

Thoughts from Rip Torn



Inally the temperatures have dialed back to a civilized range for top down driving and it is time to get those Triumphs out on the road! A shout out for the club members led by Joe Payne and Mike McPhail for taking the reins of the Texas All British Car Days this year and continuing the tradition making it the largest show of its type in Texas. The outgoing leadership there did a great job as well doing a hand-off that went seamlessly. Our club's sponsorship of that event going forward has resulted in some structural changes to the organization that we will talk about at length at our upcoming meeting. Meanwhile know that it will result in the club being stronger financially and membership-wise.

For the rest of the year we plan on having some fun events to participate in. The HCTC Morning meeting at Waterloo Ice House in Austin and this quarter's Social Hour meeting at Camino Real in North Austin are planned for October and November followed by a Christmas/Holiday Party in Georgetown TBD. We discussed another club drive out to Big Bend area. If you haven't participated on one of those it will be a highlight of your driving year. The San Antonio Club is organizing a weekend drive ending Shiner, TX and invited our group to join them Friday, November 18th. There are also several British Car shows coming up in Bee Cave, Ft. Worth, Houston, and Boerne during October so stop by and participate or at least take a look and say howdy. For 2023 (hard to believe that is only 100 days away) join us for on Feb 10 for "Drive Your Triumph Day" and the VTR Regional in the Spring, April 19-22 in Sugar Land, Texas hosted by the Houston club. The national VTR conference will be in Griffin, GA September 28-30. Stay tuned to the website calendar and Ragtop and mark your

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calendars! We will have something every month to drive your cars for.

We welcome some new recent members to the club — Patrick and Natalie Arbour from Pflugerville '64 red TR4, Julian Pham from Cedar Park and his '79 red TR7 AND '80 blue TR8, Richard Simonson, Kim and Jacques Welter from Georgetown, and soon Nicholas & Suzanne Tyler. I look forward to seeing you at our meetings and events.

At the TxABCD I heard one of the best compliments about our club and want to share that with you. "It seems that your club (HCTC) is everywhere here and really goes out of its way to make sure we are comfortable and engaged." Those words struck me as indicative of the servant's attitude I saw

in our members pitching in to make that event the success that is was and will grow to next year. Risking omitting some of the many volunteers — Nel, Mike, Jim(s), Bob, Roger(s), Wylie, Joe, Gary, and several others at the event and organizing behind the scenes brought out the spirit of the Hill Country Triumph Club. If you want to help for that activity or the club in general we are always looking for new talent and help. I can say my heartfelt gratitude for all that put your time and talent in to the TxABCD and the HCTC.

So get help fixing your cars, top off the oil and gas, check your maps (GPS) and fire up those Triumphs! Get out and drive — *Giddy up*!



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Secretary's Report September 2022

Jim Wells



ith a significant number of members just returning from the VTR Nationals in Galena, IL, it was good that our first meeting of the month was on a Saturday, the 10th of September, at our usual venue: Waterloo Ice House. With much to discuss, all things Texas All British Car Days, the majority of our conversation were the logistics insuring a successful transition from the "old guard" to the new. Not to be assumed without great trepidation, Mike McPhail and Joe Payne led the charge, and organized a well-attended event. With many months of preparation and help by many club members and others from neighboring car clubs, the 31st Annual TX ABCD show was a huge success. Kudos to volunteers!

Back to Saturday's meeting, other items





discussed were the completion of the HCTC legal filing status. All documents in order and filed, we can now focus on completing the transition of the TX ABCD to the HCTC. Mike McPhail gave attending members a review of the Galena trip and presented the much-coveted VTR Newsletter Award to Dan Julien. During the presentation of this award, in Galena, Shawn Franks-VTR chief editor, explained the requirements needed to win these awards (five awarded to the various clubs nationwide). At the awards that evening, it was conveyed that our own "Ragtop" Newsletter scored the highest points of the five awarded this year! Thanks Dan for ANOTHER outstanding year as editor of the award-winning Ragtop! In all, the HCTC attendees garnered six awards that night: Art Graves won 1st Place in Late model Concours de' Elegance, Mike



McPhail won 2nd Place in Late model Concours de Elegance, Wiley Christal won 3rd Place in Early model Concours de' Elegance and Roger Allen won 1st Place in Participant's Choice. Wiley also placed 2nd in Autocross. Looks like Wiley is going to need to clear off some wall space in his trophy room! Congratulations to all attendees!

