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# Thoughts from Rip

**Rip Torn**



**G**reetings from North Texas everyone. Most of you know by now that I re-entered the workforce and am working up in the Dallas area. While in training as a flight instructor my schedule is controlled by outside forces so my availability to attend things are limited for a few months. Self-imposed problems, I know!

Our club continues to grow! A Triumphant Welcome to Bruce Powers and Rick Hovan, both with TR-6s. Look for them at upcoming meetings and share some of our HCTC hospitality with them.

Being away during a major event- VTR Regionals in Boerne was sad for me personally but did show the dedication of our members and officers to the success of the club and our membership. Club work is ongoing with a few more improvements coming. Our website is continuing to add feature so keep checking it out. We are looking for electronic payment options and you will be able to pay with Zelle. The registration form will give you an electronic submission option with the payment or the old school print and mail. In case you missed it there is link to order shirts, etc from Lands' End on the site but use that link to find the right place to go. We have also found a place to embroider the HCTC logo and other custom additions on your existing garments and cloth patches. That is in progress and will have an online order form and process soon. We have an online classified section now so check that out for needed and available parts. The Club By-laws are on the membership page if you want to read up on how we try to do things. There is now a tab for club docs with a password HCTC\_Secure where we put the "TR6 Shop Reference Data 2021", your monthly HCTC Meeting Minutes and HCTC Exec Committee Minutes. It's all there for you as members. Jimmy White has done a lot of work enabling this so

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stop and thank him when you see him.

In addition to some events in May we have the Annual Club meeting and Election coming up on June 11 at the Live Oak near the Austin airport. We will have a lunch there with an option for you to bring guests. We must charge extra for them however but it will be worth it for some great food. We will send out an evite so we can order the right amount of food. Please reply either way make it or miss it. We are also having our annual elections then and will have a nominating committee solicit for anyone who is interested in running for office. We have a publicity/ marketing position available now and ask you consideration to help the club and its membership grow and improve. We really need to attract some younger demographic members and must be able to reach out to them. Details to follow later this month.

Finally I want to thank Joe, Mike M, Nel, Jim, Jimmy, Dan, and Mike S for their continued service to the club and to all our club members getting reengaged in activities. In the meantime as the summer approaches and the weather gets nice (and hot) get your cars working, tops down and keep driving those Triumphs! Cheerio

Triumphantly yours,

*R. "Rip" Torn*

President, Hill Country Triumph Club



# Secretary's Report April 2022

**Jim Wells**



**T**hough April may be the month for showers, the rain gods were merciful to those who participated at this year's South Central VTR Regionals. Actually, April turned out to be one of Texas' dryer spring months, as the farmer's almanac would show. This month's Club events started out with our regular Saturday club meeting at the Waterloo Ice House. Among many of the regulars were two new members to the club-Roger Allen and Mitch Zess, each, proud owners of TR6s. Roger, just three weeks prior, had just purchased his first Triumph! Much of the discussion that day included preparations for the upcoming VTR Regionals in Boerne, TX. For the past two or three meetings, Roger Bolick has been introducing, to our Saturday attendees, unique or otherwise obscure tools useful to the do-it-your-

self Triumph enthusiast. This past Saturday's meeting, attendees walked away with a high-quality tire pressure gauge! Not sure how long these door prizes will last, so make sure you make it to our next Saturday meeting on the 14th of May. Our Tuesday social club meeting will precede Saturday's meeting and will also be held at the Waterloo Ice House-see this issue for times, dates, and location.

Tuesday's social meeting had a good turnout with 17 members in attendance. Again, all things Triumph dominated the conversation, with an emphasis on the upcoming VTR Regionals. Many listened intently as Bill Waller described with, as only Bill can do, great enthusiasm and anticipated wonder, the upcoming Funkhana course he, Bill Waller, and Bob Skewis had



Roger's TR6



Funkhana



developed for the Regionals. Pink Floyd was the theme, no doubt, a remnant of Bill's college days and jaded past. From the rumors heard thereafter, the infamous Pink Floyd Funkhana was an event to remember.

