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September 2024



Letter From The President

August, 2024

Joe Payne



Editor's Note: Joe asked me to add this prior to publication ... check your SPAM / Junk Mail folder in your email inbox for your HCTC membership renewal email and for communications about Texas All British Car Days. We've been getting reports from HCTC members that they are not receiving these important communications.

Dear HCTC Colleagues,

Let the record show that Joe's Garage finally hosted a HCTC FIX IT DAY on August 17 th , 2024 and some work and maintenance were done not to mention the outstanding grilled hotdogs for lunch. There will be articles in this month's edition of the Ragtop that will detail of some of the activities so please keep reading on.



Joe Payne relaxing outside his garage with Jacques Welter and Dick Simonson

Everyone enjoyed the day immensely as did I. Also I am struck by the difference of the HCTC Triumph Fix It Day versus the ones I am currently having with my 2003 BMW 530i. The e39 BMW sedan (1999-2003) is considered by many BMW fans to have been one of the best mid-size sporting sedans BMW ever turned out. My goal with this car is to have a great daily driver with all modern conveniences with a minimum of electronics and overly

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complex systems beyond the average person's ability to maintain and repair. Some differences between my TR-6 and BMW 530i I've noted are:

- Triumph's don't have plastic polymer based bumper covers that crack easily. Nothing quite like metal panels and bumpers in comparison.
- Most late model cars have plastic headlight lenses that yellow and will need buffing or replacing eventually. Triumphs have glass lenses, no yellowing allowed and or polishing required.
- Electrical systems are basic in most Triumphs with TR8 fans having the most advanced (troublesome perhaps?) systems which pale in comparison to the computers and electrical systems of late model cars. One repair facility I know of makes a recommendation to it's patron's to just lease the latest model car and replace every few years and avoid the whole issue of having to deal with systems that are not cost effective to repair. Jim Herter who is an expert in electrical systems from his work at the USAF and was at Fix It Day, ready to help anyone with their Triumph electrical issues spoke of the simplicity of old British car electrical systems. Catch Jim at an HCTC meeting and he can provide clear steps on troubleshooting your electrical system.
- There are plenty of other differences and not all may be in favor of our classic Triumphs but many are, such is the joy of having a classic bespoke vehicle!

Now, with our cars in tip top shape and with Labor Day weekend upon us, it's time to enjoy our convertible Triumphs with top down driving on the open road. Some of our HCTC members will be heading to the Ozarks for "Brits in The Ozarks" and VTR Nationals in Nashville, Indiana. I envy our members who will be reporting on their adventures and look forward to reading of their exploits in Octobers Ragtop. Till then, safe driving and have much fun.

Giddy-Up,

Joe





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HCTC Events-at-a-Glance

September, 2024

September 7th:

- **Brits in the Ozarks**
Fayetteville, Arkansas, September 5th to 7th
- **Galveston Air, Car, and Boat Show**
Moody Gardens, Galveston, Texas, September 4th to 7th

September 8th — September 12th:

- **VTR Nationals, 2024**
Nashville, Indiana

September 10th:

- **Hill Country Triumph Club Social Hour**
The County Line on the Lake, 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm

September 14th:

- **Hill Country Monthly Breakfast**
Waterloo Icehouse, 10:00 am to 11:30 am

September 21st:

- **Georgetown Pistons on the Square**
Williamson County Courthouse Square, Georgetown, TX
- **Brits on the Bluff**
Nachez, MS

September 28th & 29th:

- **Lotus National Show, Parade, Autocross, & Track Day**
Marble Falls, TX

October, 2024

October 5th:

- **Main Street Car Show**
Marble Falls, TX, 9:00 am to Noon

October 8th:

- **Hill Country Triumph Club Social Hour**
The County Line on the Lake, 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm

October 11th—13th:

- **Texas All British Car Days**
Marble Falls, TX

October 19th:

- **Georgetown Pistons on the Square**
Williamson County Courthouse Square, Georgetown, TX

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

KEY



= HCTC-sponsored event



= Other event

Secretary's Report

September, 2024

Dick Simonson



The heat of our Texas summer has really kicked in. August is typically the hottest month of the year and this one seemed true to form. On August 3, the Club kicked off the month with a drive to the Spoetzl Brewery. Mike McPhail and Malcolm Grey; and Rip and Cheryl Torn joined drivers of the South Texas Triumph Association on a visit to Shiner, Texas, where they enjoyed the brewery tour, food, good company and a libation or two.

