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Thoughts from Rip

Rip Torn



This month I will keep it short. For October we had a busy month for the club with the European Car Car show in the Dallas area, Pistons on the Square in Georgetown, Rolling Sculpture in Bee Cave, and the South Tx ABCD in Boerne. I saw there were some hardware winners at some of those events. Congratulations! Mike McPhail has coordinated for us to participate in a joint drive on Nov 18th to the Spoetzl Brewery with the San Antonio club. Our annual Tour de Lites is on the calendar for Dec 13th so mark your calendar to join that drive. The Welters are hosting our annual Christmas/Holiday Party on Dec 10 in Georgetown. Check the website, Facebook site, and/or the Ragtop for details. We will send out an evite for those asking for your plans to attend. A lot of work goes into it so give us a heads up so we can insure the food and beverage will be enough for your attendance.

Business-wise the club is in good shape. We are now incorporated and can officially raise extra funds for our operation. Great work by everyone involved making the 31st Annual All British Car Days a success both socially and financially. We are looking at a new software for managing the club's operation that will allow us to tailor what we do for you to what your expectations and needs are — details to follow. Last month we had a new member Frank Phlegar and his Spitfire join the club. Welcome!

As the annual half ends we still show 8 members not in a current status on their dues. Please let us know if you will be dropping or continuing to Nel McPhail or through the website.

I look forward to seeing you at the Waterloo Ice House on the 12th at 10 AM for the meeting. Meanwhile keep driving those Triumphs!

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Secretary's Report October 2022

Jim Wells



October kicked off with our Saturday morning Hill Country Triumph Club meeting at the Waterloo Ice House. The morning drive for stated off very nice, especially since my lovely wife-Diana joined me on the hour drive south to north Austin. The morning air was a little brisk with hints that it would soon be warming up as the noontime approached. The member turnout was good, with a total of 16 members and spouses in attendance. A big "Thank You!" was given to all members and their spouses who helped make this year's Texas All British Car Days a success. Looking forward to next year's TXABCD event! By the way, if you haven't seen this year's TXABCD shirts, hats, and hoodies, they're amazing! Our very-own Bob Skewis designed them so be sure to buy this year's TXABCD regalia while supplies last.

Other "shout-outs" went to Dan Julien for his work publishing our very-own award-winning Ragtop, Kim Vasquez for her work maintaining our club's Facebook page, and Jimmy White for our outstanding website. Kudos to all who make our club a success! New members, Julian Pham and Malcolm Grey, were also recognized and welcomed to the club.

As far as Club business, the Hill Country Triumph Club is now officially "Hill Country Triumph Club Inc." For legal and finan-

cial reasons the Club changed to a "for-profit corporation. This will allow the club to raise money and advertise to better grow the club.

Some upcoming events discussed were "Pistons on the Square" held in Georgetown on the third Saturday of the month, the "All British Car Day" in Boerne, TX, hosted by the South Texas Triumph Club the last Saturday in October, and the Rolling Sculpture on the 16th of Oct. in Bee Caves at the Hill Country Galleria, and, of course the upcoming Club Christmas. Also, look for an Evite reminder for the Party. However, rumor has it that this year's Christmas Party will be hosted by the Welters, possibly on the 9th or 10th of Dec., look for party details in the Ragtop and on our website/Facebook page. The Christmas Party will serve as our monthly morning meeting for the month of December, so we will NOT be meeting at Waterloo, as a club, the second Saturday in December. After Club business was discussed and our breakfast finished, we headed out to the parking lot for our usual car talk/tech session. Among the interesting cars was Julian's "Triumph" 280Z. Though he does own a TR7, he drove his "other" Triumph to the meeting. A total of eight Triumphs were driven to Saturday's meeting-not a bad showing. For a more information on our Saturday meeting, check out the Club Min-



utes posted on our webpage.

