

The

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Hill Country Triumph Club Newsletter



Celebrating and driving Triumphs since 1990



HCTC at South Central VTR Regionals, April 2025

Letter From The President

April, 2024

Joe Payne



Dear HCTC members,

For all those that made the VTR regionals, congratulations for representing the club so well. Our positive presence was felt and noticed throughout the event and in fact, helped save the day. Please read on for details.

Waco proved to be a great destination and was a more interesting town than I remember. The Red River Triumph Club deserves much recognition for a well-run regional meet and being gracious hosts. Well done, Red River Club, you have set the bar high.

The Hill Country Triumph took full advantage of the various events and competition's and carried away many awards. Congratulations to all who participated and look further in the Ragtop for details of our winners.



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Letter from the President

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Special recognition to the HCTC club for going above the line is called for. This was for facilitation of clearing the autocross field of two cars that had parked on it despite barricades to control access. For a while, all seemed lost when the city and its Parks and Recreation department and local tow services would not intervene. Fortunately, the HCTC with its can-do spirit seized the challenge along with some other like-minded spirits. This has created a new potential event that we have submitted to VTR for consideration. I present to you, “The Autocross 4-Wheeled Dolly Car Moving Competition”. I think we have the talent to win what is sure to be a future favorite club versus club event. What do you think, VTR?

So, thinking of the future, it is official. In 2026, the HCTC will be hosting the VTR Regionals. Special recognition goes to Mike McPhail and Jacques Welter, the Co-chairs for TXABCD and VTR Regional Planning Committees. Much work and planning that has already been done for TXABCD and will serve well as the foundation for the VTR Regional in 2026. Jacques produced a very well done video to advertise the venue for VTR 2026 and I still have the music, “Going Up the Country” playing in my head, very catchy. Thanks to all that have been working on TXABCD for this fall. Please take advantage of one of the many workstreams that are needed for these great events. These aren’t workstreams as much as they are rare, once in a lifetime opportunities. Opportunities that forge experiences and friendships that can last a lifetime, so please join in the fun, you will be glad you did.

Please enjoy this month’s Ragtop and all that it captures of our club and it’s members adventures and accomplishments. As great of a job that our editor and contributors do in capturing and highlighting the memorable stories in The Ragtop, there is still no substitute for being there in person. Some stories when written can’t fully capture it, these are the ones you want to be there to experience. There is no substitute for being present as history is made.

Lastly, please note the HCTC Club Picnic is fast approaching, it’s June 14th and this will be an election year. Come for a great time and help shape the future of the club.

Roger Allen and Roger Bolick are chairing the election this year and we appreciate their service. Please send your interest in running to them to be included on the ballot and use the following address:

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Giddy Up,

Joe





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HCTC Events-at-a-Glance

May, 2025

May 3rd:

- **HCTC Drive**
Wings & Wheels Fly-In, Kingsbury, TX 8:30 am - 3:00 pm

May 10th:

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

May 11th:

- **All British & European Car Day**
10:00 am to 3:00 pm, White Rock Lake Park, Dallas, Texas

May 13th:

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

May 17th:

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

May 25th

- **Brits and Barley**
Twisted X Brewing Company, Dripping Springs, TX

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June, 2025

June 10th:

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

June 14th:

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

June 16th - June 20th:

- **TRA National Meet 2025**
Kalamazoo, MI

June 21st:

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

June 27th & 28th

- **Greater Ozarks British Motoring Club Car Show**
Springfield, MO

June 28th

- **Brits and Barley**

June 2025

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

KEY



= HCTC-sponsored event

= Affiliated event

= Car Show

= Holiday

Secretary's Report

May 2025

Dick Simonson



April was a busy month for HCTC Club members with plenty of opportunities for involvement. We started with our usual Saturday breakfast meeting and Tuesday social hour, had a nice mid-month drive followed by the well attended SCVTR Regionals in Waco in the last week plus a Brits and Barley on the final Sunday of the month.

On the 12th, eighteen of us gathered at Waterloo for the monthly breakfast meeting. Included in the group were new members John and Barbara Wolf in their TR250 and Jay Greaves in his TR3. I believe John and Barbara are the original owners of their 250. After introductions and brief comments by president Joe Payne, Mike McPhail discussed upcoming activities, highlighting the upcoming SCVTR Regionals. Mike suggested all those driving meet at Wiley's in Georgetown at 11:30 a.m. and caravan to Waco with a lunch stop in Salado. Ideas for other future activities were kicked around included Painted Churches and Goliad. We are always looking for drive suggestions, so feel free to give us your thoughts.

Jacques Welter briefly discussed TXABCD coming up on October 10 and 11 in Marble Falls. We are in search of a caterer as last year's is otherwise engaged. If you have any ideas, give Jacques or Mike a call. As always, we are asking for volunteers, so please contact Jacques or Mike.

