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July 2024

Letter From The President

July, 2024

Joe Payne

Can you say hotter than a firecracker? The July 4th holiday is upon us and it's hot in Texas as we approach the summer fun! Wishing all a jubilant and safe holiday and staying cool as possible!

Driving a convertible without air conditioning in the Texas summertime heat may not be everyone's idea of a good time. AC can be added to your Triumph and one should refer to last year's Ragtop that has the tech article detailing a functional AC system that has been reported to blow 40 degrees. It was fitted to Kim & Jacques Welter's TR-6 and it is a difference maker. Catch Jacques, Kim or Mike McPhail for details.

But what else do the dogdays of summer hold for our classic cars? For many, it is time for some wrenching, polishing and getting ready for the Fall tours that are around the corner.

VTR Nationals is September 8-12 in Nashville, Indiana. HCTC brought home trophies from this spring's regional VTR and I expect that the Club will bring home more at Nationals. Well you say, the trip isn't long enough? Then tack on Brits In The Ozarks from September 5-7 in front of National's and you will have a splendid road trip with 2 well run and fun events in the prime of the Fall season. If interested, please talk with our Event Chairman extraordinaire, Mike McPhail and learn of all the good times that are to be experienced.

Also, it has been a while since the club has had a fix-it day to aid in the maintenance and improvement of our cars. Rumor has it that one will be coming soon in August. Stay tuned for details and plan on getting your ride ready for the Fall season!

Giddy Up,

Joe

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HCTC Events-at-a-Glance

July

July 4th:

- ***Independence Day***

July 9th:

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

July 13th:

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

July 20th:

- ***Pistons on the Square***
  Georgetown Courthouse Square starting @ 8:00 am
- ***HCTC & Georgetown All-British Squadron Fun Drive***
  Meet @ 7:30 am
  Show @ Georgetown Courthouse Square starting @ 8:00 am
  Drive starts 10:00 am

August, 2024

August 10th:

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

August 13th:

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

August 17th:

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

September 7th:

- ***Brits in the Ozarks***
  Fayetteville, Arkansas, 10 am to 2 pm
- ***Galveston Air, Car, and Boat Show***
  Moody Gardens, Galveston, Texas

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

July 2024

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August 2024

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★ = HCTC-sponsored event

★ = Other event

Secretary's Report
July 2024

Dick Simonson

June was another busy month for the Hill Country Triumph Club, highlighted by our annual summer picnic on June 8.

New faces and the 'regulars' at the HCTC Breakfast Meeting

Before the picnic, a few intrepid souls gathered at Waterloo Icehouse for the HCTC Breakfast, then drove their Triumph's over to Live Oak Brewing to join many other HCTC members at the annual picnic.

For the second year, this year's event was held at the Live Oak Brewery Company in Del Valle, courtesy of club members Chip and Laura McElroy. Many thanks to Chip and Laura for the fantastic hospitality.

The picnic was well attended by both seasoned and new members. We all enjoyed a nice barbeque lunch under the oaks along with the good company and the proximity of frosty beverages on tap. Being an off year, there were no elections, but there was a change in Club leadership none the less. President Joe Payne announced that Secretary Roger Allen was stepping down from office due to pressing personal matters. Joe expressed his gratitude for the great job Roger has performed for the club. I already appreciate Roger's hard work, and will try to maintain his high standards moving forward.

Taking advantage of the shade at Waterloo Icehouse

Looking over Malcolm Grey's now-running Spitfire. Way to go, Malcolm !!

Secretary's Report
June 2024

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Following the Roger Allen announcement, Joe asked Jacques Welter and Mike McPhail to update us all on progress for the upcoming Texas ABCD. Plans are progressing nicely and much information is — and will be — shared in separate columns and communications. The main message is this: Let's all get registered for the show; the Awards Banquet; and volunteer to help out !!

The social hour took place at the County Line on the Lake and was well-enjoyed by the attendees. Showing up on Tuesday, June 11th, were Joe Payne; Dan & Francis Julien; Rip and Cheryl Torn; Mike McPhail; Jimmy & soon-to-be Penny White (congratulations !!); Roger and Tina Bolick; and Jacques & Kim Welter.

