

The

May 2024



Letter From The President

May, 2024

Joe Payne



Dear Fellow HCTC members,

Rumor is that I'm retired as of the end of April but with an upcoming wedding and with some much needed home freshening up I'm busier than I've ever been and I don't know how I was able to work at all. One of our club sage's, Mike McPhail, has said that "work" is a four(4) letter word. I'm gaining greater appreciation of this every day and ready to embrace this new chapter of life.

May, the month after the April showers, which brought blue bonnet flowers. One of the best months of the year in Texas to be driving with the top down in your Triumph for sure.

For those that participated in last month's drive, we certainly had showers in Georgetown when we started our Blue Bonnet Airshow Drive. It was a fun drive that a little bit of rain couldn't put a damper on.

The Kingsbury Airshow May 4th promises to be little dryer so come on and join the HCTC and have a great time.

Would like to write more, but I'm way behind on a little w__ _ list, ha!

Please enjoy this month's Ragtop and look forward to seeing everyone at this month's meetings.

Giddy Up,

Joe



Showing out at the Luckenbach Rallye

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HCTC Events-at-a-Glance

May

May 7th:

- **TX ABCD Steering Committee Meeting**
Waterloo Icehouse @ 2222 @ 3:30pm
- **TX ABCD Board Meeting**
Waterloo Icehouse @ 2222 @ 5:30pm

May 11th:

- **HCTC Breakfast Meeting**
Waterloo Icehouse @ 2222 @ 10:00 am

May 14th:

- **HCTC Social Hour**
The County Line At the Lake @ 6:00 pm

May 18th:

- **Georgetown Pistons on the Square**
Georgetown Courthouse Square starting @ 8:00 am

May 25th:

- **Eddie and the Not Guilties**
Cadillac Dance Hall, Marble Falls @ 6:30 pm

May 29th thru June 1st:

- **VTR Regionals**
Maryland Heights, Missouri

June

June 1st:

- **VTR Regionals (continued from May)**
Maryland Heights, Missouri

June 4th:

- **TX ABCD Steering committee**
Waterloo Icehouse @ 2222 @ 4:00 pm

June 8th:

- **HCTC Breakfast Meeting**
Waterloo Icehouse @ 2222 @ 10:00 am
- **HCTC Annual Picnic**
Live Oak Brewing @ 2222 @ 1:00 pm

June 11th:

- **HCTC Social Hour**
The County Line At the Lake @ 6:00 pm

June 15th:

- **Pistons on the Square**
Georgetown Courthouse Square starting @ 8:00 am

For more detailed descriptions and information, please see the Events Section later in the newsletter

May 2024

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KEY

= HCTC-sponsored event



= Other event



June 2024

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Secretary's Report May 2024

Roger Allen



It is a well-known fact to club members that I am a beekeeper. It is a hobby and passion I've had for 25 years. As I was tending my hives this week, I came to the realization that our Triumph Club is a lot like a beehive. We are very active and highly motivated. We tend to swarm to members in need of auto repairs and mechanical issues. We have social gatherings and even buzz around on our many driving excursions. Now let's see what exciting things the "Hive" is up to this month.

Recently, a tremendous amount of work has been done to prepare for the All British Car Day in Marble Falls, TX approaching in October. Mike McPhail and Jacques Welter, our Co Chairmen, for the TXABCD along with the steering committee are carefully

planning the event and are taking care of business! Thank you for all your hard work. Look for more information on TXABCD in this issue of the Ragtop.

Our regular meeting of the HCTC took place at the Waterloo Restaurant on April 13 @ 10:00am. There were 15 members in attendance. Vice President Jim Wells conducted the meeting due to President Joe Payne and Event Coordinator Mike McPhail competing in the Luckenbach TX Rally.

The reading of the minutes was given, and they were approved as read. The calendar of events was next on the agenda with Rip Torn and Jacques Welter reporting on the various drives and cars show coming soon.

