



Thoughts from Rip Torn



f it is 30 consecutive days of 100 degree plus temps, it must have been July with more of that to come for August. Since we can't change that, let's look at what we can do. For the next several months we have a lot planned for the club. This month a group is heading north of the Red River for the VTR National Convention in Galena. IL. It should be a fun drive and lots of stories upon return. In September we will be hosting the TxABCD in Round Rock again. Our own Joe Payne is riding herd with a team of club members over the efforts this year which will be a transfer from the "Old Guard" and founders of the event. Stay tuned for more details and plan to participate, or better yet help out. It takes a lot of people to make a successful real life (nonvirtual) event so as it gets closer there will be a call for help. We are planning a fall drive but with the VTR and ABCD, this will be planned at the end of September. IF you have inputs and want to help with the planning contact Mike. The last event we look forward to is the Christmas/ Holiday party in December. Last year was a lot of fun but alas will not be available to us since Keith moved away. Ideas????

Your club is in great shape as we finish the fiscal year. Financially we have a strong position giving us leverage when we need to spend money or put down deposits. Expenses have gone up with the inflation rate but are locked in on some of them like insurance, website, etc. Gary has stepped in the Treasurer position from Mike Schubert and is taking the financial reins of a well run organization. Our focus is on the organiza-

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tion filing, moving transactions to electronic basis and more transparency as we evolve. Our communications improvement efforts continue with Jimmy making the website improvements, Dan editing the award winning Ragtop, and Kim Vasquez starting a role as social media coordinator. The goal is to make timely and coordinated news you can use by several sources. Nel has been tracking the new members, departing ones, and your dues. Remember that if you want to pay them in advance for 5 or more years. We welcome new member Iacques and Kim Welter of Georgetown and their TR-6. Joe Payne and Jim Wells complete your team and keep the

administrative and coordination of all this looking easy.

For the August meetings mark your calendars and come out. Tuesday the 9th we are South at 7 PM Doc's Backyard Grill, 5207 Brodie Ln #100 Sunset Valley, TX 78745. On Saturday we will hold the Club Business meeting Aug 13, 2022 / 10 AM Waterloo Icehouse. We discussed a pre meeting drive while it is cool so check the website for details on that. Whether you can make it or not-drive your cars and remember you always look cool in a Triumph.



Secretary's Report July 2022

Jim Wells



Like the month of June, July proved to be another blistering month in Central Texas for the record books. And, while the average motorists might be persuaded to retreat indoors, the undaunted HCTC regulars were out in true form braving triple-digit temperatures. It's only a dry heat anyway! Right?

Our club's first meeting this month fell on Saturday, July 9th at the Waterloo Ice House with about 16 members in attendance. Since my wife was going to meet me later that day to pick up our son from ABI Airport, I hitched a ride with Roger Allen to the meeting and another with Wiley afterwards towards Round Rock to meet up with my better half. The usual topics were discussed, including budget/financial status, the progression of our club's LLC formation, the upcoming TX All British Car Days, and the various car events planned for the remaining summer and fall months.



Many of these topics can be reviewed by visiting are updated webpage-see this edition of the Ragtop for the link. At the time I am writing this report, the current member count is 118.

Usually, a bunch of the members go for a drive after the meeting but the Texas heat cut the noontime drives to a minimum. That, however did not deter Roger Allen and Mike McPhail from installing an over-





drive transmission in Roger's newly acquired Delft Blue 1975 TR6 back at "Mike's Motors," and just in time for the VTR Nationals in Galena!

Tuesday's HCTC social get-together was held at Doc's Backyard grill off Brodie Lane in south Austin. Roger and I caravanned

from the north country (Bell County), navigating through the infamous Austin traffic to south Austin, but not without first stopping by to visit one of our members who was recovering



from a medical procedure. A DQ Blizzard was enough to cheer Wiley up. What are friends for-right? Without much delay, the Moral and Support branch of the HCTC were back on their way to Doc's. Arriving at Doc's for the first time, parking near the entrance was quite the task, so if you plan on attending this month (August), you might want to arrive a bit early. The



turnout was pretty good and the conversations lively. As the evening wore on, the remaining socialites migrated to the "backyard", but not before we captured a group pic of the attendees. The secret is, if you stay long enough, the hour and a half drive back north is a bit cooler!