Kim Welter addressed marketing efforts. She is in the process of gathering member's join dates so appropriate longevity pins can be awarded at July's picnic. Kim Vasquez advised the Club's Facebook group numbers over 200 members. This is roughly twice the membership of the club. Finally, Jacques, who is also our Ragtop editor made a plea for article contributions. The official meeting adjourned and we convened to the parking lot to admire each other's cars and talk all things Triumph.

On April 8th, members gathered at Countyline for our monthly social hour.

On April 16, three HCTC TR6s joined the Georgetown All British Squadron for a drive to Canyon of the Eagles near Lake Buchanan. Rip Torn led the group of 10



April Breakfast meeting



New members John & Barbara Wolf and their TR250

Secretary's Report

April 2025

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British cars and a not so British chase car. The group enjoyed lunch at the Canyon of the Eagles Overlook Restaurant. The afternoon return offered beautiful top down driving weather.

This year's South Central VTR Regionals took place in Waco from April 23 - 26, hosted by the Red River Triumph Club. The South Central Region is made up of nine VTR affiliated clubs located in Texas, Oklahoma, Kansas, Missouri and Louisiana. I believe 60+ cars participated. The HCTC was well represented with 15 registered members. The four days were full of activities including local interest drives, the Concours d'Elegance, autocross, funkana, a gimmick run and plenty of dining and socializing opportunities. I hadn't been to Waco in some time and I was pleasantly surprised at how well the downtown area has developed.

The long weekend culminated with the Saturday night Awards Banquet. Our members were well represented as the awards were given. I won't cover all the details as those will be set forth elsewhere in this Edition, but Bob Skewis, Jim Wells, Mike McPhail, Dan Julian, Wiley Crystal, Roger Allen, Rip Torn and Art Graves all distinguished themselves. Although not present, longtime HCTC member Barbara Kramer was honored with the 2025 Spirit of Texas Triumph Award. This is an annual award given to female Triumph club members who exemplify the promotion of the Triumph badge, are enthusiastic about owning and driving Triumphs, are supportive of our car clubs, helping the clubs grow and succeed.

The awards banquet was essentially wrapped by the announcement by Mike McPhail that the HCTC would be hosting the 2026 SCVTR Regional. More details to follow, but the venue will be the Dos Conchas Ranch in Marble Falls.

The month wrapped up with the Brits and Barley get together at the Austin Beerworks.

Hope to see you all at one of our events this month.



Pit stop at the Chupacabra on the way to VTR



Triumphs in the parking lot of the host hotel



HCTC at the show

From the Archives

Art Graves



Despite continued requests for more copies of the 1990 issues of the Ragtop, I thought a recap of the 2013 South Central Regional Convention held in Waco would be more relevant. Here is an account of Hill Country Triumph Club's participation, written by Steve Johnson. Steve is a past president of the club and owned several Triumphs over the years, a TR3, TR4, and TR6. Several current members attended the 2013 convention, both times receiving awards. This account of the convention first appeared in the 2013 April and May issues of the Ragtop.

- Art

2013 South Central Regional Convention – Waco, Texas

By Steve Johnson

From the April 2013 issue of The Ragtop

It's great to have the VTR South Central Regional in your own backyard. We had thirteen attending this year with the cars listed below:

Art Graves	Late TR6
Tom and Nancy Harrison	TR3A
Jim Herter	Early TR6
Jim and Karen Icenhower	Late TR6
Stev and Candy Johnson	Late TR6
Mike and Nel McPhail	Exotic Modified Spitfire
Bob Skewis	TR250 & white Spitfire
Bill Waller	Spitfire

Roger Bolick also joined us for the regional, helped with the autocross, but didn't enter his green TR6 in any of the competitive events. Probably wanted to give someone else a chance at winning! We also had a visit from Bob and Barbara Kramer on Saturday as they viewed the Concours/Popularity Show with us.

Thanks to our friends in Waco and the Dallas Fort Worth area. From the breakfast drives, gimmick rallye and photo scavenger hunt, to the autocross, concours in the meadow at the Cameron Zoo and awards banquet it was an excellent time. We had something interesting going on every minute it seemed. It was

simply extraordinary.

The official results aren't published yet, but as you can see from the picture, we brought home our share of awards again this year. What a club!

The atmosphere at this regional was exciting as well as hospitable at all times. For example, the following picture shows Bill Waller shopping for parts for his yellow Spitfire just before autocross. Waco had it all for us including Triumph parts galore . . . just for the taking!?

Dave Pilcher put this regional together with plenty of help from his Red River Triumph Club. That includes our joint club

members Tom and Nancy Harrison who live in Waco and were able to do a large part of the work required in getting everything set up. Thanks Dave, and the entire RRTC for making this one of the best yet. Our clubs should put together something in Waco on a yearly basis. It's a great place to visit, meet friends,



Bill Waller working on his car

From the Archives

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go to school, and live the full life.