On May 4th the Wings and Wheels Car and Air Show in Kingsbury TX al will take place. We usually have a great turn out to this event. On May 30th the VTR South Central Region Car Show will be in St. Louis, Missouri. We have several members (Art Graves; Mike McPhail; Jacques & Kim Welter; Bill Waller; and Bob Skewis) currently planning on attending the show.

Our annual HCTC summer picnic will on June 8th. The venue will be Live Oak Brewing Company starting at 1 pm. Many thanks to Chip and Lara for hosting the club.

Meeting Adjourned at 11:05am



HCTC Monthly Breakfast, Waterloo Icehouse

Secretary's Report

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Jimmy White's Triumph Spitfire



Doing what comes natural to HCTC after our breakfast — hanging in the parking lot and talking cars.



Steve and Norma Brand's new (to them) Bugeye Sprite.



A proud lineup of TR6's. Left to right the TR6's belong to: Dan & Francis Julien; Rip Torn; Wiley Christal; Kim & Jacques Welter

From the Archives

Art Graves



Some of us old time club members will remember Carol Pennington, an active club member in the early 2000's. She owned a white TR3 which she either maintained herself or asked for assistance from club members – probably more of the later than the former. If I remember correctly she bought the car in California and brought it with her to Austin. She was a school teacher and moved to south Texas – maybe Gonzales – in the late 2000's and sold the car. This article is from the July 2005 issue of "The Ragtop". .

—Art

LOVE them Girling Brakes

Carol Pennington

One beautiful spring day I was on my way over to my parents' house in my TR3. They only live two miles down the street from me, but, as with most housing editions, there are several routes I could take to get there. One never knows why one chooses one route over another, but for some reason I chose a route that took me through more houses than necessary. Being a wonderful day I had the top down.

As I approached a stop sign, my peripheral vision noticed something running across a yard. It went behind a parked truck and I didn't know if it was going to stop or not, so I slammed on my brakes. As my car skidded, very little, and came to a very quick halt in the middle of the street, I heard a dog yelp and saw him hobble back to the front yard (where it should have stayed to

begin with). There was a man working in the front yard who did not seem too concerned about the dog, but being an animal lover, I had to park the car and take a closer look. It was a small terrier and the hind leg was injured, but did not appear to be broken. There was some blood, but it was really hard to tell at first glance what was actually the situation.

I had food in the car and needed to get to my moms, which was now only two blocks away. So, I delivered

my goods, told them what happened, and tried to gather my senses. I was really shaken and did not know what to do next. I didn't think the family would spend money to take it to the vet. It was a husband and wife about 75 years old.

So back over to their house to check on the dog. The man had washed him



LOVE them Girling Brakes

Continued

off and it appeared to be just some scraping. Since I did not know how the car and the dog interacted, I did not know if there were any internal injuries. Plus, the dog looked like it was in a little shock. So, we loaded the dog into a box and went to my vet in Northwest Hills. The man decided to go with me. So, picture this: a 75-year old man holding a box with a dog in it on his lap sitting in the passenger seat of the Triumph going across town on a Saturday morning. I sure wish I had a camera then. We left the dog for a check.

I worried about someone else's dog for hours. The vet closes at noon on Saturday, so I headed back over there to pick him up. Just as I figured, no broken bones, a little shock, and road rash. I took him back over to my mom's for a few hours of observation and rest.

I took the dog back to the owners early that evening with medicine and instructions. They were so grateful he was alright and for my time and generosity. I felt better knowing what the injuries were and that the dog was going to be alright.

I guess my quick reflexes and the quick braking of the car just pushed the dog along the top of the pavement for a little way. I don't think the dog ever went under the tires or else there would have been broken bones on that little thing for sure. Our little British cars may have Lucas electronics, but those Girling Brakes are the best.

Triumph by name, Triumph by nature

Mike McPhail

We did it again... held up the reputation of the Hill Country Triumph Club by bringing home awards at the 35th SAJC Luckenbach Rally !!