As usual, after we concluded our Saturday meeting, most of us walked down to the usual parking spot to talk shop and look at the latest and greatest mechanical wizardry. Among the cars to be coveted was Kim Welter's, as I am told, very "cool" white TR6. Mike was tasked to restore their '71 TR6 and what an amazing job he did! If you didn't know it, you would think this Triumph came from the factory with modern air-conditioning. Be sure to ask Jacques and Kim about their car at the next meeting.

Speaking of, our next social gathering for September was held at our new venue, the Camino Real Mexican Restaurant, just off Spicewood Springs and Hwy 183. We had a great turnout with approximately 20 attendees. It was good to many new faces — Julian, Kim, and Jacques — and some familiar old faces, like Jim Herter, whom we haven't seen much lately. The food and conversation were great and beverages were priced right. There was plenty of parking, in spite of a construction dumpster. We'll be meeting in the same location the second Tuesday of October, so be sure to attend. Due to the closing time, we will begin gathering by 6:00PM. After dinner and a group picture, we parted ways, with a few of us stopping by the Water Tank Bar & Grill to tell a few more stories.

Our last major event for September was the Texas All British Car Days held from Friday, September 23rd through Sunday, September 25th. We had a great turnout, to include enthusiastic volunteers to help make this year's event a success. Registrants for the event totaled close to 100 people, with many bringing quests with them. The weather was clear and maybe a bit too hot but we managed. It was good to see the previous year's organizers (Bob and Barbara, and Jim in attendance. Thanks for setting the example for 30 years on how to run a successful British car event! And, of course, a big thank you to Dan Julien who always captures this annual event on "film!" My apologies if I have left anyone out. There many awards handed out on Sunday, of which can be seen if you visit the TXABCD Facebook page.

Hope to see you all at our next meeting this coming Saturday morning, October 8th at the Waterloo Ice House, Look for times and



places for upcoming meetings and events in this and other editions of the "Award Winning" Ragtop.

Until then...

Tara





















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From the Archives

Art Graves



These hints appeared in the March 2001 edition of the "Ragtop". I was the "Ragtop" editor at the time, so it is very likely I found these 'hints' and used them as filler. Some of the automotive hints may still be applicable today; not too sure of the other hints.

Motoring in the United States before 1920

(Source: American Heritage Magazine, April 1967, Page 110.)

- Use chewing gum to mend a leaky gas line
- Carry a can of ether for winter starting
- Test for an overheated engine: Spit on it. If there is a sizzle, all is we11. If steam rises, check your radiator
- Strain all gas through a chamois to remove dirt and water
- If the spark lever slips while you are cranking, tie it in position with a piece of string
- A box of oatmeal flakes is handy when the radiator springs a leak. Pour flakes into the water. As they swell, they fill the hole. Dried horse manure is also good and, of course, always available
- To rejuvenate a worm tire, pump in a cup of chopped up feathers and hot mo-

lasses. Spin the tire to distribute the mixture evenly and seal pores and holes. Watch out, though, if there is a blowout

- A gun is no longer needed when you visit the western states
- To clean the celluloid windows in your side curtains, use vinegar
- To keep the windshield clear on rainy days, rub a sliced onion over it

Other Helpful Tips

(Source: Some chucklehead, somewhere on the internet)

- Tape a chocolate bar to the outside of your microwave. If the chocolate melts you will know that the microwaves are escaping and it is time to have the oven serviced
- A mouse trap, placed on top on of your alarm clock will prevent you from rolling over and going back to sleep
- Old telephone books make ideal personal address books. Simply cross out

- the names and addresses of people you don't know
- Before attempting to remove stubborn stains from a garment always circle the stain in permanent ink pen so that when you remove the garment from the washing machine you can easily locate the area of the stain and check that it has gone
- Avoid parking tickets by leaving your windshield wipers turned to fast wipe whenever you leave your car parked illegally

- High blood pressure sufferers: Simply cut yourself and bleed for a while, thus reducing the pressure in your veins
- Olympic athletes: Conceal the fact that you have taken performance enhancing drugs by simply running a little slower and letting someone else win
- A sheet of sandpaper makes a cheap and effective substitute for costly maps when visiting the Sahara Desert

HCTC at the TXABCD





















Cross Country Triumph DriveOff the Bucket List

Bob Skewis

have wanted to do a cross country drive in my Triumph ever since I retired eight years ago. So when the Triumphest 2022 was scheduled for San Diego, CA it seemed so natural. After all, I have a cousin living there that I have not seen in some time and we could have a get-together. I enlisted Bill Waller to go and although he was in the middle of a mandatory refresh of his TR6, he enthusiastically agreed. As the months rolled by, Pam Owens and Annette Waller showed some interest in going if they could fly out. It seems the

long days driving through the desert was not as attractive as the swimming pool by the marina.