A sample of some of the great breakfast's at Bear King Brewing Company

On June 15, several club members attended the monthly Pistons on the Square in Georgetown, including myself, Nick Roccaforte, Rip Torn and Kim and Jacques Welter. Afterwards, most of us left on a spirited drive to Liberty Hill where we were joined by Sam Vasquez for a "tech session" on shock absorbers put on by Nigel and Cassie Arthur at Arthur Auto.

Under the heading, it's a tough job but ***somebody*** has to do it, Mike McPhail, the Torn's, and the Welter's traveled to the Bear King Brewing Co., in Marble Falls, to sample the cuisine. Texas ABCD attendees will be enjoying breakfast there and our scouts gave it a big thumbs up.

As a reminder, we are having the HCTC Social Hour on July 9 at the County Line on the Lake off of 2222 starting at 6:00 pm; and the HCTC Breakfast July 13th at Waterloo Icehouse starting at 10:00 am.

Finally, please have a safe and enjoyable Fourth of July holiday.

Hill Country Triumph Club members enjoy some great BBQ

Secretary's Report

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HCTC Social Hour at The County Line on the Lake

HCTC members have cars besides Triumph's !! Dick Simonson's MGB is parked next to Jacques Welter's Austin-Healey Bugeye Sprite

Kim and Jacques Welter's TR6 at Pistons on the Square in June

Nick Roccaforte shows off his Triumph GT6

Rip Torn's TR6 stylin' and profilin'

From the Archives

Art Graves

This tech tip was written by Jim Icenhower and appeared in the October 2009 issue of "The Ragtop."

—Art

Panel Repair Without Welding

Jim Icenhower

My welding skills are getting better but they're still not great and welding sheet metal seems to be the most challenging. I often end up burning away the precious metal I'm trying to repair. Browsing through an auto body supply catalog (don't we all do that?) I found that there are adhesives intended for panel repair on new cars. 3M has a line and so does Lord. I decided on the Lord line because it's a little cheaper, especially the special gun required to mix and apply the adhesive.

Perforated rust spot

The product I used is Lord Fusor Metal Bonding adhesive. Sounds like a sci fi bad guy, doesn't it? It comes in 3 varieties based on how quickly it sets up, and therefore how much time you have to adjust the pieces or how long you have to clamp them. This is a two-part epoxy and requires a special dispensing gun. Be sure and get the gun for your product. They are not interchangeable across brands and even within brands, there can be multiple sizes of adhesive packages requiring different guns. You can see the 3M ad Fusor products at www.autobodytoolmart.com.

My Spitfire had perforated rust spot behind the right front wheel. Here is the initial problem after cleaning the area with a wire brush on a grinder. I will be

Bad metal is cut out and hole is squared off

10 Best Tools

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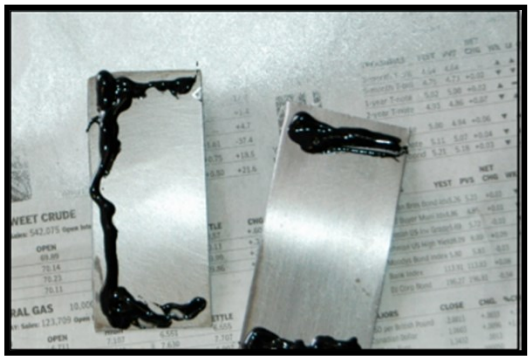


Flanges created and glued

fabricating a panel so the next step is to cut out any bad metal and make the opening shape into a rectangle which will be easy to create a replacement panel for. I didn't have a good way to clamp the new piece in place so my plan was to glue flanges behind the opening with a piece of each flange protruding into the opening to glue the new outer piece to. The pieces are simple rectangles of sheet metal. I first glued and clamped the end pieces.

I didn't have room to clamp the horizontal pieces so I drilled holes in them and the body to rivet them into place. The rivets are only there as clamps while the glue dries. I'll drill them out later. Note that the steps for using the rivets are 1) apply glue to the piece, 2) rivet it in place. Flush rivets are available so if you want to leave them in you can. Removing them just makes smoothing out the final surface easier. My metal fabrication work is embarrassingly bad. But, as you'll soon see, it turned out fine. Next, I just glue and rivet the outer panel Once the glue is dry, drill out all the rivets.

