

The

September 2021



RAGTOP



Thoughts from Rip

Rip Torn



As the summer of 2021 draws to a close, I wanted to share a few thoughts on where have been and where we are headed. As our meetings have been reorganized for the upcoming year, I wanted to start by recognizing and welcoming our New & Returning members:

- Stephen Fain 70 TR6
- DeeAnn Bishop TR8
- Samuel Vazquez 76 TR6
- Scott Sorci AH3000

Please greet them at our upcoming meetings and events with our Hill Country hospitality. Speaking of meetings for August we not only had our two meetings by popular request we also had a pre-meeting drive led by our own Mike McPhail. Going back to the Tavern was a good starting point for our social hour tradition that was surprisingly not crowded and the traffic was light that Tuesday. Good discussions ensued and it was good to be back there again. The following Saturday we started the morning with a hill country drive starting at the Oasis parking lot end ended at Waterloo for our business meeting. Details (minutes) are available for that meeting and the board meetings through our Secretary, Jim Wells on request. We had 8 Triumphs in the lot that morning and even a Triumph Recovery Vehicle (TRV) from Jack Land present. We will try to have club drives every few meetings either before or after the meeting. We will attend several out-of-town events and plan to convoy up together for those. Stay tuned to the Ragtop and the new website for the details and news on events.

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Speaking of the Ragtop, Dan continues to do yeoman's work on that award winning publication and thanks to him for his continued dedication to getting the word out. To complement the Ragtop, we have revamped the website at www.hillcountrytriumphclub.org thanks to Kyle Fagan. We have better software that will make keeping the calendar and events easier more importantly current. Thanks, Kyle, for a great start and we will have more links on there echoing the *Ragtop* info as well as ordering info for club shirts, items, name tags, etc. Scot Sorci is joining the board with a marketing background as will work to develop a membership drive as well as a more effective social media presence for the club. Communication is paramount for me as a member of the club and the board is working hard to improve this to serve the membership.

So, one of focuses of being a member of the club is to have fun getting together. In addition to attending meetings locally and socializing we have several events coming up in the fall starting with Vintage Triumph Register (VTR) National Convention in Edmond, OK. The club members interested in convoying up north of the Red River will meet and head up as a

group with the TRV to assist carrying extra things to make the event more fun. We will have more details about that shortly. My first VTR event was the Dripping Springs event in 2019 and it was a great time socializing, meeting new enthusiasts and experts, attending seminars and drives. The car show was spectacular. If you can make it, the VTR is only a state away and well worth it.

Closer to home 24-26 September is the Texas All British Car Days (TxABCD), in Round Rock. Jim, Bob, and other club members have organized this event for the last 30 years. It too, is a lot of fun with people coming in from all over the state and country for this event. Whether you drive in the road rally, show off your car, or just go to meet folks you will have fun here. If you have time to help, they are looking for volunteers. Check out the website and sign up to go.

Other events you will find in our media:

- Oct 1 Red Bull Races, COTA



- Oct 7-9 Brits in the Ozarks, Fayetteville AR
- Oct 14-16 Triumphfest, Flagstaff, AZ
- Oct 22-24 Formula 1, COTA
- October 31, Rolling Sculpture Car Show, Bee Cave
- November 12-15 Scottish Highland Games, Salado
- Nov 13 Car and Air Show, Kingsbury, TX
- December TBD Xmas Drive

Again, check the *Ragtop* and website for links and details.

The club meetings are planned to be every second Tuesday night for a Social Hour that the location will rotate quarterly to different parts of our membership area. If you have suggestions, please let our VP Joe Payne know and we will discuss moving there for 3 meetings. The main business and breakfast meeting is planned for the 2nd Saturday morning at Waterloo Ice House in Austin 2222 and Mopac at 10 AM. This location is almost midpoint for our members in the Hill Country so come on by and let us know what is on your mind. As always check the *Ragtop* and website for updates.

What other events are planned? We need ideas and people to organize things like fix-it days, club drives (other than to Breakfast), Car races, Christmas/ holiday party, and joint events with other clubs. Mike McPhail who, like many of you has served this club for a long time is our Event/ Activities coordinator. He is here to help organize events and support what you want to do. Thank you, Mike, for taking on this challenge.

