

The

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Hill Country Triumph Club Newsletter



Celebrating and driving Triumphs since 1990



Happy New Year. HCTC at the lights display in Johnson City

Letter from the President

January, 2026

Jacques Welter



Wow ... what a busy month December turned into. HCTC had something going on every week — with Christmas and New Year's thrown in !!

HCTC's month kicked off with the Women of HCTC Group heading to Tillie's on December 3rd for an English High Tea — see a full write-up later in The Ragtop — and ending at Slackers Brewing Company with Brits & Barley on December 21st. In between, HCTC'ers had:

- Social Hour on December 9th
- Club Christmas Party on December 12th
- Club Breakfast on December 13th
- Tour De Lites on December 16th
- Pistons on the Square on December 20th
- Brits & Barley on December 21st

Quite the month for club activities and get-togethers — not to mention Christmas and New Years. Dick Simonson does a great job going further in depth in his Secretary's report, so I'll stop stealing his tunder.

Before welcoming 2026 (!!), I thought taking a look back at 2025 was a worthwhile undertaking, so check out the story later in this issue for a review of 2025 ... so many Triumphs, so little time.



Louise & Tony Brito at the HCTC Social Hour at Waterloo Icehouse, December 9th

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Letter from the President

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So after ringing the New Year, what can HCTC look forward to in 2026? From a major event perspective, there are three shows specifically geared to HCTC. They are:

- South Central Vintage Triumph Register, April 20th to the 23rd in beautiful Marble Falls
- Texas All British Car Days, October 9th to October 11th, again in Marble Falls
- Vintage Triumph Register Nationals, October 14th to October 18th, in Kerrville, Texas

From an events standpoint, the Club is going to hit the road — both long and short trips — to various venues. Planned overnight activities include a drive to **Vanderpool** and a visit with the Twisted Sisters in January; a trip to **Big Bend NP** in February; a trip to **Covington, LA**, in March for the British Motoring Festival; Triumphfest in September in **Flagstaff, AZ**; and a trip to **Brits in the Ozarks** in October.

Shorter drives are planned for **Shiner, TX**, in March; **The Luckenback Rallye** in April; the **Kingsbury Wings and Wheels** show in May; and **Tour De Lites** in December. Of course there will be other monthly activities — these are just the ones we have so far on the calendar. BTW, if you have something you'd like to try out, grab an HCTC officer and talk it through !! We're always open to ideas.

Social Hour will also be changing in 2026. After talking with a lot of folks, we're **moving the Social Hour to the 3rd Tuesday in the month**. This gives us some separation from the HCTC Monthly Breakfast so they aren't so back-to-back. We will also be looking at some different venues as a change of pace. For January, 2026, we will have the **Social Hour at Nosh & Bevy, 8440 Burnet Rd, Austin, TX 78757, on Tuesday, January 20th, starting at 7:00 pm**. February & March will still be at Waterloo Icehouse for now. Stay tuned for updates in The Ragtop.

Other things coming in 2026? How about some New Year's resolutions? Mine are:

1. Drive my car at least once a week
2. Take at least three overnight drives
3. Finally implement a "Junk in the Trunk" strategy
4. Improve the fit and finish of the passenger-side door card
5. Touch up the paint from all the road rash
6. Track down that elusive TR250 I've been dreaming about
7. Have fun with HCTC every chance possible

So Goodbye 2025 ... Welcome 2026.

I hope to see you out there !!

Jacques





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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

January, 2026

January 1st

- Happy New Year

January 10th:

- Hill Country Triumph Club Monthly Breakfast Meeting
Waterloo Icehouse, 10:00 am

January 14th - 16th:

- Drive & Overnight to Vanderpool
Vanderpool, TX, 8:00 am

January 17th:

- Pistons on the Square
Courthouse Square, Georgetown, TX, 8:00 am

January 20th:

- Hill Country Triumph Club Social Hour
Nosh & Bevv, 7:00 pm

January 25th:

- Brits and Barley
Whitestone Brewery, Cedar Park, TX 2:00 pm

January 2026

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February, 2026

February 14th:

- Hill Country Triumph Club Monthly Breakfast Meeting
Waterloo Icehouse, 10:00 AM

February 17th:

- Hill Country Triumph Club Social Hour
Waterloo Icehouse, 7:00 PM

February 21st:

- Pistons on the Square
Courthouse Square, Georgetown, TX, 8:00 AM

February 22nd:

- Brits and Barley
Celis Brewery, 10001 Metric Blvd 2:00 PM

February 2026

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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

January 2026

Dick Simonson



As another year comes to a close, I am starting to realize that the saying about the older you get the faster time goes by seems to be true. I am definitely getting older, and this last year has seemed to fly by.

We're looking at a new year, and the Club has a lot of fun things lined up as you'll see outlined in this edition. But what happened in the last month of 2025?

We started the month off with the annual Club Christmas Party on the 12th. I hope you got to attend. I did not. Without getting too much into the gory details, on the afternoon of the party, my house experienced a "septic emergency." I'll leave it at that. I wasn't able to break away in time. I hear the party was a great success. Forty-two folks attended the affair graciously hosted by Joe and Aeren Payne. Besides the camaraderie and general merrymaking, I hear the highlight of the evening was the hat contest. There were three categories. You'll see from the accompanying pictures, we have some real artists in the group. Art Graves won for most original for his interesting use of spark plug wires. Brian Polk, a new member, won for most Triumphant and Sam Vasquez won the Best in Show category.

For those brave souls who got themselves up and out the door the morning after the party, we held the monthly breakfast meeting as usual at Waterloo. Thirteen of us gathered. It was a coolish wet morning and Malcom Gray, in true British style, drove his Spitfire top down. There were only three Triumphs in the lot, Malcom's Spit, Mike McPhail's TR6 and John and Barbara Wolfe's TR250.

