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A line of TR6's at VTR Nationals 2025, La Crosse, Wisconsin

Letter from the President

August, 2025

Jacques Welter



Vintage Triumph Register (VTR) Nationals are, in my opinion, the apex show as far as things purely Triumph go. Going means meeting old friends and making new ones; having a chance to relax and explore a new venue (or see the same venue with new eyes); having fun competing against and with all Triumph owners; and — above all — driving your Triumph with a LOT of other like-minded folks.

This year's show was in La Crosse, Wisconsin. That's a considerable hike from the greater Austin area but it was well worth the two-day, 1,250 mile drive (one way !!) from Chez Welter to America's Dairyland. In all Kim & I took nine days off and enjoyed the cool weather, the company, and the driving.

For those who've never gone, VTR combines all that is good about British motoring — serious, silly, skilled, and sublime — as cars in all kinds of shape and finish-out come together with their owners for driving and show events. For example, I had never thrown an axe at a target before, but got to try my hand in the Funkhana (stuck it 3 out of 3 into the target ... even if one stuck handle-first).

La Crosse is on the Mississippi River, in the southwest corner of Wisconsin, and borders both Iowa and Minnesota. Instead of rolling hills and farmland,



Art's TR6 at VTR Nationals

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the terrain around La Crosse is quite rugged, with substantial hills ringing the city — all of which makes for some excellent driving events.

In terms of attendance, I'm still a fledgling (this being my 3rd Nationals), but folks like Art Graves and Mike McPhail have been so many times that it's easier for them to count the ones they missed vs. the ones they've gone to ... and all that experience makes going even more enjoyable. Tons of experience means curve balls at these things are few and far between.

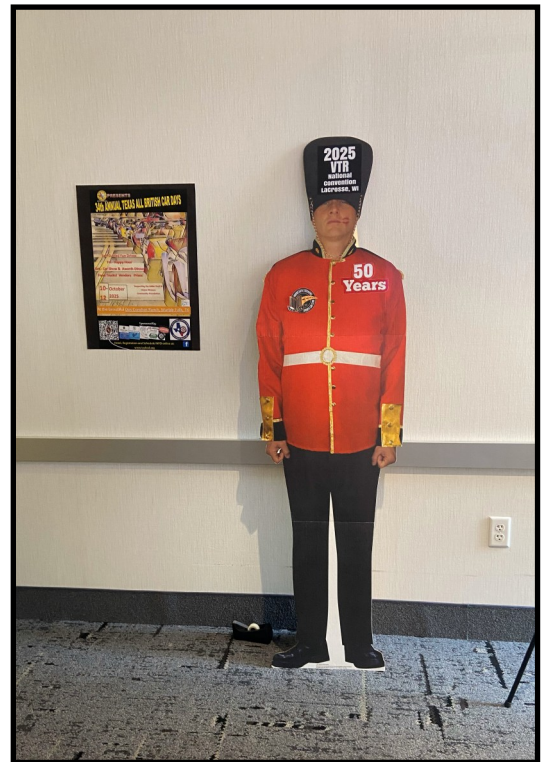
Another cool thing about Nationals is the amount and depth of experience working on Triumphs at the show. At any one point in time you would see six or seven bonnets up and folks working on their cars. There was no problem too big or small that couldn't be identified and mostly solved. For example, I saw one gentleman pulling and replacing his starter !!

In this issue there are three articles on VTR Nationals describing experiences and putting you in the driver's seat — and get ready !! Both **SCVTR Regionals** (hosted by HCTC !!) and **VTR Nationals** are in Texas in 2026 !! Regionals will be held in Marble Falls April 20 - 23 and Nationals in Kerrville October 14 - 19 (more on that later).

Also in this issue Rip Torn provides an interesting article on the Junk in the Trunk and his driving experiences; we have yet another excellent edition of News from Mike's Motors on tail lights.

In other news:

- We are moving the Social Hour start time from **6 pm to 7 pm**. This should make travel to and from the venue easier, as 6 pm involved too much traffic for too many people. Also remember the monthly HCTC Breakfast is **on August 9th**. Both are at Waterloo Icehouse, so come on out and let's meet and greet.
- It looks like Mike McPhail has an exciting outing planned for Saturday, August 16th. We'll be leaving early to beat the heat, but it's a nice back roads drive to Fredericksburg and the Altstadt Brewery. See the events section in this Ragtop issue for more information.
- Changes are coming to The Ragtop — at least on the Hill Country Triumph Club website. In the past we have made The Ragtop available to anyone on who visits our website — regardless if they



Standing guard over the Texas All British Car Days poster at Nationals



HCTC Banner at VTR Nationals

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are HCTC members or not. We're going to change that come the September issue. Why the change? Well, over the last year we have been plagued with scammers, phishing attacks, and spammers coming in from the web. To shut this down, we're moving the online version of The Ragtop to the secure documents side of the website. So what's going to change? First, if you are a club member or a supporter of HCTC, you are on our email distribution list and you will still get a link to The Ragtop via email — this is not changing. If you want to view The Ragtop online via the HCTC website however, come the September issue of The Ragtop, you will have to access it via the secure documents section. We will have instructions on how to access it in a future communication from the editor of The Ragtop. We hate doing this, but ... changing times.

- Okay procrastinators ... it **really** is time to sign up for Texas All British Car Days (TX ABCD) !! Registration increases from \$30 to **\$40** on September 1st so don't get caught out. Be sure to register for the Awards Banquet on Saturday night as well — we will have some wonderful BBQ from Miss Vickys and a great time. Make a weekend of it by staying at our host hotel, the Hidden Falls Inn. They have a special group rate that you can get by simply mentioning you are with TX ABCD. I hope to see you there

Well, that's about it for this issue.
Have a blessed and safe August and I hope to see y'all soon.