Finally, I want to recognize the Executive Board for taking on the challenge of implementing some changes to improve the club and its operation. We have

established a budget with Mike Schubert to see where we can best employ our money and he watches it closely. Joe Payne is my right hand and does a lot of coordination with others, and Jim Wells, our secretary, is working hard to establish and keep track of where we have been. Nel McPhail continues to serve as the Membership Chair and keeps track of who is where and who owes dues. Please keep current on your dues payment, she does send out reminders. Scott, Dan, and Kyle work on the communications and we are building on a strong newsletter to keep you informed. So, we have been very busy trying to serve our members and please thank the board members for their extra time and efforts.

To wrap up this missive know that we are working hard for you. We listened to your inputs through the survey sent out a couple of months ago about meetings. Expect more surveys as we go on. If you really like something or dislike something, send me an email and let me know. (I am not on social media). We look forward to seeing you at meetings and at events as we have those planned to the end of the year. Most importantly DRIVE THOSE BRITISH CARS and have fun!

—*Rip*

Trivia corner: The rights to the Triumph marque are currently owned by [BMW](#), who purchased the Rover Group in 1994.



Secretary's Report August 2021

Jim Wells



Well, the drive to this past HCTC meeting began like most drives in August—a clear pale blue sky and pleasant temperatures, with the promise of rising temperatures to follow. But what else would you expect in Central Texas in the middle of summer. That said, this summer, and the year so far, has been quite uncharacteristic for Texas weather—Snowmageddon in February and one of the wettest summers in Central Texas I can recall. Nonetheless, the hour drive south from Yankee territory was pleasant and traffic was light for a Saturday morning.

As I pulled into The Waterloo Ice House parking lot I could see Mike McPhail driving ahead in his Spit 6 claiming our usual parking section farthest from the restaurant. As members made their way in, conversations continued on all topics



Triumph and meals were ordered. By 10:30, Club President Rip Torn called the meeting to order with introductions to follow. It was good to see familiar faces in attendance as well as two new members—Sam Vasquez and Steve Fain, both of whom drove their Triumphs—1976 TR6 and 1970 TR6, respectively. Of the thirteen members, in attendance, nine of us drove our Triumphs. Mike McPhail was introduced as our new “Events Coordinator” and Scott Sorci as our new marketing director.

Club Vice President Joe Payne, opened up discussion with the results of last month’s survey regarding the times and locations of future club meetings. Saturday meetings will continue to be held on the second Saturday of each month at the Waterloo Ice House, beginning at 10:00 AM, with





possible drives occurring before or after the meeting, depending on the time of year and weather conditions; early drives in warmer weather and later drives in cooler weather. Tuesday evenings club meetings, or “social gatherings” will be held on the second Tuesday night of each month, beginning at 7:00 PM. The location of Tuesday’s meetings will change as determined by the officers and suggestions proposed by members. The location will be posted on the Club website and published in the Ragtop prior to each meeting. September’s social gathering will be held the second Tuesday at 7:00 at Garbo’s, located in north Austin at 12709 N. Mopac Expressway.

Upcoming car events were discussed, to include this year’s Vintage Triumph Register in Edmond OK, the Texas All British Car Days, the Rolling Sculpture, the Highland Games in Salado, and the Kingsbury Air and Car Show in mid-November. Also, keep your calendar open for future racing events and Fix-It days to be posted. Look for dates to be posted in



the “Upcoming Events” section of the Ragtop. Another source of club information will be in our new and improved website. Though it is still a work in progress, Kyle Fagen, with input from Scott Sorci, is currently tweaking the club website to make it more user-friendly and functional. Can’t wait to see the finished product!

Other topics of discussion mentioned Saturday was various club advertisement ideas, such as badges, license plate frames, koozies, bumper stickers/magnets, T-shirts. Keith Denebeim introduced affordable custom-made car flags and metal plates depicting cars or classic Triumph advertisements. Who knew? Anyway, lots of information, an up-close look at the car modifications other members are making to their cars, and maybe a little gossip, is always available at our Saturday club meetings.

