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Thoughts from Rip

Rip Torn



It is hard to believe another year has past in the history of the Hill Country Triumph Club and our success in growing is due to the enthusiasm of our members. The next year promises to be another great one with several changes coming.

What a fun weekend out at Live Oak Brewing with the great BBQ, refreshments, and fellowship from all who made it. Three of your officers stood for re-election and were voted back in by acclamation. Mike Schubert did step down as Club Treasurer after serving us for seven years in that capacity. Thank you, Mike and congratulations, to Gary Payne who ran for that position and won.

Welcome to our new members Lynn Dawson, Richard Simonson, and Sean Close. Keith Denebeim has sold his TR-6 and moved to North Carolina. We wish all the best to our newest members and will miss our outbound ones.

The biggest will be the club sponsoring the Central Tx All British Car Days this September. Joe Payne, Mike McPhail and others agreed to keep this fun tradition going albeit on a smaller scale than in the past. In doing so the HCTC will organize into a non-profit corporation under state laws, under the advice of a prominent local attorney who will help us in this process. It will give the club the ability to do a few more things funding wise while protecting all the members involved. The club will provide an umbrella to continue this operation while reaching out to other clubs in the area. Details to follow.

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We have a few more activities planned for the year with our next club meeting on the 9th HCTC Morning meeting followed @ 4:00 pm SCCA Lone Star Region's Twin Sisters Social Road Rally. In August we have the VTR Nationals from Aug 29th through September 3rd. TX ABCD will be held Sept 23,24,25 in Round Rock, TX and we will be asking for YOUR help to make this happen. Other clubs have also volunteered to pitch in so get to know some other enthusiasts keeping in mind that they are not as blessed as we are with our Triumphs 😊

The club has a couple of invitations by "nice" B&Bs in the Hill Country. We will discuss with them incorporating some drives to end up there.

If you missed it the club decided that we needed to raise our dues to cover our over-

head. After much discussion it was resolved that we ask \$20 annual dues with some price breaks for multi-year payments. Name tags have also gone up so they will be \$11 each if delivered at a meeting or \$2 extra shipping.

We do have a local embroidery shop through Jim Wells to get your shirts, hats, etc customized for a reasonable fee in lieu of the Lands End order. Details will be coming out soon for that.

Stay plugged in with the award winning Ragtop and the HCTC.US website. There is a lot of great information that Dan and Jimmy keep current and so you can stay informed.

So even though it is a scorcher of a summer in 2022, drive your cars and come to our events.



Secretary's Report June 2022

Jim Wells



With the month of June in full swing, leisurely drives seem best early in the morning while a, relatively cool morning quickly burns off to give way to a typical scorching Texas summer day! The morning of our club's annual picnic and elections tuned out to be the case as Mike McPhail coordinated, yet another great morning drive preceding the picnic at Live Oak Brewery. A few of us "stalwarts" met for an ice coffee and pastry at the Lola Savannah Coffee, just off RM 620, a few miles west of past Hudson Bend. Around 10:30 AM and after a brief hose repair on Art Graves' 400,000-plus miles TR6, Mike led us along windy residential roads throughout (I think) Bee Cave, Barton Creek, West Oak Hill, and Riverside neighborhoods, eventually ending up on Hwy 71, just a mile or so from Live Oak Brewery.



By the time we arrived at Live Oak, around 11:30 AM, the undaunted crew were in need of some shade and a cold one. We were greeted by a few club members that had arrived earlier to set things up for the

picnic. Within a half an hour, most of the attendees had arrived, about 18 or so were in attendance.

The business meeting was the first official club activity on the agenda, beginning with "welcomes and introductions", followed by "old business", where our existing club documents are viewable on our website and the club's progress towards becoming a legal entity is coming to fruition. We also reviewed/solicited our club's meeting schedule for the next upcoming quarter. Roger Bolick gave a brief explanation of how the club's annual voting will take place following the business meeting.



Club president Rip Torn discussed upcoming events covering up through this year's Texas All British Car Day in late September. Our club's current financial budget was discussed and a motion was made and approved to increase the annual dues for all members, new and old, to \$20.00. This change is to take effect July 1st of this year. Members, new or existing, would be able to purchase a HCTC name badge for \$11.00, \$2.00 if mailed to recipient. The club is still looking for a "Recruiting/marketing volunteer. Jimmy White gave a brief overview of the website and Dan Julien briefly discussed article submissions, to include a new section in the Ragtop called "What's in Your BOOT?". Our current membership count, as of 6 June, is 116 members.

New Business included invitations by The Springs Lodging in Leakey to plan a possible weekend get-a-way and the Flat Creek Estate and Winery's interest in hosting our club for a possible joint activity with other local car clubs in the fall. The business meeting ended with a brief discussion by Roger Bolick of the rules for the club elections to follow.

