The RAGTOP

June 2024

Letter From The President

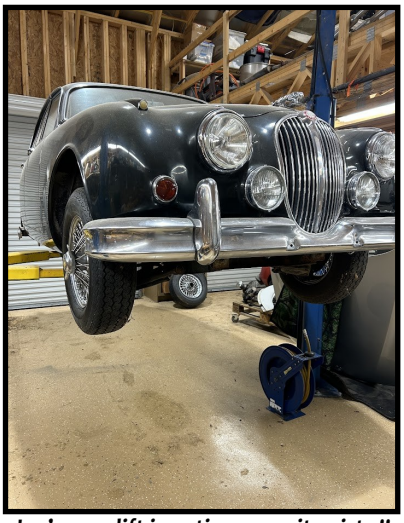
June, 2024

Joe Payne

It is official, summer time is here. That nice , warm (hot!) time of year for driving with the wind in your hair and a cold libation at the end of the ride that is well deserved.

This month, there will be a report from our intrepid members that just attended the VTR Regionals in Missouri.

Between Jacques and Kim Welter; Art Graves; Mike McPhail; Bill Waller; and Bob Skewis I'm sure there will be some stories fit for publishing and some that will best be shared in person to get the complete story.



Joe's new lift in action—yes it exists !!

BTW, this month, the much-anticipated HCTC Summer picnic will be June 8th at the Live Oak Brewery courtesy of Chip and Laura McElroy. It will be great time to share these and other stories and plan the second half of the year.

Look forward to seeing everyone there!

Giddy Up,

Joe

A top-down view of Joe's Jaguar Mk II

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HCTC Events-at-a-Glance

June

June 1st:

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

June 6th:

- ***TX ABCD Marketing Meeting***
  The County Line At the Lake @ 6:00 pm

June 8th:

- ***HCTC Breakfast Meeting***
  Waterloo Icehouse @ 2222 @ 9:00 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

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July

July 4th:

- ***Independence Day***

July 9th:

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

July 13th:

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KEY

= HCTC-sponsored event

= Other event

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

Secretary's Report June 2024

Jacques Welter

Editor's Note:

I will be pinch-hitting for Roger Allen on the Secretary's Report for the next few issues

May was an action-packed month for Hill Country Triumph Club, starting with our monthly breakfast at Waterloo Icehouse. It was a near standing-room-only crowd on Saturday, May 11th, as we had 19 HCTC members show out for the event.

Mike McPhail raffling off regalia

The meeting part of the breakfast was short and sweet with Jim Wells presiding (Joe Payne was unavoidably detained by wedding planning) .

Most of the breakfast meeting was taken up by talked about upcoming event — mainly the upcoming 33rd annual Texas All British Car Days - more on that later !!

During the breakfast, the club also raffled off old regalia from prior shows - hats and T-Shirts - to lucky HCTC members.

Talking it over in the parking lot after the Breakfast ...

The meeting was adjourned around 11:00 am and then spilled out into the parking lot where we were able to do what we do best — talk to friends and talk about cars.

An SRO crowd at the HCTC Breakfast Meeting

On Tuesday, May 14th, HCTC held its monthly Social Hour at County Line on the Lake. The Social Hour, held the second Tuesday of the month,

Like HCTC's Breakfast meeting, the Social Hour was well attended with 14 HCTC members showing up to enjoy good company and good food at the County Line on the Lake. We also are getting more members driving their Triumph to the event, which makes it even more special.

Secretary's Report
June 2024

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Left to right, Phil Taylor; Henry Reynolds; Joe Payne; & Malcolm Grey in front of Phil's TR7

HCTC also showed out at the May Pistons on the Square, hanging out with the Georgetown All-British Squadron. Present from HCTC were John Haydon; Ralph and Jeffie Herter; Kim and Jacques Welter; Julie and Nick Roccaforte.

HCTC Social Hour at The County Line on the Lake

John Heydon and Ralph Herter showing out their TR3's in front of the Georgetown court-

Like I said earlier, May was a busy month. Next up, HCTC went to a good ol' country get-together out at the Cadillac Dance Hall on Dos Conchas Ranch in Marble Falls on Saturday, May Eddie Shell and the Not Guilties played multiple sets throughout the evening as a good time was had by all. Look for repeat events at Cadillac Dance Hall announced in the Events section of The Ragtop, as HCTC will me making this a regular event for the club.

