

**The**



March 2022

# **RAGTOP**



# Thoughts from Rip

**Rip Torn**



**W**inter was still with us last month in case you didn't notice it and like Texas weather it was full of extremes. Just last week I was basking in the sun at 85 degrees only to be followed the next day at 28 and icy. Welcome to Texas.

In February we had a busy but short month starting with the Tuesday Social Meeting at the Pok-e-Jo's BBQ followed by the Pinthouse Brewing in South Austin. That was a great turnout. On Thursday February 10 we celebrated the International Drive your Triumph Day organized by Jim Wells and met up in Leander, TX to start the festivities. The Drive lasted for two hours and wound our ways north of the area with a comfort stop in Andice, checking out Lake Stillhouse, and a realty drive in Salado. We ended the excursion at Chupacabra in Salado for some lunch and beverages. About 10 cars from the club participated, in sharp contrast to last year's drive with three of us and the start of the Snowmagedon event. The following Saturday we had our club meeting sans drive at Waterloo Ice house. On the 19<sup>th</sup> was the SCCA Rallye starting at the Texas Tulip Farm in LaVernia but no response on anyone from the club participating. Finally on February 26 @ 8:30 am the 11<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL CAR & VINTAGE PLANE SHOW in Georgetown ended up being postponed one week due to the bad weather. We won't participate as a club but do encourage checking it out because of it now conflicting with the Texans Touring in Texas March 5<sup>th</sup>.

For March, Mike McPhail organized a Painted Churches Drive around Schulenburg, TX with the Dallas, Houston, and San Antonio Triumph clubs participating with numbers around 20 cars. Some went down there Friday evening and others departed the Austin airport Saturday morning. March 8 and 12 are the club Social Hour Pok-e-Jo's Barbecue, Brodie Oaks

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Shopping Center 6:30 PM and Club meeting at Waterloo Icehouse. We need some suggestions for Social Hour locales north of the river for next quarter. Please send them via the web page or email us directly. On March 26<sup>th</sup> the MG was scheduled to hold their annual drive through the Hill Country. I am sure Nick will update us at the club meeting.

In April plan on attending the VTR Regional meeting in Boerne. See the website for details. We are looking at more car shows, Triumph events, and car racing events for the spring and fall.

From my last missive- we need some help please. We need someone to be our marketing person. In that regard we need someone who is active in social media and can reach out to members and interested enthusiasts to communicate with them. Like our cars we are not getting younger, only more classic and need to interest a younger demographic in the joys of Triumphs. So, we can reach out to other local media to promote our club's members and activities. There are Triumph owners out

there in the area who don't know about us and we need to reach them. Likewise, there are people out there who may be interested in joining the drivers ranks and need help finding a car. You don't need to be a marketing professional but willing to work with us on reaching out and sharing the fun. Contact me directly or through the website on [www.hctc.us](http://www.hctc.us). We need you and your expertise.

On the business side of the club, we are in good shape financially and membership wise. Our incorporation as an LLC is still in process. Our membership numbers have remained overall steady and thank you all for paying your dues on time. If you decide to sell your Triumphs and the buyer is in the local area, please remember to recommend them joining the club.

On a personal note, I am going back to work and will be commuting up to Dallas for Southwest Airlines. My availability will be limited for the next few months. So, in the mean time finish work on those cars and get them out on the streets! Drive your Triumphs today!





# Secretary's Report February 2022

**Jim Wells**



Fortunately for fair weather enthusiasts, February tuned out to be much more pleasant than last year and near perfect top-down driving conditions. And, although temperatures throughout February were inconsistent and unpredictable, this month's club meetings and, especially our drives, experienced favorable weather.

Our first meeting was the Tuesday night social meeting at the Pok-e Jo's restaurant at Brodie Oaks. Nine club members and one guest were in attendance. Considering the evening's cooler temperatures, it wasn't a bad turnout. Lively discussion, all things Triumph, ensued while we enjoyed a few beers and a pleasant BBQ meal. Not too long into our dinner though, Pok-e-Jo's ran out of beer so we made our way across the parking lot to Pinhouse Pizza. Fortunately, they still had beer and quite the festive atmosphere-perfect for club members who still had "stories" to tell. I don't think I know anyone who can tell a "story" quite like Bill Waller, true or not! But, like all



things good or bad, the gathering had to end until next time. We then left for home; I'm sure pondering the many conversations that were heard that evening.