Jacques



Texas All British Car Days Dash plaque will be part of every registration kit



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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

HCTC Events-at-a-Glance

August, 2025

August 9th:

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

August 12th:

- **Hill Country Triumph Club Social Hour**
Waterloo Icehouse, 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm

August 16th:

- **HCTC Driving Event**
Drive to Fredericksburg, TX
- **Georgetown Pistons on the Square**
Courthouse Square, Georgetown, TX

August 24th

- **Brits and Barley**
Hell or Highwater Brewing Company, Liberty Hill

August 2025

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September, 2025

September 9th:

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

September 13th:

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

September 20th

- **Brits in the Ozarks**
Fayetteville, Arkansas
- **Georgetown Pistons on the Square**
Courthouse Square, Georgetown, TX

September 27th

- **Brits & Barley**
St. Elmo Brewing Company, Austin, TX

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

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= HCTC-sponsored event

= Affiliated event

= Car Show

= Holiday

Secretary's Report

July 2025

Dick Simonson



July brought lots of sun and high temperatures to Texas. This year it also brought lots of rain. July 4th, which is usually a time of backyard grilling, fireworks and get-togethers, saw terrible tragedy in the Hill Country. As Texans, we mourn for those lost or harmed. But as those of us who visited the Oasis at the end of the month saw, the same act of nature that wreaked such devastation has filled up our lakes again.

July was a big month for the Triumph community. The annual Vintage Triumph Register National Convention took place in LaCrosse, Wisconsin with six HCTC members attending. You will read much more about that event throughout the Ragtop. Our club's first event in July was the Social Hour on the 9th. Nine of us got together at Waterloo for a pleasant evening of food, libation and good company.

On the 12th, while Mike and Nell McPhail and I began our trek to LaCrosse, Jacques Welter chaired his first breakfast meeting as club president. Thirteen club members gathered at Waterloo. Kim Welter graciously acted as secretary in my place. She went over the minutes of the July 1st Board Meeting. The complete minutes are available on the Club website. Some of the highlights follow. Club treasurer Gary Payne presented the Board the HCTC Annual Finance Statement FY2024-25. In short, our real income in 2024 exceeded plan by \$3,000 and we were substantially in the black for FY2024-25.

Carried over from the May Board meeting was a discussion of whether to rebate paid TXABCD attendees in case of a rainout. As TXABCD is marketed as a "rain of shine" event a motion was made that that rebates not be offered. The motion was seconded and passed. There will be no rebates.

Jacques presented the proposed 2026 Profit & Loss statement. A new line item of \$400 for "tool fund" was included. This was discussed and approved with the following parameters:

1. The Club would purchase certain tools which would be available to Club members in good standing with membership of at least 6 months.
2. Each tool would be housed with a Club member who would be designated as custodian of that tool and would be responsible for keeping track of and approving loans of that tool.



HCTC Social Hour, Tuesday, July 8th

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Another new line item was \$400 for this year's SCVTR planning. The board voted on and approved the proposed budget. Continuing with the fiscal discussions, the board agreed to keep a substantial reserve. The board also voted a reimbursement for annual the picnic expenses.

We discussed the issue of membership retention. Mike McPhail was designated "Retention Tsar" to consider steps the Club could take to enhance retention, particularly of new members. A survey seeking input from all members is under consideration.

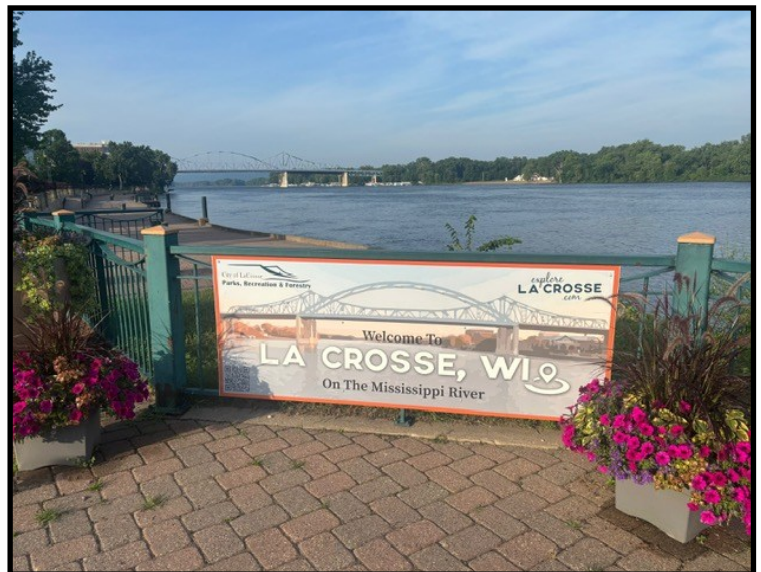
Following the Board meeting discussion, Kim presented years of membership pins to those present who were unable to be at the annual picnic. They were Jimmy White - 5 years; Barbara and John Wolfe 0-4 years; and Casey, our waiter, was given a 0-4 year honorary pin.

Jacques gave an updated TxABCD and SCVTR status. The proposed budget passed. The flooding situation came up. There was a discussion of the club making a charitable donation and several charities were proposed. This is under consideration by the Board. On another note, Waterloo is making wall space available to the club for a picture. Rip Torn is working on a picture with the Club logo. Some folks asked that the social hour be moved from 6 p.m. start to 7 p.m. Finally, it was announced that the Ragtop will become a password protected document in the near future.