Kim & Jacques' TR6 & Austin-Healey Sprite + Nick and Julie's MGB GT at Pistons on the Square

Last, but not least, Hill Country took their show on the road to the 2024 VTR Regionals, held in St. Louis. Mike McPhail; Art Graves; Bob Skewis; Bill Waller; and Jacques and Kim Welter all showed up in Missouri and showed out during various events. Look for an article later in The Ragtop !!

Roger & Tina Bolick talk about their recent trip to England. Welcome back !!

"So won't you listen to the sound of a hot country band, Boot heels are shufflin' on the dance floor Sam"

We were talking — what else — cars when an Aussie at the next table overheard us and joined in. Turns out he has a fully-restored Cortina

Secretary's Report

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A constellation of TR6's. Left to right, Kim & Sam Vazquez; Rip Torn; Wiley Christal; and Jim Well's TR6s

A nice variety. Mike's TR6; Nick Tyler's Lotus Esprit; Kim & Jacques' TR6; and Nick & Julie's GT6

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

From the Archives

Art Graves

I found a bit of whimsical humor for this month's archive article. Although the advice given Is tongue in cheek, there is some truth hiding between the words. This article is from the November 1999 issue of "The Ragtop"

—Art

10 Best Tools of All Time

Forget the Snap-On Tools truck, it's never been there when you need it. Besides there are only 10 things in this world you need to fix any car, any place, any time.

1. Duct Tape - Not just a tool, a veritable Swiss Army knife in stickum and plastic. Its safety wire, body material, radiator hose, upholstery, insulation, tow rope, and more in an easy to carry package. Sure, There's prejudice surrounding duct tape in concours competitions, but in the real world, everything from LeMans winning Porches to Atlas rockets use it by the yard. The only thing that can get you out of more scrapes is a quarter and a phone booth.

2. Vice Grips - Equally adept as a wrench, hammer, pliers, baling wire twister, breaker-off of frozen bolts and wiggle-it-till-it falls-off tool. The heavy artillery of your tool box, vice grips are the only tool designed expressly to fix things screwed up beyond repair.

3. Spray Lubricants - A considerably cheaper alternative to new doors, alternator, and other squeaky items. Slicker than pig phlegm, repeated soakings will allow the main hull bolts of the Andrea Doria to be removed by hand. Strangely enough, an integral part of these sprays is the infamous little red tube that flies out of the nozzle if you look at it cross-eyed (one of the 10 worst tools of all time).

4. Margarine Tubs with Clear Lids - If you spend all you time under the hood looking for a frendle pin that caromed off the petal valve when you knocked both off the air cleaner, it's because you eat butter. Real mechanics consume pounds of tasteless vegetable oil replicas just so they can use the empty tubs for parts containers afterward. (Some of course chuck the butter-colored goo altogether or

10 Best Tools

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use it to repack wheel bearings.) Unlike air cleaners and radiator lips, margarine tubs aren't connected by a time/space wormhole to the Parallel Universe of Lost Frendle Pins.

5. Big Rock at the Side of the Road - Block up a tire. Smack corroded battery terminals. Pound out a dent. Bop noisy know-it-all types on the noodle. Scientists have yet to develop a hammer-that-packs the raw banging power of granite or limestone. This is the only tool with which a "made in India" emblem is not synonymous with the user's maiming.

6. Plastic Zip Ties - After 20 years of lashing down stray hose and wiring with old bread ties, some genius brought a slightly slicked up version to the auto parts market. Fifteen zip ties can transform a hulking mass of amateur quality wiring from a working model of the Brazilian Rain Forest into something remotely resembling a wiring harness. Of course, it works both ways. When buying a used car, subtract $100 for each zip tie under the hood.

7. Ridiculously Large Standard Screwdriver - Let's admit it. There's nothing better for prying, chiseling, lifting, breaking, splitting or mutilating than a huge flat bladed screwdriver particularly when wielded with gusto and a big hammer. This is also the tool of choice for all filters so insanely located that they can only be removed by driving a stage in one side and out the other. If you break the screwdriver -- and you will just like Dad and you shop teacher said--who cares if it has a lifetime guarantee.

8. Bailing Wire - Commonly known as MG muffler brackets, bailing wire holds anything that's too hot for tape or ties. Like duct tape, it's not recommended for concours contenders since it works so well you'll never need to replace it with the right thing again. Bailing wire is a sentimental favorite in some circles, particularly with the MG, Triumph, and flathead Ford set.

