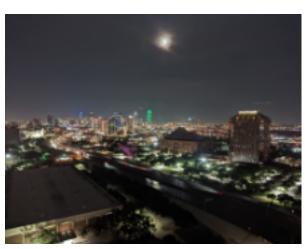


Thoughts from Rip Torn



I thas been a year since the last election and what a year it has been. The HCTC has really been busy driving their cars, showing them, racing them, sharing stories, restoring them, and enjoying their Triumphs. Our club has gained a dozen new members and lost fewer many during that time. We have rejuvenated the website, offered more benefits, maintained an outstanding newsletter and done a great job communicating. We have tried to serve the members in the area by having a movable Social Hour meeting every month as well as a fixed location for stability. The club is for all of us and we are working to keep it that way. Your officers have done a great job making this happen and making it look easy. It does take a lot of work and I am proud of their work and other members' work to keep our club amongst the best in Triumph car clubs, bar none.

I really encourage all to attend the annual picnic and election June 11 at the Live Oak Micro Brew in Austin. It will be



a good time for all with some BBQ, refreshments, and socializing on Saturday afternoon. Your vote counts and we need you to be heard. Thank you to Roger Bolick for agreeing to coordinate this

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election effort, Joe Payne and Wiley Christal for arranging the event and especially our own Chip McElroy, owner of Live Oak for hosting our event. Thank you all.

I look forward to seeing you at Live Oak and keep driving those cars!

Celebrating the Queen's Birthday

This month while up for work I participated in the British Car Show and Queen's Birthday Celebration on May 15. The



British Emporium sponsored their annual car and motorcycle show and celebration of the Queen in Grapevine, TX that warm Saturday afternoon.



There was a mix of newer British cars present and large motorcycle contingent present as well as classic motorcars. It was a good time for all and I met many good people and Triumph owners. A few I had met at VTR National in Dripping Springs, Edmond, and other locales. Good times were had by all and we all headed out that afternoon and hope we can do more driving together in the future. If you are in the DFW area and want to find out more contact me through he website for more details.







Mark Your Calendars

2022 Annual Elections and Membership Meeting

n June 11, 2022 we have planned our annual Membership Meeting and Officer Elections to be held at The Live Oak Brewery near the Austin Airport starting around 1130 AM. Bill Waller and Joe Payne are working on those details so check your email as it gets closer for an RSVP with details. The plan is to have a picnic lunch there with elections to follow. It will be a great event so mark your calendars now.

For the election, the board has asked Roger Bolick to head the election process. In our Bylaws adopted last year we formalized the nomination process and with the board's approval we will have a modified form of compliance. First, it will be in person this year only. We are exploring the option of an online vote but it is too short notice for the webmaster to implement this time around. Roger will be taking nominations via the website under the Contact Us link https://hillcountrytriumphclub.org/contact-us/ If anyone

wants to help Roger carry out the election, I know he would appreciate it.

Please state the position you are interested in running in. The names will be presented at the meeting for the positions for a majority vote or present members. Like the mealsone vote per membership. Nominations will close June 9, 2022 by 5PM.

As a reminder, the positions voted on are the President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer. Appointed positions are the Newsletter editor, Webmaster, Marketing, and Membership Chairs. If a position does not have a nominee prior to the meeting then you can propose a name from the floor.

Our goal is to make this a transparent and democratic process for everyone. We will also have a few issues to discuss and give guidance to your incoming Board. We want to hear from you!

HCTC Election Candidate List 2022

Roger Bolick, nominating committee

Executive Officers – Candidate List for Election Event, Saturday June 11, 2022 Noon.

1. President - Rip Torn

- 2. Vice President Joe Payne
- 3. Secretary Jim Wells
- 4. Treasurer Mike Schubert

Secretary's Report May 2022

Jim Wells



With the VTR South Central Regionals behind us now, things have been somewhat quiet for the month of May. This is a good time for us to work on those car issues that desperately need out attention.