By 11:30, those in attendance were ready to go their separate ways. As for Joe Payne, Mike McPhail, and myself, we headed out on a scenic road trip through West Lake to Mike’s workshop. Joe had some shock issues to fix and I had a new convertible top to install. *Carpe diem* was our motto that day and, with the help of Mike, much was accomplished! But I guess that is a story for another article. Until then...

Tara!

Jim Wells

HCTC Secretary



From the Archives

Art Graves



Longtime HCTC member Bob Skewis has taken on many club responsibilities. In May 2008 he was our club secretary. The Hub restaurant he speaks of, to the best of my knowledge was located on Dry Creek Road, just off of FM2222 near MoPac. The restaurant is no longer open.

May Meeting

by Bob Skewis | *Bob's Your Uncle*

We tried The Hub once again last month. Although the food is good and the staff is very supportive, the facility is not conducive to a good meeting. I'm afraid that the popularity of this venue precludes us from using it again. That being said, we had a good get-together with eight members bringing Triumphs to the lot. There were a of youngsters about with a lot of interest in our cool cars. I invited a brother and sister team to sit in Doris the Spit and you should have seen their eyes light up. We should all take every opportunity to spark an interest in the younger set you never know which ones will be inspired to carry on the Triumph Torch! After discussing our triumphs at the recent Tyler regional, The Leader announced his abdication of the throne.

Luckily, Steve Johnson has volunteered to guide us in the coming year. This will become official at the next meeting. Bill (we can go back to calling him Bill now that his reign has ended) will retire to a support

role and volunteer on the committee to organize next year's regional in Marble Falls and the ABCD in September. Thanks, Bill — job well done. Our door prize drawing produced some buzz as Candy Johnson donated a prize she won at Tyler - all you can eat wings at Hooters for 11 close friends. The buzz turned to grumbling as Lucky Lucy McPhail had the lucky number. Lucy had an instant crowd of friends as we started calculating the closest Hooters to Drippin' Springs! Lucy's baby boy won a cooler that plugs in the your 12-volt outlet in the car. Willis Thorstadt and Richard Ceraldi won gimme caps from Castrol. Very stylish. The Spitfire/GT6 racing team reported that they took two first place finishes at the last autocross at the Harris Hill Road Course. There are videos on YouTube — if you can't find them, contact Don Couch for a link. Robert McKenzie took some great stills with some cars getting air topping the hill on the course.

The group is still looking for more participation, so ask to join in! TIME magazine has for years run a column called Milestones, and I have decided to add some milestones to this column when I hear

about them. So, here goes. Steve Johnson finally reached a milestone by bringing his TR4A to the party. After working on it for years and, maybe, being the only man to store a complete car in his attic instead of his garage he has a beautiful daily driver to run the streets with. Congratulations to Candy, too. I suspect there are two Triumphs in the garage and the American / Japanese iron is on the driveway. Humm sounds like my house! Also being mentioned in this milestone segment is Harry Taggart and his recent valve job. No,

not on the car - on his heart. Harry is 88 years old and in good physical health due to his regular tennis workouts. Six weeks prior to the meeting he underwent heart valve repair and was feeling and looking great. Harry gave kudos to an excellent surgeon and the staff at Scott and White in Temple. As a celebration of his continued health, he bought a Pontiac Solstice, which he brought to the meeting. He may not have a Triumph anymore, but he'll always be one of us. Harry, Steve and I will see you on the road.

Early Bird Breakfast Drive

September 11, 2021



Mike McPhail

Can't sleep? Like to drive your Triumph? Tired of nosy questions? Join the HCTC for another scenic breakfast run Saturday, September 11. Meet at Jim's Coffee Shop at the "Y" in Oak Hill at 8:30 for a 9 AM departure. This month we will travel all the marvelous backroads in West Austin: Old Bee Cave Road, Barton Creek Blvd, Lost Creek Blvd, Westlake Drive, Redbud Trail, Scenic Drive, Mount Bonnell Road, RR 2222, and more!