9.Bonking Stick - This monstrous tuning fork with devilish pointy ends is technically known as a tie-rod-separator, but how often do you separate tie-rod ends? Once every decade if you're lucky. Other than medieval combat, its real use is the all-purpose application of undue force, not unlike that of the huge flat-bladed screwdriver. Nature doesn't know the bent metal panel or frozen exhaust pipe that can stand up to a good bonking stick. (Can also be used to separate tie-rod ends in a pinch, of course, but does a lousy job of it).

10. A Quarter and a Phone Booth - See tip #1 above

Kingsbury Fly-in and Auto Show

Mike McPhail

We never get tired of the Pioneer Flight Museum fly-in in Kingsbury. This amazing event is held twice a year at the old aerodrome and features a car show, WWI re-enactors, antique cars and trucks, a working scale model WWI tank, numerous period-displays, etc.

The museum houses dozens of historic airplanes and early engines… even the Red Baron's Fokker tri-plane. Daring pilots buzzed the excited crowd, as fearless soldiers attacked a menacing machine gun nest. The pyro-technics were loud and realistic, sending many onlookers scurrying for cover!

A US-marked Renault Tank from WW I

A vintage school bus was available for those not wishing to walk the expansive compound and vendors offering a wide variety of tasty fare were on hand to feed the huge crowd.

The gala event thrilled young and old, boasting free admission, pleasant weather, lots of parking, and a lovely rural setting. The day's climax was a drawing for a dandy Ford Model T! The Hill Country Triumph Club did our part by entering a Spitfire (Mike McPhail); a TR6 (Rip Torn) and TR8 (Julian Pham) at the car show, which complemented the other British entries nicely.

Hill Country Shows out !!

Rip and Mike relaxing after the show

A long line of vintage cars at the Kingsbury Fly In …

Hill Country Triumph Club
By the numbers

Rip Torn

Our membership list has been holding around 100 members as of January 2024. Every year since the shutdown and re-awakening we have lost 4-6 members and had 3-6 new members joining. Our club has been fortunate to have a stable number of members to serve each other and carry out our mission.

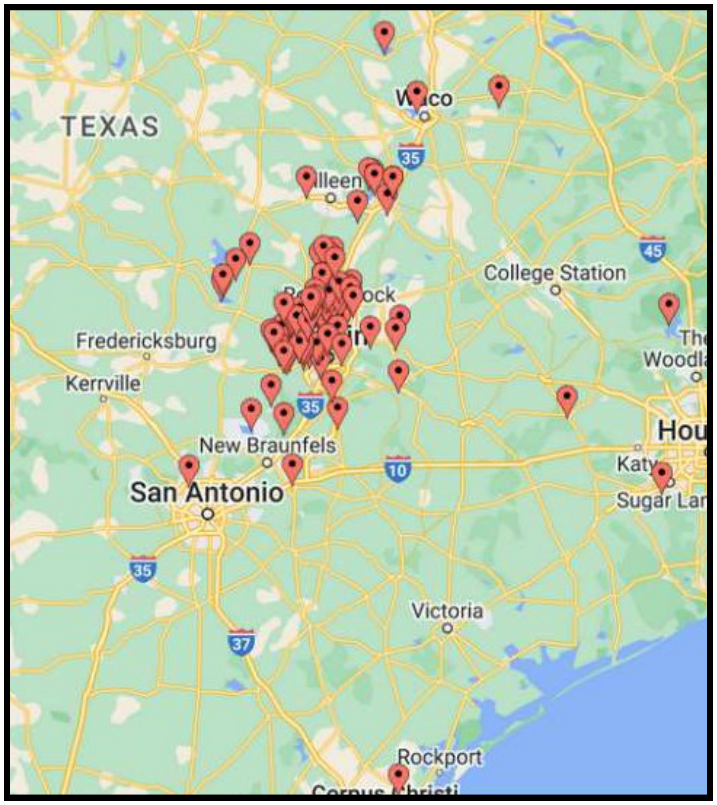
I like maps and statistics so decided to do some analysis on the club membership as to where we are and what we drive. There is not a definitive list to make a comparison with the original cadre of driving pioneers and founders of the club. It would be interesting to see the evolution. So instead, we will look at where we are (were) at the end of 2023.

Our membership encompasses a wide geographical area. We have members in Spain and a couple of out-of-state members. Within Texas we range from Dallas to San Angelo to San Antonio, and to Corpus Christi and Houston.