Flanges are clamped into place

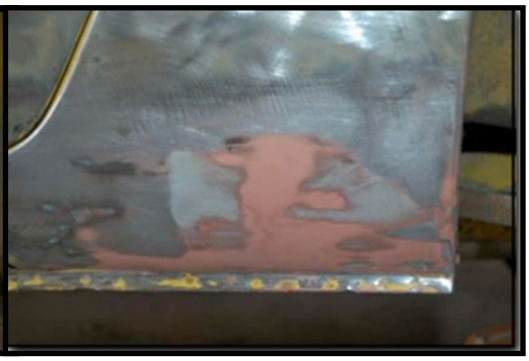
You may need to grind the edges a little to make sure you don't have any edges that are high. It's better to have a little recess where the pieces meet so you can fill it with body putty. That allows you to smooth it out by sanding. Then fill with your favorite body putty. I also smoothed it with some glazing compound (the pink stuff) to fill pinholes in the base filler.

Finally, paint.

Rivets popped into place

Plate inserted and riveted into place

Rivets are drilled out



Body putty; glazing; sanding; ready for paint

Promotion 101: TX ABCD Video

Jacques Welter

If you were driving along Park Road 4 in Burnet on the afternoon hours Thursday, June 27th, and pulled over to take in the view at the scenic overlook, you would have seen a line of British cars at dusk — and if you had come a little earlier you would have seen the same four cars winding and twisting their way along the scenic roadway with two chase cars filming the event by drone.

In a first for Texas All British Car Days, there will be a promotional video focusing on the event. The video, being sponsored by Vince Barnell, will feature cars from Hill Country Triumph Club owners driving through the countryside; parked in various venues; and driving through Marble Falls. Participating from HCTC were Mike McPhail; Sam and Kim Vazquez; Ralph Herter; Kim & Jacques Welter.

Shooting started Thursday afternoon, only concluding after the sun set around 8:45 pm. Shooting picked up again at 9:30 am on Friday and ran through 1:30 pm — at which point everyone headed for their respective hacienda's to siesta and gain some respite from the blazing temperatures - above 100 degrees both days.

Stay tuned for the results — the HCTC and the TX ABCD website will have it featured when it becomes available.

The Welter's TR6; Ralph Herter's TR3; Jacques Welter's Bugeye; and Mike's Spit 6

Mike taking in some shade while we wait for the sunset

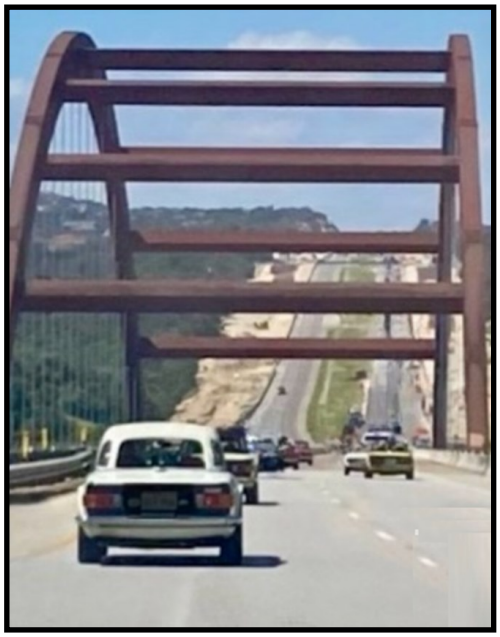
Sunset, Thursday, June 27th, at the scenic overlook on Park Road 4, Burnet, Texas.

2024 Hill Country Triumph Club Picnic

Jacques Welter

On Saturday, June 8th, Hill Country Triumph Club held its annual Picnic at Live Oak Brewing. Held under the live oaks on the grounds, the picnic was well-attended by HCTC members, and once again Chip and Laura McElroy proved to be excellent hosts.

The day started with the HCTC Breakfast at Waterloo Icehouse, followed by a drive lead by Mike McPhail around Mount Bonnell and on through downtown an on out to Del Valle and Live Oak Brewing Company.



A long line of Triumph's crossing the Lake Austin bridge on the way to the picnic

Once there, HCTC members were treated to some excellent BBQ and fixin's before the meeting kicked off with an speech by HCTC President, Joe Payne.

Joe brought us up-to-date on Club business, including announcing the resignation of Club Secretary Roger Allen — Roger remains a committed member of the Club but had to step back for personal reasons. Joe also introduced Roger's replacement, Dick Simonson. Welcome aboard, Dick !!