After much preparation and study about which spare parts to take along, we departed Dripping Springs at 6:45 am on September 6 with El Paso being our first destination. We rolled in by 7:00 pm in time for dinner and a little happy hour. Morning found us heading further west on Interstate 10, stopping every 150 miles or so to top off the tank and stretch our legs. At one stop, Bill's car was running a little rough but it did



Pam got up with us for the early departure from Dripping Springs



Grass Skirt tiki bar was a hit

not take us long to realize that the fuel filter was badly clogged (it sure helps to have a clear filter!). Did we have an extra filter? Yes we did, and were back on the road with renewed vigor in a matter of minutes. With windows rolled down, rear window zipped open and ragtop up for shade, we soon turned onto Interstate 8 toward our Yuma destination.

Besides the heat, the desert is known for its stark beauty and we saw miles of it! We were in our hotel by 5:00 pm and headed downtown for the Brinley Avenue Historic District and the two brew pubs that Yuma offered.

Our third day of driving found us marveling at the Imperial Sand Dunes just outside of Yuma and then up in the Vallecito Mountains as we skirted the Mexican border. The girls flew into San Diego at 8:00 am. They left their bags at the hotel, ate breakfast and jumped on a hop-on / hop-off bus tour for most of the day. Meanwhile, 12:00 found the boys at the host hotel on Mission Bay, The Dana. We rested and cleaned up before going to our 6:00pm reservation at the Grass Skirt Tiki Bar for dinner and drinks. The bar had great atmosphere. tropical drinks and a hula dancer that had exceptional skills. We Ubered home.

The event organizers left plenty of time



Beautiful Triumph 2000 roadster

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Bringing home the Gold from the Funcours

on the schedule for attendees to explore San Diego on their own and we started Friday with a trip to the San Diego Zoo. San Diego had been dry all summer like much of the Southwest, but remnants of a Pacific hurricane off the Baja coast kept us a little on the damp side but no less enthusiastic. We followed the zoo with lunch in Little Italy and then a walk along the wharf where we took in the tall ship Star of India and then USS Midway.

Saturday morning brought the car show which was conveniently located on the grounds of the Dana resort. I barely got the bugs off the 250 before the show started. The girls opted to check out Balboa Park while Bill and I checked out the cars. Many beautiful examples of the



Breakdown in Flagstaff

marque were well represented, including a beautiful 2000 roadster. After the judging was over, we took one of the drives the organizers recommend, taking us high over La Jolla and down to the beach where we had lunch at La Pescador fish market and restaurant. We highly recommend this place if you are ever that way. Oh, and my cousin and her husband came down with COVID and we never saw her!

Saturday night brought the banquet and, in true California fashion, everyone got a trophy! All plaques were either gold, silver or bronze. The 250 took home gold and Bill took a bronze. In his defense, he had stiff competition in his division AND he never washed the bugs off before the show. We would have taken home longest drive except for a couple of guys from British Columbia that beat us out by 150 miles. After a nightcap, we retired so we could get up with the girls and see them off to the airport at 5:00am.

Sunday found us back on the road again and heading for the northern route home, taking Interstate 15 north to Interstate 40 and crossing the Mojave Desert on the old Route 66 heading east. The miles of flat land slowly began to rise and by the time we arrived in the beautiful city of Flagstaff, AZ we were in mountains and pine trees. We had a



Electric fuel pump got us up and running again

nice dinner at a local brewpub and retired for the night . . . even planned on sleeping in a bit since we had a short drive to Albuquerque the next day. We enjoyed a bit of the city in the daylight, gassed up and as we circled up the on ramp my car died. It didn't take us long to find the culprit, the mechanical fuel pump had quit. Once again, planning paid off and we pulled out a spare electronic fuel pump and were up and running thirty minutes later. We rolled into Albuquerque about 7:00pm, secured lodging and headed out to a great Mexican dinner paired with a really good margarita.

On our last day, Tuesday, we were just going to see how far we could get and not push it all the way home. We drove to Roswell, crossed into Texas at Plains and headed southeast toward San An-

gelo. Just fifteen miles short of San Angelo, my car died again. By the time Bill got turned around and came back to me, I had it diagnosed: the electronic fuel pump had died. We did not bring two extra fuel pumps. After checking the wiring, Bill began to whack the pump with a wrench . . . AND IT *STARTED*! We determined to stop at the first auto parts store we came to in San Angelo and pick up a spare in case it gave out again. We did, and it never did. The closer we got to home, the more we wanted to go all the way. We rolled into Dripping Springs about 11:00 and decided to have a celebratory Whataburger before parting ways. After approximately 3,000 miles we were home safe and proud of accomplishing the task and persevering. Mark it off the Bucket List.