Driver's Meeting

Joe Payne and Mike McPhail left Dripping Springs at 9:30 AM on April 13 th , taking the scenic route to Rudy's BBQ in Leon Springs. The route began on Ranch Road 12, continuing onto Jacob's Well Road and Fischer Store Road before turning onto FM32 and 473. The route number changed a few more times as we passed through Kendalia and Bergheim before reaching Rudy's at 11...just in time for an early lunch before the mandatory Driver's Meeting.

The first car launched at 12:31 as the rest of the drivers and navigators waited anxiously. Being car #10, we were out the gate at 12:40 with most of the competitors in front of us.

Three hours of perfect top-down weather was in store, and we enjoyed every second of it.

There were manned check-points along the way where volunteers would clock the cars in and give out instructions for the next leg. It was great fun trying to follow the driving instructions, while constantly adjusting your speed and never missing a turn.

The HCTC entourage of Kim, Jacques, Cheryl and Rip were waiting in the shade as #10 pulled into the VIP parking lot. There was plenty of time to visit and enjoy the unique purely Texas setting that is Luckenbach. Of course, when the scores were tallied, team Triumph walked away with trophies, as they have done so often in previous years!



Car #10 getting ready to run !!



A line of Jaguars in the parking lot before the Rallye

Triumph by name, Triumph by nature

Continued



Mike and Joe, just in from their run ...



Way to show out, Mike & Joe !!



The run's over ... time to sit in the shade and enjoy the day



The intrepid Rallye warriors and their entourage



More Rallye drivers in from the run

One soggy, wet, fun Social Hour

Jacques Welter

It seems lately that every Hill Country Triumph Club outing is beset by rain ... not that I'm complaining. I know that July and August will come soon enough along with arid, scorching hot weather but really it just seems we've seen our share of wet weather.

Why these wet weather musings? Well, HCTC held its Social Hour at the County Line on the Lake Tuesday, April 9th, in weather only a duck would love.

Complicating matters, County Line on the Lake had a special event that night where all the inside dining tables were booked ... meaning we were sitting outside ... in a pavilion right next to the lake ... in a

thunderstorm with all the trimmings. Yep, that's right. Sheeting rain, lightning, winds, and hail.

But taking in all that Mother Nature could dish out, our hardy group had a good, albeit soggy, time with a great turnout and even better company. No wet blankets here !!

Joining in on the fun were:

- Bill Waller
- Dan & Francis Julien
- Bob Skewis & Pam Owens
- Henry Reynolds
- Kim & Jacques Welter



Henry Reynolds, Dan & Francis Julien



Bob, Pam, and Roger taking it all in



The rains are just starting to come in heavy — you can tell because the curtains aren't closed yet



Jimmy, Kim, Henry, Jim, and Penny holding the floor

One soggy, wet, fun Social Hour

Continued

- Jim Wells
- Jimmy White & Penny Powell
- Mike McPhail

break in the weather, but all made it home safely. Looking forward to the next one — maybe with a little less precipitation this time.

At the end of the evening we were all waiting for a



"I don't think the heavy stuff will come down for a while yet" ...



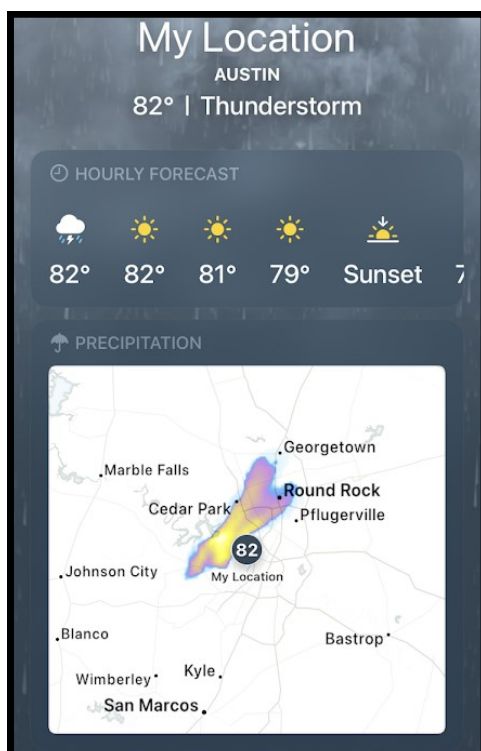
Hail yes !!