Well, the 21<sup>st</sup> of April arrived and Roger



Allen and I made good time, in my Mimosa TR6, from Salado to meet up with Mike and Art Graves in Dripping Springs. The four of us met up with Wiley Christal and Joe Payne at the nearby HEB to fuel up for the pilgrimage to Boerne, led by our very own

Mike McPhail. Along the way, we stopped for a quick bite at the well-known Red Bud Café in Blanco.

Once we arrived at our host hotel, registered, and unpacked, we proceeded to the welcome party where familiar faces abound during a light catered dinner. As libations were nursed, familiar acquaintances were made, reminiscing with old friends and discussing the upcoming



events that lay ahead.

On the second day, the Gimmick Driving Rally started the day with four of our own club members capturing first and second place. Bob Skewis and Bill Waller won first place at the Gimmick Rally, while Mike

McPhail and Benson Tuttle came in at a close second place to represent the Hill Country Triumph Club in splendid fashion.



Once the excitement from the Gimmick Rally calmed down, all cars Triumph, lined up at the Main Plaza Park for the, much anticipated Concours De Elegance. Even though the competition was tough, the members of the Hill Country Triumph Club fared well in this event. Coming away with FOUR first place wins in Early and Late Model Stock and Early and Late Model Modified Tour-





ing, Wiley Christal, Art Graves, Joe Payne, and myself captured first place in their respective categories in the TR6 judging class. Mike McPhail easily won first place in the late Spitfire category with his Spit 6 beauty. Bob Skewis won second place in the TR4-TR250 category, while Benson Tuttle and newcomer, Roger Allen earned second and third place, respectively, in the survivor's category.

Autocross was the last competitive event held for this weekend's festivities. Mike McPhail, Joe Payne and Wiley Christal competed among very well-prepared competi-



tors. When the dust settled and the smoke cleared, Wiley Christal (Stock) and Joe Payne (Modified) walked away with 3<sup>rd</sup> place in their respective categories. Hats off to all who participated at this year's VTR Regionals!

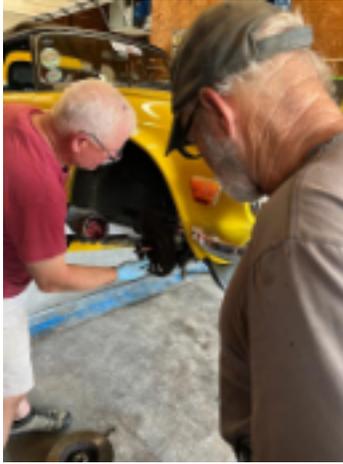
The awards banquet was well represented with the Hill Country Triumph Club attendees walking away that evening with a to-



tal of, if not mistaken, eleven awards!

After Sunday morning coffee and with farewells behind us, it was time for everyone to head back home. However, before the gang got back on the road, we stopped to have breakfast at the local Denny's, just





off I-10. I can't tell you the last time I ate at a Denny's, though as a younger man in Cali, Denny's was a regular late-night hang-out. "Mike's Garage" was the rendezvous for most of us in the group, so we made our trek

back to Dripping Springs. With much needed attention on both mine and Roger's car, we had my car on the lift changing out the front wheel

studs for longer ones and tack welding the rear studs that had been stripped. Once I got started on my car, Mike switched over to Roger's car to help Art and Roger repair his wiper bushings and replace the wipers that had blown away on the way to Boerne.

Below are a few additional pictures from this year's VTR Regionals in Boerne, TX.

Look forward to seeing you all at our next Tuesday or Saturday club meetings. Until then...

Tara!

Jim Wells  
HCTC Secretary





Wiley Christal—1<sup>st</sup> Place Stock Early Model TR6

Art Graves—1<sup>st</sup> Place Stock Late Model TR6



Joe Payne—1<sup>st</sup> Place Modified Touring Early Model TR6

Jim Wells—1<sup>st</sup> Place Modified Touring Late Model TR6



Mike McPhail—1<sup>st</sup> Place Modified Touring Spitfire 1500



Bob Skewis—2<sup>nd</sup> Place Stock TR4 thru TR250



Benson Tuttle—2<sup>nd</sup> Place Survivor Class



Roger Allen—3<sup>rd</sup> Place Survivor Class

# From the Archives

Art Graves



*This recap of the 1994 South Central Regional Convention in San Antonio appeared in the May 1994 issue of The Ragtop. There is no by-line, but it sounds like Jim TenCate's style of writing. The host hotel was in the north side of the city on IH35. A bus was chartered to take us to the Riverwalk for dinner and other amusements.*