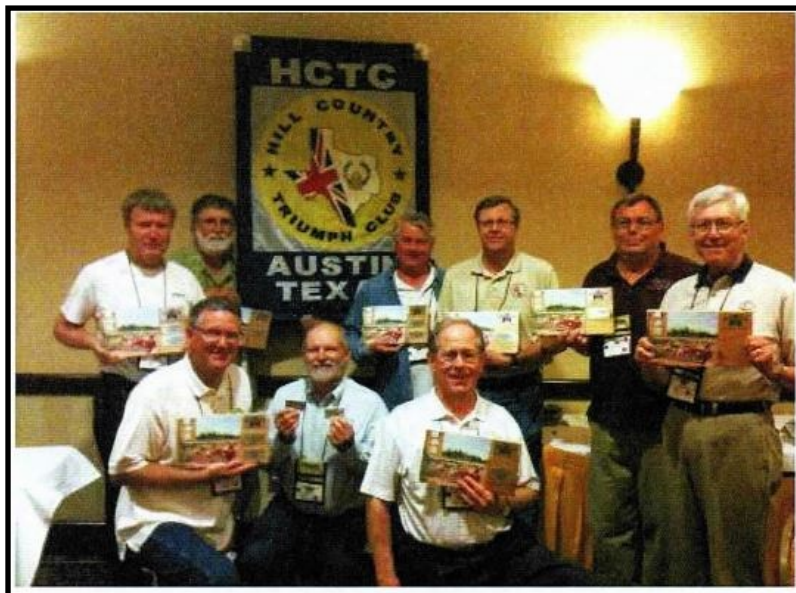
From the May 2013 issue of The Ragtop

May was great for driving Triumphs. I hope every one of you enjoyed your Triumph as much as I did. As I talk to sports car owners in the U.S., it's hard to find a place with more enjoyable weather for as long as we have it here in Texas. Nor do you find more beautiful country to enjoy while driving.

Speaking of having a great time with your TR, the regional April 24th through 27th was really great. We all had fun and enjoyed ourselves. There were 100 of us driving eight Triumphs. What I didn't have for you in the last Ragtop was the official club awards status, so you will find those on the next page.

Bob Skewis looked like the big winner. In addition to picking up a new Spitfire, he also picked up the most awards! I might add that Mike McPhail was only two one hundredths off the best time of the day in the autocross. I included the more complete results from the regional here in the Ragtop.

Bob Skewis	2 nd Place – Photo Scavenger Hunt
	3 rd Place – Concours TR4/TR250
	5 th Place – Autocross Stock TR250 & TR6 22.895 seconds
Tome Harrison	1 st Place – Participants Choice
Jim Herter	1 st Place – Concours Early TR6
Steve Johnson	1 st Place – Late TR6
Art Graves	2 nd Place – Concours Late TR6
	3 rd Place – Autocross Stock TR250 & TR6
Mike McPhail	1 st Place – Autocross Exotic Prepared 18.395 seconds
	3 rd Place – Concours Modified Prepared
Bill Waller	2 nd Place – Autocross Stock Late Spitfire 20.457 seconds
Jim Icenhower	1 st Place – Autocross Stock TR250 & TR6 20.218 seconds



2013 SCVTR winners

South Central VTR 2025

Jacques Welter

Hill Country Triumph Club descended in force on the South Central Vintage Triumph Register show held in Waco April 23rd to April 27th, 2025. Ultimately 18 members of HCTC attended - and all enjoyed the event (even with some mishaps !!)

The trip started with a group of HCTC-ers gathering at the Willie's Icehouse in Georgetown. In this initial group were Roger Bolick, Mike McPhail, Kim & Jacques Welter, Joe Payne, and Dan & Francis Julien. We kicked off VTR by heading out for Waco by way of Salado - first to get lunch at the Chupacabra (and add Roger Allen to the convoy) and then on to Temple to collect Charlie Stewart and Jim Wells before eventually ending up at the host hotel in Bellmead (a subdivision just north of Waco).

Wednesday night was a find-your-own-fun evening, so HCTC headed down to Ninfa's Mexican Restaurant for some good company and food and then on back to the hotel for some conversation and adult refreshments.

Thursday dawned overcast, a harbinger of things to come, as the breakfast runs organized and then left for various venues in Waco. After the breakfast, it was pretty much open time - people could do the Gimmick Rallye; run self-guided drives; get a Tech inspection for the Autocross or just hang out ... and that would have been a fine day but Mother Nature had a different plan. Two waves of thunderstorms dropped over 3" of water on Waco in less than three hours, inundating everything and causing flooding in low-lying areas. It was quite the storm — and caused more damage than even we knew at the time ... but more on that later.



