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Letter From The President

August, 2024

Joe Payne

What Does Dr. Google Say?

I have a very close friend , Professor Jim who teaches medical and pharmacy students at the University of Texas specifically about pharmacology and oncology.. He is my age, old school yet cool, up to date and still relevant in spite of being an old fossil some would say.

Unlike the days of my academic waltz through college when the only way to research a question was much reading and time at the library , he admonishes his students when they look for a short-cut to an answer from him with this simple challenge, "What does Dr. Google say?" Interesting to see how Google or your favorite search engine can bring so much information in a few seconds to you about burning questions that need an answer.

The burning question I had in mind was" Why are Triumphs the best of Classic British Sports Car?" or a close version of this question. What I found from Dr. Google was 73,00 results in 0.44 seconds. Impressive, looks like many are asking this question or variation thereof. Specific citations are:

Triumph Spitfire (1962-1980)

If the MG TC defined the concept of light and affordable British sports car, the Triumph Spitfire elevated it to worldwide fame and presence. With British Leyland keen on an entry-level sports car, the Triumph Spitfire 4 only took 15 months to develop prior to being unveiled at the London Motor Show of 1962.

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With direct competition from the Austin Healey Sprite, the Triumph Spitfire was superior with a more powerful Herald 1.1L engine, wind-up windows, and locking doors.

Named after the legendary WWII fighter planes, the Spitfire was a tremendous export achievement for Triumph. During its 18-year production life, approximately 317,000 Spitfires were sold, with around 75% exported to the global market and 45% alone being sold to the US market.

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HCTC Events-at-a-Glance

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

October 26th:

- ***South Texas All British Car Days Show***
  Boerne, TX

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November, 2024

November 9th:

- ***HCTC Breakfast Meeting***
  Waterloo Icehouse, 10:00 am - 11:30 am

November 12th:

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

November 16th:

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

November 28th:

- ***Happy Thanksgiving***

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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

On September 3, the Board met at Waterloo Ice House for its bi-monthly meeting. Present were Joe Payne, Jacques and Kim Welter, Mike McPhail, Roger Bolick, Rip Torn and Dick Simonson. We started off by discussing the Club Calendar and Upcoming Events. Mike recapped the August drive to the Spoetzel brewery in conjuction with the South Texas Triumph Association. We then moved on to upcoming September events including Brits in the Ozarks, the VTR National Convention and Brits on the Bluff. More informative articles detailing those three events which have now occurred, are in this Ragtop Edition.

The discussion shitfted to potential future events the club might initate. Drive suggestions included the Painted Church Tour around Schulenberg and drives to the Mineral Wells area. We also talked about the monthly Pistons on the Square show and the Georgetown All-British Squadron (GABS) drives that follow that show every third Saturday. We decided to survey club members for input on drive suggestions. Jim Wells volunteered to put together a survey and circulate it to members.

A significant segment of our meeting was taken up with discussion of the TCABCD which is coming up on October 11. Jacques and Mike updtaed us on the current status. All was looking well and has continued to progress since the board meeting including show and banquet registrations, sponsors and supporters. One area we need help in is volunteers.

Our last topic was next year's budget. Joe circulated a proposed budget. Several changes were suggested and approved. The changes will be incorporated and circulated for final approval and will be posted on the Club's website

A full report of the meeting minutes can be found on the Club's website

Five Club members traveled to Springdale, AR and participated in the annual Brits in the Ozarks. Art Graves, Mike McPhail, Jim Wells, Wiley Christal and

HCTC Breakfast Meeting

Secretary's Report
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myself made the trip. Brits ran from September 5-8. The group then trekked from the Ozarks to Nashville, IN for the annual Vintage Triumph Register National Convention. That event ran through the 12th. Both events were action packed and fun filled. Hauling some trophies, we left Nashville on September 13, stopped at Art Graves' home in Tulsa and finally made it home on the 14th. We travelled over 2,400 miles round-trip, not counting miles driven at each of the events, without any serious mechanical issues. Wiley experienced a leaking heater valve in Arkansas, but with a replacement valve that Mike had, easily took care of the problem. Mike, always prepared, had many more parts with him, but luckily, no more were needed. For much more detailed and interesting accounts, read the individual articles that follow in this issue.