After the meeting was concluded, my wife and I joined Mike McPhail on a drive to New Braunfels to help celebrate Bill Hovesadt's 100th birthday! Apparently, he is currently the oldest VTR member in the world!! That is pretty amazing! The drive there, top down, was a little windy but very nice. The people there, family and many STTA club members were very welcoming. It was nice to see some familiar faces from the southern VTR members. The BBQ was great and the birthday cakes were amazing! I hope I am in that good of shape if and when I turn 100. The party wound down around 4:00 so we headed back to the north country and Mike headed back to Dripping Springs. The drive home was amazing and the view was event better! Our route, just before pulling into our driveway, takes us across Belton Dam. What an amazing sunset! That's why we own and drive these cars. Hopefully you're to steal away some time, put the phone down and enjoy Fall's amazing weather.



Anyway, the following Tuesday night was our monthly social gathering. I was not able to attend as I thought it prudent to spend time with my wife on her birthday, so you'll have to look for another write-up about the goings-on for that meeting. I did hear it was well-attended and everyone there had a good visit.

The next event attended this month was the ABCD in Boerne. Benson Tuttle came up from the Gulf Coast and I came down from the north to hang with Mike M. the night before the show. With a few mechanical items to check off my "To-do" list, it was a good idea to come down the day before. Early the following morning Mike, Benson, and myself met Joe Payne at Micky D's to head toward Boerne. Along the way, we teamed up with Ralph Herter, with his beautiful TR3. With about an hour's drive to go, we headed southwest to the event. It was quite chilly that morning but that didn't sway Ralph. Dressed like a B-52





Bomber pilot with his leather jacket, he drove top-down all the way. If not mistaken, Mike had his top down too, but with his tonneau cover on. Not sure if that counts?! Anyway, with promising warmer temperatures to ensue as the day went on, we lined our cars up on the square in downtown Boerne. Hosted by the South Texas Triumph Association, it was a very nice event. Again, saw lots of familiar faces from the neighboring car clubs and chatted with new acquaintances. It was a nice turnout of participants, with, I believe, about 80 registrants. A little after 2 PM, the awards were presented and HCTC walked away with a total of four awards. Mike McPhail won 1st Place in Spitfires, Ralph Herter won 1st Place in TR3s, I won 2nd Place in late TR6s, and Joe won 3rd in early TR6s. Way to go gentlemen! After the awards were finished, we said our “Good-byes” to neighboring club members and headed back to Mike’s, with a lunch pit stop at the Redbud Café in Blanco. They have an amazing Reuben I get whenever



I’m in town. Ralph parted ways a little before Blanco. With the weather much warmer, we all drove back top down.

Our next Tuesday social gathering for November will be held on the 8th at the Camino Real Mexican Restaurant, just off Spicewood Springs and Hwy 183. Due to the closing time, we will begin gathering by 6:00 PM. Hope to see you all at our next Saturday morning meeting, November 12th 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

Jim Wells



From the Archives

Art Graves



This article appeared in the January 2003 edition of the “Ragtop”. Barbara Kramer was pretty excited to get this car and drove it to work for many years, as well as entering it in the TxABCD. Maybe Barbara can give an update on the car in a future issue. JoAnne Monday and Dan Daneff, are past members of Hill Country Triumph Club. They were active members and Dan served as club president for a year or two.

My Personal TRIUMPH

by Barbara Kramer

Sorry guys, no tech tips here!

My car came to me as quite a surprise. I received a call from Bob at work about a TR6 he'd seen in the paper. He wanted to “run it by me” to see if I thought he should go look at it and possibly buy it. Deep down both he and I know I could never deny him a Triumph, but it was nice to be “consulted”. So, Bob and his “accomplice”, Roger Bolick, took the trailer (high hopes) and went down to Bastrop to check out the car. (Actually, I bought it sight unseen over the phone after hearing the owner's description — Bob.) About four hours later there was a new addition to the family. (This was easier than any labor I had to go through.) It was dark by now so it was hard to get a good look at the car but it was easy to see it was all there. Generally, the Triumphs that get towed to our house require some “cosmetics” and a few additional parts. Bob shortly announced that this was “my car”. I

was sure Roger had to be behind the “Barbara's car” idea. I could just hear him talking to Bob, “Hey, I've got a swell idea! Tell Barbara it's hers and she won't be upset about another Triumph on the property.” Those who have seen our place can attest as to why Roger might say such a thing, although with this latest addition, I think we now have more of our own Triumphs here than Roger's. Don't worry Roger, I really don't mind the cars being here, they add character to the place. I'm just not sure what kind!