The VTR National took place on July 15-18 in LaCrosse, WI. The event was put on by the Minnesota Triumphs Sports Car Club. LaCrosse is about in the middle of the state. It sits on the Mississippi River across from Minnesota. As I mentioned earlier, while the breakfast meeting was on, Nell and Mike McPhail and I were on our way to LaCrosse. We stopped in Tulsa and met up with Art Graves. We spent a night with Art and Karen in their lovely home enjoying Karen's great cooking and hospitality. From there it was off to Des Moines. It turns out Des Moines has a vibrant downtown area where we enjoyed some good food and libations. On Monday



HCTC monthly Breakfast meeting, July 12th



La Crosse, Wisconsin, on the banks of the Mississippi River

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we were off and arrived in Lacrosse mid-afternoon.

Jacques and Kim left Georgetown Sunday morning, trailering their TR6. They made good time and arrived in LaCrosse about an hour after us on Monday. There wasn't anything going on convention wise on Monday, so we checked in, relaxed and went to dinner. We were a little disappointed with the temperature. Even though we were that far north, the temps were pretty close to Austin's. But that would change.

Tuesday was the official kickoff, but still not a lot going on. There was a Funkhana where among other things participants were required to jump out their cars and throw three axes. Maybe a Wisconsin thing? On Wednesday, things started to pickup. The Speed, Time, Distance rally proved challenging. Art Graves and I teamed up in Art's TR6. Art drove and I navigated. Mike teamed up with a local TR7 driver. Rain was forecast, but we started the rally, a three hour affair, on a pretty day. It was a beautiful drive through picturesque countryside and two hours in, it was still dry. I was getting hopeful we would dodge the rain. It wasn't to be, because just about then, the skies opened up and we spent the last hour in a heavy downpour. Just trying to see the road was a challenge and I'm not sure how Art did it. Gotta love those TR6 windshield wipers. Nevertheless, we all finished and somehow Art and I came in fourth.

The rain cleared and brought cooler temperatures just in time for our Mississippi River cruise. By 6:30 that evening we queued up for a two hour cruise. The boat was a small paddlewheeler with an enclosed, warm lower deck and an open, not so warm upper deck. Of course we all wound up on the upper deck and recalled with fondness the warm weather of Monday. Nevertheless, it was an interesting experience including a swiveling bridge that had to open for us and a close up view of one of the river's many dams and locks.

Thursday's highlight was the autocross. It took place in Minnesota on the grounds of a truck-driving school. Our host club retained the local chapter of the Sports Car Club of America to run the rally. Apparently this



A river cruise on the Mississippi - the pivoting bridge



The HCTC contingent out for dinner at Big Al's Pizza Restaurant

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SCCA chapter does this regularly and their experience was apparent. Art Graves, Kim Welter and Mike McPhail participated. Kim took home a First in Class in Ladies Stock Six.

Friday brought the car show. Since my arm still precludes me from driving my TR6, I volunteered to judge. The venue was at Goose Island State Park on the banks of the Mississippi. It was an attractive setting and the weather was beautiful despite another rain forecast. The HCTC did well with each of our club members that entered cars coming away with a plaque. At Friday's banquet, Mike was awarded third place in the All Spitfire Participant's Choice Awards. Jacques garnered third place in the Concours d' Elegance, Modified Touring Class. Art Graves scored the highest points in the Preservation Class with 397 out of 400. In addition, the Club took home an award for The Ragtop — ranked one of the top 5 VTR publications out of 98 — so kudos to Jacques .

Once back in Texas, our Wisconsin travelers readjusted to the heat. On the 27th, eight folks from the Britts & Barley group met at the Oasis Brewing Company to enjoy the view of a just about full Lake Travis, sip a brew and discuss future plans for B & B endeavors. We thus brought to a close the fun filled month of July.



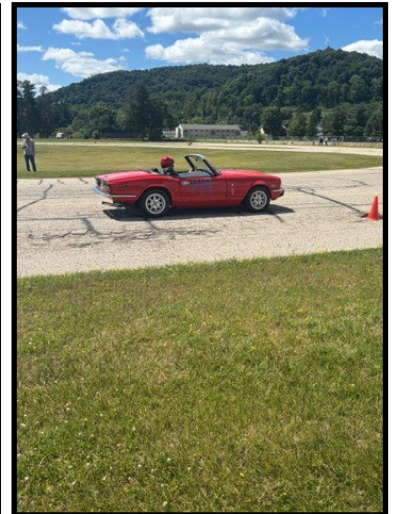
Autocross heat #1 waiting in line



Kim Welter running the course



Art Graves at the starting line



Mike McPhail just about to start

From the Archives

Art Graves



This article is from the May 2002 issue of "The Ragtop". New member Mark Cutshall laments on a problem/condition we have all faced. In the business world we called it "scope creep". "While I'm At It" is the more common term in the car hobby world. I do not know if Mark ever got his TR6 on the road again.

- Art

While I'm at it ...

By Mark Cutshall

I am sure it has happened to all of you before, maybe not in quite the same way but nevertheless I am sure it is familiar territory.

"While I'm at it..."

I was sitting around my house on the eve of my first appearance at a Hill Country Triumph Club monthly meeting thinking about what I would say to the rest of the membership. Mostly I was concerned about the fact that my 1976 TR6 was sitting in my driveway on jack stands with an empty engine bay instead of marking its territory in the parking lot alongside the rest of the HCTC vehicles. I considered my explanation of a shattered friction plate and how a pulled transmission led to mulling over the copious oil deposits outside the rear oil seal and then to rampant speculation over the state of the rest of the engine internals. How do I tell the people that share my interests about the shameful road I headed down over the last two weekends? You know the one I am talking about.