Our Club business discussion was brief and mostly involved upcoming 2026 events and a TxABCD follow-up.

Jacques announced that starting in January, social hour meetings would take place at Nosh & Bevv, 8440 Burnett Rd., Austin. Starting time will remain at 7 pm. Mike McPhail and Jacques then discussed future events. I should note that the Board held an Executive meeting on December 2nd, with a large chunk of that meeting spent on possible 2026 activities. Some of those events are discussed below, but more exhaustive coverage appears elsewhere in this edition.

We revisited the subject of increasing club dues. Following the last board meeting, we contacted other Texas car clubs to see what they were assessing members. All were higher than HCTC. Red River Triumphs charge \$30 and are going to \$40 next year; STTA is at \$30. The Houston club is at \$30 and considering going to \$40. The Board decided to take no action at this time, but since the club operates in the red each year and as cash reserves decline, we may need to take action in the future.

The 12/2 meeting was relatively short. The first order



Standing room only at the Hill Country Triumph Club Monthly Breakfast meeting !!

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Where all Saturday breakfasts end
— in the parking lot at Waterloo
Icehouse



Neil Hedden; Malcolm Grey; Roger &
Tina Bolick at Social Hour



Jim Herter, Mike McPhail, Rip Torn at Social Hour



Gary Payne; Mike McPhail, & Jim Wells at the HCTC Board meeting

of business was a housekeeping measure in the form of a motion to remove former club president Rip Torn from all Club accounts (at his request) with United Federal Credit Union. The motion passed unanimously.

We spent about an hour discussing many potential activities and outings beyond the standard monthly breakfast meetings, social hours, the SCVTR and TxABCD events. Some of the more travel heavy events included the 6-Pack Trials in Nashville, IN, Triumphest in Flagstaff, AZ, Brits on the Bluff in Natchez, MS, Brits in the Ozarks in Springdale, AR and the British Motoring Festival in Covington, LA. Also discussed were potential drives within Texas to Leaky, Big Bend and Luckenbach. BBQ runs to as yet unnamed destinations were also kicked around. Jacques expressed a desire to promote overnight events for couples. Destinations such as Goliad, Granberry, Mineral Wells and Jefferson were mentioned.

Other travel possibilities discussed were extended drives to a location such as Durango, CO. The intent would be to use a location like Durango as a base of operations for a week or so and take day drives from there. The organization of the event would include a support vehicle and trailer. A location such as Durango would have numerous short term home rentals available.

This calendar of events discussion was ended with Jacques promising to put together a list of potential dates and destinations for circulation and further discussion.

A final order of business at the 12/2 meeting was a discussion and vote on a charitable donation by the Club to the Eddie Schell and Cloyce McClean Community Foundation from the proceeds of this year's TxABCD. Many of you know that Eddie Schell has given the Club use of Dos Conchas Ranch

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facilities free of charge. Jacques made a motion that the Club donate \$2,000 to the Foundation. The motion was seconded and passed. That information concluded my report and basically concluded the “business” portion of the breakfast meeting. Soon thereafter we adjourned to the parking lot.

On December 16, ten club members gathered at the Acopon Brewing Company in Dripping Springs for what has become an annual event, a drive to Johnson City for the Tour-de-Lites. After enjoying a social hour at Acopon, most of the group caravanned to Proof and Cooper’s in Johnson City where all enjoyed a nice dinner. Thereafter, the folks went across the street and enjoyed the Christmas light display provided by Pedernales Electric Company.

Finally, on the 21st a good sized contingent of the Brits and Barley group convened at Slacker’s Brewing Company on RR 620. The group is now attracting folks not only from the HCTC, but the MG, Jaguar and Lotus clubs. We had lots of cars, from an E Type Jaguar, a couple of “modern Jaguars, an Alpha Romeo, a couple of Triumphs, some MGs, a 60’s vintage Morris Minor and a few others. It was an unseasonably warm December afternoon, perfect for top down driving.

As I said at the beginning, so ends 2025. I wish you all a Happy New Year and hope to see many of you at the upcoming year’s events.

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More shots of the Waterloo Icehouse parking lot, where even the motorcycles are Triumphs (Derek McWilliams' Triumph motorcycle)



Mike McPhail and Jim Wells at the Chupacabra in Saledo for the Highland Games

From the Archives

Art Graves



This is an article I wrote from the May 2001 “Ragtop”. I attended the British Car Days show, sponsored by the British Motorcar Club of New Mexico, several times. Unfortunately this club no longer exists, probably due to the age (or death!) of several key members. I was born and raised in El Paso and always enjoy visiting. La Mesilla is a touristy town near Las Cruces, NM with a town square where the car show was held. Some of you may recognize the name ‘Joe Curry’. He was very active on the Triumph e-mail list – which is still active.

- Art

Out In The West Texas Town of El Paso. . .

Art Graves

It would have been easy to weasel my way out of a long trip to El Paso last week for the British Car Days 2001, sponsored by the British Motorcar Club of Southern New Mexico. It’s a long drive and I was already tired from a week of late nights, but I decided to make the trip anyway. And I was glad I did as soon as I got in the car and on the road. You see, I was headed west and most oncoming traffic was

presumably headed for work.

When I hit the road at 7:00 AM it was rather cool (top down, of course), but luckily, I had my official HCTC sweatshirt — purchased just for this occasion. In fact, I kept it on until I reached the El Paso County line, when all of a sudden it got rather warm. The route to El Paso is simple: take US 290 west to IH 10, and take IH 10 to El Paso. The wildflowers were in bloom and were plentiful all the way to Ozona. I’ve made this trip many times and the routine is to get gas every 150 - 200 miles. There are long stretches of “no gas” and just “no nothing” on IH 10. So, I got gas in Junction and again in Fort Stockton. While in Fort Stockton, I paid a visit to Paisano Pete and ate lunch at my favorite Dairy Queen. Then I got brave and decided not to get gas in Van Horn.