On the 10th, 16 of us gathered at Waterloo for the monthly breakfast meeting. Included in that 16 were visitors Del and Terry Waters with their Spitfire. Joe Payne opened with some welcoming remarks and then asked Gary Payne to give a brief treasurer's report. Gary indicated we were in good shape with about \$23,000 in the bank.

Mike McPhail brought us up to date on activities, talking about the trip to the Spoetzl Brewery the previous Saturday. He then discussed Brits in the

Ozarks and the annual Vintage Triumph Register National Convention. A number of Club members intend to drive to both events. BITO is being held on September 5,6,7, and 8 in Springdale, AR. VTR 2024 is being hosted by Indiana Triumph Cars in Nashville, IN and runs from September 8 - 12.

Mike then talked about the much awaited Fix-It-Day set for August 17 at Joe's place. Among other things, he discussed trying to get a PDR (paintless dent repair) person to attend but apparently they are all too busy with work to take time out.

The discussion then moved to TXABCD updates, during which we were treated to several folks modeling attractive TXABCD attire, including hats and shirts. These need to be ordered in advance under the Regalia tab on the TXABCD website. Items can be customized, so check out the website for details. Items will be shipped two weeks ahead of the show or can be picked up at the Bits of Triumph booth at the show. Landolt BBQ and Catering Company has been lined up to handle our needs. The Club will provide water during the show. Our Friday social hour will be at the Bear King Brewing Company where beer, wine and soft drinks will be available.

We were advised the host hotel is booked up but there are other hotels still available in the area. See the TXABCD website for links to these hotels and many other details about the show not covered above.

The inside meeting concluded and we moved into the parking lot. Besides the usual car discussions, visitors



HCTC Breakfast Meeting

Secretary's Report

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Del and Terry Waters looked for some help from club members on the value of their Spitfire, as they are looking to sell it.

On the 13th we had our Social Hour at the County Line. It was its well attended and lively as usual. We welcomed the company of visitors Greg and Mindy. They are Triumph owners from Houston who happened to be in town and decided to join us for the evening.

On the 17th, a nice, balmy Saturday, many of us convened at Joe's house for a Fix-It day. There were Triumphs galore. Several folks took advantage of Joe's lift. Headlight adjusting was available. Mike McPhail made the rounds with the Club's spark analyzer. Joe Payne and Rip Torn tied for bragging rights to the car with the hottest spark. On top of all this, a lot of general tinkering and advice giving took place. We were treated to lunch including grilled hot dogs, Rudy's BBQ beans and refreshments. Many thanks to Joe for his hospitality.



Doing an oil change on Rip's TR6 during Fix-It Day



August Social Hour, County Line on the Lake



*In the parking lot of County Line on the Lake,
HCTC Social Hour*



Talking cars after HCTC Annual Breakfast

From the Archives

Art Graves



These prognostications by Bob Kramer appeared in the December 1994 issue of "The Ragtop". Bob did build a nicely equipped garage. Not sure about his other predictions.

—Art

HCTC Traditions

Bob Kramer

As I read the paragraph that I wrote about the upcoming Christmas party, I was struck by the fact that I had chosen to use the word “traditionally” when talking about the annual event. It’s hard to believe that we have HCTC traditions already, but we do. It’s also hard to believe that this club is 5 years old, but it is. We have evolved into a club that has annual events like the All British Car Days in Austin and San Antonio, the VTR regionals, and of course the Christmas Party. We have lesser traditions in the areas of annual MG and Healey events, but to those so afflicted (as many of us are to Triumphs) these events are important to note.

It is fitting that British car clubs like our own are steeped in tradition. The whole British car industry was so endowed. Most of our beloved sportscars were cobbled together from rather mundane beginnings. The TR2 was built out of left over frames from pre-war sedans, the motor came out of a tractor.