As the calendar would have it, our Drive Your Triumph Day drive fell between our Tuesday and Saturday meetings. This year, I organized a northern drive starting in Leander, meandering through the small towns of Liberty Hill, Andice, and Florence, eventually arriving in Salado. We had a







pretty decent turnout of nine Triumphs and one Tacoma (Wiley's TR6 is still in the shop) and the weather could not have been better! The morning temperature was crisp and warming up and the sky was blue with low winds. We all met at Casa Costa Bake Shop in Leander and headed north to Liberty Hill, stopping at the Liberty Hill Veterans Park only long enough to allow everyone to catch up.

Our next stop found us in the small town of Andice, where, if you blink, you will have passed it. They have a small little general



store-like restaurant there where you can get a burger and something to drink. There is a large parking loop to the west side of the store, perfect for parking and lining up our cars for the next leg of the drive.



After a few pics, we headed towards Florence and farther north to cross Stillhouse Hollow Dam before turning south to Salado. Within a half hour, we were pulling up to the Chupacabra Kitchen and Beer Pub/Winery. We all ordered our lunches and





proceeded next door to the pub to slake our thirst with a fifty, on-tap beer selection. As evidence of the pictures, a good time was had by all. After lunch, a few of the attendees started back home to try to beat the Austin traffic. A few of the ladies stayed behind to do some shopping, as Salado is known for their boutiques and such. However, myself and a few dedicated connoisseurs of finely crafted beers loitered around awhile longer for the good company, laughter, and another round of our favorite beers — 512 Pecan Porter being one of them! If luck holds out, you won't want to miss next year's Drive Your Triumph Day drive, especially if the weather is as good as it was this year.

Saturday morning's club meeting was held at the usual Waterloo Ice House at the intersection of Capitol of Texas and RM 2222. Eleven members were in attendance and the Call to Order at 10:15 AM started the meeting. Continued work to file an LLC was discussed, along with continued planning

for the HCTC to assume the duties of the Texas ABCD. Various club activities planned in the coming weeks and months were listed, to include possible club Social Meeting locations for the next quarter and the upcoming VTR Regionals in Boerne, TX. Other club business discussions included finance/budget standing, club marketing, and website changes/upgrades. After the meeting adjourned around 10:50, most headed out to the parking lot to look over the Triumphs driven that morning. This particular morning, I drove my truck, loaded with carpentry and power tools, in preparation for a weekend building project at "Joe's Garage." Look for an update to that progress in a later edition of the Ragtop.

Because I am finishing this report the day after the Painted Churches drive, my last report entry will briefly cover an amazing drive coordinated by Mike McPhail of the Painted Churches tour located in and around Schulenburg, TX.



Cars from HCTC and the Houston Club that made the tour.





Sanctuary of the first church on the tour



On the way to church!





Tour guide giving a brief history of this church before entering



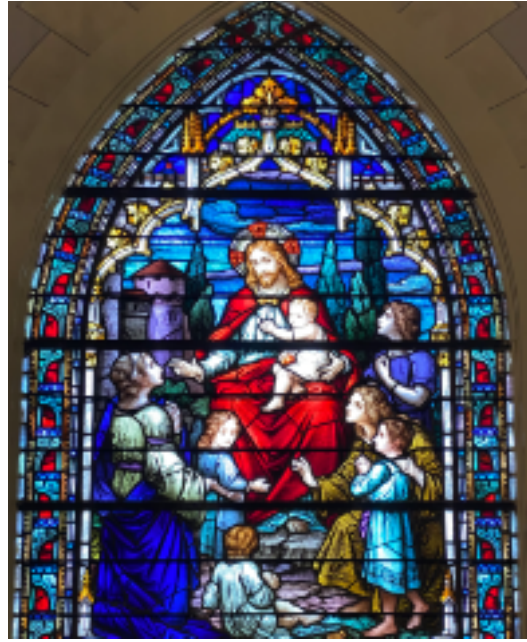
Great food at the Oakridge Smokehouse and a reminder of my days of youth!