TR4 Progress Report for August 2021

Mike McPhail

Last month Joe and I had the rolling chassis pretty much rehabilitated, so it was time to turn our attention to the body. Anybody can turn a wrench, but paint and body work is a task for the professionals. A call to Jerry Mitchell (Have Gun, Will Travel Paint and Body) got things on track. In no time he had the bonnet and engine compartment looking like new and with help from Rip and Wiley, the body was ready to be reunited with the chassis. All that nasty cleaning and painting of the

underside was undertaken and the really fun part (bolting on the new and refurbished items) had begun. In just a few hours a day, off and on for a month rendered a TR4 moving under its own power and ready for a new interior!

September will be busy, with road trips to VTR in Edmond and Texas ABCD, but hopefully the TR4 project will be finished sometime in October!



Refurbished chassis.



Overdrive box.



Jerry at work.



Engine bay before paint.



Ready for primer.



In primer.



Fresh paint.



Prepped for paint.



Red bonnet.



Flip side.



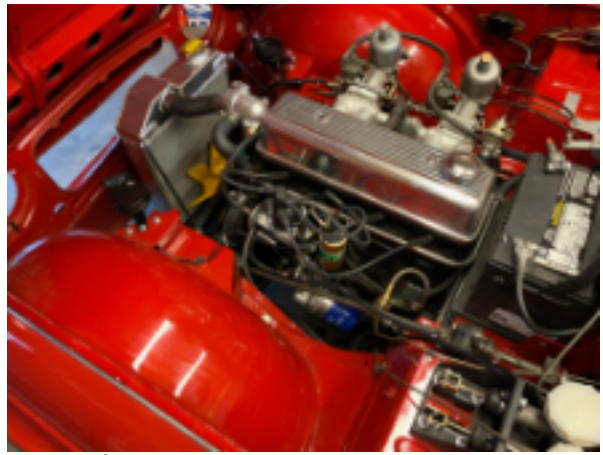
Scrabble.



Dirty work.



Bottom shines too!



Engine bay.



Dash in progress.



On the road again.

30th Annual Texas All British Car Days

Jim Icenhower

The 30th Annual Texas All British Car Days will be held September 24, 25 and 26 this year. We're expecting a great turnout including the Rolls Royce/Bentley "Fall Fling" which should bring plenty of these beautiful cars to the show.

We will kick the weekend off with a happy hour at The Brass Tap in Round Rock. This event is open to anyone including folks not registered for TXABCD. The Brass Tap has hired a musician just for our event.

Saturday starts off with the Hospitality Suite open at the host hotel, the Homewood Suites in Round Rock. You can register, buy shirts, hats and other logo items, have a snack and visit with others who love LBCs here.

Our Saturday morning drive will be to Frontyard Brewing for beer tasting and a light lunch. We're meeting at 8:35 at Elizabeth Milburn Park and leaving promptly at 9 for a pleasant cruise to the brewery.

Saturday afternoon we will have the "Stiff Upper Lip" Rallye with a meeting for drivers and navigators at 2PM and the first car leaving at 3PM.

This year's rallye will help us leave our Covid collywobbles behind and set our cars and drivers safely free, as we leave from our host hotel and explore 80 miles of winding roads, rolling hills and charming

small communities in beautiful east Williamson County. Bring that stiff-upper-lip attitude you've perfected since the last TXABCD. Keep calm and carry on as you navigate the sometimes challenging drive route and search for answers to those cheeky clues (estimated time of 2 hours +/-). Bob's your uncle! for everyone who finally makes it to Sheet's Ranch to join their mates for the wonderful Texas BBQ banquet. Only one team will feel proper chuffed to receive the First Place rallye prize at awards time. All registered participants are welcome to run the rallye even if they are not staying for the catered dinner.

Saturday night we have the catered dinner at the wonderful Sheets Longhorn ranch. If you have been to the dinner in recent years you know how nice this outdoor dinner is.

Sunday is the big car show! We will start day-of-show registration and parking cars at 8AM. The show is open and free to the public so invite anyone you know! Voting stops at noon and the awards ceremony starts at 1 PM. The Best in Show award has been created by our own Dan Julien and is beautiful.

Please join us at the show. It's the largest gathering of British cars in Central Texas. You're sure to have a great time!



The 30th Texas All British Car Days is on for
September 24th, 25th & 26th

Register at WWW.TXABCD.org

Hope to see you there!