"While I'm at it..."

That's always been the bane of the hobby mechanic, hasn't it? How many shameful stories of failure and economic horror have begun with those words? How many enthusiasts have lost their dignity in front of

their peers by falling prey to the dangerous impulses of opportunity? How could this have happened to me? Why did I have to say?

"While I'm at it..."

So, while I was mulling over the thoughts of many impending conversations with new friends marked by understanding looks masking feelings of pity, it dawned on me. I should take these thoughts and



write an article for the newsletter. You know,

"While I'm at it..."

So how do I feel as an obvious victim of the dreaded plague of the self-motivated motorist? What is running through my head that compels me to write?

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Strangely, pride. And I will tell you why.

I am afflicted with passion. I love my car. It makes me happy. The feeling of wind in my face, the sound of a carbureted 6, the feeling of unassisted steering, and the smell of oil and exhaust. These bring me joy. The looks I get in traffic and the enthusiastic questions from strangers at gas stations remind me of the uniqueness and character in my choice of transportation. I owe these feelings to my car and I am unashamed that I want the best for it.

The automotive enthusiast community has it all wrong. The sages preach caution and restraint. They warn against letting projects grow in size. “Don’t fix it if it ain’t broke.” Great advice... for mere transportation. But none of us suffer from the delusion that our vehicles make great transportation. They do a lousy job of keeping the elements out and their fluids in. Not one of them is likely to get their drivers to lunch during a Texas summer without drenching a business suit in copious sweat. Even if they had a warranty, there isn’t a single dealership in the States. These are not the cars for the utilitarian. These are the cars of the passionate.

We, of all people, should be happy when something breaks. It gives us a chance to make it better. A new cam, headers, maybe a lightened flywheel... these are all gifts that I would love to have the opportunity to give myself and with the transmission out, I am nearly halfway there. So

“While I’m at it...”

I have an opportunity brought about by need. I am in an advantageous position to do something joyous. If nothing else, I hope you can see that my situation is not one to be pitied. It is to be envied. I have an excuse to revel in my interest in a very intimate way. When you see someone like me and hear their story of expanded plans and financial strains, congratulate them. If they miss the point, show them the joy and share in it. Let your smile wash over them and keep their passion burning. That’s the spirit our community is built on. Encourage those that show passion and share in it. I know I do. Oh, and

“While I’m at it... “

Can somebody give me a lift home?



HCTC @ VTR Nationals

Jacques Welter

VTR Nationals were in La Crosse, Wisconsin this year — a journey of some 2,500+ miles round trip — but six hardy souls from HCTC decided to make the trip and boy, was it worth it. Going from HCTC was Mike & Nel McPhail; Dick Simonson; Kim & Jacques Welter; and Art Graves. Mike, Nel, and Dick left on Saturday, the 12th of July, and headed up to Tulsa to meet up with Art Graves. Then all four left on Sunday stopping in Des Moines, IA, for the evening and then onto La Crosse on Monday. Kim & Jacques took the more direct route on Sunday straight up I-35, and battled thunderstorms the whole day, finally stopping in Liberty, MO, for the night and then on to La Crosse on Monday. Interestingly, despite vastly different routes, all six arrived in La Crosse within 60 minutes of each other. (BTW, Dick Simonson did an excellent job of covering a lot of what happened in La Crosse in his Secretary's Report so this article will focus on things he left out or didn't have the chance to participate in. Apologies if it covers some of the same ground).

There were no official activities for VTR on Monday so the HCTC crew found themselves loosed on downtown La Crosse. Stops were made at Bodega Brew Pub for some libations and ended up at The Waterfront Restaurant and Tavern for dinner. The weather was hot and clammy, with temps reaching the middle 90's.

Tuesday dawned hot and muggy with a limited agenda on tap — Registration; Funkhana; Welcome reception. Given we had most of the day with nothing on the schedule, we did what came natural — we took a drive paralleling the Mississippi to Stoddard, WI, to eat at a dive called the Twisted Turtle. We found that (a) Spotted Cow and Moon Man ale are really good; (b) cheese curds are somewhat rubbery; and (c) the scenery was great. What made the drive unique was in the space of 90 minutes we crossed three state lines: Iowa; Minnesota; and Wisconsin. We also crossed the Mississippi River twice in our journey, once on the downward leg and once on the return.

The late afternoon was Funkhana time. Like all Funkhana's, this one featured various "skill"



Mike, Art, Dick, & Nel take in some frosty adult beverages in Des Moines



HCTC at The Waterfront Restaurant and Tavern



Crossing the Mississippi River



Lined up outside the Twisted Turtle in Stoddard, WI

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activities like hooking magnetic fish or throwing ‘turtle eggs’ into a basket. Not like all Funkhana’s, this one featured an axe-throwing contest (!!) where contestants tossed throwing axes at a wooden target from 15 feet away. Jacques partnered with Art and Kim partnered with Mike. None of us finished in the top echelon but I did learn that you can stick a throwing axe handle-first as well as blade first. After the Funkhana, there was a Welcome reception at the host hotel, wrapping up Tuesday.

Wednesday dawned overcast and cooler, with temps in the low 60’s. While Mike, Art, and Dick went on the Time, Speed, Distance rallye (see associated story), Kim and Jacques headed out on the breakfast run to Borgens Café in Westby. Some 50 cars made the run to Borgens on tight roads and wonderful scenery. After an all-you-can-eat buffet, the VTR faithful headed back to the hotel to plan the afternoon but Mother Nature had different plans. Starting around 11:00 am and lasting until 5:00 a major thunderstorm blanketed the area with heavy rains and high winds. While Jacques and Kim were safely put away in a parking garage, Art and Mike were out in the elements on the TSD rallye.