An amazing sanctuary and ceiling murals!



Gothic architecture of a phenomenal church.



Ranked 7th most beautiful sanctuary in the United States







Tour group photo

(Look forward to seeing you all at our next Tuesday or Saturday club meetings. Until then...

Tara!

Jim wells

HCTC Secretary





# From the Archives

Art Graves



*This month's archive article, by founding club member Bob Kramer, is from the January 2006 issue of The Ragtop. This article is not Triumph or club related, but some old automobile terms are referenced, as well as women's underwear, so you have to like that!*

## Words No Longer Used

submitted by Bob Kramer

I came across this phrase in a book yesterday "fender skirts." A term I haven't heard in a long time and thinking about "fender skirts" started me thinking about other words that quietly disappear from our language with hardly a notice.

Like "curb feelers" and "steering knobs." Since I'd been thinking of cars, my mind naturally went that direction first. Any kids will probably have to find some elderly person over 50 to explain some of these terms to you.

Remember "continental kits?" They were rear bumper extenders and spare tire covers that were supposed to make any car as cool as a Lincoln Continental.

When did we quit calling them "emergency brakes?" At some point "parking brake" became the proper term. But I miss the hint of drama that went with "emergency brake." I'm sad, too, that almost all the old folks are gone who would call the accelerator the "foot feed."

Didn't you ever wait at the street for your

daddy to come home, so you could ride the "running board" up to the house?

Here's a phrase I heard all the time in my youth but never anymore — "store-bought." Of Course, just about everything is store-bought these days. But once it was bragging material to have a store-bought dress or a store-bought bag of candy.

"Coast to coast" is a phrase that once held all sorts of excitement and now means almost nothing. Now we take the term "world-wide" for granted. This floors me.

On a smaller scale, "wall-to-wall" was once a magical term in our homes. In the '50s, everyone covered his or her hardwood floors with, wow, wall-to-wall carpeting! Today, everyone replaces their wall-to-wall carpeting with hardwood floors. Go figure.

When's the last time you heard the quaint phrase "in a family way?" It's hard to imagine that the word "pregnant" was once considered a little too graphic, a little too clinical for use in polite company. So, we had all that talk about stork visits and being in a "family way" or simply "expecting."

Apparently "brassiere" is a word no longer

in usage. I said it the other day and my daughter cracked up. I guess it's just "bra" now. "Unmentionables" probably wouldn't be understood at all.

I always loved going to the "picture show," but I considered "movie" an affectation.

Most of these words go back to the '50s, but here's a pure-'60s word I came across the other day — "rat fink." Ooh, what a nasty put-down!

Here's a word I miss — "percolator." That was just a fun word to say. And what was it replaced with? "Coffee maker." How dull. Mr. Coffee, I blame you for this.

I miss those made-up marketing words that were meant to sound so modern and now sound so retro. Words like "DynaFlow" and "Electrolux." Introducing the 1963 Admiral TV, now with "SpectraVision!"

Food for thought — Was there a telethon

that wiped out lumbago? Nobody complains of that anymore. Maybe that's what castor oil cured, because I never hear mothers threatening kids with castor oil anymore.

Some words aren't gone, but are definitely on the endangered list. The one that grieves me most... "supper." Now everybody says "dinner." Save a great word. Invite someone to supper. Discuss fender skirts.

Someone forwarded this to me. I thought some of us of a "certain age" would remember most of these.

Just for fun, Pass it along to others of "a certain age!!"

# TR4 Progress Report February 2022

**Mike McPhail**

**T**here won't be a TR4 Report next month unless Anthony, the new owner writes one! The plucky red roadster was submitted to Bring-a-Trailer on Feb 3 and to my amazement, was posted barely two weeks later. It sold for a handsome price on the 25th, after going into overtime for nearly 20 minutes! Six days

later it was loaded on a trailer and was in California 48 hours after that...

I missed the HCTC breakfast meeting on the 12th, due to having taken delivery of my next big project, a 1970 TR6.



California bound.





New floor.



Ready to undercoat.



Raptor bed liner.



HCTC rebody crew.



Almost in place.



Altogether.