Speaking of...while Mike was away on a

Healey excursion in Katy, TX, Roger Allen and I paid a visit to "Mike's Motors", after our monthly Saturday club meeting, to commandeer



Roger's Delft Blue TR6. Before leaving, Roger and I replaced his worn-out seat belts with a new set and I finished riveting my convertible top bow straps to the fore and aft bows. With our tasks finished, we made our way back north to one of our favorite drinking holes-the Chupacabra in Salado for a quick beer. From there we parted ways until the next adventure.





However, not to get ahead of myself, let's go back a week earlier in May. Now I said May was "somewhat quiet" but not completely silent. May the 7th, the great people of Kingsbury held their semi-annual Pioneer Flight Museum show. Though I was unable





to attend the show this time, a few of the guys were able to represent the club and take a few pics. If not mistaken, Mike McPhail, Rip Torn, Joe Payne, Wiley Chrystal, and Roger Allen were all in attendance.

The following Tuesday, quite of few of us, 13 to be exact, attended the "Social Gathering" at the Waterloo Ice House. As usual, a great time was had by all. We discussed upcoming club events and told a few storiesmost, of which were true. It was good to see a few familiar faces and some not too familiar. Jim Herter surprised us all by gracing us with his presence. It was good to see some of the guys from the "Old Guard".

Saturday's meeting followed and much was discussed concerning the upcoming Annual Club Elections/Club Picnic and the fast-approaching Texas ABCD, among other topics



of interest. Remember to our webpage if you're interested in the reading our club meeting minutes, just be sure you're not operating heavy machinery when doing so. Seriously, there is lots of good club information for members to be in-the-know on the administration of the club.

Hopefully, we'll see you all at our next Saturday meeting at Live Oak Brewery for our annual club elections and summer picnic. Until then...

Tara!

Jim Wells HCTC Secretary







From the Archives

Art Graves



This article promoting the club website appeared in the June 1998 issue of "The Ragtop". Club websites and the internet have changed a lot since June 1998 and both are still useful tools for maintaining our cars. The website mentioned in the article is no longer valid. And the club website is much better now than it was in 1998.

Hill Country Triumph Club Web Notes by Richard Ceraldi

ne thing you might have noticed about all the old car nuts is that they love tools. All kind of tools. It doesn't matter if they know what to do with them or not, they just need to have them. A tool all of the members have but don't realize it is the Hill Country Web Page. It is located at www.exact.com/~HCTC. The site space is donated to the club by Exact Systems, better known as Roger Bolick. If you are looking for some obscure part or don't seem to have the right catalog, go to the web and look at the parts suppliers list. From used to new; names, numbers, and web links are provided. From our page you can get linked up to the VTR and use the maintenance pages. Want to know how to remove that brake drum or stretch on a new top, the people that have done it have written the procedures and posted them to help out the cause.

And probably the most important side benefit is the ability of other Triumph owners to find out about us. Other than random sightings, being seen in your car, going to

shows, and passing out HCTC cards, the web has been a great source for our group being "discovered". The usual procedure when a note comes in is to forward it on to Bob so he can send a newsletter and application. Thought it might be interesting to the rest of the club to see what some of our future members have to say.

Wanting to Join

I found your web page and was wondering if I could join your club. [have recently inherited a TR2 short door from my parents and am trying with my limited finances and automotive knowledge to restore it. I am interested in any help in de-rusting it, putting what my father took apart back together again, repairing the dings, re-doing the interior etc. And getting it on the road again. It has been sitting for as long as I can remember. My father had the engine overhauled 8-10 years ago and it has been sitting on blocks pretty much ever since. Any information would be helpful.

Thank you

Robin Juhnke

And from Buda:

Dear Hill Country Triumph Club,

My wife and I currently own a 76 spitfire and would like to join your club. I have contacted you in the past about joining and received your newsletter a couple of times. Since my first contact however, we have moved. I would like to supply you with that new address and ask when your next meeting is. We are interested in showing off our original spitfire and ask for help in restoration. Please contact me at: Steve and Misty Marquardt

Hopefully Robin, Steve and Misty will join our group and bring up the participation in our always fun driving events. But the point is to use all the tools available to keep the cars on the road and the club a viable institution in the Austin area for the promotion of driving Triumphs the way they were designed to be driven. To do this it is going to take everything from a torque wrench to a keyboard. Luckily, a club as great as ours has no shortage of tools. See you in the Hills!