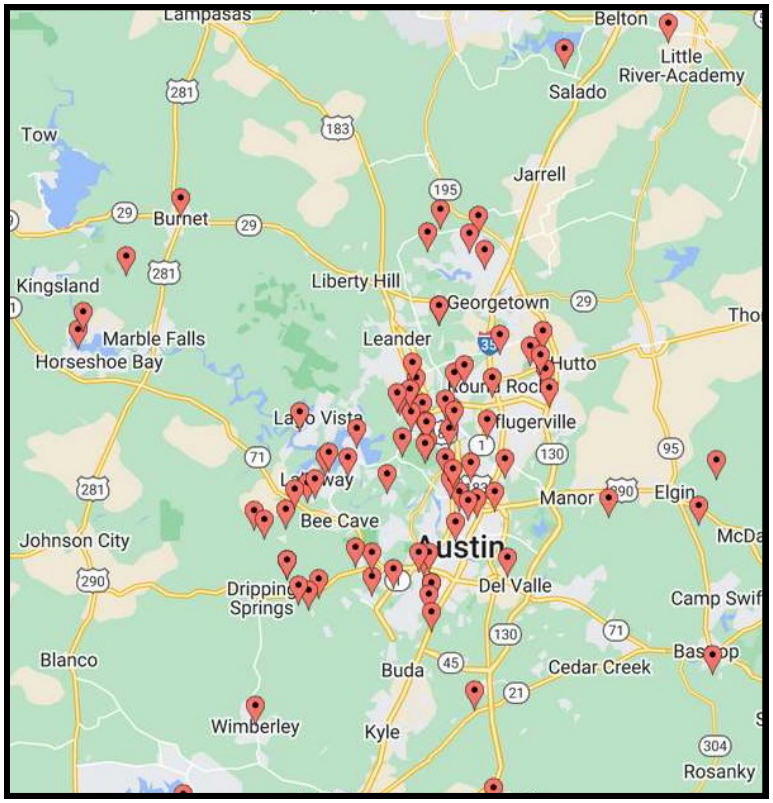
Our name - Hill Country Triumph Club should be the main focus so narrowing the pins to about a 1 hour radius shows a map like this one. This is the concentration of active members who attend meetings, events, and drives.

So why do we meet where we do? Let's try for a central location to distribute the pain – anytime you have to cross the greater Austin area. We look for a location that we can eat, maybe have an adult beverage, safely park our cars and a nice location that is not to impacted by the weeknight traffic or weekend start point for events. NO PLACE is perfect but we do the best we can to get the best results.

So that is how we decided on the Waterloo and County Line locations. Please make plans to join us if you haven't been.