Last sunset in the side mirror as we leave San Angelo

Texas All British Car Day 2022 Awards

MGT* 1936-1955

- 1. Tom Luin blue 1952 MGTD
- 2. Michael Shouse red 1954 MGTF
- Marius Chanson silver/black 1951 MGTD

MGA

- 1. James Conrad black 1961
- 2. Dorothee Auldridge red 1955
- 3. Bill Sysman white 1961

MGB/C 1962-1974 ½

- 1. Eric Van Note red 1972 MGB
- 2. Eddy Dick red 1964 MGB
- 3. Scott Hardy blue 1972 MGB

MGB/C 1974 ½ -1980

- 1. Bruce Whiteside black 1979 MGB/LE
- 2. Rick Wyant red 1974 MGB
- 3. Michael Gottner green 1979 MGB

MG GT

- 1. Roger Sykes yellow 1974 MGB/GT
- Andy Hemphill primrose 1969 MGC/GT
- 3. Zach Dixon green 1969MGB/GT

Austin Healey Sprite/MG Midget

- 1. Al Amato primrose 1966 Sprite
- 2. Paul Murry red 1694 Sprite
- 3. John Zeuner red 1962 Sprite

Triumph GT6

- 1. Josh Ellis blue and white 1972
- 2. Matt Daniel red 1972

Triumph TR2,3,4,250

- 1. Rod Hamilton burgundy 1964 TR4
- 2. Rodney Lemmon green 1957 TR3
- 3. Bob Skewis yellow 1968 TR250

TR6 1969-1972

- 1. Barry Dixon blue 1970 TR6
- 2. Dan Julien yellow 1970 TR6
- 3. Jacques Welter white 1972 TR6

TR6 1972-1974 ½

- 1. Mike McPhail red 1974 TR6
- 2. James Miller blue 1972 TR6
- 3. Joe Davis yellow 1974 TR6

TR6 1974 1/2 -1976

- 1. Jim Icenhower red 1976 TR6
- 2. Roger Allen blue 1975 TR6
- 3. Barbara Kramer brown 1976 TR6

Triumph TR7

- 1. Larry McDonald red 1980 TR8
- 2. Cole Bennett orange 1980 TR7
- 3. Julian Pham red 1979 TR7

Triumph Spitfire

- 1. Olivio Rana Singhe green 1978
- 2. Michael Nelsen red 1973
- 3. Richard Trenholme maroon 1980

Big Healey

- 1. Pat Yoas golden beige 1967 AH3000
- Vince Barnell golden beige 1967 AH3000

Classic Jaguar

- 1. John Vance grey 1964 E-type
- 2. James Bowen red 1970 E-type
- 3. Jeffry Pirkey red 1989 XJS

Modern Jaguar 1996-2022

1. Mike Kilgore blue 2022 F-pace

Aston-Martin

1. Gary Hyman silver 2021 DBX

Mini early

- 1. Desiree Patten yellow 1969 Mini Pickup
- 2. James Mayes blue 1966 Mini Traveler
- 3. Jim Davidson green/white 1966 Morris Cooper S

Mini late

- 1. Naoya Tanaka grey 1988 Rover Mini
- 2. Bruce Kennedy red 1988 Mayfair
- 3. Carl Owen turquois 1977 Morris Mini Clubman

Rolls Royce/Bentley

- 1. James Rice silver 1925 RR Silver Ghost Morgan
 - 1. Bob Chamberlain Blue 2005 Aero8

British Saloon

- 1. John Stanley green 1953 Rover P4
- 2. John Stanley white 1963 Rover 3 Litre
- 3. Louise Brito green 1970 Morris Minor

British Sport

- Paul Nevels chameleon 1947 Daimler DB18
- 2. Robert Sparks blue 1964 Sunbeam Tiger
- Robert MacKenzie white 1973 Jensen-Healey

Special Interest

- Eric Mordt blue&white 1958 Sunbeam Rapier
- 2. Alan Proctor green 1980 MGB V8
- Chris Salisbury white 1967 MGB GT V8

Diamond in the Rough Ramiro Sanchez blue 1973 Land Rover

Best of Show Michael Mueller black 1955 Jaguar XK140







34th ANNUAL SOUTH TEXAS ALL BRITISH CAR DAY (ABCD) 2022 Saturday October 29th 2022 Boerne Plaza 9 AM to 2:30PM