## 1994 South Central Regionals Comments

**H**CTC was well represented at the Regionals in San Antonio. We also took home our share of the awards too. Concours finishers were George and Patricia Anderson (Spitfire), Bob and Barb Kramer (magnificently transformed junkyard-dog TR6), Brian and Judy Byrd (who borrowed Jim & Deb TenCate's TR8), Mark and Sandy Campbell (TR8), and Barry and Donna Lowe (Spitfire). We also did very well in the driving events. Both Barry (Spitfire) and Bob (TR6) made it into the top three finishers of the autocross and Funkhana. I'm told Bob really DROVE that nice shiny new car of his. I don't have exact details (perhaps Bob has more) so you'll just have to ask who got what place doing what.

I also called people who spent most of the weekend in San Antonio and asked them what they remembered most about the Regionals. Here are some interesting quotes/paraphrases:

Roger and Tina (TR6): Tina had a great time on the rallye; Roger was quite pleased that his car made it to San Antonio and back.

Brian and Judy (TR4, took a TR8): Both commented about some place on the Riverwalk called Dirty Dick's Last Resort Thursday night. Judy said it was "BIG MAMBA fun". Brian also was very pleased to see an original TR4 at the Concours, a car exactly like HIS TR4.

Barry and Donna (Spitfire): Barry thought the driving events were just amazing, well run, and loads of fun. Ask him about it and he'll get this BIG grin and actually start to glow when he tells about how well he and Bob did. Didn't get to talk to Donna yet.

Art and Karen (TR6): Karen claims that SATURDAY night at Dick's on the Riverwalk was lots of fun. [Hmmm. Just how many hours did HCTC people spend at Dick's?] Art wishes he could actually forget Sunday morning (which was most memorable for him). He really liked the rallye though and spending time in San Antonio. Brought back nice memories for him and Karen.

Bob and Barb (TR6): Bob remembers most of the week BEFORE the Regionals, busy trying to put all the parts on his car so it would be ready to drive. Barb commented that she was amused watching Bob and Barry run at the autocross and Funkhana.

Other folks were there too. Phil and Theresa (GT6), Jon and Terry (Spitfire), Jim, Deb, and Emily (TR6, TR8). Tom and DeeAnn (TR6, TR8), George and Patricia (Spitfire), Joe (TR6), Frank and Sharon (TR4A, TR7) and maybe someone else I've forgotten too. Didn't have time to chat with

everyone and not everyone took their Triumphs but I hope this gives you a flavor of the great time everyone had (in spite of the rainy weather!)

## Mark Your Calendars

# 2022 Annual Elections and Membership Meeting

On June 11, 2022 we have planned our annual Membership Meeting and Officer Elections to be held at The Live Oak Brewery near the Austin Airport starting around 1130 AM. Bill Waller and Joe Payne are working on those details so check your email as it gets closer for an RSVP with details. The plan is to have a picnic lunch there with elections to follow. It will be a great event so mark your calendars now.

For the election, the board has asked Roger Bolick to head the election process. In our Bylaws adopted last year we formalized the nomination process and with the board's approval we will have a modified form of compliance. First, it will be in person this year only. We are exploring the option of an online vote but it is too short notice for the webmaster to implement this time around. Roger will be taking nominations via the website under the Contact Us link <https://hillcountrytriumphclub.org/contact-us/>. If anyone wants to help Roger carry out the election, I know he would appreciate it.

Please state the position you are interested in running in. The names will be presented at the meeting for the positions for a majority vote or present members. Like the meals- one vote per membership. Nominations will close June 9, 2022 by 5PM.

As a reminder, the positions voted on are the President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer. Appointed positions are the Newsletter editor, Webmaster, Marketing, and Membership Chairs. If a position does not have a nominee prior to the meeting then you can propose a name from the floor.

Our goal is to make this a transparent and democratic process for everyone. We will also have a few issues to discuss and give guidance to your incoming Board. We want to hear from you!