Active HCTC members who attend three or more meetings



All HCTC members in Central Texas

Hill Country Triumph Club
By the numbers

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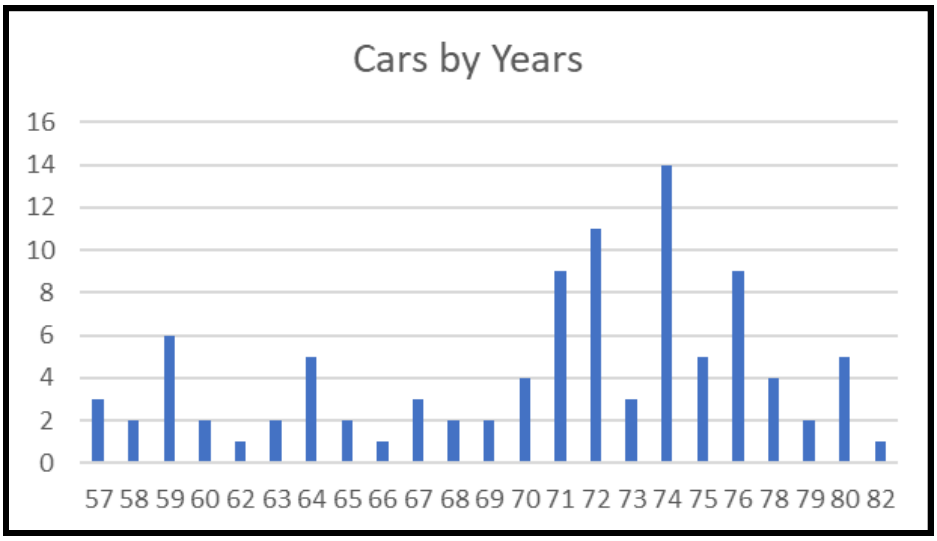
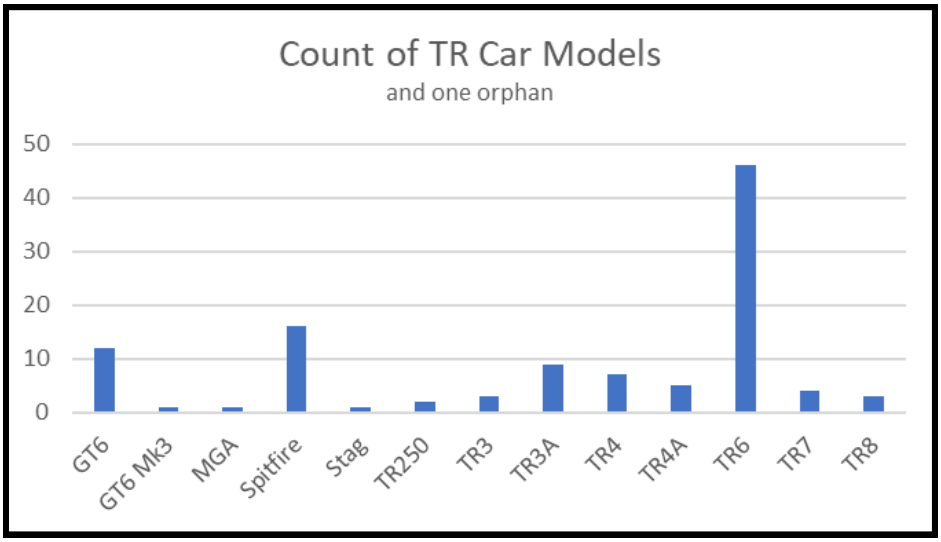
The other item of interest I hear is what models of Triumphs do we have in the club? By far the TR-6 is our largest category followed by the Spit and the GT6. A few wedges and threes and fours. These numbers came from a list that many of you had listed when joined but will give an idea of the spread.

Finally, I wanted to see the ages of your cars. The oldest was from 1959 and newest 1982. 1974 is the most popular year of our member cars.

So, there you go, that is who we are. There are a few things you can do with and for the Club.





1. If you meet a new member welcome them on board.
2. HCTC does a drive somewhere every month as a separate activity — join us.
3. If you want to get more involved, come to the Social Hour meeting or Breakfast Club meeting, or both. You're going to find a nice class of people there.
4. Volunteer. HCTC is always looking for talented people to bring their skillset for the benefit of the Club and there's no better way to meet people.
5. Drive your car. You will find the more you drive it, the more reliable it becomes.
6. Don't be afraid to ask questions — there a treasure-trove of operational knowledge in the Club.

With that, I'll send you on your way. I hope to see you out there.

Giddy Up!

2024 VTR Regionals – St. Louis

Jacques Welter

It seems I've spent a lot time in Missouri.

I graduated High School there; I went to college and earned my degree there (University of Missouri). And I have many, many friends there — I always manage to get back at least once a year. I'm giving you this background because VTR held their 2024 Regionals in St. Louis this year, and I've had this one circled on my calandar ever since they announced it.

Kim and I packed up our TR6 on our trailer and made the long haul to the Sheraton Chalet on Monday, May 27th. 810 miles and 13.5 hours later, we pulled into the parking lot and began unloading for what would be a six-day stay.

The South Central VTR Regionals officially kicked off on Wednesday, May 29th, with a guided Pub crawl, hosted by Dave Massey from the St. Louis VTR Club (if you've ever been to a VTR event, Dave is unforgettable, as he plays the bagpipes ... frequently). Joining us on the Pub crawl were none other than our two road warriors, Mike McPhail and Art Graves.

The Pub crawl was followed by a welcome reception at the hotel in the registration room, helping us out by getting our registration packets and sign-up sheets

On the road to St. Louis — a lunch stop in Springfield, Missouri

Bill Waller and Bob Skewis stop at a hotel on the way to St. Louis

There were some beautiful Triumphs on the Poker Run / Winery tour

A Confluence of Triumphs

2024 VTR Regionals – St. Louis

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for drive and activities, Thursday through Saturday.

Thursday dawned with near perfect driving weather — high blue skies and temperatures in the low to mid - 70's. There were two driving events to choose from: A poker run / winery tour; and a Gearhead Tour. Mike and Art took the Gearhead Tour; Kim and I chose the Poker Run / Winery Tour.