An impressive line of Triumphs at VTR Nationals, Nashville, IN

Our monthly social hour took place on the 10th at the County Line. The breakfast meeting took place at the Waterloo Icehouse on the 14th with fourteen folks attending. Joe Payne presided.

Apparently not yet having enough windshield time for one month, Mike McPhail and Art Graves drove to Natchez, MS the weekend of September 19-22 for Brits on the Bluff. I understand both came away with nice trophies.

A few days before Mike left for Mississippi, several of us met he and Nel at the Barber Shop in Dripping Springs for a semi-surprise party to celebrate Mike' birthday.

Preparations for the upcoming TXABCD continue. Time is getting short with literally only a few days left. Hope to see all of you in Marble Falls on October 11-13. Our October social hour will be on the 8th at the County Line, but our regular breakfast meeting will be superseded by the TXABCD.

Surprise !! Happy Birthday, Mike. With Joe Payne; Nel McPhail; Pam & Bob Skewis; Kim & Jacques Welter

In the parking lot of Waterloo Icehouse

More Triumphs at VTR Nationals

From the Archives

Art Graves

This article by Mike Jankowski appeared in the February 2012 issue of "The Ragtop". Mike served as "Ragtop" editor from June 2011 – June 2013. Greasing the steering rack should be part of your regular maintenance.

—Art

Rack Tightening Made Simple

By Mike Jankowski

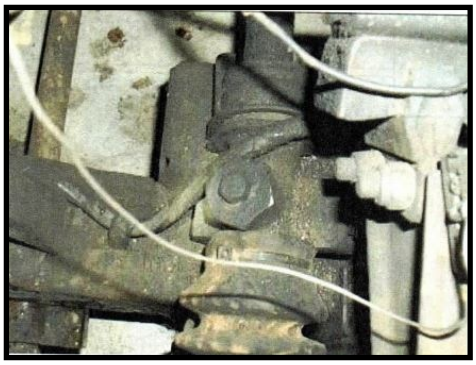
We've all driven them — a Triumph that has a front suspension that has taken its state of independence a bit too far. I was in that exact situation recently. So, I decided to put down this revolt before there were some catastrophic results.

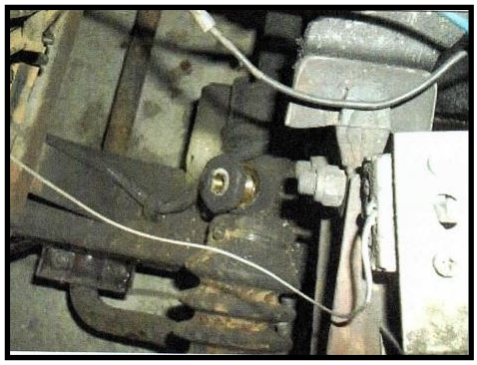
Adjusting the steering rack on the Spitfire and most other later Triumphs is simple. Find where your steering shaft intersects the rack. It'll look similar to the picture to the right. Loosen that big nut looking cap. A large wrench is advised for this.

Once the cap is off, remove a shim, fill the rack with grease, and replace the cap. If the steering has play still, remove another shim. Once there are no more shims, then you are also out of luck. Time for a new steering rack at that point.

It's a very simple, quick and worthwhile task. Did it make a difference? Yes, it did. However, it also highlighted the fact my trunnions need to be replaced. I've had those parts for 2 years just waiting for this moment. That moment will co- incidentally be the next tech article from me!

So go out there and rack them up! Control of that wayward steering and suspension is a good thing.





1973 TR6 Lockup Find

By Brett Green

Anybody that's ever-visited Arizona in summer knows it's hot! Damned hot! So when a friend called me early August 2023 saying he had found a TR6 in a lockup in Phoenix that had been sitting there for 16+ years I was not confident it was worth even visiting, but perhaps it was worth a phone call? It turned out, the owner just wanted rid of it and the price made it potentially worth the drive. So with a project car in mind I put down a $500 deposit and set off to Phoenix.

When I arrived it had already been dragged outside - at least the wheels were turning and as a bonus they were holding air. Most of the engine was in various cardboard boxes in the back of the car. Every bit of rubber was dead, along with the cover. But the chassis and bodywork were good. In fact, its original paint (Sapphire Blue) was in reasonable although not great condition. With some effort I could manually turn the engine over so I had myself a new project.