# TR Report

## April 2022

**Mike McPhail**

**B**usy...busy...busy...

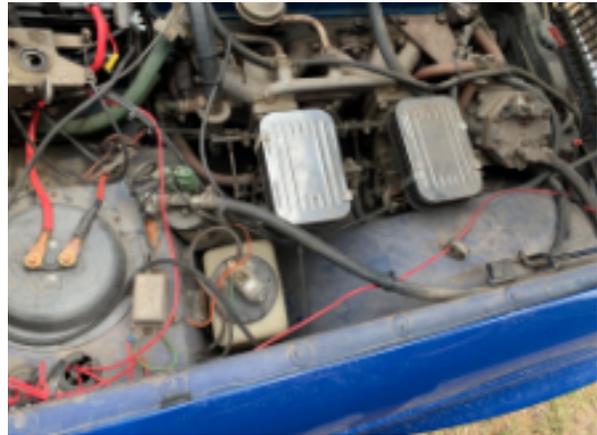
Yes, we have been hard at it over at Mike's Motors! You may recall that Jerry Mitchell has been sanding away on the Welter TR6 and it is now resplendent in Cotswold Clotted Cream White...just like its twin the "Wiley Coyote".

While Jerry was sanding away, more me-

chanical work was done on Roger Allen's 1975 "Deaf Blue" TR6, which is no longer a sow's ear, but an award-winning silk purse. This car, that looks a whole lot like Art's marvelous hearing-impaired-six, got the color-sand treatment from Jerry and shines like a new penny. Of course, many hours of parts swapping have rendered this tired old horse into a galloping thoroughbred. Come to the Kingsbury Fly-In on May 7 and



White as rice.



Smog and AC on Roger's car.



Many pounds lighter.



New top, too.



Roger's car wash.



Autocross action.

see the transformation yourself!

There was plenty of time in April for more exciting Triumph activity: The VTR Triumph Regionals in beautiful downtown Boerne began on the 21st. The South Texas Triumph Association put on an excellent event centered around the posh Bevy Hotel. The weather was perfect and there was plenty of activity to keep everyone occupied. Best of all, nearly all the HCTC attendees took home a well-earned award.



The following weekend found our intrepid

Winners' circle.



Concours, Boerne.



Plumber at work.



10 bucks a gallon!



Looks faster in person.



Deep in the heart of Texas.

(tepid?) HCTC Racing Team at Eagle's Canyon Raceway, joined by yours truly, there to marvel at the heroic effort and sheer exhilaration (acceleration?) on display. If you haven't witnessed vintage racing in person, a unique and stimulating experience has been missed!

More fun was to follow on Saturday, as my TR6 headed to Deep Ellum in the heart of Dallas for a meeting with Art Graves at the brewery of the same name. We had lots of fun that afternoon and into the night, in anticipation for the All British and European Car Show on Sunday, May first at White Rock Lake...but more on that next month!

In case you have not been following Bob Kramer's epic bicycle trip, it has turned into a cult following, and as of last count, over twenty cyclists have joined him on his trek to Nome, Alaska. They are presently camping in Whitefish, Montana on the Blackfeet Indian reservation. Bob, being 1/8 Mohican, was made an honorary Medicine Man. Keep up with his progress on:

[www.ridewithbob.com](http://www.ridewithbob.com)

# South Central Regional VTR

## Good Turnout for HCTC

Wiley Christal

The 2022 VTR South Central Regional meeting was held in Boerne, TX April 21-24. I have never participated in a Regional (or National) VTR meeting until this year. I thought the timing was never good to take a few days off during the week from work to attend a car show. I enjoy looking at old cars, but I get more enjoyment from driving them. This year was different because my work commitments have been minimal; plus, my TR6 was looking and running better than it has in a long time. I joined HCTC members Mike McPhail, Joe Payne, Art Graves, Jim Wells, Roger Allen, Bob Skewis, and Bill Waller to attend this year's regional meeting. Most of us left Dripping Springs together on Thursday, April 21, and met Bob and Bill for lunch in Blanco on the way to Boerne. Mike led the pack of cars on a route that included some nice-for-driving county roads. Some light rain was falling for much of the

drive, but it did not slow us down. Club member Benson Tuttle, who lives in Portland (near Corpus Christi), met us in Boerne. I had not decided to go until after the cutoff for booking a room at the host hotel, so I stayed a short distance away in a Comfort Inn where I noticed a few other Triumphs in the parking lot.