Many other drivetrains and suspensions in other marques came out of standard sedans. This was not unique to the British car industry; the Ford Falcon of 1962 is much the same underneath as the fabled Mustang of 1964.

So where will the HCTC be in 5 years? With 1995 quickly approaching, and knowing how fast the last 5 years have gone by, it won't be long until the year 2000 is upon us. Who among us is ready to cross that barrier?

Think about it this way. When December 1899 came, there were just a few people out there building what we now call automobiles. They could not conceive of what the next 100 years would bring, and I doubt that we can either. I know that I can't plan that far into the future. I'll stick with 5 years at a time, that's a good goal setting time period. In 5 years, I'll have my 4 car garage with air-conditioned workshop. My TR250 and Stag projects will be completed and join my 2 TR6's.

Right about the year 2000, I'll be looking to get a TR3, a long door version to restore with Andrew, although I'm certain he will want a tricked-out Camaro like I did when I was 14.

My oldest daughter will be driving by then, so we'll probably have insurance worries, and I'll not be able to keep all the Triumphs registered. I'll be thinking of adding another garage building to keep the cars out of the weather. By 2000 I'll probably have gotten my property into shape, and I should have a boat by then as well, maybe I should be looking for a Triumph powered Amphicar.

HCTC Traditions

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What will the HCTC be like in the year 2000. By all estimations, Austin will have grown to well over a million people in the metro area (have you noticed we're now the "metro area"?). Many more people will be saving and restoring their quaint British Sportscars and want to be involved in club activities. The ABCD will have well over 100 participants and we will likely have to reserve space for 50 plus at our monthly meetings. We will have a complete wardrobe of HCTC clothing available to members. Bring on the next century, we are ready.

Bob



Ain't for the Faint Drive

Rip Torn

Hill Country Triumph Club was invited by the South Texas Triumph Association (STTA) to join them on their "Ain't for the Faint" drive August 3rd. Cheryl and I drove down to the Alamo City Friday evening visiting friends from Air Force days and stayed the night at a hotel. I have really been surprised how many of my friends from those days were Triumph or at least British car owners back in their days. I digress.

We met up with the STTA gang (6) at Panchito's for breakfast and slipped in with them like we are members there. Very friendly and accommodating. We headed out at 930 to our cars and lined up for a pre-departure photo op. I detoured afterward briefly and had to top off the tank. I found a full service station and added the most expensive gas to date but only needed 4 gallons. Our leader Manny in his TR-8 led the way with Chris as his navigator led us through the downtown area and headed east.

Through China Grove, Stockdale, Nixon, Gonzales, then Shiner to the Spoetzl Brewery. We did not do the tour but did sample the wares and some