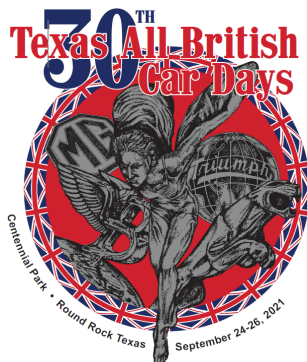
2021 TEXAS ALL BRITISH CAR DAYS SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

FRIDAY - SEPTEMBER 24

- 4:00 pm – 7:00 pm Happy Hour at The Brass Tap (*Wear something British/Car related*)
204 E Main Street, Round Rock, TX 78664
- 6:30 pm – 8:00 pm Registration Open - Homewood Suites – Hospitality Suite

SATURDAY - SEPTEMBER 25

- 7:30 am - 3:00 pm Event Registration & Rallye Registration
in Homewood Suites Hospitality Suite
- 8:45 am – 1:00 pm Front Yard Brewery Drive w/ Lite Lunch - Spicewood TX
Depart Elizabeth Milburn Park at 9:15 am
(1901 Sunchase Blvd., Cedar Park TX 78613)
- 2:00 pm & 2:30 pm Rallye Driver/Navigator Meeting
at Homewood Suites
- 3:00 pm “*Stiff Upper Lip*”, Fun Driving Rallye (ending at dinner)
First driver out departing from Homewood Suites
- 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm Dinner at Sheets' Longhorn Ranch
BBQ Dinner - Catered by Poke-e-jo's (Prepaid – must have ticket)



SUNDAY - SEPTEMBER 26

- 8:00 am - 11:00 pm Registration at Centennial Plaza – Round Rock TX
- 8:00 pm - 1:00 pm Door Prize “pick-up” at Registration area (car number is door prize number)
- 9:00 am - 12:00 pm Show and Shine - Participants Choice Voting
- 9:00 am - 12:00 pm People’s Choice Voting (Spectators)
- 10:00 am - 12:00 pm Daily Driver, Best Right Hand Drive, Best Club Display &
Best Individual Display Award Judging (by pre-selected judges)
- 1:00 pm - 1:15 pm Ragtop Raffle (Robbins Top) to benefit – **The Open Door Preschool**
- 1:15 pm - :15 pm Awards Presentation
- 2:15 pm Fond Farewells

A Little about Garbo's Seafood..

Mike Schubert

The Garbo's name goes back to the East Coast, where three sisters learned to adore the local lobster shacks and the catch of the day. The ocean and sandy beach were their entire life and embodied memories that the sisters are happy to share with anyone dining at their restaurant. The eldest, Heidi Garbo, took those ties to the ocean wherever she roamed from Connecticut down to the Florida Keys where she opened up the famous [Garbo's Grill](#) and met her husband, who somehow found a way to pull Heidi away from the ocean to the only land-locked home she's ever lived in, Austin, Texas.

It didn't take long for ocean itch to set in, and Heidi found herself daring to serve her favorite food from home, lobster rolls in Texas. East Coasters flocked looking for a bite of home, and many were introduced to lobster rolls for the first time, and Austin gobbled them up! Thanks to the overwhelming support of the Austin community, one truck opened, and another, and another until she opened up her first brick and mortar in the neighborhood of Wells Branch in North Austin. Heidi expanded her menu to feature more nostalgic cuisine from her home. It didn't take long for her sisters, Sam and Hannah, to join Heidi in her new pursuits. Now, after five years in Austin, Heidi bravely expanded her restaurant....in 2020.

In 2019, Heidi felt that it was time to grow beyond her first cozy restaurant. She set her eyes on an old crab shack, turned beer pub, turned vacant off of Parmer and Mopac that was once Opal Divine's. The building was desperate for a new tenant who could see its potential. She signed a 15-year contract and got to work, then, as fate would have it, COVID-19 hit.

Despite all of the naysayers and pessimism of 2020, Heidi never let go of her dream. It wasn't an option. The Garbo girls and the Garbo's team pivoted to to-go/curbside orders at their small brick and mortar as renovations got underway at the new location until it was time to move in October 2020. Throughout the pandemic, patrons continued to love and support Heidi's dream until she finally opened her new 220 seat restaurant, private dining room, patio, and lounge in July of 2021.