Roger Allen and I drove together in the gimmick rally on Friday morning. We didn't get lost, but we didn't spot all the things that the instruction sheet had listed. I thought it was too difficult, but we had a good time on the drive. We got back to the Bevy Hotel (host hotel) in time to prep our cars before going to the main park in Boerne for the Concours De Elegance car show. I was expecting to raise the hood at the show, but I didn't realize that trunks needed to be raised for the judges at concours events. No problem, I just piled all



Amphicar.

my travel stuff on the ground like a lot of other owners did. I registered my car in the early TR6 stock category for judging. My car had recently had an engine overhaul (Mike McPhail) and engine compartment repaint (Jerry Mitchell) so that part of the car really looked good. Most of the Triumphs at this show looked outstanding. I had never seen a Vitesse or a Herald in person but there were two or three of each. There was also a very rare Amphicar at the show – that car has a Triumph engine and a body made in Germany. It also had two propellers at the stern for navigation in water.

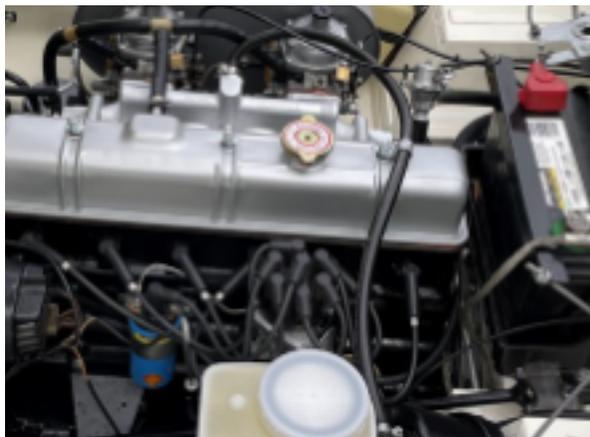
Saturday's events included an autocross race at a local Harley-Davidson dealer's parking lot in the morning and a funkhana event across the street from the Bevy Hotel in the afternoon. Bob Skewis and Bill Waller organized the funkhana as it was put on by HCTC. I participated in both events as a rookie. The autocross was about 30 seconds full-adrenaline-rush driving as fast as possible while trying to stay on the designated course. It was electronically timed by a professional organization those business is to time such events. Each car got six attempts on the autocross course. The funkhana required a driver and passenger to navigate a very short course

while stopping a few times to demonstrate physical skills and to separate unrecognizable MG and Triumph parts.

Saturday night was the wrap up dinner and awards banquet. HCTC as a club received many of the awards – a very good showing for our club. I didn't take notes on the awards, but I remember that Mike, Joe, and I placed in the autocross – I took a third place in my division. For the concours, I took a first place in my category. I remember that Art, Jim, Joe, Roger, Bob, Benson, and Mike also won concours awards – that is very good recognition for HCTC Triumph cars!



Wiley's car.



Wiley's engine (left).



Wiley's engine (right).

# TR6 Frame Repair

Art Graves

Five years ago, I replaced front and rear suspension bushings with Good Parts nylatron bushings. These bushings are very hard, making the ride quite stiff, but all of the 'slop' is eliminated. I like them. I'm not sure how many miles they are good for - I had 46,000 miles on mine - so I decided to replace them. It's a good thing I did because I found signs of a broken frame. This was evident when I removed the right-side trailing arm. I knew it needed to be repaired (and soon!). Since I was driving to San Antonio for the South Central Regional Convention, a stop at Mike McPhail's garage for a welding repair was in order.

After replacing all the bushings, the car was much more solid and the ride was much firmer. All of the squeaks, rattles, moans and groans were gone. But by the time I reached Dripping Springs (about a 580-mile drive) some of those noises were back. I'll let the pictures tell the story from here.



1. While replacing the bushings, this is what I found with the right trailing arm removed. The inner trailing arm bracket covered up the crack. My I thought was to have Mike weld the cracks and all would be good.