In 110-degree heat, my friend and I loaded it onto a uhaul trailer and I set off for Austin. Vacation, life and the Austin heat meant I did not actually start working on the car until the start of November.

Picking the car up in Arizona

First things first: would the engine run? A quick temporary fuel system and new battery showed I had compression on the engine but there were some obvious issues.

The fuel line and fuel tank were nasty and stank of varnish. so a new tank was purchased and I ran a new nickel-copper line for the tank and reconditioned the sender unit and fuel pump.

The car came with twin Webers so I reconditioned them — no small feat as they were 32/36 DFV's which are both rare and hard to find parts for.

Next up was the sparkler system. As I previously said, every bit of rubber was dead so out came all the leads and cap for the dizzy. I had noticed that the dizzy was facing the wrong direction to the point that the rev counter cable could not be attached so I stripped and completely refurbished it while at the same time changing the vacuum unit to vacuum advance specifically for 32/36 Webers.

Onto the cooling system! All pipes were replaced (I wish I had found the green pipes at that point!) The water pump was original and not in the best condition, I looked at reconditioning it myself but

My Webber carburetor set up

1973 TR6 Lockup Find

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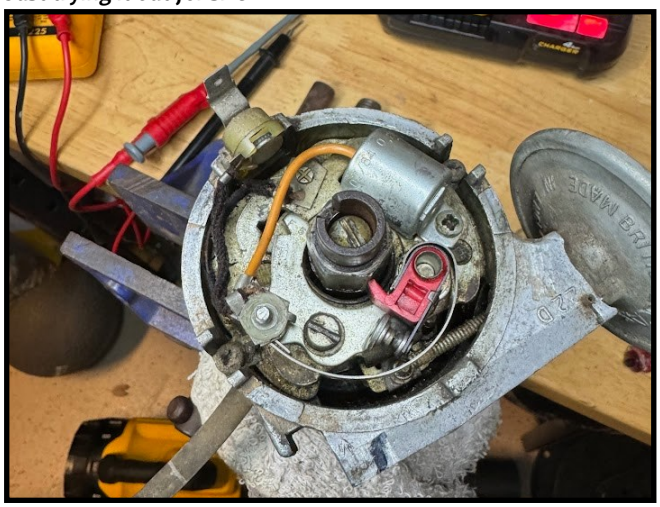
then found a guy in Oregon, Wade Jenezon, better known as The Flying Dutchmen "http://water-pump-rebuilders.com/" so I sent it there instead and it was returned two weeks later better than new.

Rebuilding the Webbers

Just trying it out for size



Distributor work

In the meantime I ended up ordering a new radiator as every time I flushed the original one it appeared to get dirtier.

Next I dropped the sump and inspected the underside, only to find more stripped threads that were supposed to be holding the sump. I used helix coils to fix this. (There are few things that increase my heart rate, but drilling the engine block and the sealing block is definitely one of them.) After that I pulled the valve covers and went through all the gaps.

Now with everything tightened back up, I added a spin on oil conversion. When I fired up the engine, the timing appeared to be off even when I set it dynamically but could not take it out of the driveway until I had the brakes working. I changed the points to electronic but something still appeared to be off.

All the brake lines were dead, so I removed them and bought an Eastwood professional brake line flaring tool. My intention was to use stainless steel but I opted for nickel-copper alloy as it's so much easier to bend into place. I reconditioned the servo and the pressure differential along with all the calipers, bought a new master brake cylinder. I now had working brakes but a poor clutch, so I re-conditioned the clutch hydraulics at this point too.

In between times I had removed the seats (as they were toast) and bought Miata seats. These needed to be recovered and I needed to find a means of attaching them to the original mounts. I'm 6'4" so keeping the seat as close to the floor as possible was a must. With that in mind the mx5 seat rails needed an adapter to the original seat holes. $180 for an aluminum machined set by Rick Patton did the job perfectly https://www.pattonmachine.com/shop/miata-seat-mount-kit.

The passenger side window would not go down. Removing and reconditioning the window rails and replacing the door pads was relatively simple but putting the door panels back together cost me a small fortune in the swear jar.