Once we all dried out, the highlight of the evening was a sunset river cruise up and down the Mississippi River



Lined up at Borgens Café, Westby, Wisconsin on the Breakfast Run



Ready for the breakfast run



Not really driving weather



Outbound leg passing the Heilman's Old Style brewery



Buffet line at Borgens



Hunkered down for the blow

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on a real paddlewheel steamer, the La Cross Queen. Unfortunately, as Art remarked at the time, there was little sun and no set as the skies were gray and overcast. As Dick said in his Secretary's Report, there were two decks on the steamer - a sheltered, fully-enclosed lower deck and an open-air upper deck. Guess where we ended up ... yep. Nothing like fresh air and 60 degree temperatures on the river to invigorate you. Still we had a pretty good time steaming up to Lock #9 and then returning to the dock — even watched an Amtrak train crossing the pivoting bridge over the Mississippi.

Thursday was autocross day and we couldn't have asked for nicer weather. The sun was out and the temperatures moderate with a high blue sky dotted with fluffy cumulous clouds — a perfect summer day in Wisconsin. The course was run on a truck training course but made much tougher with turns, chicanes, and slalom gates. All in all it was well-thought out and quite challenging. 49 cars registered, with Heat 1 with 30 cars and Heat 2 with 19 cars. Mike, Art, and Kim were all registered drivers in Heat 1 and all were competitive but only Kim came home with a trophy - another First in Class in the Ladies Stock Six category. What makes this unique is Kim & Jacques' TR6 had broken a door latch on Tuesday and the door flew open on the slalom gates and turns in the first run. Jacques bungee'd the door shut for runs 2-4 and Kim despite the unexpected mechanical issue she still managed to bring it home.

After the autocross the HCTC faithful headed out to Buzzard Billy's for some cajun cooking and Wisconsin brews and then stopped in at Bennett O'Riley's Pub before heading back over to the host hotel for the Moving Events Awards and Cocktail hour. Ordinarily awards aren't handed out until the Awards banquet on the last day, but this VTR broke it up into two different ceremonies on two different days: one for 'moving' awards (Funkhana; TSD; Autocross; Poker Run); and one for the Car Show, Publications; and special awards. As mentioned earlier, HCTC was shut



The La Crosse Queen coming into the dock to load up the evening cruise folks



Mike & Dick taking in the sights



Kim & Jacques on the La Crosse Queen



... and the paddle wheels thumping ...

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out in everything but Autocross. Art and Dick did come in fourth for the TSD Rallye though — an impressive result given the challenging weather.

Friday was show day, and the show field was some 22 miles from the host hotel on Goose Island at Goose Island State Park. The field was quite large — it needed to be to accommodate 174 cars !! The judges asked us all to get there early to get set up so we arrived around 8:00 AM. Dick, Mike, and Art were judging so they headed off to their respective judging groups. As for the cars, Art was in the Preservation Class; Kim & Jacques were in the Concours - Modified Touring Class; and Mike was in People's Choice for Spitfires.

The range of cars was fantastic from totally custom road racers to classics. There were Vitesse's; a 1953 Renown; a 1959 Standard Estate 10; and a horde of TR4's; TR250's; TR6's; TR7's; and TR8's. Walking it, it took the better of two hours to just cover the show field and see all the cars !! About one-third of the field was entered in Concours. The rest were either in the Senior division; the Preservation division; or People's Choice with People's Choice representing the bulk of them.

The judging was tough and thorough, running from 9 am to noon; the show concluded at 1:00 pm. After judging completed at noon, the lead judge for every group then met to determine Best of Show.

After the show, HCTC reconvened at Buzzard Billy's for a late lunch and to talk through what we saw and what we learned (sprinkled with some Moon Man and Spotted Cow ale to boot).

The Awards banquet kicked off at 7:00 pm sharp. Once the dust had settled, Mike McPhail took home 3rd in Class for People's Choice; Art scored 397 out of a possible 400 in Preservation Class; and Jacques took 3rd in Class for Concours Modified Touring. The Ragtop also took home honors as a top publication - all in all and excellent showing by Hill Country Triumph Club.

Saturday was getaway day. Can't wait for next year in Kerrville, Texas !!

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Kim Welter's Autocross trophy



Mike McPhail looks over a custom-bodied roadster



Another view of the show field

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Jacques Welter



Kicking back at The Waterfront Restaurant and Tavern



Dick, Art, & Kim taking a break at the Bodega Brew Pub



Driver's instructions prior to Autocross



A magnificent Stag in the Seniors Division



Art's well-sorted engine compartment.



Jacques, Dick, & Mike look over his engine compartment at the show

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Jacques Welter



Mike's Spit6 on the show field



Art and some friends look over his car



A fully-customized TR3 SCCA racing



Jacques' TR6 on the show field



A great TR3 on the field. Winner in Class



Judges work the field

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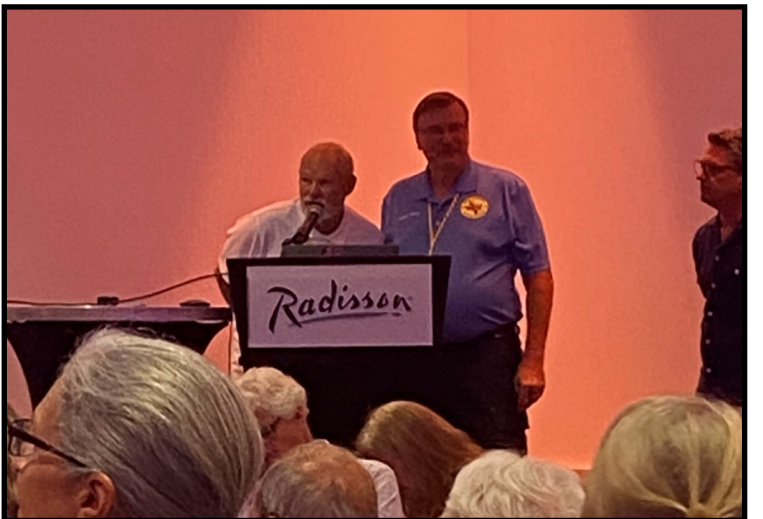
Art displays his 1st in Class award