In the latter part of the month, Art Graves and Mike McPhail made their way to Pittsburgh to attend the Pittsburgh Vintage Grand Prix and All British Car show and, I'm sure, to escape the triple digit temperatures here in Texas and Oklahoma. The rumor is that the weather was pleasant while



attending the events but saw a bit of rain on the way there and back. While in that neck of the woods, they managed to swing by The Roadster Factory headquarters and the Coventry Inn. Definitely a "To Do" on my bucket list! You'll have to look for a more detailed report by Mike or Art in this Ragtop edition.

Well, while Art Graves and Mike McPhail were wandering through the Keystone State, I was able to acquire a pair of Gen 1 Miata seats for Roger Allen. These seats, if restored correctly, look very similar to the early model TR6's and are, IMO, a bit more comfortable than the stock TR6 seats. I know I speak anathema to you OEM originalists. Find a little solace in that, when I install these "counterfeit" seats, I make brackets that allow you to use the existing mounting holes in the floor pan so one can always go back to install the original seats. Anyway, as time marches on, these seats are becoming more difficult to find, at least at a reasonable price. However, I was able





to score a set for Roger Allen. the only catch was that I had to drive down to Spring Branch, just northwest of San Antonio, to get them. Since I couldn't beat the price of \$100, my wife and I made the half-day round trip to comman-

deer them. All things considered; the seats were in really good shape. Now it was time to disassemble and strip off the old covers and begin the minor repairs typical of 30-year-old seats. Roger was able to give me a hand grinding off the surface rust from the seat pans upon his return from Mississippi. Look for an article on these seats in an upcoming Ragtop issue.

Our next Club meeting for the month of August will be our "Social Gathering" at Doc's Backyard Grill, off Brodie Lane, this Tuesday-July 9th arriving around 6:30 or so. Saturday's club meeting will be held the second Saturday of the month, at the usual Waterloo Ice House, starting around 10:00 AM. Look for club meeting times/dates and a possible drive before this month's Saturday meeting in this edition of the Ragtop.

Until then...

Tara

Jim Wells



From the Archives

Art Graves



This article appeared in the July 2010 issue of The Ragtop. I usually pick past articles that describe what the club or club members were doing at the time. But now that almost everyone has had a smartphone (my mom doesn't have one) for some time and is now a 'photographer', I thought it might be of interest to hear from a professional photographer. So, heed Don's good advice and maybe your picture will make the cover of the Rolling Stone – I mean Ragtop!

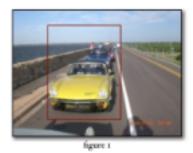
Snappy Shots

By Don Couch

as a Pro Photographer I make thousands of "snapshots" a year and as the Editor of the RAGTOP, I am always begging for articles and photos for content. One thing I really need every month is a dynamite image for the cover. I do get great photos submitted but many of them simply won't work for the cover for one reason or another. So, I thought I would do an article(s) with some simple photo tips.

Let's start with what makes for a great cover image since it's at the beginning. The best thing you can do is make that photo a vertical or "portrait" as opposed to horizontal or "landscape". Sometimes, and I do mean SOMETIMES, I can pull off a horizontal image (fig. 1) for the cover such as the May issue. And other times a horizontal image (fig. 2) can be made to work by rotating it to fit such as last month's cover.

Looking at the two examples you can see how horizontal images can be made to fit.





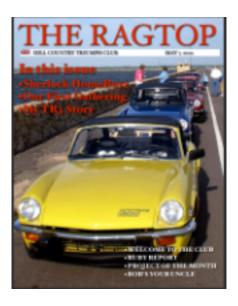


Figure 3.

Other images that have been submitted for the cover simply couldn't be made to work even though they were great images.

The next thing that makes for a GREAT cover image is not having too many distracting elements. The photo is not too busy, no telephone poles or trees in the way. One rule for making those great snapshots is "Get in CLOSE", as close as you can.

Like in the MAY issue's cover (fig.3) you can see that by simply rotating the camera to a vertical orientation and moving in would have made the same image as the cropped version.