Join us at Garbo's Tuesday, September 14th for our social meeting!!!!

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12709 N. Mopac Expressway
Austin, Texas 78727

512.520.8004

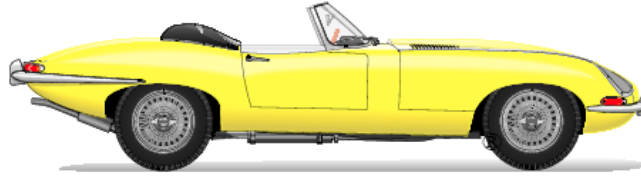
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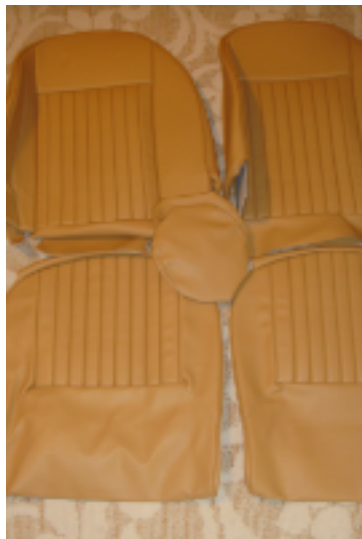
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Become a VTR Member

The Vintage Triumph Register has its benefits. A national club of Triumph enthusiasts spanning the globe needs you as a member. Affiliate club membership is not an automatic membership to VTR. Some of the benefits:

- The Vintage Triumph Magazine – Our award-winning bi-monthly color publication
- 2020 VTR National Convention in Galena, Illinois
- Access to a large number of local clubs
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The Hill Country Triumph Club, 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.

Annual dues are just \$15.00 per family group or address per year. We have dinner meetings on the 2nd Tuesday of each month, breakfast meetings on the 2nd Saturday, 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 also offer technical assistance if needed. One goal of the club is to help its members keep their cars on the road. Please call one of the club officers listed in the newsletter for more information 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, triumphregister.com, and 6-pack.org.

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Upcoming Events

Sept 11, 2021 — **HCTC Morning Meeting**, 10 am, Waterloo Ice House on 360. See below for details.

Sept 14, 2021 — **HCTC Tuesday Social Meeting**, 7 pm, Garbo's Lobster. See below for details.

Sept 14-18, 2021 — **VTR 2021 Nationals**, Edmond OK. www.triumphsokc.org/vtr2021

Sept 24-26, 2021 — **Texas All British Car Days**. Round Rock, TX. www.txabcd.org.

Oct 1, 2021 — **Red Bull Races**. COTA.

Oct 7 - 9, 2021 — **Brits in the Ozarks** All-British Car & Cycle Show Fayetteville, Arkansas <http://www.britishironnwa.org/show.html>

Oct 9, 2021 — **HCTC Morning Meeting**, 10 am, Waterloo Ice House on 360.

Oct 12, 2021 — **HCTC Tuesday Social Meeting**, 7 pm, Garbo's Lobster.

Oct 14-17, 2021 — **Triumphest 2021** Flagstaff, Arizona. <http://www.triumphest.com/wp-content/uploads/2021/Registration2021.pdf>

Nov 12-15, 2021 — **Scottish Highland Games**, Salado.

Nov 13, 2021 — **Car and Air Show**, Kingsbury, TX.

Dec TBD, 2021 — **Annual HCTC Tour De Lites**.

Last Sunday of every month — **Cars & Coffee**. Dreamland Dripping Springs 2770 W Hwy 290 Dripping Springs, TX 78620

Third Saturday of every month — **Pistons on the Square**. 8-10 AM on the Courthouse Square, Georgetown, TX.

Club Meetings

Next Breakfast Meeting:

Saturday, Sept 11, 2021, 10:00 AM

Waterloo Ice House
6203 N Capital of Texas Hwy
Austin, TX 78731
NE corner of Lp 360 & RM 2222
waterlooicehouse.com

Phone: 512-478-9700

Early Bird Drive before the meeting, see p.

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Next Evening Social Meeting:

Tuesday, Sept 14, 2021, 7:00 PM

Garbo's Lobster
12709 N. Mopac Expressway
Austin, Texas 78727

512-520-8004

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