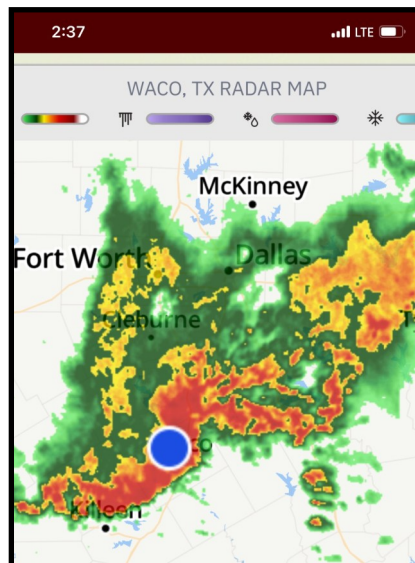
At the Chupacabra. L to R: Dan Julien; Roger Bolick; Wiley Christal; Roger Allen



Joe & Mike's cars outside the Chupa ...



HCTC closes out Ninfa's on Wednesday



Severe thunderstorms and flooding most of Thursday afternoon



South Central VTR 2025

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This year Red River Triumph Club — SCVTR's host this year — changed the usual order of things by having the show on Friday and the Autocross on Saturday, so when Friday dawned foggy and cool we all crossed our fingers and wished for dryer weather — and except for some heavy morning dew we got our wishes. The rains held off and the day turned into one of those high-sky beautiful Spring days.

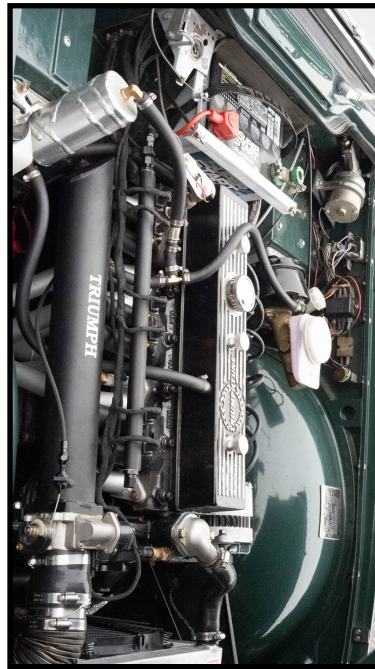
The show ran from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm and had a good mix of marques in all classes, making for a competitive field. HCTC was well-represented with nine cars entered in various classes.

With the show running until 1:00 pm, we had developed a powerful thirst and decided to adjourn to the Czech brewery Pivovar in downtown Waco for some excellent Bavarian pretzels and onion rings, washed down by even better Czech lager.

Dinner Friday night was yet another VTR-organized run featuring three venues. HCTC chose Crickets Draft House and Grill for our rendezvous, where yet another choice evening of friendship and stories unwound.



Early TR6: cars from Dan Julien; Bill Waller; Wiley Christal; and Joe Payne



One beautiful & modified PI Triumph



Judges at work by Dan Julien's TR6



HCTC on the show field. Front row, L to R: Dan & Francis Julien; Kim Welter; Mike McPhail; Jacques Welter; Wiley Christal; Roger Bolick; Bob Skewis. Back row, L to R: Rip Torn; Roger Allen; Joe Payne; Dennis Sneed; Art Graves; Bill Waller



Relaxing at Crickets after the show. Left to Right: Sam Vazquez; Mike McPhail; Dick Simonson; Roger Allen; Jacques Welter

South Central VTR 2025

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Saturday dawned with clear skies and stout hearts as HCTC took to the Autocross field ... or at least tried to. Turns out that even though the parking lot for the event was closed off with cones, some people took the cones to mean it was a parking **challenge** and dropped their cars off in the middle of the intended course. Never fear, tho, HCTC members were quick with a jack and dollies and moved the offending vehicles so the race could continue.

The course was unforgiving, quick, and challenging — primarily a straightaway leading to an inside circle transitioning to an outside circle with a tricky chicane before the finish. There were a LOT of disqualifications and Did Not Finish (DNF) rulings out there as drivers pushed their cars to the limit of their handling.

The Autocross finished up around 2 pm and folks headed off to various locals for some well-earned free time before the banquet that night.

The Awards Banquet kicked off with a Social Hour and then a sit-down dinner. HCTC showed out in a big way, with many HCTC winners. A special shout-out to **Barb Kramer** who was awarded the prestigious **Millie Rose Phillips Spirit Award**. Other winners:

Early TR6 Concours

- Wiley Christal, 1st
- Dan Julien, 2nd

Late TR6 Concours

- Roger Allen, 3rd



Spectators work hard too!! Kim Welter, Dick Simonson, and Mitch Zeiss talk it over with Sam Vazquez looking on



Jim Wells, ready to race, with Joe Payne talking strategy



Joe Payne puts the hammer down in the home stretch



Through the chicane, Wiley Christal streaks for the finish line

South Central VTR 2025

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Senior TR6 Concours

- Art Graves

Modified Touring (Early 1960's)

- Bob Skewis, 3rd

Modified Touring TR6

- Rip Torn, 3rd

People's Choice, TR6

- Jim Wells, 1st Place

Funkana, Driver

- Bob Skewis, 2nd

Autocross, Modified Spitfire

- Mike McPhail, 1st Place

Autocross, Late TR6

- Jim Wells, 3rd Place

The evening adjourned with a special presentation by Joe Payne and Mike McPhail announcing Hill Country Triumph Club will host next year's South Central VTR meet !! More on that later in The Ragtop !!