Jacques shows his 3rd in Class award



Mike styles and profiles his 3rd in Class People's Choice award



Mike and Jacques talk about SC VTR Regionals 2026 in Marble Falls



A great show done by VTR and a nice showing by HCTC



Kim displays her First in Class Autocross award

Time, Speed, Distance Rallye in La Crosse

Art Graves

There was the threat of rain every day for the 2025 Vintage Triumph Register National Convention. The rain came with a vengeance on day two, the day of the TSD (Time Speed Distance) Rallye and the Poker Rallye.

A TSD Rallye is a required event at the national conference, meaning it must be on the schedule. It is up to each participant to run it or not. The rules are simple: follow a predetermined course, at a predetermined speed, travelling a predetermined number of miles in a predetermined amount of time. Not so simple in practice.

Technology has made organizing the event much easier to manage. In the “old days” the organizers would have people stationed in corn fields and isolated intersections waiting for a car to drive by. They would then note the time and mileage of the car. With technology, an app on a smartphone or a GPS device can be used to track the participants. The latter was used for the TSD Rallye in La Crosse, WI.

Dick Simonson and I teamed up to run the rallye. I drove my TR6 and Dick navigated. After a confusing pre-rallye meeting, we came to the conclusion that all we had to do was follow the course as written in the instructions. Then, come back to the hotel and collect our trophy. It almost worked.

The rallye took us on some back roads in the Wisconsin farmlands. The landscape is hilly and the roads had a lot of curves – perfect for driving your Triumph. Along the course, we were confused by what looked like “horse feathers” on the road. Then we encountered a horse and buggy on the road – Amish farmers. That’s where the “horse feathers” are coming from!

Well, the rallye was great – until it wasn’t. About half way through the course the rains came – in buckets. Up to then we had no trouble following the instructions, but the rain made it difficult to see the road signs, much less anything else. Marginal at best windscreen wipers, fog on windscreen and the rain all made for a tense and nervous ride.

When we returned another participant asked what our strategy was. I said, “we had no strategy, we just drove the course.” He replied that he did the same. Our strategy was almost good enough to win. We came in fourth place. He came in fifth. This out of twenty participants. Much better than, say, fifteenth place!

The Poker Rallye was next – for some. We were done driving in the rain.



On the road for the TSD



The weather is threatening

Newcomer's Corner

Jacques Welter

Hill Country Triumph Club is like a living organism - it grows and contracts as new members join and other members leave. In the last 12 months it is my pleasure to announce we have grown almost five times over the number we have lost ... quite an accomplishment, showing the best qualities of our members and the legacy left us.

Comings ...

New HCTC members in the last 12 months:

- David John
- Eric Hendrix
- John Wolfe
- Paul Carew
- Moose Stovall
- Neil Hedden
- Kathy Smelker
- Del Waters
- David Watson

Welcome aboard one and all !!

And to the HCTC faithful, if you see any of these folks at an HCTC event be sure to say hello and make them feel welcome.



And Goings ...

Leaving HCTC:

- Travis Evans
- Chris Brown

So long and be well folks. Fair winds and following seas. We hope we meet again.

News from Mike's Motors

Mike McPhail

Dim tail lights on the TR6 are a common problem! It is mighty tempting to order those pricey LED lamps to affect a cure. Generally speaking, the stock bulbs will get the job done nicely if everything is in order. The bulbs in the TR6 tail light assembly are held in sockets that are plugged into the assembly and may or may not depend on their grounding from the assembly.

The grounding of the sockets to the assembly can be problematic, but the real nuisance is the bulb socket itself. The bulb gets its ground from a copper tab that is sandwiched into the steel prongs that clip into the assembly. Eventually, the copper and steel do the dissimilar metals thing and the connection is lost.

The cure is very simple and requires only soldering the copper to the adjacent steel. A solder bridge between the two works well, but for the best connection, loop a bit of fine brass or copper wire across the gap before soldering. This isn't a plumbing job, so use thin, rosin core solder.

If you are really ambitious, take the tail light assemblies apart and clean the lenses after painting the reflectors silver... the old finish has likely worn off. Replace the backup light lenses, since these do not clean up well. Put a little Vaseline on the screws that hold the lenses, as the latter cracks easily.

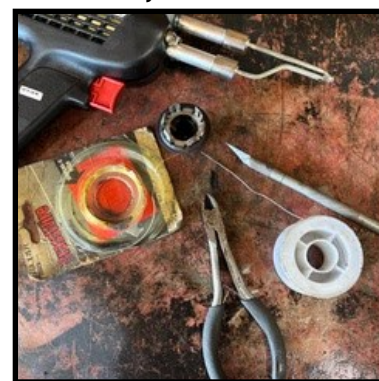
Put a little grease on the bulb bases before replacement and they will shine as good as new!



No reflection ...



No continuity ...



These might be needed ...