Now, I can hear some of you saying "as it was shot, you have the best of both worlds". The trouble you run into by not moving in close is wasted resolution resulting in poor image quality and detail. You can only crop in so far before you surpass the resolving power of your camera. In other words, you end up with a grainy, blurry image like in figure 5. Let use the same photo that was used for the June issue (figure 4) and crop into just the driver's face. Let's say we want to SEE the intense concentration on the face of a race car driver, in this case that look of total concentration Bob Blake has on his face as he hurls that British Iron

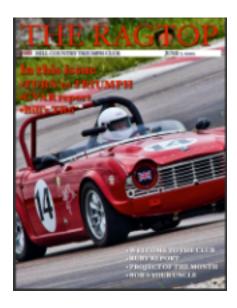


Figure 4. around the track (figure 6).

This image was made with a pro camera and has more resolution than the average consumer point and shoot camera so we can crop into the image more and still have a useful image. I do understand not all images submitted were meant for the cover, such as the image in figure 5. But I hope this helps you in the future when you are making photographs whether they be for the RAGTOP, your scrapbook or otherwise.

That's enough for this month. Keep those photos coming and we'll make 'em work!





Figure 5

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TR Report July 2022

Mike McPhail

The Welter TR6 frame-off restoration project would have been finished some time ago, had Kim not insisted on air conditioning! I told Jacques that I would give it a shot provided he could come up with a ready-made bolt-on system. A few sources hinted at the existence of such a thing, but were out of stock for the foreseeable future. Eventually, I was lured into cobbling something together from universal-fit parts.

Vintage Air in San Antonio supplied of all the pieces, and their close proximity enabled next day delivery. Their Gen II evaporator unit became the heart of the system, while a fancy control panel took the place of the radio. A 16x16 condenser coil fit perfectly in front of the new aluminum radiator. A custom polished aluminum bulkhead connector made for a tidier installation. The previously spacious glovebox was cut down considerably to make room for the copious ductwork and plumbing.

The stock dashboard eyeballs were replaced with larger items and left and right vents were added below. Coming out of the unit are two defroster outlets, two floor outlets and three ductwork outlets for the dash, of which, the driver got two, and the other was split for the passenger outlets.

The controls are all-electric, connecting to servos in the evaporator unit. Even the inline heater valve is servo operated! There is the choice of defrost, bi-level, dash, and floor. The heater valve is controlled with a sliding switch and there are knobs for the outlet, 3-speed fan, and A/C temperature.

I didn't hold much hope for the effectiveness of a DIY A/C system mounted in a drafty LBC, but guess what...it works really well. Lots of cold air right where you need it...40 degrees coming out of the vents on a 100-degree summer day! As a bonus, the heater and defroster are much improved over what left Coventry in 1971.

The parts to do this weren't all that expensive; about \$1500, but it took a lot of elbow grease to get the job done. The dashboard and heater had to come out, a period compressor bracket had to be sourced and refrigerant lines fabricated. I won't be doing another one...



Nice controls!



Unit barely fits behind the dash.



Sanden requires old bracket and adapter plate.







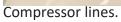
Not much room.



Shallow box.

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Two dash ducts.



Going home at last!

Wiley's Boot

Wiley Christal

ince my radiator leak in September ■ 2020 while touring with other HCTC Triumph drivers, I learned to appreciate the need to carry an adequate stock of tools and as many spare parts as possible in the trunk of mv TR6. A few of the club members had what I needed to patch my radiator so I could continue the tour and limb back home. At another drive event in a hotel parking lot near Big Bend, Benson Tuttle had a breakdown. It was there that I got to see Art Graves' TR6 trunk full of spare parts. He was very resourceful in using the empty spaces in the four corners of the spare-tire wheel-well to slash common parts that might break while away from home. And I took a photo of his list of parts and where they were located within the trunk.

Slowly I have been acquiring spare TR6 parts and putting all the tools that I can into a toolbox to have while traveling in my Triumph. I didn't duplicate Art list of parts, but I used his idea of listing ev-

erything so finding that one needed item while parked on the side of a busy road someday would be an easier task. There is still space in my trunk for a duffle bag of clothes, the fancy boot cover that hides the convertible top when it is down, a blanket, shop rags, detail spray, a couple of bottles of water for the radiator, and things like that.