Joe's speech was followed by an update on Texas All British Car Days from Mike McPhail and Jacques Welter. While much has been done already, much remains to be done. Please consider volunteering your time to help out at the show and Awards Banquet.

Festivities wrapped up around 2 pm, and the club adjourned for the day.

President Joe Payne addresses the Club

Everyone getting caught up on the latest Club events and goings-on

Rip Torn with our new Hill Country Triumph Club flag

2024 Hill Country Triumph Club Picnic

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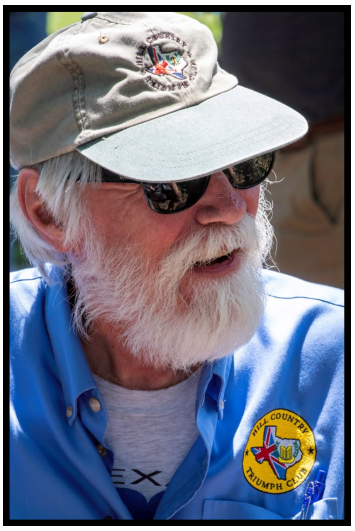
Long-time member Pete Kelly listens in on Joe Payne's talk



Dan Julien enjoying the company and the BBQ

Jacques provides a detailed update for TX ABCD

Jim Wells, HCTC Vice President, seconds a motion

Parked on the grounds of Live Oak Brewing Company

"Cheers ..."

Left to Right: cars belonging to Jim Wells; Joe Payne; Mike McPhail; Wiley Christal; Kim & Jacques Welter; Malcolm Grey; Dan & Francis Julien; Tim and Barb Worthy

News from Mike's Motors

Mike McPhail

It was a barn find of sorts, I suppose. Not really lost, but it had been sitting for a couple of years. Aside from the dead battery, it looked as though not much would be needed to get this one back on the road…

I need another project like a hole in the head, but this old beater was just way too cheap and the seller is an old acquaintance of mine and needed the car gone ASAP. So now I am the owner of a 1969 Morgan 4/4. It might have been better if it was a 4+4… that's the one with the Triumph engine. This cute little thing has a 1600 cc English Ford motor like you might find in a Cortina or an early Pinto!

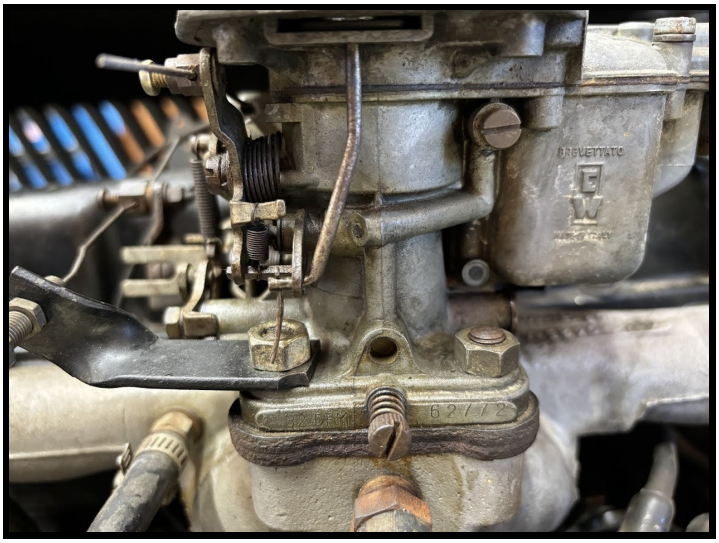
The new battery wasn't going to get it going because the fuel and water pumps were shot. There is a place in New York that sells Morgan parts, so an order was placed. It was tempting to get Pinto parts on eBay for a fraction of the cost, but the car is so original it would be a shame to do so.

With the new parts installed the little Ford four-banger started right up but didn't want to idle. That wouldn't be much of a problem with ZS or SU carbs, but this Morgan came with a genuine Italian made Weber DGV two-barrel downdraft carb from the factory. This carburetor is just like the popular conversion you will find on lots of Spitfires… there is even a twin-carb replacement for the TR6. Either of these supposed upgrades work embarrassingly well. Step hard on the gas, and that second barrel kicks in… and off you go!