Election results resulted in almost no change in elected official positions except for treasurer. A vote was held between Roger Allen and Gary Payne. Both candidates gave a short explanation as to their desire to serve as club treasurer. With a close margin in votes, Gary Payne garnered the majority of votes and became our newly elected treasurer. Congratulations to all nominees! The club picnic proceeded with delicious BBQ provided by Pok-E-Jo's. Our next Saturday meeting will be held this July 9th, while our club's Tuesday social gathering location is to be determined-see this edition of the Ragtop to find out where we'll be meeting.

Until then...

Tara

Jim Wells



From the Archives

Art Graves



The June meeting of Hill Country Triumph Club harkened me back to March of 2003 when Mike McPhail and I brought Chip McElroy's TR250 out of hibernation. Chip is the owner of Live Oak Brewery. Digital cameras were becoming affordable so I brought mine along to document the event. The chip on the camera could hold a whopping 26 photos. Wow!



Mike McPhail and Art Graves push Chip McElroy's 1968 TR250 out of the garage on Saturday March 29, 2003. Mike brought a tank of air just in case (ha ha) the tires were low. They were.



The left rear wheel was reluctant to turn. Here we are evaluating our options.



Luckily, we were able to free the drum brake shoes without removing the wheel and drum. Lucy McPhail supervises our work.



The car is loaded on a dolly trailer for transport to Mike's garage. Mike and others were able to get the car running and road worthy. The goal was to have it ready for the 2003 VTR Regional Convention in Fredericksburg. We did not meet that goal but I 'think' it was ready for the TxABCD in Round Rock that September.



A younger Mike and Nel McPhail. Not sure what Mike is doing, and Barbara Kramer wonders the same.



An HCTC monthly meeting at Poke-e-Jo's restaurant on West 5th Street, June 10, 2003.

Members front to back on the left side are Clif Blanchard, Ralph Herter, Art Graves, Carol Pennington and Don Couch.

Members front to back on the right side are Dan Julien, Nel McPhail and Barbara Kramer.

TR Report

May 2022

Mike McPhail

With the ambient temperature pushing 100 most days, it wasn't the best month for top down driving. That didn't stop us from enjoying the HCTC sometimes annual picnic at Live Oak Brewery! Numerous Triumphs were lined up by our private spot among the massive Live Oak trees, "and a good time was had by all". Some hardy souls braved the Saturday morning traffic for a tour of scenic West Austin that began at the Lola Savannah Coffee Shop near Lakeway.

Quite a bit of progress has been made on

the Welter's TR6. In fact, once the top and door panels are in, all that will be left to do is finish installing the air conditioning!

Alaska or bust: Bob Kramer had gone missing, but is alive and well! Upon reaching the Canadian border, he was refused entry for not being able to produce a birth certificate. He was compelled to cycle to the place of his birth to obtain the document, as the Hoboken officials require the application to be made in person. More details next month...



June first.



AC behind the dash.



New SUs and K&Ns.



Got interior?



Recycled Monzas.



Vintage Air.



Looks a lot like Wiley's.



We don't need no stinkin' top!



White as rice.



Work in progress.

Friends

Wiley Christal

I am a Rummelite. I grew up in the country in NE Arkansas in a community called Rummel. Not everyone in Rummel would recognize the Rummelite name. I think a few of my age group friends coined that name from stories from the Bible. There was one church in Rummel and almost everyone in the community attended on Sunday. I suppose the church brought people from the community together which enabled learning about each other. Most of the people had farms (cotton, soybeans, maybe wheat, cattle) as a source of income. My family was poor. We grew our own vegetables in a garden, milked a cow, and butchered pigs and steers for meat. Until I was in the fifth grade, we had an outhouse for toilet facilities and certainly no telephone. Our closest neighbor was one-half mile away, but we knew just about everyone in the community, their families, and where they lived. We had friends there even though we didn't live close together.

In the fourth grade, I was bused into the nearest town – about 10 miles away – to attend school. Then my circle of friends began to change. There was a larger population of kids my age. But I can't remember becoming close friends with anyone from school until I started playing sports in high school. Working out with the same group of people everyday and playing on teams together encourages closer friendships to develop. I still have a few (but becoming fewer every year due to deaths) close friends from high school even though we don't live in the same state. The college years were dedicated to studying to earn a degree. After getting out of college, I lost track of most of the friends I had during those years. I guess we all lived close together but did not develop close friendships.

I spend 30 years in the Dallas area working as an engineer at Texas Instruments. TI had



Joe Payne.