Special thanks to Dave Pilcher and the Red River Club for making it a special event.



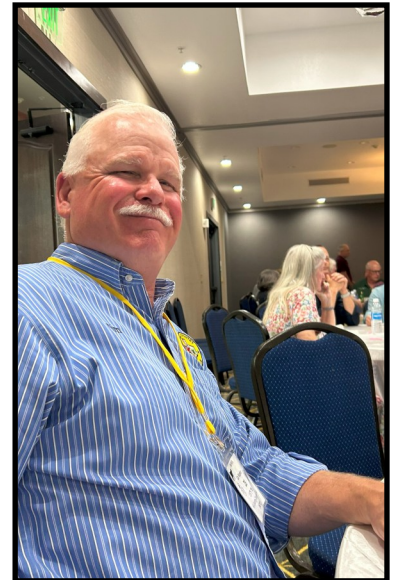
Jim Wells crosses the finish line



Mike McPhail navigates the chicane



Dan Julien shows off his award



Jim Wells enjoying the banquet



Banquet time. Art Graves, Kim Welter, Roger Allen, and Mike McPhail listen to the keynote speaker



HCTC at the 2025 South Central VTR. Back row: Roger Bolick, Mike McPhail, Joe Payne, Wiley Christal, Bob Skewis, Bill Waller, Dennis Sneed, Jacques Welter, Rip Torn. Front Row: Roger Allen, Kim Welter, Jim Wells, Francis Julien, Cheryl Torn, Dan Francis

South Central VTR 2025

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Hanging out in the lobby of the host hotel



The host hotel parking lot



Thursday's storm aftermath ...



Mugging the camera at Ninfa's ... Mike, Francis, Kim, & Jacques



Thursday morning's Breakfast Run ...



Bill Waller & Bob Skewis navigate the Funkhana

South Central VTR 2025

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First heat at Autocross



Award winners: Art Graves & Roger Allen



Art prepares for the Autocross ...



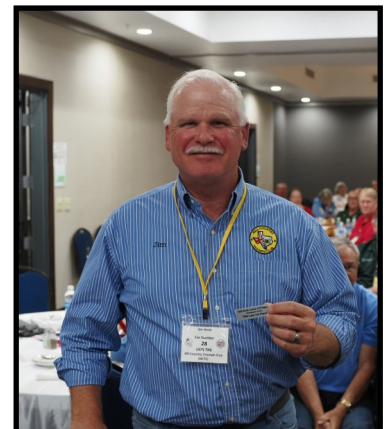
Award winners: Bob Skewis & Wiley Christal



... and brings it home



Award winners: Rip Torn and Jim Wells



South Central VTR 2025

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Rip Torn and Charlie Stewart's TR6s on the show field, SCVTR 2025



Walking the course at the Autocross



Charlie Stewart and his TR6



Joe Payne laughs at a joke at the Awards Banquet



There's a story here about the sign ... just ask Jim Wells



And there's always one (or two) in the crowd ...

Odds and ends from SCVTR

Jacques Welter

Casualties from SCVTR 2025

I would love to say Hill Country Triumph Club emerged mechanically unscathed from the SCVTR at Waco, but I'd be lying — or at least pushing the envelope of truth.

First casualties were on the drive to Waco. Roger Bolick's TR6 had a failure in the rear trailing arm. He made it to the hotel, but it knocked his car out until the return drive on Sunday. And on the drive down from Tulsa, Art shredded a tire.

Thursday morning on the drive home from the Breakfast Run, Kim & Jacques Welter had — we think — a failed drive hub that transformed his smooth-riding TR6 into a driveway ornament for the duration of the event.

Thursday afternoon after the thunderstorm, Mike McPhail's Spit6 sputtered to a halt and refused to start (it is rare indeed when Mike can't get something running). Fortunately, Kim Welter had returned home to pick up their trailer to transport their broken-down TR6 home and she and Jacques were able to pick up Mike's Spit6 for transport back to the rental house in Waco. Water in the gas - lots of it - was the culprit.

As if that wasn't enough, the thunderstorm claimed another delayed victim later that night as Art Graves and his TR6 experienced an electrical short that wiped out (temporarily) his headlights, dashboard lights, and running lights. It was amazing watching Art identify, isolate, and by-pass the problem element to restore his car's electric.

By Saturday everyone except the Welter's TR6 was back up and running — but we were wary — as the gremlins were out in force in Waco.