1973 TR6 Lockup Find

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At last, I could drive her out of the garage. Dry rotted tires that are 16+ years old are not conducive to a comfortable ride so I purchased 5 new tires. The test drive was short due to the timing not being right and a very rough ride from dry rotted tires plus I noted a lot of play in the steering. I have timed many cars, old and new, but for days I could not get the timing correct on the engine. Vacuum leaks were the first issue and I realized the carbon canister had an issue and rebuilt it along with a new anti-run on valve. The second leak was internal to the master brake servo which had obviously failed internally and needed refurbished.

The play in the steering was from the rubber coupling in the steering column, it had split into two pieces but didn't take long to replace. At the same time I replaced the bushings on the rack with aluminum. So after the repairs were made I tried another test drive, and you could not have kicked the smile off my face! It was perfect (at least the engine was). The car accelerated in all four gears with no issue. The problem, it turned out, lay in the pulley damper which is not just one piece of steel with markings, but two pieces with a rubber separation. Over time, the wheel markings can shift. I added a new damper to my wish list.

On this extended test drive I realized that the suspension resembled a shopping cart, so as soon as I got home the car was jacked back up and the left side suspension front and back was pulled apart. With what I believe all the parts ordered I'm hoping to have the suspension rebuilt and the car back on the road for TXABCD in October.

In the future, I plan to remove the windscreen and dash pad and replace the dashboard. I have a beautiful walnut dashboard which was apparently made by a cabinet maker for his own car but never fitted. The original Stromberg carbs will be reconditioned but I'm not sure I will add them back to the car, but at least they will be there for the next owner to decide. I need a convertible cover as the old one has turned to a crisp but after my struggles with upholstery I'm not looking forward to this. Finally, the paint is beyond my ability and would mean paying somebody to repaint the car, but I think there is something cool (and cheaper) about a car that is over 50 years old and has original paint so for now the plan is to leave it be. From around 30 feet it looks fine.

On the road with HCTC

Mike McPhail

The HCTC Road Warriors were mighty busy in September! Wiley Christal, Jim Wells, Dick Simonson, Art Graves and Mike McPhail started off the month traveling to Springdale, Arkansas for the much-anticipated Brits in the Ozarks British car extravaganza. The event begins on Thursday with a marathon driving tour of the verdant hills and dales of Northern Arkansas. Friday boasts more driving with an optional tour of the Crystal Bridges art museum complex. You don't have to be an Art lover to enjoy this amazing attraction (actually, we like him just fine). Check out this link to get the idea! https://crystalbridges.org/

Wiley Cristal; Mike McPhail; Jim Wells; Art Graves; & Dick Simonson @ BITO

A highlight of the BITO experience is the gala welcome/tailgate party in the spacious Holiday Inn parking lot Friday evening. Food and beverage are provided free of charge to everyone, although I suppose you should really be registered for the show!

Saturday is the big Concours de Elegance at the tee-covered University of Arkansas Agri-park exposition field. Door prizes are given to the voters when they turn in their ballots, and food and drink are available in the spacious pavilion. The silent auction was well attended and our folks walked away with a few treasures.

The awards banquet is held back at the Holiday Inn and features a guest celebrity speaker and an opportunity to donate to the ALS foundation. Our boys took home our fair share of awards as usual. In spite of all the freebies lavished on the registrants, the show has raised and enormous amount of money for this particularly worthy charity.

Next stop: Nashville, Indiana! Some of us already had

VTR Concours competition, Nashville, Indiana

six-hundred miles behind us from the drive to Arkansas, and another six-hundred lay ahead. We

The competitive field at Brits in the Ozarks

Don't cost nuttin' at Brits in the Ozarks

Wiley Cristal's; Jim Wells'; and Art Graves' TR6s at Brits in the Ozarks

On the Road with HCTC

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VTR Nationals Award Banquet, Nashville, Indiana

made and obligatory stop in Cuba, Missouri at the famous Mo-Hick BBQ restaurant. After lunch numerous homemade cookies provided by the lovely and talented Karen Graves were consumed with gusto, providing us with the extra energy needed to continue our journey.