Roger and Mike.

a wonderful activity center that sponsored intramural teams for basketball, slow-pitch softball, flag football, tennis, and other athletic events. I met some life-long friends from some of those teams. I have now been in Round Rock for 22 years — for the first 16 years I was still working as an engineer. During the work years, my closest friends were a small group of guys that rode motorcycles for fun. We would take long weekend trips to parts of Texas, Arkansas, and Colorado just to ride and see the scenery.

Now that I am mostly retired, I have much more time to drive and tinker with my TR6. I have a new set of friends from HCTC. I love the camaraderie from the HCTC group drives and fixing cars together. Saturday, July 2 was one of those workdays at Mike McPhail's garage where a few people gathered to tinker on cars and just have a good time. I saw another 1971 white TR6 with red interior that Mike has been building for another club member. That car looks like

my 1971! Roger Allen was there to fix a few things on his new-to-him blue TR6. Joe Payne came speeding down the driveway to the garage in his 1969 red TR6 just to hang out. Roger Bolick and Tina arrived just in time for a BBQ lunch provided by Nel McPhail. I don't think Roger was driving a TR6, but he owns a few. I had to leave just as the swimming party was starting. What a great group of people I know that have a common interest in Triumph cars! I now have more friends for life and again don't live very close to any of them.

I live on a six-house cul-de-sac and basically know the names of the people in the other five houses but I'm not sure I would call them friends. I don't know much about them or their families. That seems sad. But it also seems to be the norm. A lot has changed in my lifetime.



Pool party: Tina Bolick, Roger Bolick, Roger Allen, Joe Payne, Mike McPhail.



Two white TR6s.

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)

Wanted: TR 6 jack and handle.

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

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Text Jim @ 254-563-9141

Used seats from a '75 TR6.

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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 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



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Contact Rip at 512 845 2944 or rtor09@gmail.com



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.



TR4A Parts. Various parts left from my rebuild several years ago. Grill is \$50. It does need a repair as pictured. As to the other parts just call and give me a offer. 214-587-5390.

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/>

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- free classified advertising in the magazine
- technical assistance from our vehicle consultants
- VTR membership card and windshield decal

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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:

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Quarter page ad: \$10.00 per issue
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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

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As of 1 July 2022, Annual dues are only \$20.00 per new membership for a family group or address per year and go toward supporting club events and we encourage new members to order their club nametag for an additional **\$11.00 each. Add \$2.00 per badge if you want them mailed to you.** Renewals are \$20 annually.

Normally the club meets for business on the second Saturday of the month at 10 AM and we have a social hour on the second Tuesday of the month around 6 PM. Click the calendar link online for where and when the next meet up is. Drive your car to the meeting or get advice for your car while you are there. If you have questions, you may email info@hctc.us or contact one of the officers listed in the Ragtop magazine.

Payment is due on joining and payable by check to HCTC and may be:

1. Mailed with this application to: HCTC Membership Chair, 1105 N. Canyonwood Dr., Dripping Springs, TX 78620 or
2. Online (when active) on the www.hctc.us or
3. Bring this application (filled out) to the next meeting.

Dues may be paid in more than 1 year increments. Renewals will be due on the closest Jan 1 or Jul 1. Multi-year rates: 5 years- \$90, 10 years- \$170

Club bylaws are available online. By joining the member, their family and/or guests agree to hold the HCTC, officers, or other members harmless in the event of any accidents or incidents related to club activities.

Detach here _____

Name(s): _____

Address: _____ City: _____ ST: _____ Zip: _____

Primary Phone: _____ Alternate Phone: _____

Email: _____

Car 1: Make: _____ Model: _____ Year: _____ Colour: _____

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How did you hear about HCTC?

Special interests, skills, etc? _____

How do you want your nametag to read? _____

Additional Nametags: _____

(Add \$11.00 per badge) If you want the badges mailed to you, add \$2.00 per badge. Please make checks payable to Mike Schubert.

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- 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

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Annual dues are just \$20.00 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

Jul 9, 2022 — **HCTC Morning Meeting**, 10 am, Waterloo Ice House on 360.

Jul 12, 2022 — **HCTC Tuesday Social Meeting**, 7 pm, Doc's Backyard Grill, Sunset Valley.

Aug 9, 2022 — **HCTC Tuesday Social Meeting**, 7 pm, Doc's Backyard Grill, Sunset Valley.

Aug 13, 2022 — **HCTC Morning Meeting**, 10 am, Waterloo Ice House on 360.

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.

Pay Your Dues!!!!!!!

Please check the latest spreadsheet sent out by Nel. If it says Jul-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 **\$20** 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

Club Meetings

Next Meeting:

Saturday, July 9, 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

Phone: 512-478-9700

Next Evening Social Meeting:

Tuesday, July 12, 2022, 7:00 PM

Doc's Backyard Grill

5207 Brodie Ln #100

Sunset Valley, TX 78745

eatdrinkdocs.com

512-892-5200