# ChampCar TR6

**Bob Kramer**

Looking for a fun activity for a March weekend? We are racing our endurance TR6 on the weekend of the 11-13th, at Harris Hill Raceway in San Marcos. Hill Country Triumph Club built this car as a Lemon's race car back in 2010 and members and some friends raced it under the *nom de plume* of the Sherlock Homeboyz at Houston area motorsports Ranch and then Eagles Canyon Raceway. The car was subsequently raced in ChumpCar (now ChampCar) and the World Racing League (WRL) at tracks like Texas World Speedway, COTA and Harris Hill. Over the years the car has been gradually upgraded from Lemon's \$500.00 crap can race car spec to something resembling a real race car. The car we will take to Harris Hill has a lot going for it, mostly under the skin. The engine is fuel injected utilizing a custom throttle body system designed by a Chrysler engineer, GoodParts roller rockers and GP3 camshaft, a close ratio transmission with J-type Overdrive,



GoodParts rear axles and to lighten the load we are using fiberglass fenders and doors. The car now sports a fuel cell large enough to allow the drivers to complete nearly 2 hour stints.

With this level of car prep we want to see if we can finish well in the standings. We will have 4 very experienced drivers for this edition of the race team: "Bad Idea Racing". Besides myself and Greg Blake from the HCTC, we have 2 Triumph drivers from north Texas. John Frymark is a vintage racer who has both a GT6 and a TR4a. Bill Collins has sold his Spitfire race car and now plays with a Miata, but we have forgiven him and he will be our 4<sup>th</sup> driver. With 2 hour stints and that kind of experience behind the wheel, we expect to be very competitive. The car has been dependable (most of the time) which is a testament to the guys that have spent so much time wrenching on it, many, many HCTC members, and to the basic strength of the design from Standard Triumph.



Track map

We need some crew members. Let me know if you are able to help and I can get you on the crew list. As an endurance race we have multiple pit stops, fuel-

ing and the occasional unexpected repairs, but we also want to do some data tracking for things like how much fuel we are adding.

You don't have to work to watch the racing. The track also allows spectators. The Harris Hill track is a member only club and technically they want you to pay a daily membership fee, but there is no one at the gate to collect! In effect it is free.

***Venue Specific Information Guest & Pit Passes:***

*All people that go over the pit wall must be full ChampCar Club Members. Guests may purchase a weekend membership to ChampCar at the front gate for \$20. This will give you spectator and cold pit lane access. 16 and under free with parent or guardian. Children under 18 are not allowed in the pits.*

*Pets are welcome on property, but must be kept on a leash. Owners are responsible for cleaning up after their pets and must dispose of their waste properly. Pets are not allowed in the pits.*

*Live stream is available for this event at ChampCar's YouTube channel: <http://www.champcar.live>*

***Racing Schedule:***

*Saturday March 12, 2022:  
7:00am - 5:00pm*

*Sunday March 13, 2022:  
7:00am - 4:00pm*

For more information contact me at [rkramer56@gmail.com](mailto:rkramer56@gmail.com) or call me at 512-815-9925





# 2022 VTR SOUTH CENTRAL REGIONALS



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BOERNE, TX  
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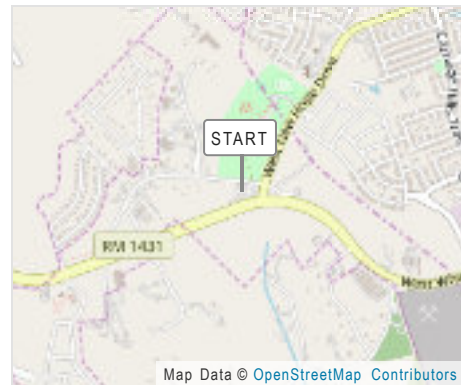


## 2022 CCMGC Spring Drive - Cedar Park To Burnet

### ROUTE INFORMATION



|              |                                               |
|--------------|-----------------------------------------------|
| ROUTE LENGTH | 70.246 miles                                  |
| ASCENT       | 4999 ft                                       |
| DESCENT      | 4770 ft                                       |
| HILLS        | $\beta$ 44.8%   $\chi$ 40.8%   $\alpha$ 14.5% |
| TERRAIN      | Road <input type="checkbox"/>                 |
| START        | <b>LAT:</b> 30.515878, <b>LNG:</b> -97.871469 |