The weather was beautiful in west Texas. Luckily all the Mongolian dust had settled from the previous week’s dust storm. I arrived in El Paso at about 3:30, local time. A scant 9 ½ hours! I like to go to this car show because it gives me a chance to visit with my mom, who lives in El Paso. But there wasn’t much



British Motorcar Club of Southern New Mexico logo, circa 2017

From the Archives

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time to visit Friday night. I was tired. So, after a short nap, a good Mexican dinner and a quick car wash, I called it a day.

I got up early the next morning to finish cleaning the TR6 and eat breakfast before heading out to La Mesilla. Mom surprised me by asking to spend all day at the show. We took the back roads through the chili farms of New Mexico, rather than get back on IH 10. The show is held in the Plaza of Old Mesilla — a very nice location. There are plenty of shops and restaurants in case you want to do something other than look at British cars.

There must have been about eighty cars at the show. Most were from New Mexico and Texas, but there were some from Arizona, Colorado and Utah. MGs were in the majority, but there were a good number of Jaguars and Austin Healey's. There were also several Minis and Sunbeams. I guess there were about seven Triumphs.

The guy next to me commented on the Triumph Mail List decal on my windscreen. I've had it for two years and this was the first time anyone mentioned it. Turns out, the guy next to me was Joe Curry, the person responsible for making the decals. And if you look closely at the picture below, you'll see a pool of "fluid" on the pavement near Joe's car.

After another great Mexican lunch at the nearby La Posta Restaurant, we went back to the car show and basked in the glory of all those British cars until 3:00 PM, when the show was over. This event includes a Saturday night dinner, a Sunday rallye and brunch awards banquet, but I skipped all that to do some chores around the old homestead and get a relatively early start back to Austin.

I finally hit the road at 11:30 Austin time. I decided I was going to set a new personal record in the drive between El Paso and Austin. No long stops! I got a good night's sleep, so I was ready to drive! I stopped for gas in Van Horn, and then decided I could make it to Ozona to get gas again. What I didn't count on was using substantially more gas at 80 mph than at 70 mph. I had to slow down about 30 miles outside of Ozona in order to get better fuel economy. I made it with a gallon to spare!

Other than that, the return trip was uneventful. I did get a lot of "thumbs up" from other cars. Even the border patrol check station in Sierra Blanca asked, "how's your Triumph running today?". My goal was to make it to Fredericksburg in time for dinner. I did, but unfortunately Fredericksburg Brewing Company closes at 7:00 PM on Sunday. I arrived at 7:01. Next time for sure!

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Art in his TR6, circa 2025

HCTC Christmas Party

Jacques Welter

The annual HCTC Christmas Party was hosted by Joe & Aaryn Payne at their house in the Bee Caves area on Friday, December 12th. The party was well attended by HCTC, with 42 club members attending.

The weather was accommodating for this late in the season, with temperatures starting in the high 60's. Joe & Aaryn used a combination of indoor and outdoor venues for their guests, with open fires and space heaters outside as the temps dipped later in the evening and conversation inside — a perfect combination.

With no set agenda, the party meandered at its own pace, with people merrymaking, catching up with each other, talking about family, trips planned, and — what else? — their cars.

Food was supplied by Smokey Mo's and HCTC members who brought desert. It was plentiful and good.

The highlight of the evening was the hat contest. With three categories — Most Original; Most Triumphant; and Best in Show. With so many to choose from, it was a hard decision on who would win but three folks definitely separated themselves from the herd.

- Most Original went to Art Graves for his interesting use of spark plug wires.
- Most Triumphant went to Brian Polk with his tiny, but effective, Triumph-themed hat.
- Best of Show went to Sam Vasquez with a battery-operated Panama hat that was hard to miss.

Congratulations to all the winners !!

The party broke up around 10 pm, and HCTC'ers headed for home. Nice job, Joe & Aaryn — a good time was had by all.



Hat contest winners. L to R: Sam Vasquez; Brian Polk; Art Graves

Every British car owner knows the name Lucas - literally the Prince of Darkness - and the raft of jokes that follow the name, like, "Why do Brits like warm beer? Because Lucas makes refrigerators too !!"

I've seen some fires started by Lucas as well, but I never thought I'd purposely use Lucas as a fire starter. All that changed at the Christmas Party this year. I give all the credit to Joe Payne - he handed me some Lucas hand sanitizer and said, "Jacques, we need to get a fire going ... you mind dealing with this?"

Not at all, Joe — and
voila a few minutes later
we had a blaze and
another Lucas tale to tell



HCTC Christmas Party

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L to R: Julie & Nick Roccaforte, Brian & Mary Polk, John Wolfe; Dan & Francis Julien; and Barb Wolfe



The back patio all decorated for Christmas



Dick and Carolyn Hunter



Out on the deck, L to R: Malcolm Grey, Wiley Christal, Karen Green, & Paul & Mary Carew



Our hosts, Aaryan & Joe Payne



Hat contest winners. L to R: Sam Vazquez; Brian Polk; Art Graves

HCTC Christmas Party

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Rod & Karen Hamilton



Karen & Bret Green



Jacques & Kim Welter prepare to hand out door prizes



L to R: Karen Green; Phil Taylor, Dan Julien; Mike McPhail; John Wolfe; & Jim Wells



Kim & Sam Vazquez



Did someone say, "Food?!?!?"

HCTC Christmas Party

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Just a few quick announcements and door prizes to give out



Nick and Julie Roccaforte



Kim Vazquez, Tina Bolick, Karen Graves, and Wiley & Carol Christal



Out on the deck, F to B: Carolyn & Dick Hunter; Rod &



The party at full throttle

HCTC's 2025 in review

Jacques Welter

As we usher in 2026, let's take a quick look back at 2025 and all the things HCTC did over the year.