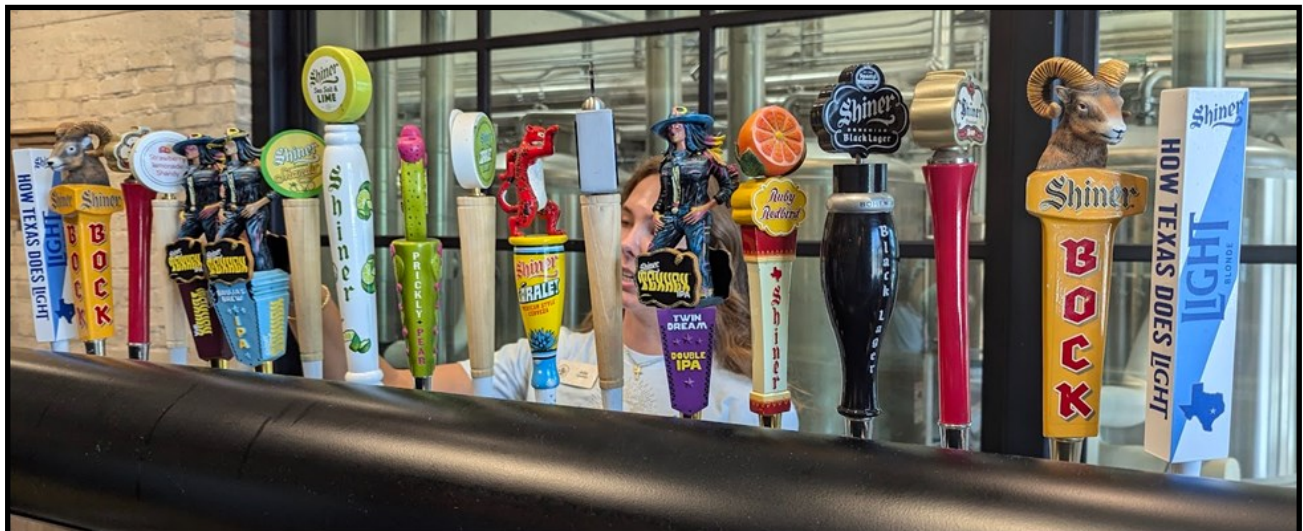


Outside the entrance to the brewery

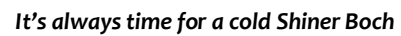
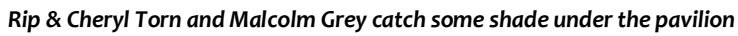
snackage.

Mike McPhail and Malcom Grey met us there after their sojourn from Austin. Waiting until it was the craziest hot we headed back home to recover from the heat stroke.

The social scene was a lot of fun and worth the drive. Come join us next year for the heat stress test!



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A Visit to The Roadster Factory

Art Graves

This past August, Karen and I were in Western Pennsylvania for a family reunion.
Western Pennsylvania!?!?!?

Why that's where The Roadster Factory is located! We happened to be in Butler PA, (hmmm, that city has been in the news lately) and the new home of The Roadster Factory is in Blairsville, PA, a distance of about 60 miles from Butler.

After the reunion festivities, we stopped in to say hello to Albert Runyan and to pick up a few items. Albert has a staff of two: Brenda makes the carpet sets and Julie does the shipping. When we were there, they were very busy and had a large stack of orders to fill.

Currently, The Roadster Factory has a limited inventory and are working to build that up. You can check out their website here:

<https://www.trfbasic.com/>.



Art and Albert Runyan



A view of the parts warehouse as TRF rebuilds



Brenda, Albert and Julie

HCTC Fix-It Day

Jacques Welter

Joe has conclusively proven, once and for all, that (A) He has a working car lift and (B) he was hosting a Fix-It day at his house — two birds with one stone, so to speak — by having the club over to his home on a hot & humid August day for beer; hotdogs; and a whole lot of attention to the small problems we experience as Triumph owners (hopefully preventing them from becoming bigger problems).

The Fix-It day started bright and early at 9 am, and while HCTC members came and went all during the day, managed to average about a dozen folks at any one time through the day AND we had quite the overall turnout



More spark analysis, this time on Jim's TR6

and . The focus activity for members was two-fold: Check your spark with our new spark analyzer; and check your headlight focus but with as much expertise as we had on hand, members got right down to work on a whole range of small problems and issues — things as trivial as replacing the hose to an overflow bottle in the Welter's TR6; or more serious work like Jim Wells

working on his steering alignment; to something in-between where Rip Torn took advantage of Joe's lift to change his oil.

As the heat continued to climb the scale, we took a well-deserved break indoors from about noon to 1 pm to cool off, eat some hotdogs and chips; and drink some cold beverages. Refreshed and ready to tackle our car's problems and the rising temperatures, everyone headed back outside around 1 pm and continued to work on the cars until approximately 3 pm.

There'll be another HCTC Fix-It Day coming soon and we hope to see you there.

Until then, Happy and Safe motoring.



Roger Allen; Dick Simonson; and Joe Payne all take a look at Dan Julien's beautiful TR6 and discuss his car's issues.



In order, top to bottom: Joe Payne's TR6; the Welter's TR6s; Mike McPhail's Spit6; Joe's Jaguar Mk II; and Dan Julien's TR6.