I must admit I like the idea of having the new TR6 be “my car”. For the past eight years I've been driving a 1988 silver Safari van which screams “married, middle aged, mother of three”. Yes! I'm feeling older! So, I like my car. It's a 1976 TR6 with 33,500 original miles, hardtop, overdrive and it's all there! Totally complete and original. One previous owner! It has some hail dents and a few dings (but then so do I) and a nice tan interior. It's not a flashy red, or a racing green or a brilliant blue, it's brown,

or in true Triumph-speak, "Russet". Now, before you all groan, this color may not be striking at first but it really does grow on you.

I kept thinking about "my car" and I decided I should give it a name. (Do guys name their cars?) Now being brown, names such as Hershey, Nestle, and Cadbury all came to mind, but on the same theme of chocolate so did the name Lady Godiva. The next morning, excited about my choice in names, I told Bob what I had named my car. His immediate response was "Are you sure you want to name it Lady Godiva? Wasn't she the woman who rode naked on a horse around England?" I replied, "no way, she's the woman they named the chocolate after." With a little research, and the idea of proving Bob wrong, I discovered that Lady Godiva was a legendary English heroine who helped build monasteries. A noblewoman one might say. There does however seem to be a legend (nothing factual of course) about her riding a horse unclothed. (Being of such nobility, there must have been a very good reason.) Now since my car has a removable hard-top this name may be all the more fitting.

Bob and I met in 1976 and there have been Triumphs in our lives ever since. I guess it's only fitting my car has its beginnings in that same year. In 1980 he drove to our wedding in the red (then Damson) 1972 TR6 which now has sadly been retired, after many years of undying service. This car lives on in our current blue TR6 (it provides the windscreen, plates and title) and in parts installed on at least four other HCTC members cars. I feel a sentimental value to these cars that no one can put a

price tag on. Even though Bob's blue six needs some engine and transmission work and the white frame-off restoration car sits there begging to be out back together, Bob is out in the garage working on "my car", with every bit of passion as he does "his cars". While Lady Godiva may be "my car" in name, I's truly our car at heart.

Thanks honey!

More On Lady Godiva

By JoAnne Monday

Barbara's new car is a chocolate-covered TR6, which she named Lady Godiva. This is an appropriate name in more than one way.

Lady Godiva was the wife of a Celtic lord in northern England in the 9th or 10th century. She was a benevolent person, unlike her husband who seems to have been quite mercenary. When her husband raised the local taxes too high, Lady Godiva objected. Her husband would not relent, so she threatened to parade naked through the town in protest. Lord Godiva remained unmoved. True to her word, his wife undressed and ascended her steed. Out of respect for the compassionate Lady, during her ride the townspeople remained inside with the shutters closed. One fellow named Thomas, however, could not resist a peek. The town ostracized him for this indiscretion; hence the origin of the expression "Peeping Tom".

Pistons on the Square

Georgetown, Texas

October 15, 2022

Jacques Welter

Hill Country Triumph showed up in force for Georgetown's Pistons on the Square event Saturday, October 15th, occupying half a row of parking slots in front of Georgetown's County Courthouse. Competition for parking spots is fierce, so Nick Roccaforte and Jacques Welter showed up early (7:15 am) and were able to reserve seven slots. There's no judging at Pistons on the Square but there are multitudes of classic car fans and classic cars so members were kept busy answering — and asking — questions. Seen at the show was a beautifully restored Jaguar E-Type; a couple of early MGBs; and two vintage Mini Coopers.