JANUARY

The activity for the month was a drive to Vanderpool, Texas, and a run on the Twisted Sisters by Rip Torn; Dick Simonson, and Mike McPhail. Bob Kramer wrote about working on the late Henry Wattnberger's TR250; and a large contingent of HCTC'ers joined the Georgetown All-British Squadron at Pistons on the Square and then onto a glass blowing demonstration in Salado.



Triumph's outside of the Camp Verde General Store

FEBRUARY

HCTC took a couple's outing on Valentine's Week to Fredericksburg. Alas, the weather in Texas in February can be more than a little fickle — snow and lows in the middle single-digits greeted our band of travelers yet a good time was still had by all. February is also the month for 'Drive your Triumph Day' and a group of seven — Bob Kramer, Wiley Christal, Mike McPhail, Dick Simonson, Rip Torn, Jacques Welter, and Malcolm Gray — made the trip to the South Side Market in Bastrop.



Dinner out at the Granite Lounge. L to R: Jacques & Kim Welter; Mike McPhail; Bob & Barb Kramer; Tom & Joanne Gerardi; Cheryl & Rip Torn

March

A small contingent of HCTC took to the road, heading for Covington, LA, and the British Motoring Festival. Rip and Mike headed out from Hutto and were joined on the road by Art Graves. Our Social Hour was nearly drowned out in March as severe thunderstorms dropped 2"+ of rain on the Greater Austin Area. HCTC was out on the deck of the Country Line by the Lake. Plastic curtains and an indomitable spirit kept spirits high even if we were a little damp.



A very damp Social Hour at The Country Line amidst severe thunderstorms

HCTC's 2025 in review

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April

SC VTR Regionals were held in Waco in April. The breakdown bug and more inclement weather hit HCTC during the show, but everyone still had a great time. Thursday turned into a real frog strangler as Thunderstorms dumped 3.5"+ on Waco. Breakdowns by Art Graves; Jacques Welter; Roger Bolick; and Mike McPhail rounded out the week. In the case of Mike and Art, it was quickly sorted. In the case of Roger and Jacques, however, their cars went down for the count.



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

May

Twice a year the Pioneer Flight Museum holds a Wings and Wheels fly-in in Kingsbury, Tx. The May version had over 100 cars in the Wheels contingent and some 20+ airplanes representing the Wings. If you've never been to the Pioneer Flight Museum it's absolutely worth the drive. May was also the month the Social Hour shifted from County Line on the Lake to Waterloo Icehouse ... just as it had shifted from The Tavern to County Line on the Lake. We are still searching for a permanent venue.



Mike McPhail and Bret Green at the Wings and Wheels Fly-in event

June

June means only one thing for HCTC - the annual Summer Picnic (and good beer at Live Oak brewing. The owner, Chip McElroy, is an HCTC member and graciously allows us to use his facility). This year was an election year - happens every other year. Joe Payne stepped down and Jacques Welter was elected President in his place. The rest of the ticket- Jim Wells, Vice President; Dick Simonson, Secretary; Gary Payne, Treasurer - all returned for another term.



Joe Payne calls the HCTC Summer Picnic to order.

HCTC's 2025 in review

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July

The highlight of the Triumph calendar is VTR Nationals. This year they were held in LaCross, Wisconsin, and did not disappoint. Some 170+ cars made the journey to LaCross to show out, catch up with old friends, and compete for awards and trophies. Inclement weather, however, continued to dog the Texas contingent as it rained most of the way up to Wisconsin and we had a day of thunderstorms. But show day was bright and clear, and a good time was had by all.



The HCTC contingent shows out at VTR Nationals. L to R: Kim Welter; Jacques Welter; Mike McPhail; Art Graves; & Dick Simonson

August

August in Austin is generally a hot, miserable month where we keep indoors and avoid driving non-airconditioned cars, but this year was the exception as HCTC headed out to Maddie's Mexican restaurant for breakfast and then a long drive to Fredericksburg, ending up at the Altstadt Brewery. The drive included a rain shower - rarer than hens teeth in August in Austin - but all arrived in good spirits and departed the same way.



HCTC at Maddie's. L to R: Henry Reynolds; Aaryan & Joe Payne; Kim Welter; Kim & Sam Vazquez; Rip Torn; Mike McPhail; & Wiley Christal

September

If you've been following along, the common theme in 2025 was inclement weather, with thunderstorms, hail, high winds and cold snaps nearly every month of the year. In what has become a regular pilgrimage, a few hardy souls made the trip up to Fayetteville, AK, for Brits in the Ozarks where they ran into - you guess it - thunderstorms and more rain. The show field actually was flooded out, but HCTC still showed out taking home a First in Class by Art Graves and a Second in Class by Mike McPhail.



Jim Wells caught in a downpour on the way to Brits in the Ozarks

HCTC's 2025 in review

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October

October means the Texas All British Car Days event, held at Dos Conchas Ranch on the second weekend of October, Friday thru Sunday. This year we had 94 cars register with some 28 cars from HCTC alone. Besides TX ABCD, there was South Texas ABCD, held in Gruene this year, where HCTC showed out again; and the 6-pack Trials held in North Carolina. Our road warriors (Mike McPhail & Art Graves) decided to head out the the show and run the Tail of the Dragon.



Sunday morning's Breakfast run down Park Road 4 and ending up at Bear King Brewing for brunch. We had eleven cars on the run this year.