VTR TR4 - TR4a Concours field, Nashville, Indiana

Jim and the LeMans start, VTR 2024

The terrain gets downright scenic as one approaches Saint Louis and the last two hours into Nashville on secondary roads were a preview of the lush rolling countryside we were to enjoy for the next five days. Brown County State Park boasts a hotel and convention center, which was the perfect venue for the Vintage Triumph Register 2024 National Convention. All the comforts of home, but out in the woods! Time does not permit the rendering of all the fun and excitement of this giant gathering of Triumph enthusiasts, but take it from me, it was wonderful!

Judging Mike McPhail's car, VTR 2024

Stopping at the Graves' house for dinner on the way back from Nashville, Indiana

It was Friday the 13th and we were on the road before dawn, with another six-hundred-mile day ahead of us… what could go wrong? Actually… nothing! We rolled into Tulsa, virtually unscathed and in plenty of time to enjoy another "Chef Karen" gourmet meal. Saturday, we hit the road about eight… might as well sleep in, now only five-hundred miles away from home.

Art getting ready for the Autocross

Twenty-five hundred miles on the odometer and its only September 14. What to do the rest of the month?

How about a little jaunt over to Natchez, Mississippi for Brits on the Bluff on the 21st? Apparently only Art and Mike read the Ragtop, since no one else seemed to know about this one.

Converging on Natchez from the North and West, the daring duo set-up their field headquarters at the Natchez

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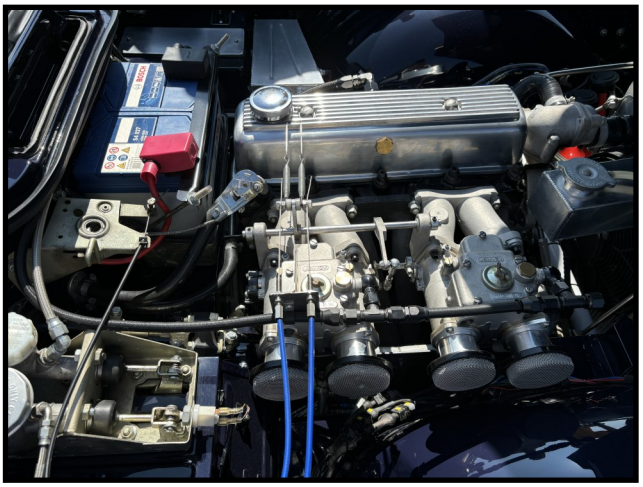
Wiley Cristal at the VTR Nationals Autocross



Side draft TR4

Winery Tour, VTR Nationals 2024

"We need to go 'thataway'"

Brewing Company, taking the city by storm. Nine hours, twenty-one gallons of gas and five-hundred miles had me there by four o'clock, only to find that Art had already taken up position. Soon we had to join the rest of the invaders at Natchez Grand Hotel for the raucous victory party. Saturday our forces occupied the street in front of the Hotel, not retreating until late afternoon, when we visited the City Cemetery to pay our respects to those who have fallen before us. Seriously, this is quite the tourist attraction, along with the historic homes walking tour!

Too soon it was Sunday morning, and once again we were on the road at six. Art had taken the long-distance award with 526 miles, and second place in a field of a dozen TR6s, and my first-place ribbon for Spitfire was a surprise to no one. Nothing left to do but head home, sad that the trip had ended so soon. But wait, I could be in Rockport by four, and take Benson up on that sailing adventure…

On the Road with HCTC

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The show field, VTR Nationals 2024, Nashville, Indiana

On the Road with HCTC

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One end of the BOTB car show

A good turnout of British iron, BOTB 2024

The Grand Hotel, Natchez, MS, home venue of BOTB

Mike McPhail with Spit6 and his 1st in Class award

Art out in front of the Grand Hotel

The other end of the show, BOTB

HCTC at Pistons on the Square

Jacques Welter

Hill Country Triumph Club joined forces with the Georgetown All-British Squadron for a scenic drive after Georgetown's Pistons on the Square Saturday, September 17th. As usual, Pistons was a standing-room only event with over 160 total cars coming. In that total, HCTC and GABS had 12 cars at the show and another five that showed up for the drive for 17 cars in all !!