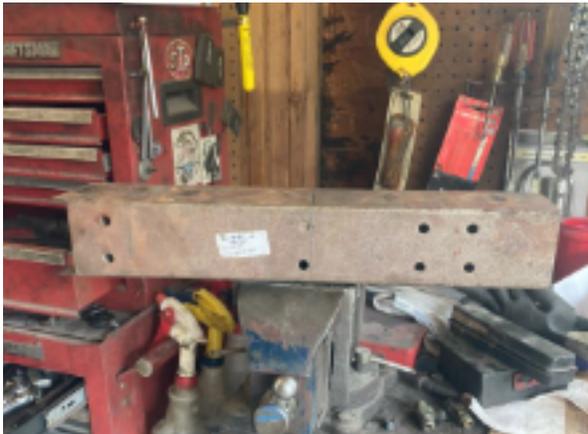
2. The crack got worse on the drive to Dripping Springs. This is a view from the rear, looking forward.



3. This is a view from the front, looking towards the rear. Since the car was on jack stands, I never looked at the damage from this view before leaving Tulsa. If the damage was this bad, I'm glad I didn't look.



4. A simple weld job was not going to fix this. We began the process of removing the rusted piece of frame. The center hole on the bottom right side of the picture was used as a reference point to correctly position the new frame piece.



5. This is a replacement piece of frame. Apparently, these pieces are available for purchase 'somewhere'. Mike does not remember how he came to have it. Notice the hole at the center bottom. That was used as a reference. It would have been too difficult to remove the entire frame piece from the car.



6. All of the old frame piece is removed.



7. The new piece fits perfectly. Notice the center hole matches nicely.



8. The new piece is welded in and painted with black undercoat paint. Good as new. Back on the road, all the squeaks, rattles, moans and groans are gone again.

# The Old Pioneer Air & Car Show

Old Kingsbury Aerodrome, TX  
May 7, 2022

## Rip Torn

If it is the first weekend of May then it must be time to drive down to Kingsbury, near Seguin. Our club's Event Coordinator Mike McPhail led another sojourn to the pre-WWI airfield for a morning of showing and admiring classic vehicles. We assembled at the IHOP in Kyle, TX and after a hearty breakfast Mike led Wylie, new member Roger Allen, and I down the backroads to Kingsbury via Martindale. We

arrived there and headed to the show-grounds only to be joined by our VP Joe Payne, mere minutes later. So with our TR-6s proudly on display with bonnets raised we strolled around the grounds. First stop was the airplanes that flew in and over to the restoration hangars where a Fokker Dr-1 was wheeled out. The restoration shop was closed during the show but is available for tours at other



times. Having seen it at a reunion last year I can confirm it is worth the drive if you appreciate the woodworking, metal and engine shops they have. At any time they have 3-5 aircraft being restored for museums or collectors to flyable condition predating 1930 vintage. In another corner of the shop they work on Model T cars of all years and models. They have several hangars for the museum's aircraft including a section that was AIR CONDITIONED! The temps rose to 98 degrees so any respite was welcomed. The main exhibit hangar dates back to 1918 and was originally located at Ft. Sam Houston where it was used by the Air Corps until the operation moved to Randolph Field nearby. The owner of Kingsbury bought the hangar and had it moved and reassembled while renewing the outer covering. Many WWI aircraft from the Allied and Central powers are on display there along with the interesting rotary engines like the French made Gnome. The entire engine is attached to the propeller and rotates to provide propulsion. Little known fact today is that the engines used Castor Oil for lubrication. The pilots after ingest-

ing the oil vapors while breathing and suffering the effects of this laxative started wearing silk scarves to reduce the ingestion and frequent trips to the loo. I digress.

The other item of interest is the extensive collection of Model Ts and other old vintage automobiles. Many are drivable and offering rides around. They make our Triumphs look Space Age in comparison. Many WWI artifacts are on display there along with reenactors complemented by WWII reenactors with their vehicles. With the other vendors offering food, drinks, gizmos, and music made the day complete.

Once the sun warmed up we decided to break camp and head to San Marcos for some great BBQ before heading back home. The show is held twice a year and we try to help keep this restoration operation through participation and donations. Make plans to join the drive later in the year. Watch the calendar for dates. Meanwhile keep your cars on the road, drive them around, show your club colors by displaying the club stickers!



