Automotive Maintenance 101 http://www.wmbgbrit.com/maintenance_british_sport-car.htm

Bullfire Garage Table of Contents http://bull-fire.net/TR6/TR6%20TOC.html

Buckeye Triumph https://www.buckeyetriumph-s.org/

Scions of Lucas http://www.team.net/sol/tech/

VTR Maintenance https://vintagetriumphregis-ter.org/maintenance/

Carburetor Resources http://triumphspitfire.com/carbs.html

Elin Yackov Youtube Resto https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DZJST7ALckQ&list=PLLWN-LIF9Lk97xZsbU0dUidAa48bxRUw-t&ab_channel=ElinYakov%27sRustyBeauties

TR6 Workshop manual www.tr6pi.com/TR6 workshop Manual.pdf

Leonard Renkenberger "Six Tech" TR6 manuals http://www.74tr6.com/6-tech.htm

TR6 Earthing (Ground) Points http://www.ovtc.net/uploads/9/5/1/6/9516577/tr6_ground-_points_hr.pdf

How Do I Bring Back the Original Color Paint in My Car? https://itstillruns.com/do-original-color-paint-car-5661197.html

Triumph Related Links to all kinds of stuff https://teglerizer.com/triumphstuff/triumphlinks.htm

Vendors

British Parts Northwest https://www.bpnorthwest.com/

CarParts.com Triumph TR6 Parts, Triumph TR6 Accessories | https://www.carparts.com/triumph/tr6

eBay Parts for 1975 Triumph TR6 for sale | https://www.ebay.com/b/Parts-for-1975-Triumph-TR6/6030/bn_86844605

Redline tire kits https://www.tirestickers.com/redline-tire-kits/

EnglishParts.com https://www.englishparts.com/AboutUs.aspx

Good Parts - http://goodparts.com/

kipmotor.com Parts, Service and Restoration for Metropolitan, London Taxi and Uncommon British Vehicles http://www.kipmotor.com/

LBCarCo | Little British Car Co https://www.lbcarco.com/

MacGregor British Car Parts: TR6 Soft Top/Tonneau http://www.macgregorukcarparts.com/category/TR6-s-top.html

Manta.com MG &Triumph Parts & Service Arlington TX, 76015 – https://www.manta.com/c/mbn0jcx/m-g-triumph-parts-service

Moss Motors https://mossmotors.com/

Rimmer Brothers - https://rimmerbros.com/

Sports & Classics.com Triumph TR6 - https://www.sportsandclassics.com/product-category/triumph/triumph-tr6/

Sports Car Parts LTD http://www.sportscarpartsltd.com/

SPORTS CAR WAREHOUSE http://www.sportscarwarehouse.com/

Summit Racing https://www.summitracing.com/search/year/1975/make/triumph/model/tr6/?PageSize=100

The Roadster Factory— http://www.the-roadster-factory.com/TRFcontact.php

The Wedge Shop http://www.thewedgeshopstore.com/

TS Imported Automotive - http://tsimportedautomotive.com/tr250_tr6.html

Lucas Distributor Rebuild And Vacuum Units - https://www.britishvacuumunit.com/home-page.html

Triumph TR6 - Sports & Classics https://www.sportsandclassics.com/product-category/triumph/triumph-tr6/

Victoria British has been bought out by Moss now and their link will take you to Moss.

Valentine's Drive 2021

Nick Roccaforte

Attention all CCMGC members and invited guests from the Houston MG Club, the Hill Country Triumph Club and the TMGR:

Please note below the outline for this year's Valentine Drive.

1. Drive Date: Saturday February 20th. Rain or shine

2. Meet up location: Chevron Station on the corner of RR 1431 and Nameless Road

3. Meet up time: 10am

4. Drivers Meeting: 10:20am

5. Depart time: 10:30 sharp — This is not a race, we will be going the speed limit.

6. Rest Stop: 11:15am— This is a 15 minute rest stop just past Marble Falls.

7. Destination: Canyon of the Eagles—This is a 75 mile journey from the starting point—see attached route map.

8. Arrival time: Around Noon

9. Lunch: The chef is offering a select menu for anyone who feels comfortable staying for lunch. See attached menu and safety requirements below. Please have reviewed the menu before you arrive for lunch and be ready to order when the server arrives at your table. This will help facilitate the lunch service.

10. After lunch: We will depart from the Canyon of the Eagles around 1:30pm and have a choice of two stops along the way home for those interested.

11. 1st Stop option: For anyone interested you can stop on your own at Torr Na Loch Winery, Burnet TX 78611. They are open from 12pm-6pm on Saturdays.

12. 2nd Stop option: The Town Square in Burnet where you can stop on your own. There is a coffee/tea and pastry shop "Unshakable Grounds and Coffee" to stop for dessert after lunch. They have scones as well. They are open until 4pm. There is an ice cream shop called "Happy Scoops" that is open until 9pm. There is an antique shop called "The Antique Mall" on the square that has a lot of unique items. I believe they will be open until 4pm.

13. Option 3: You can enjoy both the 1st an 2nd option if you have the

time and would like!

14. This is the end of the adventure! We hope you have a safe journey home!

Required Guidelines:

1. For the safety of all participants you are required to wear a mask whenever you are out of your vehicle.

2. If you choose to stay for lunch you are required to enter the restaurant wearing a mask. The restaurant at The Canyon of the Eagles has both an inside and outside dining area to accommodate the social distancing requirements for those who choose to stay for lunch.

3. If you go to any of the optional stops you are required to read the requirements on the entrance of any establishment you enter and abide by their rules.