After a great hour-long drive down Lime Creek Road and up Bullock Hollow, the whole crew ended up at Rudy's BBQ @ RR 620 for a great meal and good conversation.

Dick Simonson's MGB with Jon Haydon's TR3a and Carl's Morgan/4

British variety: Triumph Spitfire; TR6; GT6; TR3b. MG TD; MGB; Austin Healey Bugeye Sprite; and a Morgan/4 - not to mention a 240z and '66 Vette !!

Carl Stephens new (to him) Morgan/4

Classics in a lineup, Rudy's BBQ

A full house for lunch

Kim & Matt Welter chilling at POTS

Texas All British Car Days 2024

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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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
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24 Georgetown Car & Air Sh

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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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HCTC Morning Mtg
21 Dallas All British & Euro Car Dy

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4 WINGS & WHEELS! KGBY
11 HCTC Morning Mtg
12 Mothers Day
14 HCTC Social Hour
27 Memorial Day
30- VTR SC Regional, STL

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1- VTR SC Regional, STL
8 Annual Picnic/ Election
11 HCTC Social Hour
16 Father's Day

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13 HCTC Social Hour

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10 HCTC Social Hour
14 HCTC Morning Mtg
18 6-Pack Trials

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9 HCTC Morning Mtg
11 Veterans Day
12 HCTC Social Hour
28 Thanksgiving Day

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14 HCTC Morning Mtg
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25 Christmas

HCTC Car Show Calendar

New Orleans British Motoring Festival
Location: Covington, Louisiana
Date: March 29, 2025
Web: https://www.bmcno.org/2025-british-motoring-festival/

Dallas All British & European Car Day
Location: White Rock Lake Park, Dallas, Texas
Date: ??, 2025
Web: https://allbritishcarday.com/shop/

VTR South Central Regional Convention
Location: Bellmead, Texas
Date: April 23 – April 26, 2025
Web: ??

Euro-Expo Car Show
Location: Sand Springs, Oklahoma
Date: June 7, 2025
Web: http://www.jaguarcluboftulsa.com/

TRA National Meet
Location: Kalamazoo, Michigan
Date: June 16 – June 20, 2025
Web: https://www.triumphregister.com/tra-national-meet/

Greater Ozarks British Motoring Club Car Show
Location: Springfield, Missouri
Date: June 27 – June 28, 2025
Web: https://gobmccarshow.com/

VTR National Convention
Location: La Crosse, Wisconsin
Date: July 15 – July 18, 2025
Web: https://www.mntriumphs.org/vtr2025/

Kansas City All British Car Day
Location: Merriam, Kansas
Date: September 7 – September 8, 2025
Web: http://www.heartlandallbritish.com/index.html

6-Pack Trials
Location: Fontana Dam, North Carolina
Date: October 2 – October 5, 2025
Web: https://forums.6-pack.org/

Triumphest
Location: Buelton, California
Date: October 5 – October 8. 2025
Web: http://www.triumphest.org

British Iron All British Car Day
Location: Agri Park, Fayetteville, Arkansas
Date: ??, 2025
Web: http://www.britishironnwa.org/

Britts on the Bluff
Location: Natchez, Mississippi
Date: ??, 2025
Web: https://www.msemc.org/events/

Texas All British Car Day
Location: Austin, Texas
Date: ??, 2025
Web: https://www.hillcountrytriumphclub.org/txabcd/

Houston Texas All British Car Day
Location: Houston, Texas
Date: ??, 2025
Web: https://www.hillcountrytriumphclub.org/txabcd/

South Texas All British Car Day
Location: Boerne, Texas
Date: ??, 2025
Web: https://www.hillcountrytriumphclub.org/txabcd/

Hill Country Driving Event

Come to Texas All British Car Days for the October HCTC Drive

October is absolutely packed with events including our very own Texas All British Car Days event starting Friday, October 11th, in Marble Falls. Now, you may not be aware, but there are both guided and self-driving events being provided for your enjoyment at TX ABCD. Check the TX ABCD website for dates and times, as these drives will take the place of the regular HCTC drive.

Hope to see you there !!

HCTC Events

HCTC Social Hour
The County Line on the Lake
October 8th

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

Cancelled

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 !!