Chillin' like villians. Left to right, Kim Welter; Jim Wells; Mike McPhail; Jacques Welter; Gary Payne; Joe Payne; Dick Simonson

Greater Ozarks All British Car Show

Art Graves

This past June I was able to attend the Greater Ozarks British Motoring Club's (GOBMC) All British Car Day. This show used to be held in Carthage, MO, but they have since moved it to Springfield, MO. The festivities start Friday evening with a party in the parking lot at the



Everyone had their picture taken in front of the AH-1G Cobra Helicopter

host hotel. This year the host hotel was the Rail Haven Motel. This is a real motel where you can park your car outside your room door. There is an outdoor swimming pool and a large pavilion. Hamburgers, hotdogs, side and sodas were served as part of the registration fee.

The car show was held Saturday at the American Legion Post 639 on a grassy field, about 6 miles from the motel. As I remember, there were about 85 cars registered. Awards were given out at 2:00 PM. Springfield is about 2 hours 45 minutes from Tulsa if you take the interstate. There are many US and state roads available if you want to avoid the interstate.

I highly recommend attending this show next year!



... and lots of Austin Healey's too !!



The sail from the USS Lapon (SSN-661), a Sturgeon-class attack submarine. I wonder if the rest of the submarine is buried here.



A small group of TR6's



There were a LOT of MGB's ...



Even a smattering of TR7's and TR8's

Newcomer's Corner

Jacques Welter

Comings and Goings

Hill Country Triumph Club would like to welcome the following new additions to the roster in the month of August, 2024:

- Chris Brown, 1972 TR6
- Gary Vanderwege, 1973 Spitfire
- Emily Barrett, 1969 TR6

If you come to a club function and these folks are around, please give them a hearty HCTC welcome and help them feel at home.

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Leaving Hill Country Triumph Club this month:

- Don Couch
- Chris Mullins
- Michael Nelsen

So long folks and happy motoring

Getting to Know Tim & Barbara Worthy

Tim and Barbara joined HCTC in July, 2024, just in time to come to the HCTC picnic and take in the whole gang. Tim has wrenched on cars for a long time — he built a couple of resto-mods prior to his TR6

Car: 1972 Red TR6

Unique features: The car was painstakingly rebuilt over a number of years from a junkyard clunker

How they chose their car: Tim and Barbara really loved the Triumph marque

Why HCTC? Tim & Barbara were looking for people they could share their hobby with while enjoying top-down cruises and club destinations.



Tim Worthy

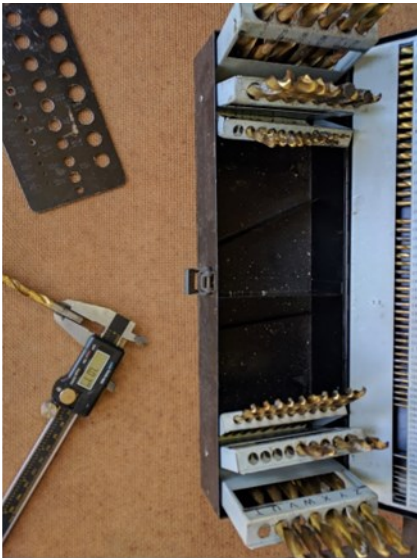
It Must be the Tools

Mike McPhail

It has come to my attention that some of our readers are still **not** doing their own maintenance and repairs. This shameful situation must in part be due to the lack of suitable tools in the owner's possession!



Six-inch reamer



Drill index; micrometer; hole index



Yankee Drill

There is a wide variety of obscure but highly useful hand tools that may be missing from your collection. Some of my personal favorites are:

Six-inch reamer (there's an off-color joke here somewhere). You know how sometimes you drill a hole in something and it isn't quite big enough... well, a few twists of the reamer and you have the perfect size. It is great for de-burring, too.