Closing up the pavilion



Kim & Mike discuss the finer points of showing a Triumph at VTR



Group photo

Dallas All British & European Car Day 2024

Rip Torn

Tell me, oh muse, of that ingenious hero who traveled far and wide after he had shown his car in Dallas.

Many cities did he visit, and many were the nations with whose manners and customs he was acquainted; moreover, he suffered much by interstate driving while trying to save his own life and bring his car safely home; but do what he might he could not save his pride, for it perished through his own sheer folly in eating the BBQ of the Sun-god Apollo; so the god prevented them from ever reaching home. Tell me, too, about all these things, oh daughter of Zeus, from whatsoever source you may know them.

Apologies to Homer.

Setting out on April 22 after the GABS lunch run, it was a springtime cool and dreary day, the clouds thick with rain. I set out alone northward to the Dallas Metroplex to participate in the ABECD the following day. After the skies opened up north of Waco I made it safely to my sister's for the night. After a quick cleanup, we were ready for showtime on Sunday.

Sunday morning dawned clear and cool portending a perfect day. Light



The Green Goblin decked out in her finest

traffic to Dallas to White Rock

Lake Park started the event and was marshaled into the Triumph area. There were about 20ish TRs out of around 120 cars of all flavors, as long as it was European. Many old friends were present and a few new ones.

No prizes this year as they all went to the TR3 and older cars. They have an efficient car show with great facilities and organization. I took many notes of how others do their event and freely plan to incorporate them into the TxABCD later in the year. Traffic back south was heavier thru the mix-master and I-35 but after the traditional Czech Stop for some Kolache's we made it home successfully.



The show was well-attended



There were some beautiful classics there



The organizers did a good job creating a welcoming atmosphere

HCTC shows out at Pistons on the Square

Jacques Welter



Part of the GABS lineup — nine cars made the show

Quite a few of us “Northies” of Hill Country Triumph Club living up here in the Georgetown area have joined a driving destination group called the Georgetown All-British Squadron (GABS). We get together at Pistons on the Square, held once a month in the Georgetown Courthouse Square, and then go for a 45-minute to 1-hour drive somewhere in the Hill Country after the show.

Saturday, April 20th, was another Pistons get-together, but this time us HCTC members came out in force.

Attending the show from HCTC was Dick Simonson in his (new to him) MGB; Nick Roccaforte debuting his newly-purchased Triumph GT6; Rip Torn in his TR6, the Green Goblin; and Kim & Jacques Welter in their white TR6. Altogether GABS had eight British cars attending — a nice turnout by any standard.



Quite an impressive row of British automobiles

Joining the group in time for the drive over to Southside BBQ in Hutto were Kim and Sam Vazquez in their white TR6, bringing the total heading over to Southside up to nine cars.



Heading in ... don't get between them and their BBQ !!



Same group, looking up the row. Note: the Camaro may be American muscle but it identifies as British 😊

If you get the chance, come join us Northies at the next Pistons on the Square on May 18th. Let me know and I'll save a parking space for you !!



Settling down for some good BBQ

Texas All British Car Days 2024

October 11th — October 13th



New Venue!

**Come to the
33rd Annual**

Texas All British Car Days

New Activities!

Self-Guided Fun Drives **Car Show** Awards Dinner

Happy Hour Friday Food Trucks!

October 11th to the 13th

beautiful Marble Falls, TX

Register online ONLY!