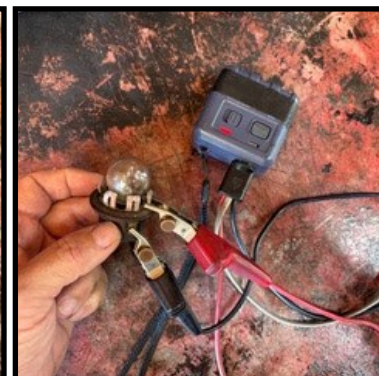
Socket Sandwich ...



Wired ...



Soldered ...



Continuity achieved !!

What's in your trunk?

Rip Torn

One of the hallmarks of the Hill country Triumph club is the willingness and success of long distance drives. That is a thought many a British car owner whose car is more than a half a century old. As part of this august group, I have learned many things about my car, other people, and myself. The decisions you make on what to pack in your car can make or break the success of a long distance trip. To allay some of your fears, I thought I would share what “junk is in my trunk” and lessons learned from a long distance driver.

Let me preface that this year my distance driving was somewhat curtailed due to family travel plans that overlap or was too close to many of the drives our members have made. Therefore, in 2025 I have already made the run to Covington Louisiana and end the season with Texas All British Car Days in Marble Falls. Don't be the last to sign up for it. It will be a great time. But I digress. The trunk of a TR 6 has about 8 ft.³ of usable space excluding your spare tire. Some of us wear it, others pack it, but I do both. For a long trip it becomes a game of Tetris with the key being practicality and compactness. Make sure you check your tire pressure before you head out.

Several years ago, when we hosted the VTR national, I was fortunate enough to win a Moss organizer bag. I have used that as my central focus for lubricants, emergency equipment, protective clothing, and a good catch-all for everything else. Minimum oil quantity is 2 quarts. Oil funnel, reflective, vest, and fluorescent gloves, spare plastic bags, pull over work shirt, assortment of rags, work gloves, various cleaning, and polishing potions, and my latest is a compact portable jumper and air pump. I then have a tool bag with basic roadside



8 cubic feet of “stuff” ...



Atlas; kneeling pad; repair manuals



Organizer and fluids - and of course duct tape

What's in your trunk?

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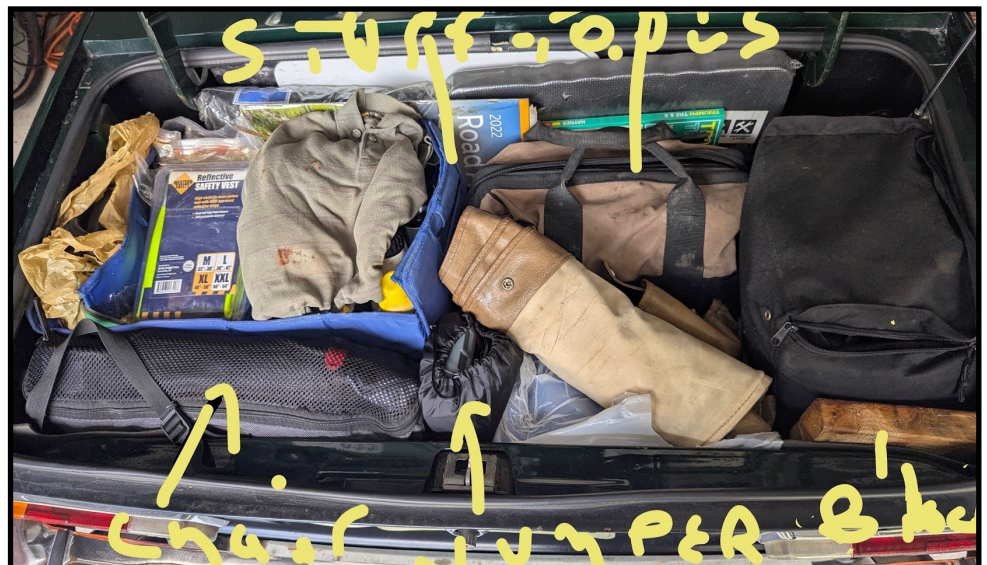
repair tools, including screwdrivers, sockets, wrenches, small hammer, electrical circuit tester, in both SAE and some metric tools. Many of the new replacement parts are metric now so don't forget those. I try to mark those items with a dab of paint to remind me that I will need the metric 10 mm Socket. Against the back wall is a repair manual, a hard copy paper road Atlas, and a foam kneeling pad. To the far right, I have a emergency parts bag with items like distributor wires, spark plugs, carburetor, diaphragms, thermostat, duct, tape, electrical, tape, superglue, and a myriad of other parts and supplies not commonly stocked at parts houses. I wrote an article about those in 2024.

That left a gap between the aft bulkhead and the supplies bags so I put in a compact foldable chair while you are waiting for help. Boot cover for the top down. A jacket, gloves, and hat in a airtight bag for cold weather operations. Finally, don't forget some wheel chocks (2). I use the bases from my car show signs as such. Consider a 4 x 6' tarp to sit on the ground in case you have to crawl under the car.

This is just a suggestion based on my experience, and the experiences I have learned from others. Traveling in a group often means that someone will have the right parts you need, the right tools that are required to affect repairs to get you to somewhere safe or Maybe even repairing the item. Like we learned in school long ago, the Buddy system is a great practice to use doing these kind of things.

A definite tip of the hat to Art Graves, and Mike McPhail as they are our "long time running" champions. They have forgotten more about this than I will ever learn but I do try to learn from their experiences. BTW, Art is pushing 460,000 miles on his TR6.

Final thought, for local driving of course you do not have to have everything in the trunk like this. This is for overnight trips. I hope you found this useful and give some of our newer members confidence and driving their machines farther than Waterloo icehouse. We hope you can enjoy spending some time with us as we venture out of the Hill country area and experience the sites and hospitality of other Triumph enthusiasts.