That's not Gatorade ... gas drained from Mike's Spit6

HCTC Shows Out

HCTC showed up in force at the SCVTR Regionals with some 20 members coming for some or all of the event. Attending were:

- Roger Bolick
- Wiley Christal
- Larry Faussauer
- Leann Faussauer
- Art Graves
- Dan Julien
- Francis Julien
- Mike McPhail
- Joe Payne
- Dick Simonson
- Bob Skewis
- Dennis Sneed
- Charlie Stewart
- Rip Torn
- Sam Vazquez
- Bill Waller
- Jim Wells
- Kim Welter
- Jacques Welter
- Mitch Zeiss

Nice showing, HCTC !!

HCTC & SCVTR 2026

Jacques Welter

Hey Hill Country Triumph Club !! We are pleased to announce that HCTC will host next year's South Central Vintage Triumph Register event. Mike McPhail and Jacques Welter are co-chairs for this event, but can use all the help HCTC can provide.

Here's the details:

When:

April 20th through April 23rd, 2026. Mark your calendar and set your vacation time.

Host Organization:

Hill Country Triumph Club

Host City:

Marble Falls, Texas

Headquarters:

Dos Conchas Ranch

Accommodations:

Hidden Falls Inn

Stay tuned for more details in *The Ragtop*



Summer Plans

Rip Torn

With the spring coming to a close, and hints of the summer-to-come arriving, that could only be one thing. It is time for the annual club picnic and election !!

So mark your calendar for June 14, Flag day, and come out to the Live Oak brewery (near the airport) for food, friends, and fun !!

This year's meeting is important as it is the election of club officers for president, vice president, secretary, and treasurer. Our club members have volunteered in these leadership roles to represent our best interests as a club going forward. Other leadership positions are appointed to help support the vision and direction of the club. Without everyone's support and participation this would not be possible. We will also vote on a couple of bylaw changes.

In addition to Great barbecue meal, better socializing, and cool cars, we will do a few new things for our members. Because of our strong financial position we will be providing our members with cool travel bags. These are optimized for packing for a fun weekend with a really nice HCTC logo. Be the first on your block to sport such a fashionable and useful item. You must be present, however, to pick it up. One per membership.

We also want to recognize all of our members for their longevity in the club. It has been a difficult task but our own Art Graves, Nel McPhail, and Kim Welter have been going through our archives and records to determine what year all of us started our membership at the club. The list is incomplete, however, and we are doing our best to determine how many years we have been with the club. In the next week or so, we may be reaching out to you via email to answer that question if we cannot determine it otherwise. Please respond promptly. The recognition will be a special pin with the club logo and a number superimposed on it corresponding to the number of years you have been with us. We will be looking at one, five, 10, 20, and 30 years. There are a couple of founders still with the club who we are grateful for their vision and founding this fun organization. Again, you must be present to receive your pins.

Finally, we will have some great drawings for prizes.

So look for the Evite in your email so we can get a good headcount for the barbecue meal. Bring your lawn chairs, your LBC, sunscreen and a smile for a good time.



News from Mike's Motors

Mike McPhail

TR6 Trailing arm bushing replacement

The rubber trailing arm bushings original to the TR6 deteriorate with age causing diminished handling and ride. Replacement poly bushings will cure all that and provide better results than new OEM bushings. The trick is getting the old item out of the trailing arm. A simple homemade tool will get the job done quickly and easily.

Cut a piece of 2-inch tail pipe 5 inches long, then cut a 10-inch length of 7/16" threaded rod. Lock two nuts together on one end of the rod and find a large washer with a 7/16" hole to put over the end of the pipe.

Assemble the tool as shown in the photo with another nut at the exposed end of the bushing. A ratchet will work, but better still, use an impact gun with a deep socket to tighten the locked end of the rod. The old bushing will come right out, and the tool can then be used to pull the new bushing into the trailing arm!



Bushing tool



Poly bushings



Tool in place

HCTC Events Calendar

2025 Year-at-a-glance

AFFILIATED GROUPS

- Georgetown All-British Squadron meets at Pistons on the Square (POTS) every 3rd Saturday of the month at 8:00 am
- Brits and Barley meets every fourth Saturday (or Sunday) of the month starting at 2:00 pm.