On our drive — some 40 miles out in the winding hill country of Missouri — had three stops where we picked up playing cards to compliment the initial card we drew at the start. At the fifth stop, the Montello Winery, we drew our last card and then compared poker hands with everyone else (We had four-fifths of a straight, but busted on the last draw).

Once at the Montello Winery we took in a great lunch, some interesting local wines, and unbelievable views from a huge deck out back of the winery .

Thursday night was the official Welcome Reception at the hotel, followed by a dinner run to St. Charles.

Bob Skewis and Bill Waller pulled in Thursday afternoon rounding out the Hill Country contingent in St. Louis.

Friday was the same weather as Thursday — just gorgeous and perfect driving weather … and it needed to be because Friday was Autocross; LeMans Start; and Funkhana. All three events were in the same venue but given some late starts and confusion, we were only able to participate in the Autocross.

The course, set up by the local SCCA Club, featured multiple turns and twists and was quite challenging. Mike McPhail and Kim Welter were the only two HCTC entrants. Mike posted respectable times but the Men's Modified Six Class was stacked with some fast, super-tuned cars that hadn't just driven 800 miles to get there. Kim, in the Women's Stock Six Class, logged her second consecutive 1st place in VTR Autocross events with a fantastic time of 48.02 seconds.

Kim, in the #17 car, rips off a blistering time of 48.02 to win the Women's Stock Six Class in Autocross by 8 seconds

Mike putting his PI TR6 through its paces on the course

2024 VTR Regionals – St. Louis

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Immediately after the Autocross struck camp, attention turned towards the Time Speed Distance (TSD) Ralley. A TSD ralley, like its name implies, is trying to get a car to perform ***exactly*** to parameters established on the course. For example, run 2.5 miles at 35 mph followed by 4 miles at 40 mph. After each speed / distance interval, the car pulls into a checkpoint to measure accuracy, then moves on in the course.

Mike and Art did the TSD ralley, whose finish line was a nice brew pub in St. Charles County. Because of the late start, those participating in the TSD Ralley missed the Dinner drives that night, but Kim and Jacques caught one of those drives to a lovely Italian restaurant, led by the St. Louis chapter president, Dave Pollard.

Show Day was Saturday, and was scheduled for the parking lot of the National Transportation Museum. Unfortunately, Mother Nature did not cooperate, hammering the St. Louis area with thunderstorms and showers, and the show was forced under cover in the host hotel parking garage. Despite this the show was enjoyed by all who attended. Bob Skewis took home a 2nd in Peoples Choice with his TR250; Bill Waller took home a 3rd in Concours Stock with his TR6; and Art Graves took home an Emeritus award with his TR6.

After the show, it was time to relax, let your hair down, take a final drive, and get ready for the Awards Banquet that night.

After trophy's and recognition, it was time to talk about VTR Nationals in Nashville, Indiana, and announce the venue for the next VTR Regionals. The 2025 South Central Regionals will be held in Waco, Texas, and will run either in late April or early May.

Hill Country shows out on Awards night

I can hardly wait !!

The parking lot was just filled with Triumphs

Some truly beautiful specimens on display

2024 VTR Regionals – St. Louis

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Poker Run Checkpoint

Art and Mike on Awards Night

Art's beautiful TR6

Kim, Art, Mike, Dave Massey on our pub crawl

The Welter's TR6 at the host hotel

Bill Waller's TR6 at the Show

It was a bit chaotic in the parking garage during the show

2024 VTR Regionals – St. Louis

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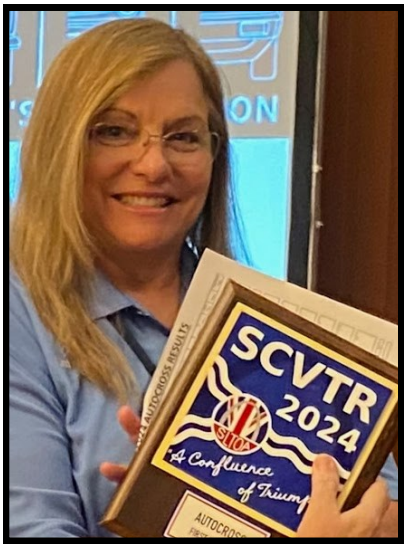
Bob Skewis at the Awards Banquet