Stuffing job complete

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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8 HCTC Social Hr
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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8 HCTC Morning mtg
11 HCTC Social Hr
29 New Orleans British Motoring Festival

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09 HCTC Social Hr
13 HCTC Morning mtg
?? Brits on the Bluff
?? Brits in the Ozarks

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8 HCTC Social Hr
12 HCTC Morning mtg
20 Easter Sunday
23-6 VTR S. Central Reg Waco

04 Houston ABCD
04 Dallas ABCD
13 Columbus Day
14 HCTC Social Hr
10-25 Texas All British Car South Texas ABCD

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26 Memorial Day
10 HCTC Morning mtg
11 All Brit & Euro Car Dallas
13 HCTC Social Hr

08 HCTC Morning mtg
11 Veterans Day
11 HCTC Social Hr
27 Thanksgiving Day

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7 Euro-Expo Cr Sh OK
10 HCTC Social Hr
14 HCTC Morning mtg
16-27-8 TRA National Meet Greater Ozarks

09 HCTC Social Hr / / Tour D'Lites
13 HCTC Morning mtg Xmas Party
25 Christmas

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HCTC August 2025 Driving Event

WHERE:

Maudie's Tex-Mex Grill
12506 Shops Parkway

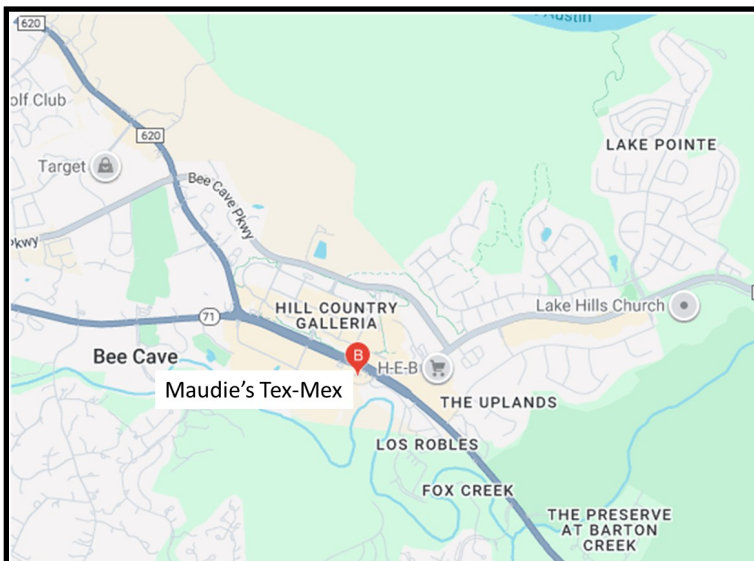
WHEN:

Saturday, August 16 at 9:00 AM

DETAILS:

HCTC will be meeting for breakfast and taking a drive through the Hill Country on the way to Fredericksburg and the Altstadt Brewery.

We will be meeting at Maudie's Tex-Mex Grill @ 9:00 am for breakfast and leave around 10:00 am for Fredericksburg and Altstadt Brewing Company (<https://altstadtbeer.com/>). Come one, come all and have a great time (be sure to fill your car up before you leave).



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 RACTOP***



Aubrey Rose British Car Day

September 14th, 2025



The poster features a central graphic of a white Jaguar XJS with license plate '50 XJS' driving on a road that splits into three paths. The left path is red and leads to 'LIVE MUSIC' with a drum set icon. The middle path is blue and leads to 'SPLIT THE POT RAFFLE' with a pot icon. The right path is red and leads to 'FOOD & BEER TRUCKS' with a food truck icon. Above the car is a '50 ANNIVERSARY JAGUAR XJS' badge. A large orange sign with a British Car Club logo and the text 'CINCI 2025' is positioned in the center. The bottom section is a dark blue banner with the event title, date, location, and schedule.

CINCI 2025

**AUBREY ROSE
BRITISH CAR DAY**

SEPTEMBER 14TH

VILLAGE GREEN PARK
301 WESSEL DR.
FAIRFIELD, OH 45014

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

FAIRFIELD
Parks and Recreation

AUBREY ROSE
Foundation



BCCGC.ORG

Texas All British Car Days 2025



 **PRESENTS**
34th ANNUAL TEXAS ALL BRITISH CAR DAYS

Giddy Up

Self-Guided Fun Drives
Fri.- Happy Hour
Sat.- Car Show & Awards Dinner
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12 2025

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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

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 !!

August

WHERE: Float the River Brewing (Hell or Highwater Brewing Company)

931 Main Street

Liberty Hill, TX 78642

WHEN: Sunday, August 24th, starting at **2:00 pm**

HCTC Events

HCTC Breakfast Waterloo Icehouse Saturday, August 9th

The HCTC Breakfast Meeting starts your Saturday off right at the Waterloo Icehouse at the corner of Capital of Texas Highway and FM2222 !!

Come join the Club for breakfast, club updates, and some good company and conversation. Plan your arrival for 9:30—9:45 as the meeting (and breakfast) starts by 10:00 am.

Can't wait to see you there !!

HCTC Social Hour Waterloo Icehouse Tuesday, August 12th

The Social Hour has changed its start time !!

We will be starting the Social Hour at !! 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.

While the event nominally runs from 7 pm to 9 pm, 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.





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.



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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

1976 Triumph TR6 for sale

Mimosa Yellow with Chestnut (Dark reddish brown) interior

Rear luggage rack and original factory hard top with Storage Cart / Dolly

91,518 miles

Car is very original and in very good condition. Runs great

\$16,000 Call Kathy at 512.517.3432



Classifieds

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? _____

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