*Photos by Rip Torn and Wiley Christal.*



# HCTC Name Badges

<b>HILL COUNTRY TRIUMPH CLUB NAME BADGE</b>	
<b>WHITE ON NAVY BLUE</b>	<b>LASER ENGRAVED</b>
<b>MAGNETIC BACKER</b>	
<b>SIZE: 1 1/4" X 3 1/2"</b>	
<b>\$10.00 per badge, inc. tax</b>	
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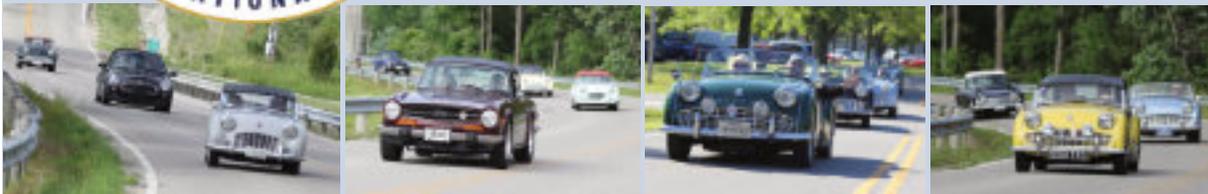
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GET YOUR ORDERS IN BY MAY 20TH!!!**

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Something for everyone, fun for the whole family!



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[www.miamivalleytriumphs.org/tra-2022](http://www.miamivalleytriumphs.org/tra-2022)

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95 Presidential Circle, Gettysburg, PA 17325

- Concours d'Elegance car show
- Participant Choice car show
- Early Morning Breakfast Runs
- Ghosts of Gettysburg Rallye
- Awards Banquet
- Famous TRA Auction
- On Your Own Historic Tours
- Tech Sessions
- Welcome BBQ
- Countryside Drives
- Hospitality Suite
- Gettysburg Outlet Shopping



# 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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## Wanted: TR 6 jack and handle.

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

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## Used and new TR6 parts for sale.

For full listing, contact info, and pictures, click [here](#).

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I undertake **repairs** to all British and European classic cars. If your car does not start or needs tuning I can perform on any carburetor including Keihin or Mikunis. Call or text Olivio 316 200 3068. Member HCTC and Vintage Triumph Register. Thanks.

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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

Text Jim @ 254-563-9141



## Assorted 1962 TR4 parts

needing a caring home. All parts are for the asking. Located in zip code 78737. If interested please email Bob Blake at [rblake36@yahoo.com](mailto:rblake36@yahoo.com) or call 817 239-0331 and leave a message. Thanks.



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



**4 Speed Transmission from 1969 TR6.** Approx 80000 miles. Price: \$500 obo. Looks clean and the gears appear in good condition. I can get it inspected by a noted local mechanic at your expense. Sold as-is. Pm me with questions, please. Shipping extra.



**TR6 Stanpart Coventry Radiator.** Price: \$150 obo. Came out of a 1969 TR6. Replaced when the parts were upgraded. No leaking and holds pressure. Price plus

shipping approx \$60

Many more parts for sale and prices negotiable. See the [catalog PDF](#) or look at <https://www.triumphexp.com/forum/buy-sell-and-trade-forum.5/>

Contact Rip at 512 845 2944 or [rtorn09@gmail.com](mailto:rtorn09@gmail.com)

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**New Spitfire Seat Covers Set** for sale. This is a set of brand new seat covers made in England. Color beige Price \$350.00. If you buy a new set it would cost over \$500.00.

Please call or text 316 200 3068.

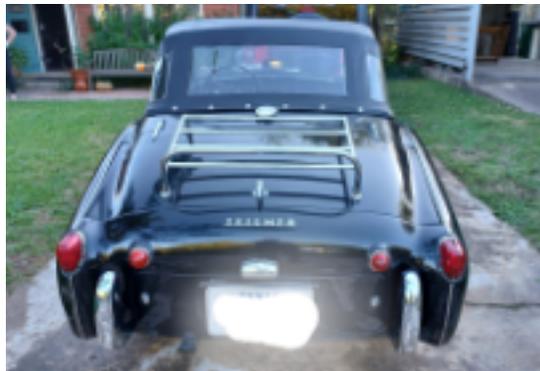


## 1960 TR3A

Triple Black Survivor.  
Original paint, newer top and seats.  
4 speed with overdrive.