Bill Waller catching up with an old friend



Kim Welter showing off her trophy

In what became our home-away-from home, Mike and Art taking in a frosty adult beverage at the Trainwreck Saloon

Art catching up with old friends at the Thursday Reception

Mike, Bob, and Art holding court at the kickoff Reception

Bob's beautiful—and award-winning—TR250

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

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Texas All British Car Days 2024

Frequently Asked Questions

Q: Is there going to 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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13 HCTC Morning Mtg
15 MLK Day
29 HCTC Drive Taylor

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10 Drive A Triumph Day
13 HCTC Social Hour
14 Valentines Day
19 Presidents Day
24 Georgetown Car & Air Sh

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4 WINGS & WHEELS! KGBY
11 HCTC Morning Mtg
12 Mothers Day
14 HCTC Social Hour
27 Memorial Day
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14 HCTC Morning Mtg
10 HCTC Social Hour

25 Christmas

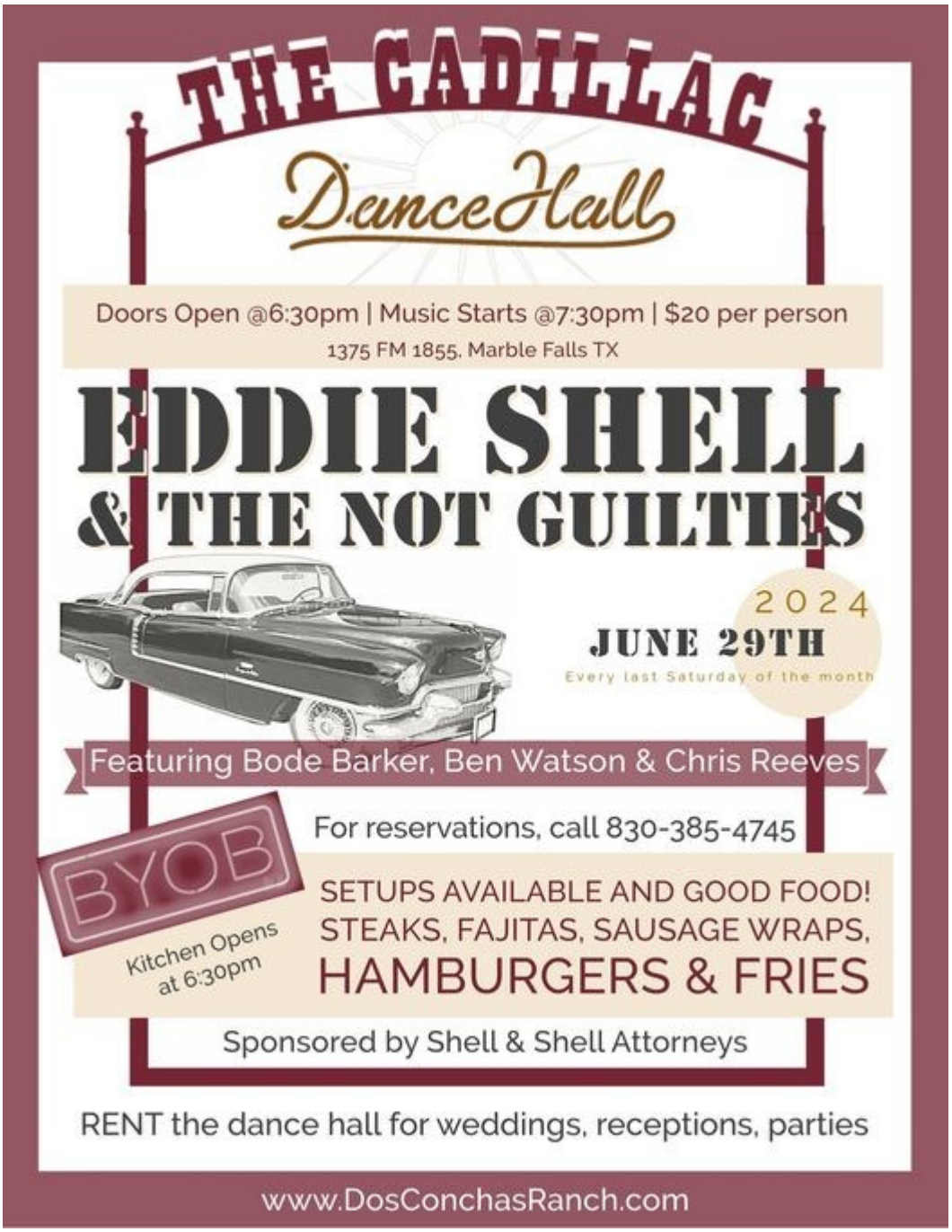
HCTC Events

Eddie and the Not Guilties at The Cadillac Dance Hall

Come on out to the Cadillac Dance Hall on Saturday, June 29th, 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 !!