SAVE THE DATE
SAT. OCT. 5TH 2024
9AM-2PM
FREE TO PUBLIC
23RD ANNUAL
Downtown Marble Falls
MAIN STREET
CAR SHOW
Ms LOLLIPOP
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GIFT SHOP
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GRANTS
$25 REGISTRATION 9AM-12PM • AWARDS AT 2PM FOR TOP 25
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LOCATION:
Main Plaza Park
San Antonio Avenue, Boerne, TX

SCHEDULE:
Registration Opens: 8:30 AM
Registration Closes: 11:00 AM
Ballot Box Closes: 12:30 PM
Awards: Approximately 2:00 PM

Registration Fees:

$25.00 per vehicle by mail in advance, $30.00 day of show

Event T-shirts with above graphic available for pre-order

Further information with Event Registration and T-Shirt order form are available online at:

www.sotxtriumphassn.org/abcd2024

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:

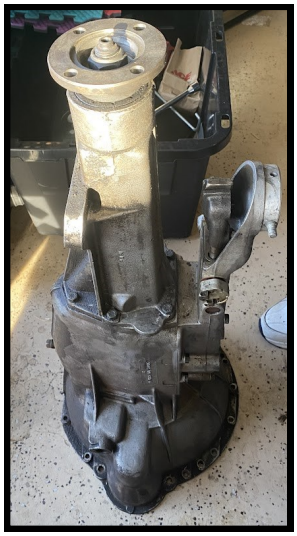
Business Card ad: $5:00 per issue
Quarter page ad: $10.00 per issue
Half page ad: $15.00 per issue
Full-page ad: $25.00 per issue

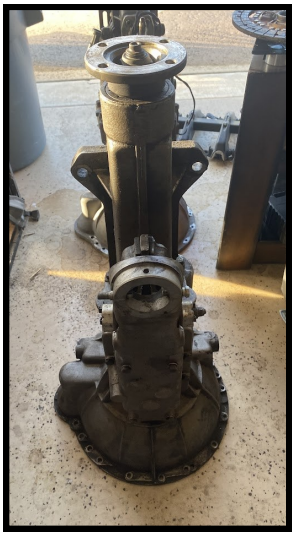
These ads must be prepaid and can be scheduled for as long as desired, minimum of six issues. Long term ad runs must be prepaid at the time of scheduling. All ads must include artwork.

Classifieds

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).





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

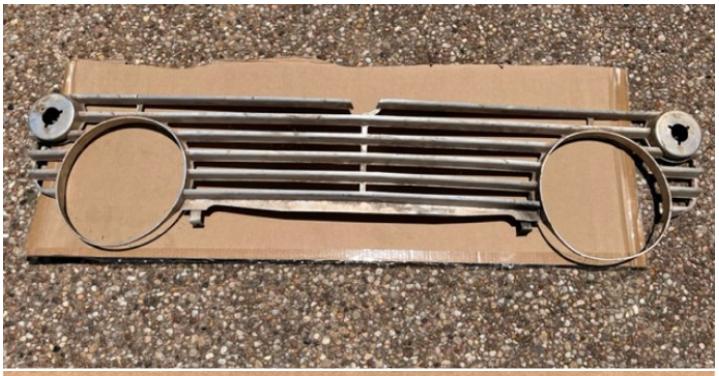
TEXT at 512 775 6443

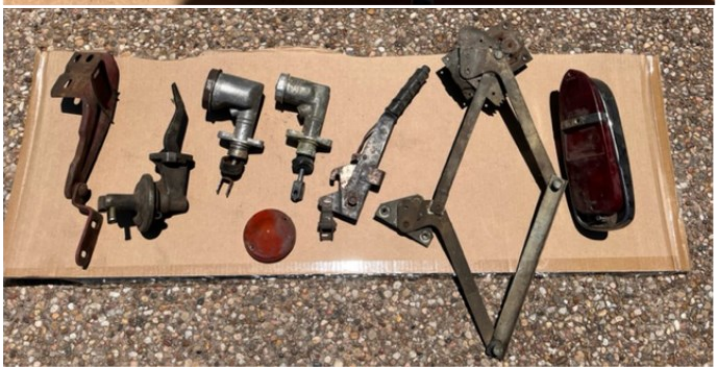
Classifieds

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).