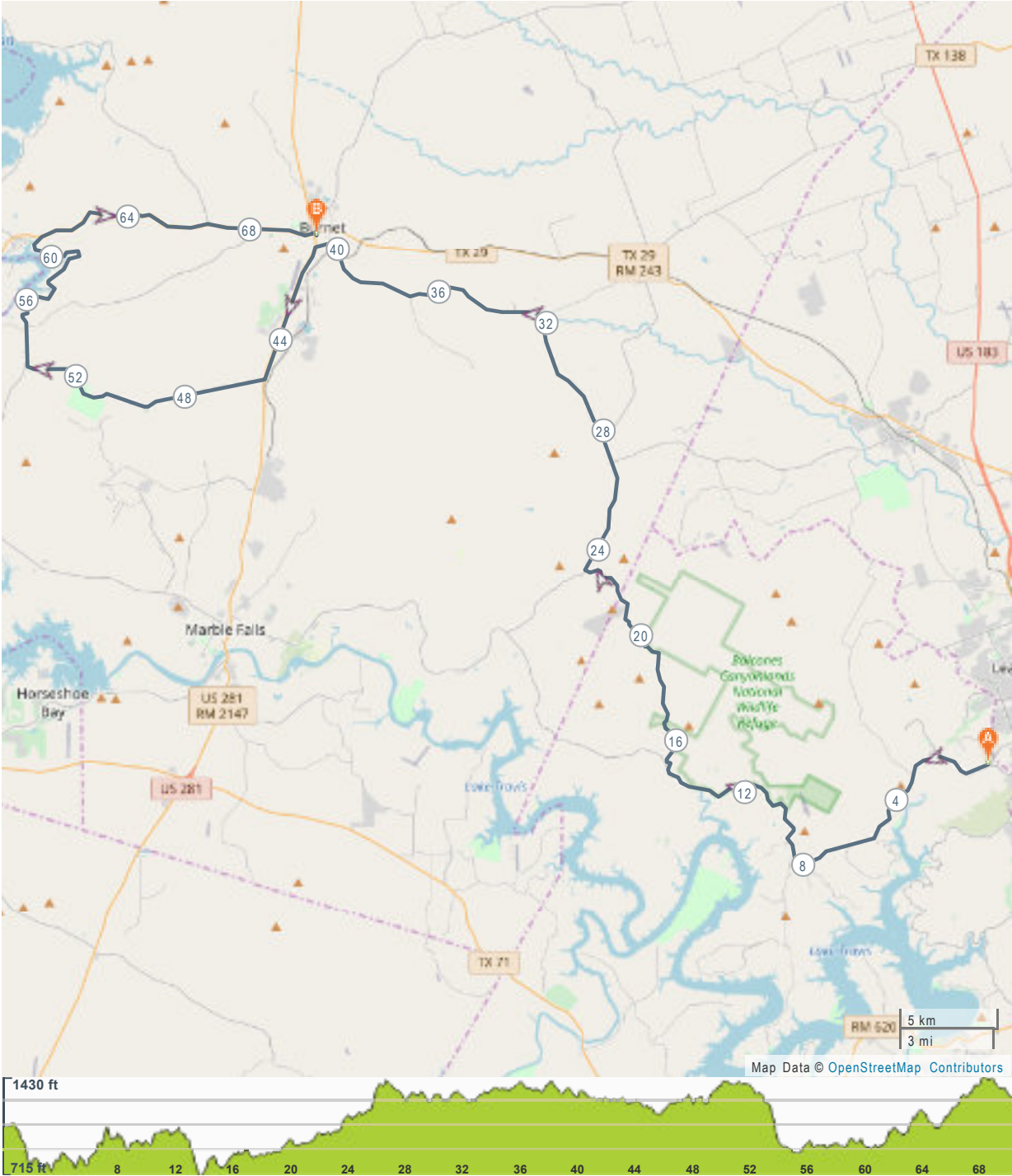
### NOTES

The drive will take place on March 26th. It will depart from the QT Station/Convenience Store at 2821 W Whitestone Blvd, Cedar Park, the corner of W Whitestone Blvd (FM 1431) and W New Hope Drive.