Special Hotel rates/ limited availability

Details at www.hillcountrytriumphclub.org/txabcd/

Supporting the Eddie Shell & Cloyce McLean Community Foundation

Friday 11 Oct

- Social Hour, 3:30 pm to 8:00 pm
- Late Registration & Registration kit pick-up, 3:30 pm to 7:30 pm
- Optional Self-Guided Fun Drive

Saturday 12 Oct

- Gates open @ 9:00 am
- Texas All British Car Days Show, 10:00 am to 1:00 pm
 - Food and drink will be available at the show
 - Self-guided fun drives, 1:30 pm to 4:30 pm
 - Reception, 5:00 pm to 6:00 pm
 - Awards banquet, 6:00 pm to 8:30 pm

Sunday 13 Oct

- Breakfast Run, 8:00 am to 8:30 am
- Breakfast 8:30 am to 9:30 am



Thanks to our Sponsors



Texas All British Car Days 2024



Frequently Asked Questions

Q: Is there going to be a Vendor's Corner?

A: Yes, like last year, we will be hosting vendors providing services and products to British car owners

Q: Will food and beverages be available during the show?

A: Yes, there will be both food trucks and a beverage stand selling water, soft drinks, and coffee

Q: Is there going to be a swap meet like last year?

A: No, we have decided to not continue with that

Q: How much will the Awards banquet cost?

A: Tickets are \$35 per person

Q: Will Regalia be sold at the show?

A: Yes, Bits of Triumph will be at Late Registration Friday and at the show in the Vendor's Corner

Q: Can I register more than one car? Is there a discount for two or more?

A: Yes, you can register as many cars as you wish. No, there is no volume discounts.

Q: When does preferred-rate hotel registration end?

A: The Hidden Falls Inn will release any unleased rooms in the TX ABCD block two weeks prior to show

Q: Do I need a ticket to attend the Awards Banquet? Can I get tickets if I register late?

A: Yes, you will need to purchase a ticket for the Awards Banquet. Yes, but only up to the day prior to show. There will be no same-day purchases.

Q: Do I need a ticket for the Breakfast?

A: No, but we ask that when you are ordering tickets for the Awards Banquet to please check Breakfast box so we have an idea of attendance.

Q: Is there a rain-out date?

A: No, there is no rain date planned

Q: How will the cars be judged? What kind of award?

A: TX ABCD will be using a Car Class system with People's Choice voting. Awards will be for 1st; 2nd; 3rd in class. Additional awards will be handed out for Best in Show; Best Survivor; Most British (God Save the King); and Furthest Driven

Q: When does Registration open?

A: TX ABCD will be using CarShow Pro again this year for registration. We anticipate Registration is now open.

HCTC Events Calendar

Year-at-a-glance

Editor's Note: We're starting a new format with the HCTC Events section. We've created an at-a-glance section at the beginning of the newsletter and added a calendar-year events calendar to the already comprehensive coverage of HCTC events.

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01 New Years Day

9 HCTC Social Hour

13 HCTC Morning Mtg

15 MLK Day

29 HCTC Drive Taylor

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10 HCTC Morning Mtg

10 Drive A Triumph Day

13 HCTC Social Hour

14 Valentines Day

19 Presidents Day

24 Georgetown Car & Air Sh

MARCH '24

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9 HCTC Morning Mtg

12 HCTC Social Hour

16 BLUEBONNET AIRSHO BNT

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23 New Orleans All British Car Day