Just turned 90,000 well maintained miles. Purchased from a former San Antonio Club Member. Runs well. No issues.  
\$28,500

Bob Presley  
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# Why should I join the VTR?



VTR works to maximize the enjoyment all of us have when driving a Triumph and emphasizes camaraderie and social interaction among Triumph owners. As the only North American organization which recognizes each and every Triumph model, we hope you'll want to join us as we strive to achieve these goals.

We also hope you'll attend either the National or regional gatherings of VTR members. These conventions are always fun for attendees, and joining a VTR chapter will introduce you to others in your area who share your passion for Triumphs. Car shows, rallies, autocrosses, tours, vintage racing, and social gatherings are a regular part of the VTR scene. The HCTC is a VTR Chapter, but we urge you to also join the VTR as an individual.

Won't you join us? <https://vintagetriumphregister.org/>

Your dues provide the following:

- our award winning, bi-monthly, color-cover magazine, The Vintage Triumph
- free classified advertising in the magazine
- technical assistance from our vehicle consultants
- VTR membership card and windshield decal

## 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](mailto:dan.julien@gmail.com)

Fees should be sent to:

HILL COUNTRY TRIUMPH CLUB

Attn: Mike Schubert

18340 Masi Loop

Pflugerville, TX 78660



**Enjoy your TR more!**

**ENJOY A TRA MEMBERSHIP:**

- 4 National newsletters per year
- Annual National Meet
- Website (password protected areas for members)
- Concours judging standards
- Factory build records
- Technical support
- Contact information
- Shutterfly National Meet website



**Join TRA Today!**  
[www.TriumphRegister.com](http://www.TriumphRegister.com)

# Pay Your Dues!!!!!!!

Please check the latest spreadsheet sent out by Nel. If it says Jan-22 in the dues column your dues are overdue 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](mailto:nmcphail@austin.rr.com)

## Membership Application

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City/State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Work Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email address: \_\_\_\_\_

Car Make: \_\_\_\_\_ Model: \_\_\_\_\_ Year: \_\_\_\_\_ Color: \_\_\_\_\_

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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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### **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 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of each month, breakfast meetings on the 2<sup>nd</sup> 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](http://www.vtr.org), [triumphregister.com](http://triumphregister.com), and [6-pack.org](http://6-pack.org).

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# Upcoming Events

May 10, 2022 — **HCTC Tuesday Social Meeting**, 7 pm, Waterloo Ice House on 360.

May 14, 2022 — **HCTC Morning Meeting**, 10 am, Waterloo Ice House on 360.

Jun 11, 2022 — **HCTC Annual Picnic & election of officers**, 11:30 am, Live Oak Brewery.

Jun 20-24, 2022 — **TRA Nationals**, Gettysburg, PA. Info [here](#).

Aug 29-Sep 1, 2022 — **VTR Nationals**, Galena, IL. Info [here](#).

Sep 8-10, 2022 — **Triumphest**, San Diego, CA. Info [here](#).

Sep 22-25, 2022 — **6-Pack TRials**. Lexington, KY. Info [here](#).

Sep 23-25, 2022 — **TxABCD**.

Oct 8, 2022 — **Houston ABCD**. Info [here](#).

Last Sunday of every month — **Cars & Coffee**. Dreamland Dripping Springs 2770 W Hwy 290 Dripping Springs, TX 78620

Third Saturday of every month — **Pistons on the Square**. 8-10 AM on the Courthouse Square, Georgetown, TX.

# Club Meetings

## Next Breakfast Meeting:

Saturday, May 14, 2022, 10:00 AM

Waterloo Ice House  
6203 N Capital of Texas Hwy  
Austin, TX 78731  
NE corner of Lp 360 & RM 2222  
[waterlooicehouse.com](http://waterlooicehouse.com)  
Phone: 512-478-9700

## Next Evening Social Meeting:

Tuesday, May 10, 2022, 7:00 PM

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Austin, TX 78731  
NE corner of Lp 360 & RM 2222  
[waterlooicehouse.com](http://waterlooicehouse.com)  
Phone: 512-478-9700