We will depart promptly at 10:00 am so please plan on arriving by 9:45 am. There will be a short drivers meeting before leaving. The drive is approximately 70 miles and will take about 2 hours. There will be a rest stop about 1 hour into the drive at the Shell station at 1600 S Water St in Burnet.

The drive will end at the Trailblazer Grille located at 216 Main St, Burnet. The grille is located on the square in downtown Burnet. We have reserved a meeting room for lunch. After lunch, everyone is free to go home or to visit the shops around the square.

2022 CCMGC Spring Drive - Cedar Park To Burnet





### ROUTE DIRECTIONS

| No | Miles  | Turn | Directions                                         |
|----|--------|------|----------------------------------------------------|
| 1  | 0.000  |      | Start on                                           |
| 2  | 0.000  | β    | Turn right                                         |
| 3  | 0.053  | β β  | Turn right onto West Whitestone Boulevard, RM 1431 |
| 4  | 14.822 | β β  | Turn right onto Cow Creek Road, CR 328             |
| 5  | 23.204 |      | Turn right onto South Ranch Road 1174, RM 1174     |
| 6  | 27.686 | ↶    | Keep left onto West Ranch Road 243, RM 243         |
| 7  | 32.200 | β    | Turn left onto Old Bertram Road, CR 330            |
| 8  | 40.169 | β    | Turn left onto East Pecan Street                   |
| 9  | 40.774 | β    | Turn left onto South Water Street, US 281          |
| 10 | 41.398 | β    | Turn right onto Houston Clinton Drive              |
| 11 | 41.427 | β    | Turn left                                          |
| 12 | 41.434 |      | Keep right                                         |
| 13 | 41.493 | β    | Turn right onto South Water Street, US 281         |
| 14 | 45.384 | β β  | Turn right onto Park Road 4 South, PR 4            |
| 15 | 61.016 | β β  | Turn right onto State Highway 29, TX 29            |
| 16 | 70.150 |      | Turn right onto South Main Street                  |
| 17 | 70.246 |      | FINISH                                             |

# Classifieds

We have finished the restoration of the TR3A we have owned for about 44 years. After all those years of gathering parts and parts cars, we now have many parts and pieces left. I am wanting to give these to either an individual or a business that will be able to use them to keep some of these cars going. I don't mind if they are sold by a business or used by an individual - I just want them to be used and not stored in my garage.

I have 2 nose caps, a pair of doors, a boot lid, maybe a convertible top frame and some engine parts.

I live in Lockhart and can deliver the parts.

Bill Duran, 512-227-6067 (cell)

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## Wanted: TR 6 jack and handle.

Joe Payne 210-326-6673  
robjoepayne@yahoo.com

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## Used and new TR6 parts for sale.

For full listing, contact info, and pictures, click [here](#).

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I undertake **repairs** to all British and European classic cars. If your car does not start or needs tuning I can perform on any carburetor including Keihin or Mikunis. Call or text Olivio 316 200 3068. Member HCTC and Vintage Triumph Register. Thanks.

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## Visor assembly with mounts (both sides), ignition switch cover, trunk light, misc. items.

Text Jim @ 254-563-9141

## Used seats from a '75 TR6.

Headrests are functional and stay up as desired. Asking \$240.00

Text Jim @ 254-563-9141



## Assorted 1962 TR4 parts

needing a caring home. All parts are for the asking. Located in zip code 78737. If interested please email Bob Blake at rblake36@yahoo.com or call 817 239-0331 and leave a message. Thanks.



**Triumph TR6 '69-72 Intake Manifold** Stanpart V3108, used, as is. Great condition. Price plus shipping or pick up in central Texas \$110



**4 Speed Transmission from 1969 TR6.** Approx 80000 miles. Price: \$500 obo. Looks clean and the gears appear in good condition. I can get it inspected by a noted local mechanic at your expense. Sold as-is. Pm me with questions, please. Shipping extra.