31 Easter

? "Come and Take It" RR Gonz

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8 Solar Eclipse

9 HCTC Social Hour

13 Burnet Car Show BNT

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HCTC Morning Mtg

21 Dallas All British & Euro Car Dy

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4 WINGS & WHEELS! KGBY

11 HCTC Morning Mtg

12 Mothers Day

14 HCTC Social Hour

27 Memorial Day

30- VTR SC Regional, STL

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1- VTR SC Regional, STL

8 Annual Picnic/ Election

11 HCTC Social Hour

16 Father's Day

04 Independence Day

9 HCTC Social Hour

13 HCTC Morning Mtg

10 HCTC Morning Mtg

13 HCTC Social Hour

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02 Labor Day

8- 12 VTR Nationals

10 HCTC Social Hour

14 HCTC Morning Mtg

18 6-Pack Trials

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8 HCTC Social Hour

11 -13 TX ABCD

12 HCTC Morning Mtg

14 Columbus Day

31 Halloween

9 HCTC Morning Mtg

11 Veterans Day

12 HCTC Social Hour

28 Thanksgiving Day

14 HCTC Morning Mtg

10 HCTC Social Hour

25 Christmas

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HCTC Events

Hill Country Triumph Club Driving Event, May, 2024

Wings and Wheels Fly-In

Join HCTC as we road-trip to Kingsbury, Texas, to take in the sights and sounds of the Wings and Wheels Fly-In Show, being held Saturday, May 4th, from 9 am to 4 pm.

Mike McPhail will lead HCTC on a drive through the Hill Country and back roads down to Kingsbury. HCTC will meet at the Denny's Restaurant at 7916 E. Ben White, departing at 9 am, so don't be late !!



Pioneer Flight Museum
WINGS & WHEELS FLY-IN
Fundraising Event

Charles Lindbergh: American Aviator

MAY 4, 2024 9 AM TO 4 PM

Antique - Vintage - Classic Aircraft & Automobiles	Food Trucks, Vendors & Living History Displays
Old Kingsbury Aerodrome 190 Pershing Ln. Kingsbury, TX 830-639-4162	Model T Raffle Drawing @ 1 PM More Information on Website PioneerFlightMuseum.org

Bring the Whole Family - Free Admission - Activities for Children
Donations are Greatly Appreciated at the Gate

HCTC Events

Eddie and the Not Guilties at The Cadillac Dance Hall

Come on out to the Cadillac Dance Hall on Saturday, May 25th, for some fun in Marble Falls with Eddie and the Not Guilties. The event promises to be fun and it gives us a chance to take in the Cadillac Dance Hall prior to the Texas All British Car Days show on the grounds of the Dos Conchas Ranch.

To make reservations,
call 1-830-385-4745.

Admission is \$20. The
venue is BYOB and food
is available for purchase
at the venue.

Hope to see you there !!

THE CADILLAC
Dance Hall

Doors Open @6:30pm | Music Starts @7:30pm | \$20 per person
1375 FM 1855, Marble Falls TX

**EDDIE SHELL
& THE NOT GUILTIES**

 **2024
MAY 25TH**
Every last Saturday of the month

Featuring Special Guest Billy Mata!

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Kitchen Opens at 6:30pm

For reservations, call 830-385-4745

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HCTC Events

HCTC Breakfast Meeting Waterloo Icehouse May 11th

The HCTC Breakfast Meeting starts your Saturday off right at the Waterloo Icehouse at the corner of Capital of Texas Highway and FM2222 !!

Come join the Club for breakfast, club updates, and some good company and conversation. Plan your arrival for 9:30—9:45 as the meeting (and breakfast) starts by 10:00 am.

Can't wait to see you there !!



HCTC Social Hour The County Line on the Lake May 14th

Take a break from your busy calendar and hoist a few frosty adult beverages with your favorite people at the Hill Country Triumph Club social hour, held every second Tuesday of the month.

The Social Hour has moved its venue to **The County Line on the Lake**, just up the road from The Waterloo Icehouse. The County Line on the Lake is located at 5204 FM 2222.

While the event nominally runs from 6pm to 8pm, folks have been known to show up early and stay on late, so if you can't make it on time, don't worry — there'll still be folks there when you get there.