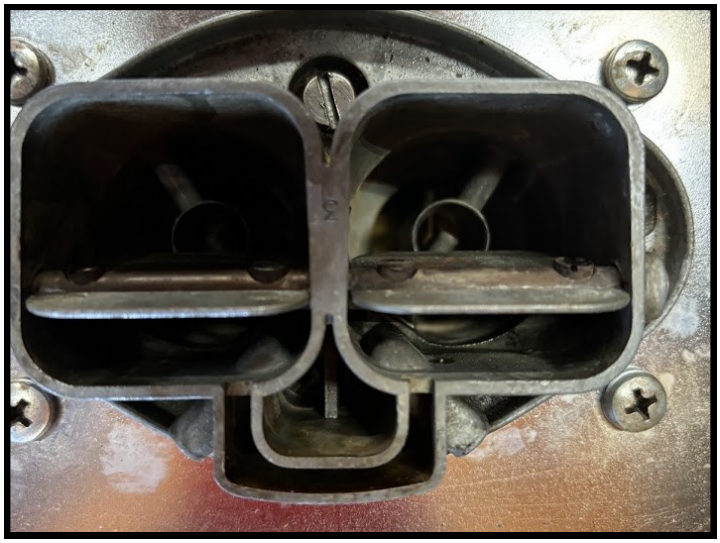
Idle jet

I won't get into the somewhat complicated theory behind the Weber's operation, but a bit of study was required in order to determine the cause of the no-idle problem. I learned that any time the gas pedal is depressed, the accelerator pump will shoot gas into the primary barrel.

That was working fine, and when depressing the



1 O'Clock screw is idle jet



It's dark in there

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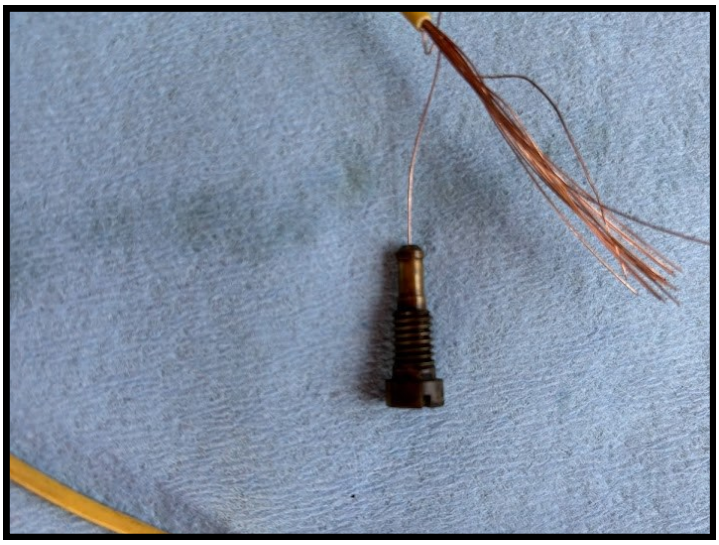
throttle, the engine revved happily as more gas from the main jet sprayed down into the primary barrel. Well, come to find out, at idle fuel is delivered completely out of sight, under the butterflies. Both barrels have a jet that meters the fuel at idle, and they are easily removed with a screwdriver.

No wonder it would not idle… the incredibly tiny orifice on the tip of each needle was plugged up! The engine idles sweetly now and sure enough, you cannot see the fuel delivery at all…

The other idle jet …



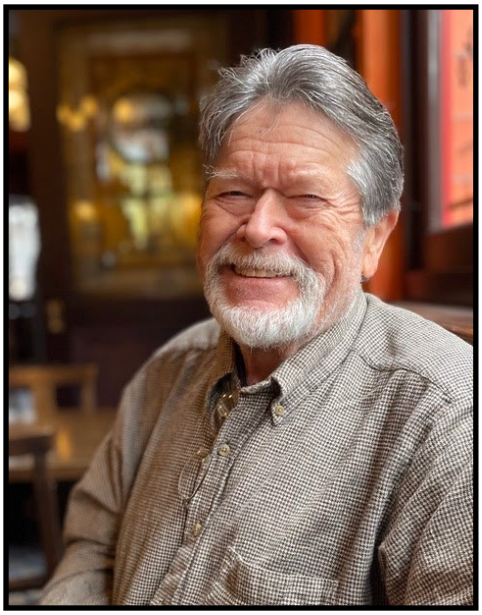
One very small orifice …

Remembering Robert "Bob" Blake

Don Couch

I'm deeply saddened to announce Robert "Bob" Blake has passed away.