November

After an October where there was an event (sometimes two) every week, November was a month for catching out collective breath and relaxing just a bit. It didn't mean we did nothing - there was still Pistons on the Square and the Highland Games in Salado, but the pace was noticeably slower in November ... girding our loins, so to speak, for December



HCTC @ the Highland Games. L to R: Neil Hedden; Wiley Christal; Roger Allen; Jim Wells; Dick Simonson; Mike McPhail; Brett Green

December

Which brings us back to this issue — and an activity literally every week in December, from the Women of HCTC heading out to a high tea to 25 people showing up for Brits & Barley — not to mention the Christmas Party, the Tour De Lites, the monthly breakfast, the Social Hour ...

And there it is, 2025 in review. Looking forward to more adventures in 2026.

I hope to see you out there



Joe Payne calls the HCTC Summer Picnic to order.

“Old Yeller” A Rescue Mission

Malcolm Grey

This car was found by Jimmy White in February this year and was restored by Jimmy and fellow HCTC member Malcolm Grey.

It is a 1966 Triumph Spitfire Mk 2 and appears to have originally been painted dark green. A previous owner had repainted it yellow and we decided to keep it that color and named her “Old Yeller”.

The car had been neglected but not abused and “stored” outside near a barn and unused since 2018 (according to the license sticker)

A non-runner with flat and perished tires, terrible paint work and seized brakes we managed to drag it out of the mud and up onto a trailer. This was in February 2025.

Back at Jimmy’s we set about the restoration on his front driveway. (Sorry neighbors!)

We worked our way through the fuel system, Rusty gas tank, blocked lines and leaking carbs, new filter etc, While waiting for carb parts we started on the braking system Replaced the brakes pads, shoes and any leaking cylinders, drained and replaced fluid and adjusted as best we could without being able to test drive it yet.

The steering appeared good but new tires were fitted all around and the bearings all checked and greased. It appeared that vehicle had gone through some pretty thorough restoration about 4440 miles before it was “abandoned” (That was the mileage that the odometer now shows)

With the carbs fixed and some new spark plugs we were delighted that the car actually fired up. The engine compression was good. Oil pressure is good and timing seemed spot on. The alternator, water pump and starter all functioned well. The brakes did in fact work very well and she drove straight and smooth. After some minor tuning she sounded very healthy too. We flushed and refilled all fluids and cooling was good

Now electricals and appearance needed timely and expensive attention.



“Stored” outside ... near a barn



All loaded up, hooked up, and ready to haul away



Jimmy White working his way through the car and evaluating needs

HCTC Roadtrip with Georgetown All British Squadron

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After a lot of preparation the car was sent to Benitez Paint & Body in Austin 78744 for a very good paint job. We re-fitted new door window seals, re-aligned doors, hood and trunk lid. There is also an available hard top needing work.

We were greatly troubled by most of the lighting, partly due to previous owners' efforts, but eventually overcame all issues with brake lights, indicators, sidelights, reverse and main beam controls.

Everything else benefited from a lot of TLC , The interior including, upholstery, door trims and dashboard and chrome work consumed many hours under the Texas sun.

As with all classics there are still a couple of minor issues to address that will provide opportunities for the next owner.

Footnote

We had the car ready for the TxABCD show in October and received third place in it's class.

HCTC Member Neil Hedden has since purchased the vehicle !



Just a bit of wiring work ... and some Lucas Harness Smoke to finish it



Finished dash & cockpit



Elbow grease and a lot of hours



Going ... going ... gone !! To Neil Hedden

Women of HCTC & Tillie's

Kim Welter

Then there's nothing more to be said. Are we going to have tea? Or not?

– The Dowager Countess, *Downton Abbey*

At the November Monthly HCTC Breakfast meeting, I put a question to the women present: Was there was any interest in heading out for a High Tea at Tillie's in Dripping Springs? After a positive reception, Kim Vazquez and I began planning almost immediately for an afternoon outing to Tillie's for a High Tea.

Located at Camp Lucy Resort in Dripping Springs, we headed out on Wednesday, December 3rd. In attendance: Nel McPhail; Francis Julien; Karen Green; Cheryl Torn; Julie Rocceforte; Kim Vazquez; and myself.

We made a reservation and were seated almost immediately. The menu consisted of delicious classic English seasonal scones and croissants served with whipped honey butter and jam; Finger Sandwiches of smoked salmon lox, chicken salad, and cucumber with hummus; Savory delights of pimento cheese crostini and deviled eggs; and topping it off with desserts of seasonal macaroons, red velvet, and chocolate chip tea cakes. The favorite tea selections among us were the Almond Cookie Green Tea, Lemon Lavender Organic Herbal Tea, and the Wedding Chai Black Tea.

As a fun presento, everyone received individual goodie-bags designed as fun mini tool kits for the ladies. They contained items potentially found in our handbags to enhance our experience on drives in our British cars.

The Tea at Tilley's was the first of what will hopefully be many fun filled outings for the British car club ladies and HCTC. We are going to run outings on a quarterly cadence, so stay tuned for the upcoming Women of HCTC Spring event. If you want more information, or want to participate, please reach out to myself or Kim Vazquez and we'll add your name to the mailing list.



Nel McPhail & Francis Julien at the High Tea



Just a sampling of what was offered by Tillie's



The food was plentiful and delicious



Left to Right: Kim Welter; Julie Roccaforte; Cheryl Torn; Kim Vazquez; Karen Green; Francis Julien; Nel McPhail