I will probably never be completely satisfied with the spares, the tools, and the list that I have, but I have taken the first steps to get the items documented and stuffed away in the trunk. I noticed that I do have duplicates of electronic ignitions, rotors, and points on the list; however, they are stored in different places so maybe finding one, when needed, will be easier. The downside to stuffing parts around the spare tire is having to remove a considerable number of individual parts to get the spare tire out in case of a flat.

Editors note: "What's in your Boot?" is an item we would like to feature occasionally in the Ragtop. Wiley's engineering background is evident in his exceptionally detailed list. While I don't imagine most of us have a trunk as well-stocked as Wiley's, we'd love to hear what you carry in yours. There is a link on the Web site to send a report. Look for "Boot" at the top of the page, or just click here.

Wiley's Tools and Spare Parts in Trunk and Glovebox, 7/29/2022

Q2 - Front, left corner of wheel well	s Tools and Spare Parts in Trunk a		corner of wheel well		
Spark plugs, Champion RN12YC gapped at 0.		Belt 3/8", M 83			
Spark plugs, Champion RN12YC gapped at 0.082" No Fuel filter, inline 5/16" w/ clips		Hose, water pump to intake manifold, M 834-207			
Points and condenser, original (used)		Hose, intake manifold to return pipe (horiz), M 834-240			
Rotor, distributor red (used)		Hose, heater return (bottom nipple) to return pipe (vert), M 635-257			
Rotor, distributor, Duralast LU905		Hose, water temp valve to finewall (upper), M 834-650			
Pertronix LU-166A (used)			ad to heater inlet, RF 623284		
Radiator caps X2		Hose, inside bulkhead from heater outlet, RF 623285			
Hose clamps		Hose, radiator lower, M 834-630			
ZS Carb repair kit, RF ZENS577A X2		Hose, radiator bottom, M 834-640			
Q3 – Back, left corner of wheel well		se, radiator top.			
Fuel pump (filter screen replaced w/ metal mesh), M 377-061		Hose, fuel, rubber, 1/4x33" w/ 1/2-20 brass nipple conn - fuel pump			
Fuel pump gaskets, M 697-125		Q4 - Back, right corner of wheel well			
Coil (used)		iter pump w/ 3/8			
Pertronix II 9LU-166A (used)		iter pump gasket			
Rotor, distributor black		Rotor, distributor red Lucas DRB106C			
C - Center of spare tire wheel	Poi	Points Lucas DSB101C			
Jack handle (under tire)	Co	Condenser Lucas DCB101C			
Jack	Fla	Flasher, turn-signal Lucas SFB115			
Wrench, lug-nut		Plastic Container			
Cheater bar (1" dia x 10")		Jump Starter, Yabor			
Liquid transfer pump		First Aid lift			
Oil pump for at bottles - trans & diff		Funnel			
Cardboard Box	Tin	e inflator, Slime			
Fire Extinguisher, dry chemical B+C	Tul	beless tire repair	Items in plastic bag		
Vinyl Poncho	Ra	diator Stop Leak,	, 1 bottle, Bar's Leaks		
Tow strap, 20 ft, 5666 lb load limit	Sh	op rags, red X5			
Brake fluid, DOT 4, 12oz, Valvoline	wi	D-40 spray			
Motor oil, 20W50, 2 gt, Castrol GTX		Starting fluid, spray can			
Vinyl Poncho		Hand cleaner, Fast Orange			
Hand cleaner, Tub O' Towels		Thermometer, IR Ames			
Multimeter, AstroAl					
	Toolbox				
Wrench, BE 3/8" & 7/16", Craftsman	Wrench, adjustable red 12", UR	REA	Wire cutter, black		
Wrench, BE 7/16" & 1/2", Craftsman	Wrench, oil filter, 74/76mm 15		Wire stripper red		
Wrench, BE 1/2" & 9/16", Germany	Wrench, strap for brake fluid reservoir		Knife, folding blade, blue, Pittsburgh		
Wrench, BE 5/8" & 3/4", Craftsman	Wrench, oil filter 76mm 14 flutes		Knife, retracting blade, green		
Wrench, BE 3/4" & 7/8", Craftsman	Socket set w/ rachet, 1/4", Duralast		Mallet, rubber		
Wrench, combo, 1/4", Hyper Tough	1/4" socket w/ nut driver adapter		Hammer handle, wooden		
Wrench, combo 5/16", Hyper Tough	Nut driver w/ attachments, red, Craftsman		Tape, Duck, roll, silver		
Wrench, combo 3/8", Hyper Tough Socket set w/ rachet, 3/8" Huz		v	Tape, electrical, roll, black		
Wrench, combo 7/16", Hyper Tough 3/8" drive extension 10", Cra		man	Feeler gauges, 0.010" - 0.035"		
Wrench, combo 1/2", Hyper Tough Pliers, lock jaw 9", chrome V		Grip	Wire, 14AWG w/ alligator clips, red & green		
Wrench, combo 9/16", Hyper Tough Pliers, long-nose 6-1/2", red,		ack Pittsburgh	Wire, w/ bullet connector 16", green/brn		
Wrench, combo 5/8", Hyper Tough Pliers, long-nose 11", black F			Wire, bailing, small roll		
Wrench, combo 11/16°, Hyper Tough	Pliers, slip-joint 8*, orange, Pitts	sburgh	Cable ties, bundle green		