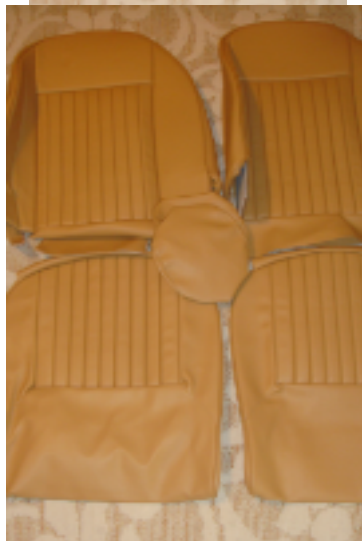
**TR6 Stanpart Coventry Radiator.** Price: \$150 obo. Came out of a 1969 TR6. Replaced when the parts were upgraded. No leaking and holds pressure. Price plus

shipping approx \$60

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 rtor09@gmail.com

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**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.

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**WANTED: Experienced Mechanic** to work on my 1972 TR6 I just purchased. Needs mechanical review and some basic work, including electrical. I no longer have the equipment to do this level of service. Like to have a good review of engine, transmission and rear end. Happy to pay standard rates. 512.461.8065



# 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

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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.

Artwork should be submitted to Dan Julien at [dan.julien@gmail.com](mailto:dan.julien@gmail.com)

Fees should be sent to:

HILL COUNTRY TRIUMPH CLUB

Attn: Mike Schubert

18340 Masi Loop

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- Technical support
- Contact information
- Shutterfly National Meet website



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# Pay Your Dues!!!!!!!

Please check the latest spreadsheet sent out by Nel. If it says Jan-22 in the dues column your dues are overdue now. Any delinquent member who hasn't paid will be dropped from the roster.

Cost is \$15 per year per family. If you don't wish to renew, please notify Nel.

Mail your check (payable to **Hill Country Triumph Club** or **HCTC**) to:

Nel McPhail  
1105 N Canyonwood Dr  
Dripping Springs, TX 78620  
(512) 656-1456  
[nmcphail@austin.rr.com](mailto:nmcphail@austin.rr.com)

## Membership Application

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City/State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Work Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email address: \_\_\_\_\_

Car Make: \_\_\_\_\_ Model: \_\_\_\_\_ Year: \_\_\_\_\_ Color: \_\_\_\_\_

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How on earth did you hear about the Hill Country Triumph Club?

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Please mail your application and \$15 check payable to HCTC to:  
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### **Become a VTR Member**

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- 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
- Website with reference material and members-only sections
- Record Trace Certificates TR2/TR3/TR3A/TR3B. Factory trace documents on other Triumph models no longer available
- Clothing, regalia, exclusive items
- Specific vehicle consultants and experts

**Sign up at <https://vintagetriumphregister.org>**



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 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of each month, breakfast meetings on the 2<sup>nd</sup> 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](http://www.vtr.org), [triumphregister.com](http://triumphregister.com), and [6-pack.org](http://6-pack.org).

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# Upcoming Events

Mar 8, 2022 — **HCTC Tuesday Social Meeting**, 7 pm, Pok-e-Jo's BBQ at Brodie Oaks.

Mar 12, 2022 — **HCTC Morning Meeting**, 10 am, Waterloo Ice House on 360.

Mar 26, 2022 — **MG Club Drive**. See p. 18 for details.

Apr 9, 2022 — **HCTC Morning Meeting**, 10 am, Waterloo Ice House on 360.

Apr 12, 2022 — **HCTC Tuesday Social Meeting**, 7 pm, location TBD.

Apr 22-24, 2022 — **VTR Regionals**, Boerne, TX. Info [here](#).

Aug 29-Sep 1, 2022 — **VTR Nationals**, Galena, IL. Info [here](#).

Sep 8-10, 2022 — **Triumphest**, San Diego, CA. Info [here](#).

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, March 12, 2022, 10:00 AM

Waterloo Ice House  
6203 N Capital of Texas Hwy  
Austin, TX 78731  
NE corner of Lp 360 & RM 2222  
[waterloohouse.com](http://waterloohouse.com)  
Phone: 512-478-9700

## Next Evening Social Meeting:

Tuesday, March 8, 2022, 7:00 PM

Pok-e-Jo's Barbecue  
Brodie Oaks Shopping Center  
4109 S Capitol of Texas Hwy  
Austin, TX 78704  
(512) 440-0447

[pokejos.com/brodie-oaks/](http://pokejos.com/brodie-oaks/)