After the show, HCTC took a road trip to get

some Andice General Store's hamburgers before going their separate ways.

Attendees from HCTC included Robert MacKenzie; Nick Roccaforte; Kim & Jacques Welter; Roger Bolick; Rip Torn; Bob & Barb Kramer; and Ralph and Jeffie Herter. HCTC also picked up a new member — Frank Phlegar and his 1979 Triumph Spitfire.

Pistons on the Square is held the 3rd Saturday of the month from 8 am to 10 am in the Courthouse Square in Georgetown. HCTC will be making this a quarterly event, so stay tuned for the next date and come join us!!



HCTC November Driving Event

Spoetzl Brewery Tour **Hosted by the South Texas Triumph Association**

On Friday November 18 British Car Clubs from all over Texas will converge on Shiner for a guided tour of the Spoetzl Brewery. The HCTC contingency will depart Denny's at 7619 E. Ben White at 9 AM. Tours are at 11:30 and 12 by reservation and the cost is \$20 per person. RSVP to 512-695-8637. For more information go to...

<https://shiner.com/brewery/spoetzl-brewery>



Tour De-Lites

Save the date! 2022 Hill country Triumph Club Annual Tour De-lites will be held on December 13 in lieu of our Tuesday meeting. Stay tuned for details!





Christmas Party !!

Where: The Welter's (141 Chadwick Drive, Georgetown, TX 78628)

When: Saturday, December 10th starting at 6:00 pm

Beverages (supplied): Wine, Beer and Soft drinks

Food (supplied): Catered

Desserts: Provided by club members

Come one, come all to the Hill Country Triumph Club Christmas party, hosted by the Welter's. In addition to scintillating conversation, there will be a vote on the ugliest Christmas Sweater; Door prizes; and great food and wine.

Please RSVP with the number of attendees to:

Jacques Welter

jawelter60@gmail.com

Drive Your Triumph Day

Dear Fellow Triumph Owner,

It's time to start thinking about **Drive Your Triumph Day**, Friday, February 10, 2023.

My name is Rye Livingston and I'm with the Triumph Travelers Sports Car Club in Northern California, arguably the longest active Triumph Club in the world, founded in 1958.

In 2016 I encouraged members of our club to drive their Triumphs on February 10th, to celebrate Sir John Black's Birthday, the man who organized Standard's purchase of Triumph after WW II, and went on to make the cars we enjoy driving today.

Drive Your Triumph Day has gained momentum every year, and last year I received over 600 photos from all over the world: Scotland, Ireland, the UK, New Zealand, Australia, South Africa, Uruguay, Netherlands, Switzerland, Finland, Canada, Holland, Czech Republic, and of course all over the USA. I'm hoping we can increase that number again this year!

The concept is straightforward. On February 10th, go for a drive in your Triumph. Take a scenic drive on a country road or out to lunch, to the market, to work, wherever. Go for a drive alone or in a big group with your local Triumph Club. Take your spouse, buddy, child, grandchild or your dog; then take a photo. The photo is mainly of the car, and the owner or passenger if possible, ideally in front of a cool spot, landmark, scenic view or in your driveway. If it's the middle of the winter where you live and your car is in hibernation, or in the middle of a restoration, take a photo of it in the garage. Have fun with it.

Next step is to email a high-resolution photo to driveyourtriumphday@gmail.com, along with some basic information: owner's name, year and model of car, and place photo was taken (city, state, country). The photos will then be published not only in our club newsletter, but also in USA's national magazine: Vintage Triumph Registry, and on the **Drive Your Triumph Day** website: <https://driveyourtriumphday.shutterfly.com>

Please feel free to send this on to other Triumph Owners and Triumph Clubs you may know of, and your club Activities Chairman and Newsletter editor. Last couple of years some Standard Clubs joined in, which is great.

Be sure to contact me with any questions you may have, and thank you in advance for getting the message out to your members and friends to Drive their Triumphs on February 10th.