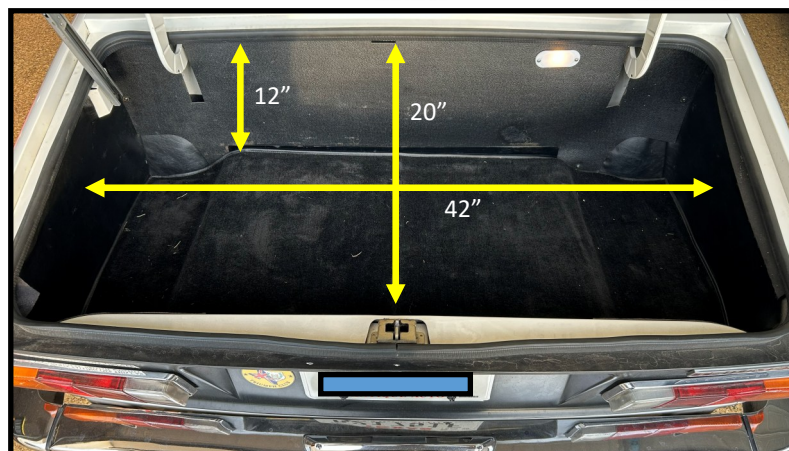
Junk in the Trunk

Mike McPhail



Successful Road Warriors carry lots of Spare Parts! Here are a few I take with me when I'm traveling:

- **Lubricants:** 2 quarts of Motor Oil, sachet of Grease, Oil Pressure Line Plug
- **Tire care:** Spare Tire, Jack, Jack Stands, Tire Tool, Tire Plugging Kit with 12V Air Pump
- **Fuel:** Fuel pump, 10' of 5/16" Rubber Fuel Line with Clamps, Carburetor Kits
- **Cooling:** Set of Radiator/heater Hoses w/Clamps and 2 gallons of Water, Fan Belt, Water Pump, Radiator Stop-Leak
- **Shifting & Braking:** Clutch and Brake Cylinder Rebuild Kits, Brake Fluid
- **Electric:** Alternator Brushes, Brake Switch & Bulbs, 6' of 16-gauge Wire, Voltmeter, assorted Electrical Connectors, Fuses
- **Ignition:** Points, Rotor, Condenser, Wires, Spark plugs, Coil, Distributor Cap... might as well just have another whole distributor!
- **Suspension & Drive Train:** U-joints
- **Tools:** Lots of Tools (wrenches, pliers, screw drivers, mallets, electrical pliers, socket sets, etc.)
- **Miscellaneous:** Some Electrical Tape, Duct Tape, Table Ties, JB Quik Weld, assorted Nuts, Bolts and Screws



Just 4.5 cu ft. of storage in a TR6 with a maximum height of 12" - at the back of the trunk (9" at the front)

Editor's Note: There's not a lot of storage in a Triumph. With space at a premium, even traveling overnight to places requires a delicate balance between parts / fluid needs (oil, parts, tools, etc.) and personal essentials (clothing). In HCTC, we have some real road warriors — folks who put tens of thousands of miles on their Triumph every year going to shows and events. This series, *Junk in the Trunk*, is a list of all the gear they carry in their trunk — no space is wasted. In the last two years Art Graves; Rip Torn; Wiley Christal; and now Mike McPhail have shared their list with the club. There are some common themes in these articles ... and some unique perspectives. Enjoy.



Gaps between the spare & the spare well can be used as storage

News from Mike's Motors

Mike McPhail

As promised, the Carmine Red 1976 TR6 has been submitted to Bring a Trailer and will be up for auction very soon. In keeping with the “what might a new owner expect to fix on his new ride” series, here are a few more of the upgrades on this Triumph.

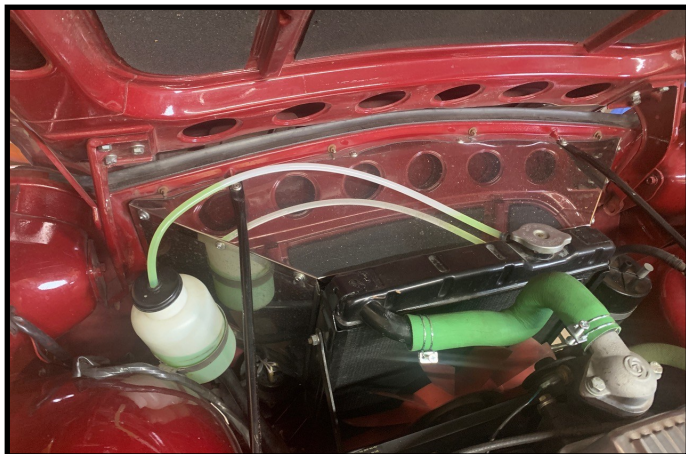
Metal radiator shroud: The original style paper item fits poorly and is guaranteed to disintegrate the first time it gets wet. Coupled with a new radiator, cool running is a sure thing!

Emission control delete: Triumph did a fantastic job of curbing air pollution without penalizing performance, but the add-ons certainly complicate things under the hood. The air pump is unlikely to work after all these years and is easily removed. Same for the EGR valve, diverter valve, and associated plumbing. The PCV and anti-run-on systems are worth retaining, as PCV does an admirable job of eliminating smelly fumes, while keeping minor engine leaks in check. The rather complicated anti-run-on set-up puts an end to that annoying dieseling!

The Lucas 25D6 distributor is a hard working and often neglected component. There are services that offer to return a worn-out unit to as-new condition, but brand new dizzies with internal electronic ignition modules are available. Be aware that these distributors require a vacuum advance connection from the carburetor. That would be the take-off on top... the one on the bottom of the ZS CD175 is for the retard unit on the 25D6!

The by-pass valve on the Stromberg CD175 is prone to malfunction, causing permanent fast idle. The proximity of the hard-to-reach float bowls to the exhaust manifold leads to hot-start problems. There are remedies for all this, but a pair of SU HS6 carbs fixes everything!