4. Again this is not a race. We will be driving the posted speed limits.

Additional Notes:

If you have a two way radio please bring it.

Drive is limited to about 20 cars so if you are coming you need to email me roccaforte1@sbcglobal.net with the following information no later than Feb 15th .

1. Name of driver and spouse/ guest

2. Type of car driving

3. How many will be staying for lunch. This is important to know for the restaurant.

4. Your cell phone number

5. My cell number is 832-493-2288

6. Scott Ogle the drive coordinator's cell is 512-638-0217

7. We will not be handing out a route map at the drivers meeting. Please print this email, a copy of the menu and route map attached above and bring with you.

Looking forward to seeing you soon!

Nick

Classifieds

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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Tachometer RPM, Original Gauge Smith, RN2414/00AS OEM. Fit all TR-6 1972-1976

$80.00 Ray Brown 240-472-7200

Picnic blanket with snap on vinyl cover. Size 58 X 70 inches. New $30.00

Ray Brown 240-472-7200

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Wanted: TR 6 jack and handle.

Joe Payne 210-326-6673
robjoepayne@yahoo.com

TR6 Air Filter Components $40.00 Raymond Brown 240-472-7200

Stromberg 175 CD carburetor set. $80.00. Raymond Brown 240-472-7200

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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 right.)

Text Jim @ 254-563-9141

MOMO Super Indy Mahogany Steering Wheel 350mm (13.7")

Excellent Condition
Manufactured 10/97
(you would need to buy the install kit specific to your car)
Asking $200

Charles Wagner
cell 512.296.0972
cwagner@sam.biz

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Used and new TR6 parts for sale. For full listing, contact info, and pictures, click here.

SU HS2 Carbs. For Sale a pair of SUHS2 carbs with chrome air filters. Condition excellent. New jets, needles, float needles and jets. PRICE $175.00. Contact Olivio 316-200-3068 phone or text.

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Free to a good home:

2 TR4 Front Overriders

2 TR4 Front Bumper Brackets

1 TR4 Rear Bumper

All are serviceable but by no means pristine. There are scratches and scuffs and dings.

Located in Lago Vista, TX

Rod Hamilton
(714)420-6996
Orders@hamiltonguitars.net

Triumph TR6 '69-72 Intake Manifold Stanpart V3108, used, as is. Great condition. Price plus shipping or pick up in central Texas $110

Fuel tank from TR6, great condition and solid. As is shipping is extra or pick up in central Texas. $120

Used Differential from a 1969 TR6. Good condition. As is. Price plus shipping or pick up in central Texas. $500

Many other parts available. Contact Rip at 512 845 2944 or rtorn09@gmail.com

1976 Tr-6 For Sale

Everything works. Always garaged. 71,000 Miles. No Rust. $13,900.
Tom Glass.

tglass@glasscpa.com. 512-964-6650.

Stock photo of car undergoing off frame restoration. Actual car is same color and wheels but left hand (USA) drive and black interior.

1973 Triumph GT6

Body fully stripped and mounted on dolly. frame stripped and painted. New suspension installed. $10k in new parts (invoices available). Partial list of new parts; interior, Smith gauges, 14" mini-lite mags, stainless headers, new racing suspension and brakes, wiring harness, all chrome parts, starter, alternator, 3 carbs, plus much more.

Engine rebuilt by Performance Race Industries to Stage 1 specs.
Rebuilt transmission and differential.
Stored in locker for 20+ years.

$13K OBO

John Carson
512-716-9654
jfcarson2005@yahoo.com

Hill Country Triumph Club Advertising Rates

Member ads for Triumph cars or parts are 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 are 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-21 in the dues column your dues are due now. Any 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

Name:_____

Address:_____

City/State:_____ Zip:_____

Home Phone:_____

Work Phone:_____

Email address:_____

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

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

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

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Please mail your application and $15 check payable to HCTC to:
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http://www.hillcountrytriumphclub.org

Become a VTR Member

The Vintage Triumph Register has its benefits. A national club of Triumph enthusiasts spanning the globe needs you as a member. Affiliate club membership is not an automatic membership to VTR. Some of the benefits:
The Vintage Triumph Magazine – Our award-winning bi-monthly color publication
2020 VTR National Convention in Galena, Illinois
Access to a large number of local clubs
Website with reference material and members-only sections
Record Trace Certificates TR2/TR3/TR3A/TR3B. Factory trace documents on other Triumph models no longer available
Clothing, regalia, exclusive items
Specific vehicle consultants and experts

Sign up at https://vintagetriumphregister.org

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, breakfast meetings on the 2nd Saturday, 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, triumphregister.com, and 6-pack.org.

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Upcoming Events

Next date TBD — **Cars & Coffee**. Circuit of the Americas. Info here.

Feb 10, 2021 — **Drive Your Triumph Day**. See this month's President's Letter for information, and see p. 5 for an opportunity to drive with other club members.

Feb 20 — **Valentine's Drive**. See p. 15.

Feb 20 — **Pistons on the Square**, Georgetown, TX. 8 AM - 10 AM. Info here.

Feb 27 — **10th Annual Stephanie Nichols Car & Vintage Plane Show** at the Georgetown Municipal Airport February 27, 2021. The Rain Date will be March 6, 2021. Click here for information and registration.

Sept 14-18, 2021 — **VTR 2021 Nationals**, Edmond OK. COVTR has agreed to host the VTR 2021 Nationals in September 2021. Hotel reservations are not available now....need to wait until January. www.triumphsokc.org/vtr2021

Oct 30, 2021 — **South Texas ABCD**, Boerne, TX.

Next Meeting

No meeting this month