Events: South-Central VTR Regionals

St. Louis, Missouri

May 30 - June 1

For more information and to register, please go to:

<https://sltoa.org/scvtr-2024/>



VTR South Central Regionals 2024

A Confluence of Triumphs



South Central VTR 2024 Regional

May 30—June 1 2024

Your host: the St Louis Triumph Owners Association



Preparations are underway for the 2024 South Central region VTR convention. Mail-in and online registration forms are available now at www.sltoa.org/vtr24info.htm

Events

A variety of driving and enthusiast events are planned for the convention, such as:

- ♦ Breakfast and dinner runs
- ♦ Self-guided drives such as "The Confluence Tour"
- ♦ "Gearhead Drive" to local collectible/special interest auto dealerships
- ♦ Winery tour
- ♦ Poker Run
- ♦ Daily tech sessions
- ♦ Time/Speed/Distance Rally (Self-guided, using the Richta Rally App)
- ♦ Autocross
- ♦ Le Mans Start

Host Hotel/Triumph Central



The Sheraton Westport Chalet
191 Westport Plaza Drive,
St Louis, MO
(314)878-1500

<https://www.marriott.com/en-us/hotels/stlsi-sheraton-westport-chalet-hotel-st-louis/overview/>
When you call, mention the Vintage Triumph Register for the \$139 rate.

Events: VTR Nationals

Nashville, Indiana

September 8 - 12

For more information and to register, please go to:

<https://indianatriumphcars.regfox.com/2024-vintage-triumph-register-national-convention>

VTR National Convention 2024



September 8 - 12, 2024

Nashville, Indiana

Hosted by Indiana Triumph Cars

Celebrating 50 Years of "The Shape"



Join us in Nashville, Indiana for the 2024 VTR National Convention. The event will be based at the Abe Martin Lodge in Brown County State Park, just outside Nashville. Brown County, the "Little Smokies" of Indiana, has amazing topography and great driving roads for you to explore. Between Columbus and Bloomington, Nashville's downtown is home to many artists, tasting rooms, distilleries, and restaurants.



Registration is OPEN now!

Seats for Banquet are limited. Register Early!

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50th Year Anniversary!

TRA 2024 MOHICAN STATE PARK JUNE 17th-JUNE 21st

The Central Ohio Center of the Triumph Register of America cordially invites you to the 2024 TRA National Meet which will be held at the Mohican State Park Lodge near Perrysburg, Ohio June 17 through June 21, 2024. This will be the 50th anniversary of COCTRA and TRA and we plan to make it a special celebration for our vintage Triumphs. Although details are still being finalized, we will definitely have an off-site Welcome Dinner, a Poker Run, a Fun Rally, a guided driving tour to nearby Amish country, a Membership Meeting, a Parts Auction, a Concours and Participant's Choice Car Show and an Awards Banquet. Some of the COCTRA TRA Committee have been to the Lodge and have met with the Manager, James Calderhead, who is proving to be most accommodating. He is doing everything he can to make our stay both memorable and enjoyable.

The Parts Auction is always fun, entertaining and a great way to obtain some rare and useful parts for your Triumph. If you plan to bring items for the auction, the rule of thumb is: if you wouldn't use it on your car, please leave it at home. Obviously, parts need to be clean and (preferably) painted.

The roads around the Lodge are well-suited for our driving events, so heavy traffic shouldn't be a problem. The tour to Berlin, Ohio should prove interesting to anyone who is interested in the Amish way of life. Berlin is a tourist town complete with many shops and restaurants.

Instructions for all drives will be printed within the Meet Program, so nobody should get lost. Lodge reservation instructions are included on the Registration Form. We suggest that you make your Lodge reservations soon and be certain to mention that you are booking for TRA 2024 to obtain reduced pricing. Also, we suggest that you call the Lodge in the morning hours as there is one person on the front desk in the late afternoon and getting through may be an issue.

The 2024 TRA Meet team is putting together a collection of events to keep everyone busy and there will be plenty of opportunities to kick back and relax with old and new friends.

Again, we welcome you to the 50th anniversary of COCTRA and TRA. We hope you choose to attend our celebration. As the TRA Facebook page becomes available, we will post updates.

— John Huddy

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



TRIUMPH REGISTER OF AMERICA

Formed to preserve the Triumph marque

ESTABLISH 1974

Triumph Register of America (TRA)

is a non-profit organization established to aid TR2, 3, 3A, 3B, 4 and 4A owners in the preservation, maintenance and enjoyment of their classic sports cars. TRA is a grassroots organization, which offers many advantages and services for individual members, groups and local centers.