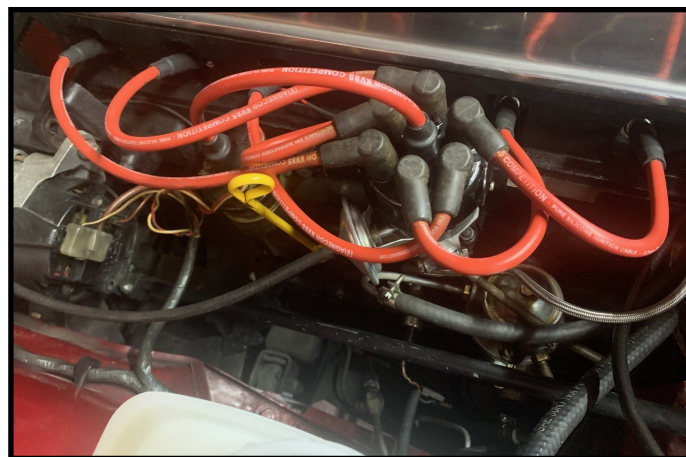
The 1970's vintage starter motor weighs a ton and if present has been rebuilt many times. A modern gear reduction starter will take up less space, draw less amperage and



Stainless Steel radiator shroud



SU HS6s with PVC



New distributor and wires

News from Mike's Motors

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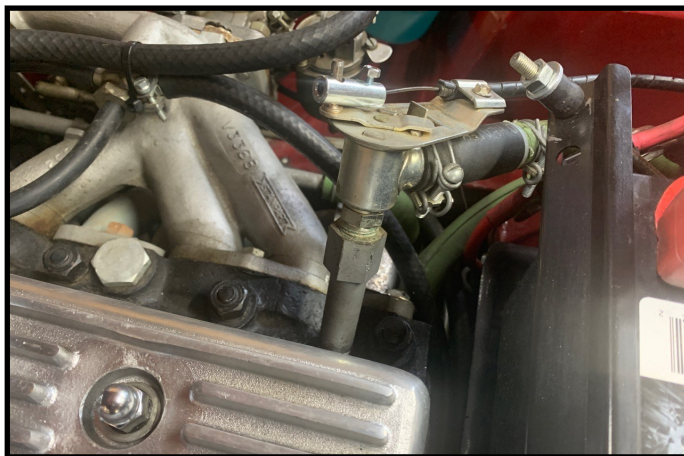
spin faster... much easier to install too!

That tired old wiper motor can be replaced with a new unit, although some of the parts must be reused. The "Clear Hooters brand" wiper switch has probably been replaced already with a slightly wider version. Be glad you did not have to do it... quite a bit of filing on the metal dash aperture is required!

No matter how hard you pull the knob, the heater is not going to come on. Greasing the cable helps a lot, but replacing the valve with a modern Herco ball-valve is "the Hot Set-up"!

The first thing to replace on that spiffy new Triumph are the rusty old steel fuel lines. Fuel in that grungy gas tank feeds from the bottom, so all the silt in the tank settles in the line. A filter installed near the tank's outlet will help immensely, or better still, get a shiny new 13 ½ gallon tank!

The original steel wheels are often bent and therefore impossible to balance. New radial tires and attractive mag wheels add a great deal of enjoyment to driving a TR6. The vintage Armstrong lever shocks in the rear don't always get the job done, but a tube shock conversion is relatively inexpensive and easy to install. Perfecting the rear alignment can be tricky, but easier with Good Parts adjustable trailing arm brackets to go along with their upgraded bushings!



Herco Heater valve



13.5 gallon tank



Tube Shock



Adjustable bracket



New wheels and tires

Keeping Your Ragtop On

Jacques Welter

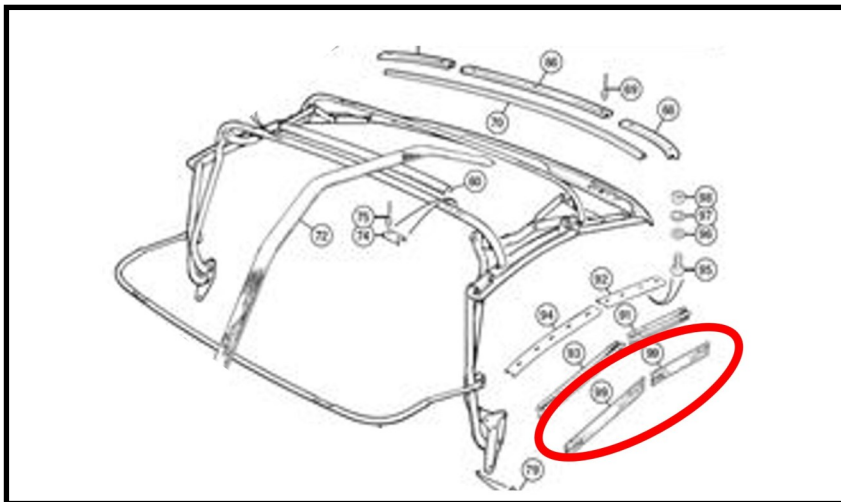
I don't know your experience with using Velcro on the convertible frame to hold down the sides of the top, but my experience has been ... sub-optimal. First peel-and-stick velcro, no matter the rating of the adhesive, just will not stick to the metal of the frame for any length of time. Heat melts the adhesive; rain affects it; and wind / slipstream lifts it clean. In short, it's a constant war to adjust, remount, and replace after going down the highway at any speed.

I knew there were better solutions out there, but other things interfered. It didn't really become a priority until after I replaced my top with a Robbins cloth top — it looked like the car was spreading its wings going down the highway. So I did like I usually do when I have a question on my TR6 ... I consulted Mike's Motors for a solution.

The solution turns out to be a convertible top velcro kit (yes velcro, but with a difference !!) All three popular catalogs carry the kit — Moss Motors, British Parts Northwest, and Rimmer Brothers. The kit consists of four parts (front & back, left and right), with each part having four pieces: three vinyl top strips sewn in the shape of a 'U' and a male piece of velcro sewn to the outside of the U.

One nice thing about Mike's Motors — you learn a helluva lot working with Mike on things. First things first, I unsnapped the top from the frame but did not remove the windshield channel, folding the top over the windshield and onto the bonnet.