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01 New Year's Day
 11 HCTC Morning mtg
 14 HCTC Social Hr
 20 M L King Day

04 Independence Day
 08 HCTC Social Hr
 12 HCTC Morning mtg
 15-18 VTR National Wisc Conv

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 10 Sir J. Black/DYTD
 11 HCTC Morning mtg
 17 Presidents' Day
 ?? GTN Air & Car Show

9 HCTC Morning mtg
 12 HCTC Social Hr

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Hill Country Driving Event

May 2025

Wings and Wheels Fly-In

Meet at Jim's Coffee Shop in Oak Hill on Saturday, May 3rd, for breakfast and an 8:30 departure to Spring Wings & Wheels Fly-In at the Pioneer Flight Museum in Kingsbury Lunch on the way home at Black's BBQ in San Marcos

WINGS & WHEELS FLY-IN 190 PERSHING LN
KINGSBURY, TX
9AM-4PM MAY 3, 2025 830-639-4162
AT THE PIONEER FLIGHT MUSEUM

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FOOD TRUCKS, VENDORS,
LIVING HISTORY DISPLAYS
MORE INFORMATION ON WEBSITE:
PIONEERFLIGHTMUSEUM.ORG

FALL FUNDRAISING EVENT: DONATIONS ARE GREATLY APPRECIATED AT THE GATE

The flyer features a central illustration of a 1909 Blériot XI biplane flying over a coastal landscape. In the foreground, two figures in historical attire are running up a hill, one carrying a large French tricolor flag and the other a red flag with a white cross. In the background, a coastal town and a large stone fort are visible on a cliff.

All British & European Car Day

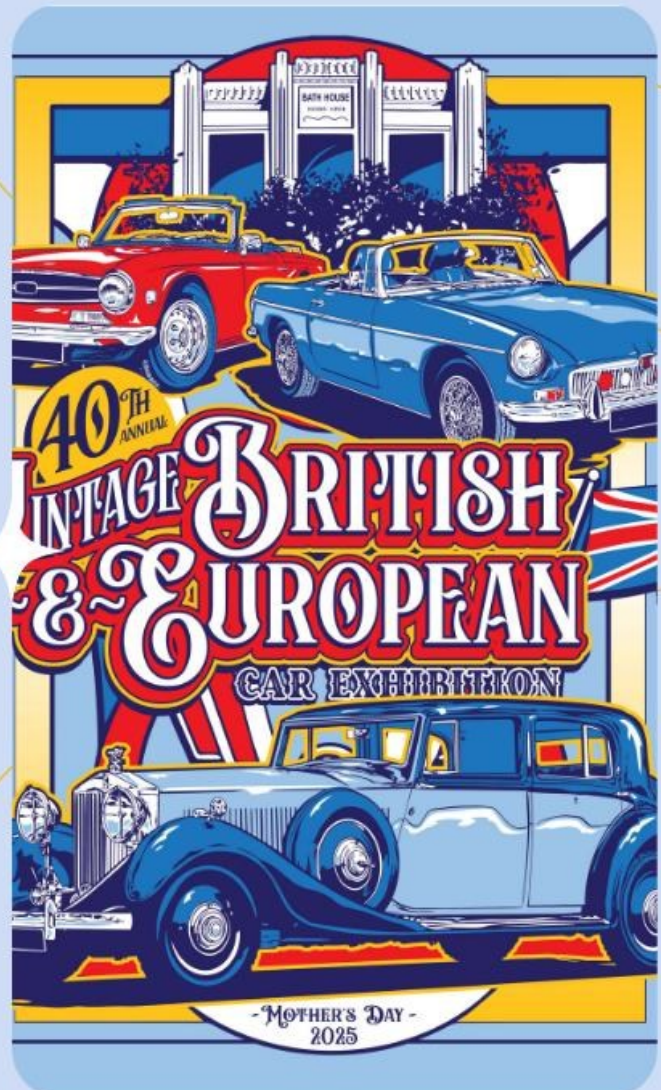
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All British & European Car Day

**Sunday, May 11
10 am - 3 pm**

**Bath House
Cultural Center
White Rock Lake Park**

**For more information & Registration
go to www.AllBritishCarDay.com**





VTR Nationals La Crosse, WI



July 15th - July 18th

2025 Vintage Triumph Register National Convention

The Minnesota Triumphs Sports Car Club is excited to be your host for the 2025 North American Triumph Challenge! We had a terrific event hosting VTR in 2018, so we're heading back to the same great location and host, with even more fun to fill your week.

Follow this link for more information: <https://www.mntriumphs.org/vtr2025/>

For online registration, follow this link: <https://www.mntriumphs.org/vtr-2025-online-registration/>

Event Dates: July 15-18, 2025

Location: Radisson Hotel, La Crosse, Wisconsin

Event registration will be available before January 1, 2025.

La Crosse is near the center of the Driftless Area of Wisconsin right on the Mississippi River. This region is well known for its rolling hills, beautiful views along the river bluffs, and excellent back roads. You can pick about any direction and find scenic, winding roads with friendly small towns to visit.

VTR 2025 Accommodations

Both hotels below have opened the room blocks with our special event rate, so you can reserve your hotel room now.