Pre-Picnic Coffee Run

Lola Savannah Coffee Lounge (3001 RM 620) June 11, 9 AM

Get out early and enjoy the morning before it gets toasty! After enjoying the Hill Country view and a cup of Joe, we will do a scenic drive through West Austin on our way to the Picnic!

TR Report May 2022

Mike McPhail

May first was the enormous British and European show at beautiful White Rock Lake in Dallas. Art and I spent Saturday night at the Beeman Hotel so as to get an early start, although we were hardly the first to arrive. Well over three hundred cars and motorcycles were on display and the weather was superb.

Five of us journeyed down to Kingsbury

the following weekend for the fly-in and old car show. Another lovely outing that, while happening twice each year, never ceases to entertain. The outing continued as we moved on to San Marcos for BBQ, then visiting a couple of Hays County brew pubs on the way home.

The Welter TR6 project is coming along nicely, and now that it is painted and pol-





Fokker triplane.



My TR6.



Old cars, too.



Hats off to Kingsbury.

ished, the Vintage Air AC unit has been plumbed in and new parts are being installed daily. By the time the Ragtop hits the newsstands, the engine will be running!

Be sure to join the gang June 11 for the sometimes annual HCTC Picnic at Live Oak Brewing Company. Get up early and you can meet the Triumph stalwarts at the Lola Savannah Coffee Lounge at 3001 RM620 for Java and pastries, then caravan through scenic West Austin for a grand entrance at Live Oak!



Middletown Brewery.



Joe at the Barbershop.



TR Lineup.



Buffing away.



Shiny now!



Frontal view.



Black in back.



New bumpers, too.



AC Mess.

Fuel Pump, Tube Nut, Sand, and Stainless Steel Tubing

Wiley Christal

T y TR6 has undergone some parts replacement and general refreshing during the past two years. The after-market fuel pump that was purchased at Moss Motors, while being less expensive to buy, has caused some extra work to put things back to original appearance. A previous Ragtop article discussed the plastic screen filter on that fuel pump distorting (from gasoline available these days) which caused the loss of all the gas from the gas tank while parked in a parking lot. Fortunately, I had an identical fuel pump in my trunk, so the plastic screen filter was removed from it and put into the fuel pump mounted on my car. That and some gas from Jim Wells got me back on the road. The next time I was at Mike's Motors

I latched onto two metal screen filters that came from old original fuel pumps – so my two Moss after-market fuel pumps now have metal screen filters instead of the plastics ones.

A second issue with those after-market fuel pumps is the threaded recess for the tube nut (specifically a 1/4" X 1/2-20 thread inverted tube nut) at the output port is somewhat deeper than the recess on original fuel pumps. The 1/4" OD steel tubing is supposed to mate to the fuel pump using a 1/4" ID compression sleeve that is compressed against the flange inside the fuel pump's recess when the tube nut is tightened. The recess at the fuel pump output port is so deep that the tube nut does not compress the sleeve before the tube nut



Rubber fuel line, barb connector, fuel pump.



Moss fuel pump with large recess.

runs out of threads. Before that issue was totally understood, I cut off the compression sleeve on the original steel fuel line that extends from the fuel pump, along the left side of the engine block, and then routes across the front of the engine over to the carburetors. Trying a new compression sleeve to mate to the fuel pump did not work! Mike's Motors has everything needed for Triumph repairs. In short order Mike found a 1/4" barb connector that fits into the 1/2-20 threads of the fuel pump output port and installed and a 1/4" rubber fuel hose that was run from the fuel pump to the carburetors.