I can't remember when I first met Bob but we became fast friends. We raced Triumphs together in CVAR and Lemons, sharing paddock and trailer space together. We'd caravan up to Eagles Canyon for a race weekend and had a thousand laughs together and as many laps together.



We'd meet for lunch or a beer and talk Triumphs as many of us do. Bob was a helicopter pilot during Vietnam and had lots of stories he'd tell about flying. I think though, most of all we'd just talk about life, racing and well… is there anything else? Bob was a dyed-in-the-wool Triumph guy. He had a TR3 that he bought out of British Auto Specialists junk yard in 1984 and it became the car his son Greg is racing today. Bob told me Greg drug it out of the backyard and would work on it all the time until he got it running. Greg drove it while studying at A&M. Bob's grandson, Will is putting his TR3 together now and heading off to A&M continuing Bob's love of Triumphs.

Once Greg got the racing bug, Bob soon followed in his VERY well prepared TR4. As with all those who race Triumphs, he had his good days and his not as good days. Any day at the track is a good day and Bob certainly helped me when my track days didn't go as planned. One race weekend at ECR, we drove a hundred mile round trip to get a diff for my Spitfire having it let go on Friday practice. That same weekend, Dusty's TR3 had carb issues and Bob had the only Triumph to last the weekend.

Bob was born in Chipping Norton, England, just outside of Oxford, he was a true English gentleman. I told Brenda, I can't recall one memory of Bob ever being angry or cross.

He loved to cook and many times he'd be cooking something wonderful at the track, his gumbo comes to mind. He also would make toffee at Christmas time every year and Brenda and I were lucky to be on the list.

I'll miss my dear friend, racing brother, and drinkin' buddy, so let's all raise a pint to Bob Blake!

In Remembrance of Jack Land

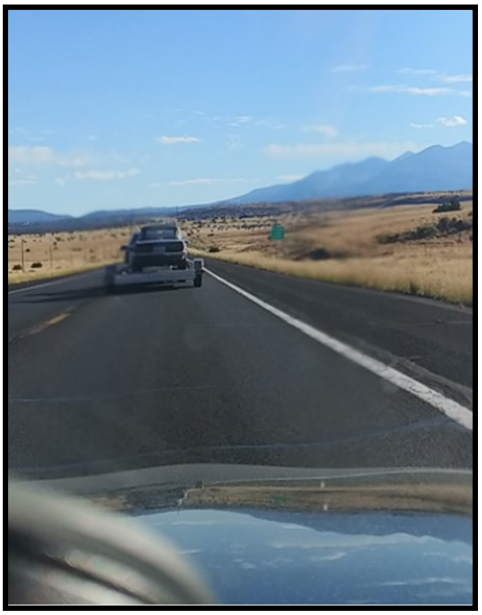
Rip Torn

It's been a hard month for HCTC members. Right before publication of The Ragtop, word came that Jack Land had passed away suddenly and most unexpectedly.

As one of our former members, Jack never did get his hands on a Triumph; instead he came on many drives pulling a support trailer with his pickup, providing friendship, support, and comradeship.

No word yet on arrangements.

Rest in Peace, Jack.



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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Bits of Triumph

DOS CONCHAS RANCH

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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9 HCTC Social Hour
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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9 HCTC Morning Mtg
12 HCTC Social Hour
16 BLUEBONNET AIRSHO BNT
MGClub Spring Drive
23 New Orleans All British Car Day
31 Easter

? "Come and Take It" RR Gonz

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8 Solar Eclipse
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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

Jul 2024

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28 Thanksgiving Day

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14 HCTC Morning Mtg
10 HCTC Social Hour

25 Christmas

Hill Country Driving Event

Hill Country Triumph Club July 2024 Early-bird Driving Event

The wildly popular Pistons on the Square car show happens every third Saturday around the historic Old Williamson County Courthouse in beautiful Georgetown. Let's gather at McDonald's at I-35 and Austin Avenue for a 7:30 am convoy to the town square, just a little way down N. Austin Ave., and attend the Pistons event.