Glovebox Bulbs

Fuses

Tire pressure gauge

Wrench, combo 3/4", Hyper Tough Wrench, combo 13/16", Hyper Tough

Wrench, combo 7/8", Hyper Tough Wrench, OE 3/8" & 7/16", Husky

Wrench, OE 1/2" & 9/16", Craftsman Wrench, OE 19/32" & 11/16", Craftsman

Wrench, OE 5/8" & 3/4", Craftsman Wrench, OE 3/4" & 7/8", Craftsman

Wrench, allen set, SAE (red) & metric (blue)

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Pliers, tongue & groove 12" blue Fuller

Screwdriver, flat 1/4"x2", blue Stanley

Spark plug gap tool, black w/ wires Spark plug gap tool, cisk, Auto Zone

Screwdriver, flat 3/16"x3", orange Pittsburgh

Screwdriver, flat 1/4"x4", orange Pittsburgh

Screwdriver, Phillips #2x1.5", green Pittsburgh

Screwdriver, Phillips #2x4", green Pittsburgh

Pliers, tongue & groove 10" chrome Craftsman Epoxy putty, SteelStick, JB Weld

Adhesive, fast cure, DAP

Thermometer, IR, Ames

Marker, blue Sharpie

Golf tee, white

Gloves, work X2

Flashlight

The Roadster Ractory Summer Party Revisited

Mike McPhail

rt came up with a clever plan to ease the mid-summer doldrums...road trip! We have often lamented the demise of Charles Runyan's TRF Summer Party and decided to do something about it. The Pittsburgh Grand Prix coincides with the Western PA Triumph Club's All British Car Day...which is part of the International Car Show at Schenley Park. This event was part of the Summer Party sched-

Paducah after hours.

ule a few years ago, being only about forty miles from the Roadster Factory.

We departed Tulsa Wednesday morning, July 20 and took the scenic route through Missouri to Paducah, KY. A pleasant evening was spent roaming the trendy riverside area around our boutique hotel. On Thursday, cooler temperatures and lovely scenery were enjoyed all the way to



Promenade in Paducah.



New River Gorge.



New River Gorge Bridge.



ABCD Schenley Park.



Johnstown Flood National Historic Site.

Fayetteville, WV, a slight detour so as to view the fabulous New River Gorge.

Another pleasant day of driving had us in Bridgeville, PA...just a few miles across the river from Pittsburgh. We had a tough time getting to the park Saturday, since everybody in town was heading there. The ordeal was worth it when we joined the estimated 3000+ cars on the golf course high above the city. A short walk to the verge provided a close-up vantage of the Grand Prix!

The show was nearly over when a huge thunderstorm blew in quite unexpectedly, sending everyone heading for the hills. Soon the rain was coming down in torrents and did not stop until we reached Ligonier. We had visited this cutesy village before on Summer Party rallies, and it made a great



Got rain!



Allegheny Portage National Historic Site.

jumping off point for exploring our old haunts.

Sunday was a glorious day and we hit the road early. First stop: Johnstown Flood National Historic Site, then on to the Allegheny Railroad Portage NHS, where we hiked around the grounds, which we had entirely to ourselves. After enjoying a delicious hot sandwich at Coy's, our favorite local eatery, we kicked around Indiana PA.