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South Texas

All British Car Day Judging Categories 2022

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Class A
            TR2 & TR3
            TR4 & TR250
Class B
Class C
            TR6 - Chrome
            TR6 - Over-Riders
Class D
Class €
            TR 7-8
Class F
            Spitfire & GT6
Class G
            Triumph - Stag
Class #
            Jag 2 door Pre-E Type
Class I
            Jag 2 door E Type
Class J
            Jag 2 door Post-E Type
Class K
            Jag 4 door
Class L
            Healey 100/4 100/6 & 3000
Class M
            Healey Bugeye, Sprite & Midget
Class N
            Land & Range Rover
Class 0
            Classic Mini
Class P
            New Mini
Class Q
            Morgan
Class R
            Lotus
Class S
            Aston Martin
            MG - T
Class T
Class U
            MGA
            MGB & C (Chrome)
Class V
Class W
            MGB (Rubber Bumper)
            MG - GT
Class X
Class Y
            Modified (All)
Class Z
            Laxary
Class AA
            Other British Cars
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Class BB

Replica



Classifieds

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I live in Lockhart and can deliver the parts.

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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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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-

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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.



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Please call or text 316 200 3068.





For Sale: 1972 Spitfire IV (California car)

Full engine rebuild (1300cc) New installed Weber carb Installed new/refurbished overdrive gearbox

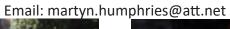
> New top cover New wheels and tires

> > New trunk kit

Passed Texas Vehicle Inspection report (safety inspection)

VIN: FK25411L Price: \$10,000

Call: Martyn Humphries 512-289-3998









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.

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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





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 a lack of other clubs in the area. As owners and lovers of our unique types of cars, we have a special kinship, which draws us together.

As of 1 July 2022, Annual dues are only \$20.00 per new membership for a family group or address per year and go toward supporting club events. We encourage new members to order their club nametag for an additional \$11 each. Renewals are \$20 annually.

Normally the club meets for business on 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 HCTC and may be:

- 1. Mailed with this application to: HCTC Membership Chair, 1105 N. Canyonwood Dr., Dripping Springs, TX 78620 or
- 2. Online (when active) on the www.hctc.us or
- 3. Bring this application (filled out) to the next meeting.

Dues may be paid in more than 1-year increments. Renewals will be due on the closest Jan 1 or Jul 1. Multi-year rates: 5 years-\$90, 10 years-\$170

Club bylaws are available online. By joining the 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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The Vintage Triumph Magazine – Our award-winning bi-monthly color publication 2020 VTR National Convention in Galena, Illinois

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Website with reference material and members-only sections
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Clothing, regalia, exclusive items
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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 \$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

Oct 8, 2022 — **Houston ABCD**. Info here.

Oct 8, 2022 — **HCTC Morning Meeting,** 10 am, Waterloo Ice House on 360.

Oct 11, 2022 — **HCTC Tuesday Social Meeting,** 6 pm, **Camino Real** restaurant on Hwy 183.

Oct 15, 2022 — **Pistons on the Square**. See next page.

Oct 16, 2022 — **Rolling Sculpture Car Show**, 10 AM, Bee Cave, TX. See p. 17.

Oct 29, 2022 — **South Texas ABCD**, Boerne, TX. See pp. 18-19.

Nov 12, 2022 — Wings & Wheels Fly-In.

Kingsbury, TX.

Feb 10, 2023 — **Drive Your Triumph Day.**

Apr 20-22, 2023 — VTR South Central Regionals, Sugar Land, TX. Info here.

Sep 28-30 — **VTR Nationals**, Dillard, GA. Info <u>here</u>.

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, October 8, 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

Next Evening Social Meeting:

Tuesday, October 11, 2022, 6:00-9:00 PM

Camino Real 8650 Spicewood Springs Rd #137 Austin, TX 78759

caminorealrestaurante.com

512-335-5517

Member Jacques Welter wants to organize an HCTC showing at the next **Pistons on the Square** in Georgetown on Saturday, October 15, starting at 8:00 am.

Might be nice to see who in the club wants to come out. It is first come, first served. To make sure we all get spots, people should plan on showing up at 7:15 - 7:30. Since I live about 10 minutes from the Georgetown Square, I can get there early and hold open parking spots for a few if needed - they just let me know (jawelter60@gmail.com)

Links below:

http://www.motortexas.com/events/detail.aspx?event-id=7709

https://www.facebook.com/pistonsonthesquare