TRA Membership dues:

\$40.00 Annually (US Resident)

\$50.00 Annually (Non-US Resident)

Checks or money orders for membership should be made payable to: Triumph Register of America.

Mail the check with the **Membership Application Form** to the address shown at the bottom of the form.

OPTION 1: You can also fill out form electronically through Acrobat Reader (not through your browser).

To fill out form: Download PDF. > Open in Acrobat Reader. > Fill out form. > Save document to your computer. > Email to membership chair.

OPTION 2: You can also scan your completed Membership Application Form and email.

Link to the PDF version of the membership form: [TRA-Membership-Form-2022](#)

Pay Dues via PayPal:

If you have a PayPal account and wish to pay dues using this service. Simply log onto your account and follow the prompts to send the appropriate annual fee using the following email: triumph.register.of.america@comcast.net.

NOTE: The application form must still be mailed or emailed to the address shown at the bottom of the Membership Application Form.

Benefits of a Triumph Register of America Membership:

- Four newsletters per subscription written by and for Triumph owners
- Annual National Meet (Concours judging is limited to TR2 thru 4A, Participants choice is open to all Triumphs.)
- Local Center development information and event announcements
- Free classified ads related to Triumph sports cars
- Technical advice via the Newsletter
- Factory build records
- Comments on originality via the Newsletter
- Judging Standards and Restoration Guideline Manuals for TR 2/3 and TR4 (online)
- The TRA Forum (online) where you can communicate with fellow Triumph owners

Classifieds

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.



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

Classifieds

Looking for a TR6 factory steel hardtop. Please contact:

Dick Simonson 512-779-3735

In all the confusion with our TR6, some stuff got double ordered:

1. Moss Roll bar cover- new in box , part number 236-000, orig. 129.99, so would like to get ~\$100 for it.
2. Mosom car cover Moss 237-420, as new, still packed in original box since 2019, orig. \$134.99, so would like to get ~\$100.

Bill Beckenbaugh

Katy, TX

wmbeckenbaugh@gmail.com



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 a complete TR3 engine. It was running when it was removed 40+ years ago. Asking \$100. Extra crankshaft, condition unknown: \$25. Extra flywheel, condition unknown: \$25. Extra head, condition unknown: \$25.

Contact Bill Duran, 512-227-6067 (cell)

Looking for a Triumph Stag Hardtop please contact me if you have one for sale. Thanks!

Joe Payne 210-326-6673

robjoepayne@yahoo.com

Indertake 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.

Visor assembly with mounts (both sides), ignition switch cover, trunk light, misc. items. Text Jim @ 254-563-9141

Classifieds

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

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



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.



Classifieds

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

Text Jim @ 254-563-9141



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.





The Hill Country Triumph Club, is a not-for-profit car club affiliated with several national groups. We are 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.

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. We encourage new members to order their club nametag for an additional \$11 each. Renewals are \$20 annually.

We have social get-togethers on the 2nd Tuesday of each month, Breakfast Business meetings on the second Saturday of the 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 support our members interested in Showing Cars, Traveling, Racing, Restoring, Maintaining and otherwise socializing. One goal of the club is to help its members keep their cars on the road. Please contact one of the club officers listed in the newsletter for more information at info@hctc.us 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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Membership

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 membership, 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.



Please fill this out and send in with Membership request

Name(s): _____

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

Primary Phone: _____ Alternate Phone: _____

Email: _____

TR Car 1: Make: _____ Model: _____ Year: _____ Color: _____

Car 2: Make: _____ Model: _____ Year: _____ Color: _____

How did you hear about HCTC? _____

Special interests, skills, etc? _____

What do you want your nametag to read? _____

Additional Nametag reads _____ (Add \$11 per badge) If you want the badges mailed to you, add \$2.00 per badge. **Contact Gary Payne to order name badges (garypayne75@hotmail.com).**