HCTC Events

HCTC Breakfast Meeting
Waterloo Icehouse
June 8th

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.

We will be leaving the Waterloo Icehouse and driving directly to Live Oak Brewing for the Hill Country Triumph Club picnic.

Can't wait to see you there !!

HCTC Social Hour
The County Line on the Lake
June 11th

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.

<u>The Social Hour has moved its venue</u> 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: 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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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 approprate 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

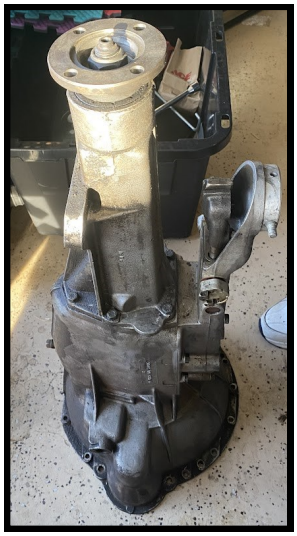
These ads must be prepaid and can be scheduled for as long as desired, minimum of six issues. Long term ad runs must be prepaid at the time of scheduling. All ads must include artwork.

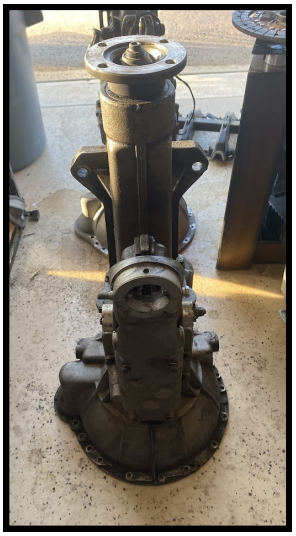
Classifieds

Looking for a TR6 factory steel hardtop. Please contact:
Dick Simonson 512-779-3735

Selling my original 1972 Triumph TR6 4-speed transmission. No known issues when it was pulled — I wanted an overdrive — but I'm selling at a CORE price all the same. $350 OBO. Local pick-up.

If interested contact Jacques Welter (jawelter60@gmail.com).





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.

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.

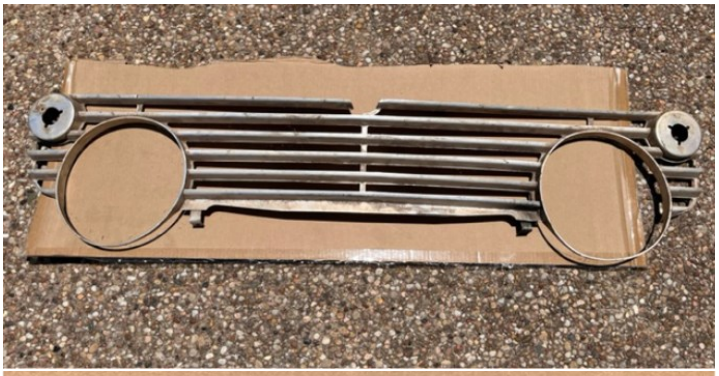
Please call or text 316 200 3068.

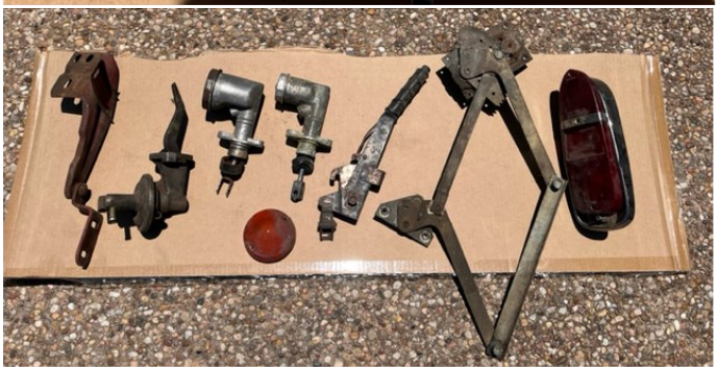
Classifieds

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).