Pistons starts at 8:00 am and runs until 10 am. After Pistons, as a bonus, there will be a tour of Dick Hunter's private automobile collection thanks to the kind folks of the Georgetown All-British Squadron. After touring the Hunter's facility, the combined group will take a short run out to Andice for some lunch and good conversation.

Get out of bed and enjoy the cool morning air in your Triumph convertible!

If you have questions, contact Mike McPhail or Nick Roccaforte

HCTC Events

HCTC Social Hour
The County Line on the Lake
July 9th

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.

HCTC Breakfast Meeting
Waterloo Icehouse
July 13th

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 !!

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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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

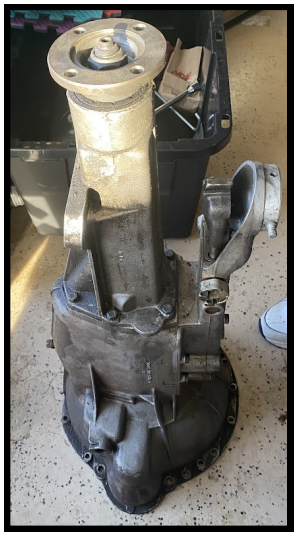
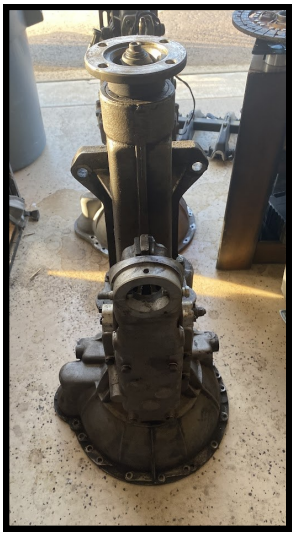
These ads must be prepaid and can be scheduled for as long as desired, minimum of six issues. Long term ad runs must be prepaid at the time of scheduling. All ads must include artwork.

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

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

Classifieds

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.

Need a lift? I have several heavy tools that I am prepared to lend out to HCTC members who may be considering some DIY Engine or Transmission work. I have a hydraulic Engine Hoist, an Engine Stand and a Hydraulic Press.

They are available to any club member so long as you will take care of them until you return them. And so long as you operate them safely (I offer no liability for injury or damage) Just let me know, I can even get them over to you in my pickup truck.

Malcolm Grey

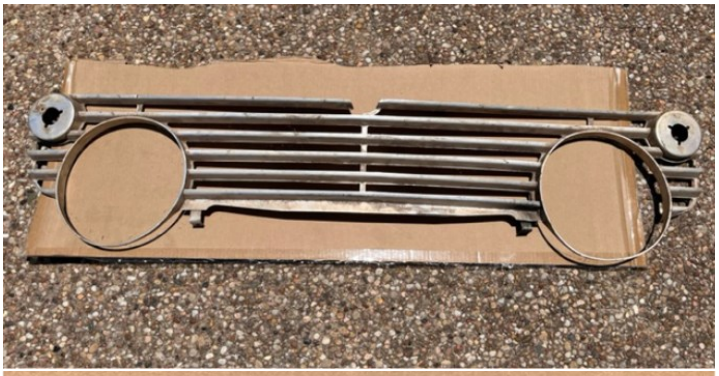
TEXT at 512 775 6443

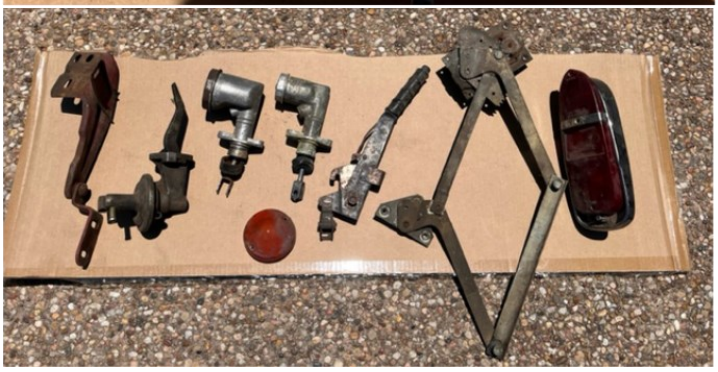
Classifieds

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).