While picking up some oil at Tractor Supply, who did we see but John-Paul Runyan...he had spotted our Triumphs in the parking lot and came in to say hello! He had already figured out who we were by the license plates. Eventually a photo-op in front of the now defunct Coventry Inn ended our stay in town and there was little left to do but enjoy the pleasant trip back

to the hotel.

We beat everyone to work at the Roadster Factory Monday morning. Albert Runyan arrived about a quarter till 8, just as a rain shower passed over. Next to show was "Woodchuck" Findley, who assured us that it was okay to come in before business hours. Albert was very pleased to see us and called us by name...just like his late father had always done.

Our last obligatory stop was Dean's Diner



Memory Lane.

in Blairsville, then on to Effingham, Il. I don't think the temperature rose any all day which was most enjoyable. The rain moved in sometime during the night and continued, often quite heavily, until noon. The skies had cleared by the time we reached the Missouri Hick BBQ in Cuba, and the temperature rose steadily into the triple digits.

No matter, by 5 we were back at Grave's Manor no worse for wear, already planning our next big adventure.



Art and Albert.



The Roadster Factory Revisited.

Mad Dogs and English Cars*

Rip Torn

couple of us ventured south on July 9th. Mitch Zess and I did in fact venture out into the midday sun and drive to San Antonio for the SCCA-Lone Star Region's Twin Sisters Road Rally. After the membership meeting that morning Mitch agreed to be the navigator for this RR, the rules of which were unknown. We wandered to the start point around 4 PM. The winding drive on RR 12 then over to Blanco and down US 281 was in fact hot! Once checked in we met with, amongst others, Betina Foreman and eventually got underway. The rules were to follow the directions, don't get lost, answer some clues and see you at the end. It was a "gimmick/fun drive." The route was very scenic indeed. Leon Springs, Camp Bullis, Bergheim, Kendalia, Hillbillyz, Sisterdale, Luckenbach for a break, thence Grapetown, Bankersmith, and finally to Old Tunnel State Park and the Alamo Springs Café for some OUT-STANDING Burgers and libations. What a fun group of drivers with a wide range of cars, singles, families, old cars, new cars. (apologies to Dr. Seuss). The SCCA has several events outside of racing and are encouraging local car clubs to participate.

*With apologies to Joe Cocker and Noel Coward!









31 Years of the Largest British Car Show in Texas!

The 31st Texas All British Car Days will be held Friday, Saturday and Sunday **September 23, 24 & 25, 2022**.

Save the date and join us at the All British Car Show you love!

Online registration and mail in registration will be open soon.

We're planning an exceptional show this year celebrating our 31st year!

TXABCD is the largest gathering of British cars in Texas and a great place to see the cars you grew up with like Triumph, MG and Mini and to see exotic British cars you may not have seen before like Jaguar, Aston Martin, Bentley, Morgan Rolls Royce and more.

The Sunday show will again be at Centennial Plaza in Round Rock. This is a very nice plaza which will make our show a lot of fun.

Please plan to join us for the last weekend of September. See you there!

Hotel Information

Discounted rates are available using the link below.

Hotel Contact Information: Homewood Suites 2201 S. Mays St Round Rock, TX 78664

512-341-9200

The hotel is just a 5 minute drive from Centennial Plaza, where the show will be held on Sunday. Click the link below for more information and our discounted rates or to make a reservation.

Reserve a Hotel Room

Click <u>here</u> to reserve a room.

Tentative TXABCD Show Weekend Schedule

Note that this is TENTATIVE and may change!

A more detailed schedule is available on the Schedule tab at www.txabcd.org.

Friday - Sept 23

Meet and Greet at The Brass Tap in Round Rock.

Saturday - Sept 24

Mid Day - Registration and hospitality suite.

Afternoon - Rallye, details to be announced. Ending in Salado.

Evening - On your own to meet with friends after the rallye in Salado.

Sunday - Sept 25

The big car show at Centennial Plaza in Round Rock!

Volunteering

This is a big job and we're always in need of help! If you have some time to contribute we have jobs that can be done before the show and jobs that we need help with the day of the show. If you are interested in helping out in any way, please email info@txabcd.org.

Thanks!