Speaking of holes, the exact diameter may be in question. If you have that great big drill bit selection, the bits can become gauges to check out the size. The bit can be measured with a micrometer or matched

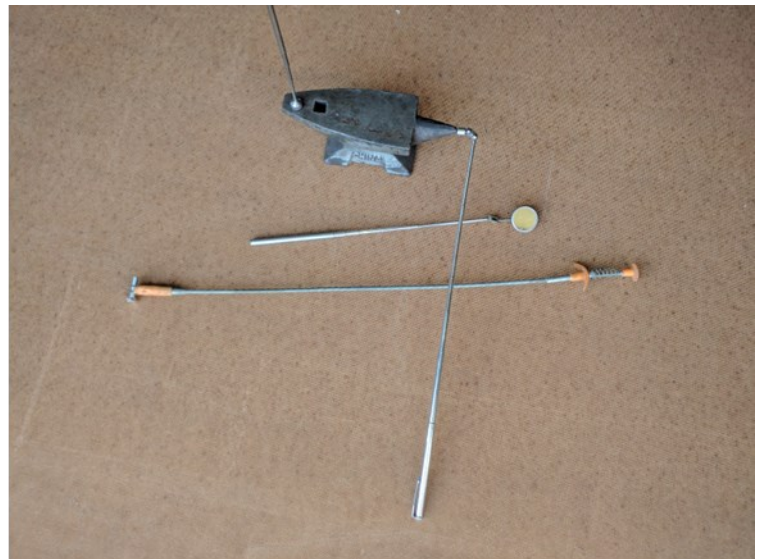


These screws aren't getting away

to the holes in a pocket-sized fractional gauge. The same idea works well in reverse to determine the size of bolts.

A power drill may often be overkill for making small holes, and that battery-operated model is probably dead. No problem... just whip out the Yankee Drill. This clever hand tool has been around forever but is hardly obsolete.

What about getting that little bitty screw to start without dropping it down into the engine compartment, never to be seen again? Specialty screwdrivers are available to hold the screw to the end of the tool. Sim-



For those hard-to-reach places

It Must be the Tools

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Swivel ratchets

ple, but effective!

If you must drop all that stuff into the abyss, use the handy-dandy pocket telescoping magnet to retrieve it. For non-ferrous items the fishing tool is the next best thing.

Having a hard time getting those ham-fists into that little space with your big gomby ratchet?

Try a stubby with a swivel handle. Couple this with a wiggle end extension and you can get that socket into the tightest places.

Gear wrenches are superb for the tight spots also and have practically replaced the ratchet. Once again, the stubby variety is the best.

The lowly scratch awl (I'm not even going there...) comes in handy for a variety of tasks. Nice for poking holes in things (oops, careful!), lining up holes in, say for instance, transmission tunnels and the like, or used as a punch to free that stubborn fastener. Too small? Similar objects in varying sizes will get the job done.

Tiny versions of common tools are sometimes needed for delicate work. Picks, files, and baby wrenches come in mighty handy.

Enough of the wimpy hand tools... remember that brute-force will usually overcome skill and patience. The impact screwdriver will either loosen that stubborn screw or bolt, or snap the head right off the damn thing! This tool comes with lots of screwdriver bits, and the ½ inch drive chuck is removable, which allows you to fit big sockets to the tool. Or, heck, put the screwdriver's chuck on your big air powered impact wrench and watch the fur fly!



Something's really gonna give



Gear wrenches come in many shapes and sizes



Something's gonna give



Pocket tools



Good for poking around

Texas All British Car Days 2024



Come to the 33rd Annual
Texas All British Car Days
Giddy 'up

October 11th to the 13th, 2024
At the beautiful Dos Conchas Ranch, Marble Falls, TX

Self-Guided Fun Drives
Car Show Awards Dinner
 Happy Hour Friday
Food Trucks! Vendors Prizes

Register and information Online at:
<https://www.hillcountrytriumphclub.org/txabcd/>

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Note: Preferred lodging at Hidden Falls Inn has **sold out**. Additional Lodging can be found at:

La Quinta, Marble Falls: <https://www.wyndhamhotels.com/laquinta/marble-falls-texas/la-quinta-marble-falls/overview?CID=LC:6ysy27krtpcrqev:53218&iata=00093796>

Holiday Inn Express, Marble Falls: https://www.ihg.com/holidayinnexpress/hotels/us/en/marble-falls/ausco/hoteldetail?cm_mmc=GoogleMaps_-EX_-US_-AUSCO

COMFORT INN AND SUITES, BURNET: <https://www.choicehotels.com/texas/burnet/comfort-inn-hotels/txe75?mc=llgoxxpx>

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 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. Early Registration closes on August 31st and the price for the show will increase on September 1st.