Next step was to spray adhesive the pieces of the kit. While the adhesive became tacky, Mike and I removed the top seals on each side of the frame



The velcro strip set can be found in BPNW, Rimmer Bros, and Moss Motors catalogs



Top unsnapped and folded neatly over the windshield to avoid tears and wrinkles



Top frame with top side rails; nuts, washers; and bolts & top side seals removed. Parts removed can be seen on both passenger and driver's seat.

HCTC @ The 6-Pack Trials

Mike McPhail

and the top side rails. (The side rail seals push into a channel in the rail; each top side rail is held in by four screws and nuts with lock washers).

Once the top side rails and seals are removed, we cleaned the frame of any loose debris and then brought the velcro kits over and fitted them to the frames. As is normal with these kind of projects, the first one took as long as the other three combined, but in no time we had all four pieces of the velcro kit mounted.

The next step was to reverse the process by putting on the top side rails and then the side rail seals. Note: the side rail seals have a 'J' channel on them for capturing water—the J faces out.

The next step was to add some buffer on the top of the frame where the straps are riveted to the frame to prevent chaffing, wear and tear. We used the female side of the self-adhering velcro to cover the plates on the frame and then remounted the top. Total project time was about two hours.

The end result? You can bounce a quarter on my top — the fit is perfect. Best of all, the top stayed place at 85 mph running down the freeway in a cross-wind — no more 'wings' and cursing the velcro gods.

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Spray adhesive on the back of the kit



Kit in place, channel & channel seals set



Velcro covering frame plates



Side rail seal

in



A top so taunt and clean you could bounce a quarter on it

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. It is my pleasure to announce we picked up two new members at the end of 2025

Comings ...

New HCTC members:

- Tony & Louise Brito
- Derek McWilliams

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.



2026



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JAN

1 New Years Day

10HCTC Morning mtg

20HCTC Social Hr

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FEB

10Sir J. Black/DYTD

14HCTC Morning mtg

17HCTC Social Hr

16 Presidents' Day

GTN Air & Car Show

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14HCTC Morning mtg

17HCTC Social Hr

27-28 New Orleans British Motoring Festival

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APR

5 Easter Sunday

11HCTC Morning mtg

No Social Hour - SC VTR

20-23 VTR S. Central Reg M-T

Canyon of Eagles

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MAY

Pioneer Flit Museum Drive

9HCTC Morning mtg

19HCTC Social Hr

25Memorial Day observed

All Brit & Euro Car DAL

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JUN

13HCTC Annual mtg/ Picnic

16HCTC Social Hr

TRA National Meet

Greater Ozarks

Euro-Expo Cr Sh OK

Brits & Barley 4th Sunday but varies

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4 Independence Day

11HCTC Morning mtg

21HCTC Social Hr

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8HCTC Morning mtg

18HCTC Social Hr

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SEP

7Labour Day observed

12HCTC Morning mtg

15HCTC Social Hr

19 Britts on the Bluff

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OCT

04 Houston ABCD Dallas ABCD

9-11 Texas All British Car

14-18 VTR Nationals

20 HCTC Social Hr

24 South Texas ABCD

22-24 Brits in the Ozarks

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NOV

14HCTC Morning mtg

11 Veterans Day

17 HCTC Social Hr

26 Thanksgiving Day

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DEC

12 HCTC Morning mtg/Xmas Party TBC

15 HCTC Social Hr/Tour D'Lites

25 Christmas

HCTC & SC VTR 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**



British Motoring Festival

British Motoring Festival

Save the
Date!



Save the
Date!

**March 28, 2026 Covington Trailhead
Downtown Covington, Louisiana**

See the Covington Trailhead and surrounding streets filled with British sports cars, trucks, bikes and other cool British vehicles!

***Free and open to the public
Best public viewing 11 'til 4
Valve cover races 1 p.m.
Awards ceremony 3 p.m.***



British Motoring Club New Orleans

VEHICLE REGISTRATION AND MORE INFORMATION AT BMCNO.ORG

Brits & Barley

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

Brits & 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; Lotus of Texas, 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 !!

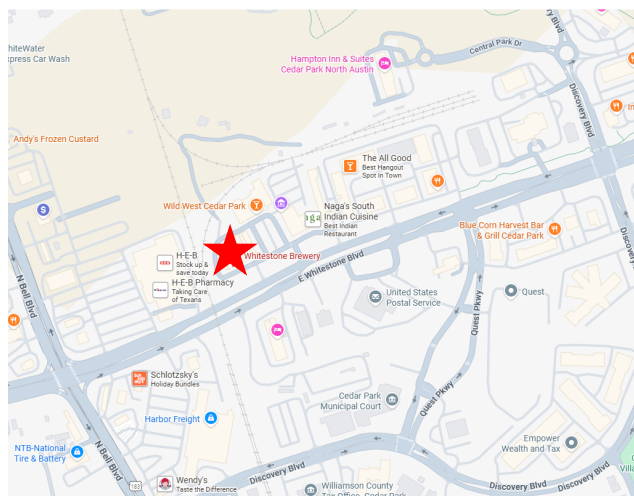
January

WHERE: Whitestone Brewery

401 E Whitestone Blvd Suite A-108

Cedar Park, TX 78613

WHEN: Sunday, January 25th, starting at **2:00 pm**



HCTC Events

HCTC Breakfast Waterloo Icehouse Saturday, January 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. Plan your arrival for 9:30—9:45 as the meeting (and breakfast) starts by 10:00 am.

We hope to see you there !!



HCTC Social Hour Nosh & Bevv Tuesday, January 20th

The Social Hour has changed its day & location for January !!

We will be at Nosh & Bevv on Burnet Road !! 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.



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

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.

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.

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.

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).**