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Triumph introduce the new Spitfire Mark 3
The big news is under the bonnet!

New 1300 engine puts the Spitfire in the 100 miles an hour dass



2022 TEXAS ALL BRITISH CAR DAYS

SEPT. 24 & 25

REGISTRATION FORM

Fun Rallye on Saturday, September 24th
Rallye free to registrants/Details coming soon!
Please take advantage of local restaurants for dinner plans with your
TXABCD friends!

		Join us in the fun! Attending RALLYE: YES NO				
NAME:						
ADDRESS:		_City/St/Zip				
PHONE: MARQUE	E-MAIL	(E-mail is for HCTC	* /TXABCD notification & use only)			
COLOR						
The Hil	ll Country Triumph Club (HC	TC) will be hosting TX	KABCD 2022			
MUST	BE POSTMARKEI					
Is your car a replica Y REGISTRATION FEE: 6 Event T-Shirts \$20 2XL FRONT Design Size FRONT Design Size BACK Design Size BACK Design Size BACK Design Size Event Henley Shirts (butt (Design on pocket—they run Front Design Only Size Front Design Only Size TOTAL ENCLOSED	each car \$25 \$	\$ \$ \$ \$ L/ 3XL \$35 \$ \$	Host Hotel: Car Show Rate \$119/\$139 (ends 8/26) Homewood Suites			
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Signature (2) :						
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EARLY BIRD DRIVE AUGUST 13

August 13th could be your lucky day...if you join the intrepid for a scenic drive from the Oasis to Waterloo Ice House before the Saturday meeting! We will depart the Oasis parking garage at 9 AM and be at the HCTC meeting in plenty of time...







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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Used and new TR6 parts for sale. For full listing, contact info, and pictures, click <u>here</u>.

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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

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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 mes-

sage. 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

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Many more parts for sale and prices negotiable. See the <u>catalog PDF</u> or look at <u>https://www.triumphexp.com/forum/buy-sell-and-trade-forum.5/</u>

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



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.



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.

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

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

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Artwork should be submitted to Dan Julien at dan.julien@gmail.com

Fees should be sent to:

HILL COUNTRY TRIUMPH CLUB Attn: Mike Schubert 18340 Masi Loop Pflugerville, TX 78660





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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 and we encourage new members to order their club nametag for an additional \$11.00 each. Add \$2.00 per badge if you want them mailed to you. Renewalsare \$20 annually.

Normally the club meets for businesson the second Saturday of the month at 10 AM and we have a social hour on the second Tuesday of the month around 6PM. Click the calendar link online for where and when the next meet up is. Drive your car to the meeting or get advice for your car while you are there. If you have questions, you may email info@hctc.us or contact one of the officers listed in the Ragtop magazine.

Payment is due on joining and payable by check to HCTCandmay be:

- 1. Mailed with this application to: HCTCMembership Chair, 1105 N. Canyonwood Dr., Dripping Springs, TX78620 or
- 2. Online (when active) on the www.hctc.us or
- 3. Bring this application (filled out) to the next meeting.

Duesmay be paid in more than 1 year increments. Renewalswill be due on the closest Jan1 or Jul 1. Multi-year rates: 5 years-\$90, 10 years-\$170

Club bylaws are available online. By joining the member, 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.

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Become a YTR Member

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Clothing, regalia, exclusive items

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Annual dues are just \$20.00 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

Aug 9, 2022 — **HCTC Tuesday Social Meeting,** 7 pm, Doc's Backyard Grill, Sunset Valley.

Aug 13, 2022 — **HCTC Morning Meeting,** 10 am, Waterloo Ice House on 360. See p. 21 for info on an **Early Bird Drive** to the meeting.

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

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

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

Sep 23-25, 2022 — **TxABCD**. See p. 18. www.txabcd.org.

Oct 1, 2022—**Red River European Car** and Motorcycle Show. See p. 21.

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.

Pay Your Dues!!!!!!!

Please check the latest spreadsheet sent out by Nel. If it says Jul-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 \$20 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

Club Meetings

Next Meeting:

Saturday, August 13, 2022, 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

See p. 21 for info on an Early Bird Drive

Next Evening Social Meeting:

Tuesday, August 9, 2022, 7:00 PM

Doc's Backyard Grill

5207 Brodie Ln #100

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