Host hotel: **Radisson Hotel La Crosse**

- Book your room online: [VTR Booking Link for Radisson Hotel La Crosse](#)
- Or by phone: (608) 784-6680, let them know it's for Vintage Triumph Register 2025
- Rates: \$135 king city view, & \$145 double queen river view

Backup hotel: **Home 2 Suites**

Book your room online: [VTR Booking Link for Home 2 Suites](#)

- Phone: 608.881.6666
- Rates: \$144 for the King Studio suite

Preliminary Event Schedule

Tuesday, July 15

- Registration and check-in open
- Funkhana
- Craft, Model, Photo, Silent Auction opens
- Autocross tech inspection
- VTR board and member meetings
- Welcome reception

Wednesday July 16

- Autocross
- Tech session #1
- Trolley tour
- Self-guided tours
- Wedge owners meeting
- Sunset cocktail cruise

Thursday, July 17

- Breakfast run
- Run rally
- Tech session #2
- Self-guided tours
- Dinner run

Friday, July 18

- Car show
- Self-guided tours
- Cocktail hour
- Awards banquet Friday night

Saturday, July 19

- Check-out and parking lot goodbyes

Aubrey Rose British Car Day

September 14th, 2025



SEPTEMBER 14TH

VILLAGE GREEN PARK
301 WESSEL DR.
FAIRFIELD, OH 45014

8AM GATES OPEN/SET UP
9AM-12PM REGISTRATION
1PM VOTING ENDS
3PM AWARDS



BCCGC.ORG

Texas All British Car Days 2025

Come to the 34th Annual
Texas All British Car Days



October 10th to the 12th, 2025

At the beautiful Dos Conchas Ranch, Marble Falls, TX
Supporting the Eddie Shell & Cloyce McLean Community Foundation



Register and information Online



Self-Guided Fun Drives

Car Show Awards Dinner

Happy Hour Friday

Food Trucks! Vendors

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<https://www.facebook.com/groups/115499245141733>

HCTC Car Show Calendar

Stephanie Nichols' 14th Annual Car & Plane Show

Location: Georgetown, Texas

Date: February 22nd

Web: <https://www.stephaniesgtownairportcarshow.eventbrite.com>

New Orleans British Motoring Festival

Location: Covington, Louisiana

Date: March 29, 2025

Web: <https://www.bmcno.org/2025-british-motoring-festival/>

VTR South Central Regional Convention

Location: Bellmead, Texas

Date: April 23 – April 26, 2025

Web: ??

Dallas All British & European Car Day

Location: White Rock Lake Park, Dallas, Texas

Date: Sunday, May 11th, 2025

Web: <https://allbritishcarday.com/shop/>

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: Buellton, 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/>

Houston All British Car Day

Location: Houston, Texas

Date: October 4th, 2025

Web: NA

Texas All British Car Day

Location: Austin, Texas

Date: October 10th - 12th, 2025

Web: <https://www.hillcountrytriumphclub.org/txabcd/>

South Texas All British Car Day

Location: Boerne, Texas

Date: October 26th, 2025

Web: [https:](https://)

Brits and Barley

Jacques Welter

Looking to have even more fun in your Triumph? Join the crew of Brits and Barley.

Brits and Barley is a driving / destination group (not a club) dedicated to the premise of driving our British automobiles and drinking some good beer - two concepts that have a great deal of attraction to all who join us. As a group we will drive to one local brewpub per month; consume a couple of frosty adult beverages; talk cars, friends, activities, and other things; and then head our separate ways.

Members for Brits and Barley are drawn from local car clubs - to date we have Hill Country Triumph Club; Capital City MG; and Georgetown All-British Squadron and we will be adding more over time.

We will (generally) meet the last Sunday of the month, but this can vary given holiday schedules. At the end of every meeting we will decide where the next meeting will be using a master list of brewing companies that we've compiled and we'll try to spread it out. For example, if we head south one month, we'll try to head North, Central, East, or West the next meeting.

Check in your Ragtop each month for the location. We hope to see you there !!



April

WHERE: Twisted X Brewing Company

23455 Ranch to Market Rd 150

Dripping Springs, TX 78620

WHEN: Sunday, May 25th, starting at 2pm

HCTC Events

HCTC Breakfast Meeting Waterloo Icehouse Saturday, May 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 Tuesday, May 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.



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

Set of 5 - 72 Spoke Wire Wheels (Black) w/ Tires for Sale- \$850

Motor Wheel Service (MWS) 15 x 5½ Wire Wheels 42mm center (fits Triumph TR4, TR6, maybe TR3). MWS part number: XW457S. The MWS Wheels were purchased in 2021 from Rimmer Brothers and have approx. 2000 miles on them. These are the newer design wire wheels from MWS that do not require tubes. Wheels were bought and painted in black epoxy semi-gloss finish. These wheels are straight and true.

The 5th wheel does not have a tire mounted on it and is the older style MWS 15 x 5½ which does require a tube. It is not perfectly straight and true but, it will balance. This would make a good spare. Tires are Sumitomo HTR A/S P03 195/65-R15 Front and 205/65-R15 Rear, H speed rating (130mph). Tires have less than 2000 Miles and the Manufactured date is late 2021.

Contact: **Rod Hamilton** rbhamilton1130@gmail.com



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).**