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

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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

APRIL '24

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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

JUNE '24

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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

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10 HCTC Morning Mtg

13 HCTC Social Hour

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8- 12 VTR Nationals

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Hill Country Driving Event

Come on out to Pistons On the Square for the September drive

September is an extraordinarily event-heavy month. Starting September 4th there's an event every single weekend in September, from Brits in the Ozarks at the beginning of the month to the Lotus Owner's Group national show (yes, we're invited to their Concours in Marble Falls) at the end.

This month, HCTC will be joining forces with the Georgetown All-British Squadron (GABS) to go on a drive after the regular Pistons on the Square (POTS) meet on September 21st. GABS will leave from POTS at 9:30 to go on a drive down Lime Creek Road, ending at Lake Travis. After the drive, we'll be heading over for some good BBQ.

Hope to see you there !!



HCTC Events

HCTC Breakfast Meeting Waterloo Icehouse August 10th

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. While the meeting starts at 10:00 am, showing up early is encouraged !!

Can't wait to see you there !!



HCTC Social Hour The County Line on the Lake August 13th

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.



Lotus Owners Group (LOG)

43rd National Show



LOG 43 will be held in the Greater Austin area, with the Concours in downtown Marble Falls. Perched at the gateway to the famed Texas Hill Country, the area has big city excitement as well as plenty of activities to keep everyone happy. For the driver, there are country roads that wind right up to the resort, while the nearby amenities will keep everyone busy both on and off the road.

The main LOG will be held from **Friday, September 27th** through **Monday, September 30th, 2024**. There will also be activities for members in the days leading up to, and after the main LOG to keep the Texas size fun going. In addition, with the region's famous music and sporting events

- For more information on LOG 43, please use the following link: <https://lotusltd.com/log-43/>
- For more information on the Autocross, please use the following link: [Autocross half-day session, LOG 43 – Lotus LTD](#)

For more information on the Track Day, please use the following link: <https://lotusltd.com/log-43/#info>

SAVE THE DATE

SAT. OCT. 5TH
2024

9AM-2PM
FREE TO
PUBLIC

23RD ANNUAL

Downtown Marble Falls
MAIN STREET
CAR SHOW



50/50
PRIZES
FOOD
MUSIC
SHOPPING

PROCEEDS
BENEFIT
LOCAL
STUDENT
GRANTS

\$25 REGISTRATION 9AM-12PM • AWARDS AT 2PM FOR TOP 25



Pre-register at
HighlandLakesKiwanis.org



Southwest Idaho All British Field Meet - 2024

September 21-22, 2024
9:00 am - 4:00 pm

We are honored to have at SWIABFM the first TR2 to come off the assembly line in July 1953 with a commission number TS1 LO.

Come and join us with your British Classic at SWIABFM

REGISTER TODAY

<https://idahobritishcars.org/swiabfm2024>

<https://www.triumphregister.com/TS1LObooklet.pdf>



Owner: Phillip C. Hoopes, MD

Presented by Rich & Michele Weyland

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 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

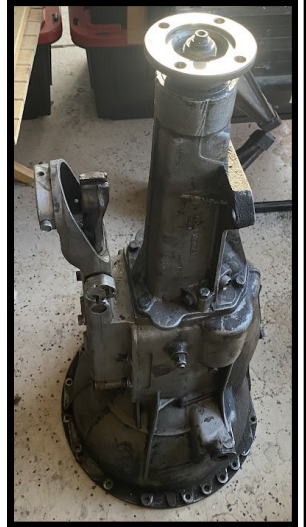


Join TRA Today!
www.TriumphRegister.com

Classifieds

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. \$300 OBO. Local pick-up.

If interested contact Jacques Welter (jawelter60@gmail.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

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).**