The rubber fuel hose that was used to replace the steel tubing worked fine; however, I wanted to install steel tubing to make it original and, in my opinion, look better. I was encouraged when Roger Bolick told me that he had successfully replaced fuel tubing with new stainless-steel tubing before. I just remember him saying that bending the SS tubing needed to be done very slowly. How-

ever, without replacing the fuel pump or finding a tube nut that had more threads, new SS tubing was still not going to compress the compression sleeve to make a leak-proof seal inside the fuel pump's output port. I looked everywhere I knew to look for 1/4" X 1/2-20 tube nuts but could not find any that were longer than my original one. That size is somewhat unusual. A more standard tube nut size for 1/4" tubing has 7/16-24 threads. Not finding a longer tube nut than what I already had, I thought about trying two compression sleeves on the tubing instead of just one. I tried the idea on my spare fuel pump, and it seemed to have worked - at least without any fuel flowing through it.

Finding 1/4" stainless steel tubing locally was impossible. I needed a little less than 3 feet. I bought a roll of some aluminum tubing at a plumbing supply store at a weak moment. It was 1/4" OD, it would be easy to bend, and it was shiny! Its main purpose was for air conditioner Freon.



Two compression sleeve test.



Filling tub with sand.

Before taking the product out of its packaging, I discovered that its wall thickness was large, leaving little room for gasoline to flow. I returned it and then read that aluminum tubing is good for flare fittings and not so good for compression fittings like I needed for the fuel pump – I need to pay more attention in the future! I found that W. W. Grainger is a good place to purchase SS tubing: they have a great selection of tube sizes. lengths, the type of stainless steel, and you can pick it up locally to avoid a huge charge for oversize shipping to your home. I bought a six-foot length of 304 SS 1/4" OD tubing with 0.010" wall thickness. That was a pretty good match to the wall thickness of the original steel fuel tubing on my TR6. But possibly a slightly thicker wall thickness would have been better. Just for the record, a copper pipe tube cutter works just fine on cutting SS tubing.

the SS tube I bought went well; however, the second bend kinked and flattened the tube. While watching some YouTube videos about tube bending. I found one in which the person recommended filling the tube with sand before starting. He was working with a larger conduit tube, but the idea sounded good to me. The fuel line I needed to form has several complex bends, but I did a reasonable job in making the bends using a tube bender mounted in a vice for stability and with the tubing filled with sand. Make sure to blow the tube out with compressed air before installing on the car. I am not recommending that two compression sleeves be used on fittings to stop fuel leaks, but it seems to be working for me. A better recommendation, I think, is to rebuild an original fuel pump or try to find one that is a closer match to the original than the after-market Moss version.

My first bend on a 3-foot length of



Bending tool.



Stainless steel fuel tube installed.



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)

Wanted: TR 6 jack and handle.

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

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Contact Rip at 512 845 2944 or rtorn09@gmail.com



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Won't you join us? https://vintagetriumphregister.org/

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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

Jun 11, 2022 — **HCTC Annual Picnic** & election of officers, 12:00 noon, Live Oak Brewery.

Jun 14, 2022 — **HCTC Tuesday Social Meeting,** 7 pm, Waterloo Ice House on 360.

Jun 20-24, 2022 — **TRA Nationals**, Gettysburg, PA. Info <u>here</u>.

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

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

Aug 29-Sep 1, 2022 — **VTR Nationals**, Galena, IL. Info here.

Sep 8-10, 2022 — **Triumphest**, San Diego, CA. Info <u>here</u>.

Sep 22-25, 2022 — **6-Pack TRials**. Lexington, KY. Info here.

Sep 23-25, 2022 — **TxABCD**.

Oct 8, 2022 — **Houston ABCD**. 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 Meeting:

Saturday, June 11, 2022, 12:00 Noon
Live Oak Brewery

across US 71 from Austin Bergstrom International Airport, behind the Fast Park 1615 Crozier Ln

Del Valle, TX 78617 <u>liveoakbrewing.com</u>—Phone: 512-580-4265

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Tuesday, June 14, 2022, 7:00 PM

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

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