Regards,

Rye Livingston
Activities Chairman
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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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robjoepayne@yahoo.com

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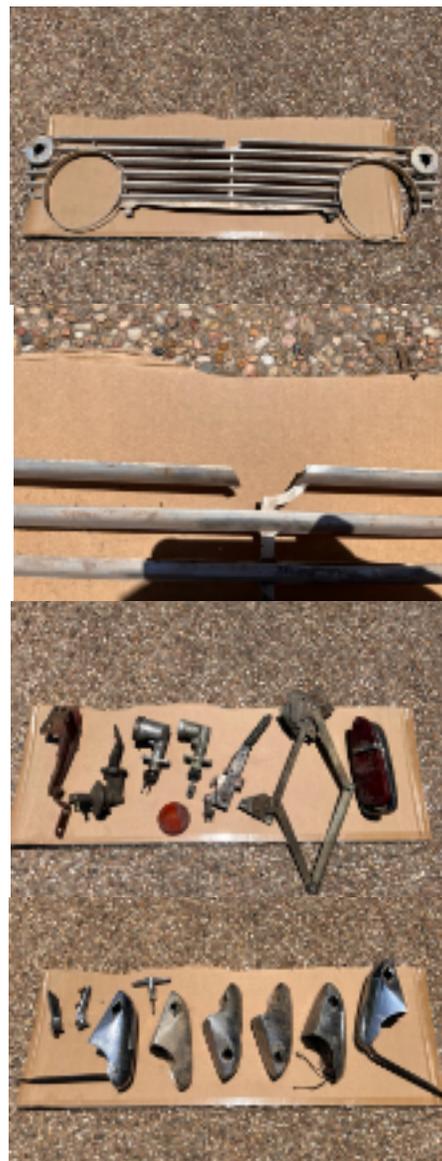
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FOR SALE: 1959 MGA 1500 Roadster

Many of you knew Phil Auldridge who passed away in May from a long battle with cancer. I'm helping his wife Dorothee find a new home for Phil's MGA, which he described as his most treasured car ever.

The car is in really superb condition, red with a tan leather interior, tan canvas top & tonneau, rebuilt engine and 5 chrome wire wheels fitted with Vredsteins. It recently took 2nd in class at the Texas All British Car Day show, and was featured in several articles published on the web:

<https://www.austinmotorscene.com/mga-roadster-britains-best-ever-sports-car/>

<https://www.austinmotorscene.com/the-8-best-cars-ive-owned/>

<https://petrolicious.com/articles/life-long-memory-of-mga-becomes-reality>

These links include details on the car's history and lots of photos. Dorothee is looking to get \$28,000 or best offer. Contact me for more information. Dean Mericas, 512.750.2271, dmericas@gmail.com



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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.

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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. 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.

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- 2020 VTR National Convention in Galena, Illinois
- Access to a large number of local clubs
- Website with reference material and members-only sections
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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

Nov 8, 2022 — **HCTC Tuesday Social Meeting**, 6 pm, **Camino Real** restaurant on Hwy 183.

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

Nov 12, 2022 — **Wings & Wheels Fly-In**. Kingsbury, TX. There will be a drive to the event after the meeting: see following page.

Dec. 10, 2022 — **HCTC Christmas Party**. See p. 11 for info.

Dec 13, 2022 — **Tour-De-Lites**.

Jan 10, 2023 — **HCTC Tuesday Social Meeting**, location TBA.

Jan 14, 2023 — **HCTC Morning Meeting**,

10 am, Waterloo Ice House on 360.

Feb 10, 2023 — **Drive Your Triumph Day**. Info on p. 12.

Apr 20-22, 2023 — **VTR South Central Regionals**, Sugar Land, TX. Info [here](#).

Sep 28-30, 2023 — **VTR Nationals**, Dillard, GA. 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
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Club Meetings

Next Meeting:

Saturday, November 12, 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

Kingsbury Fly-In Drive: Mike McPhail will lead a drive to Kingsbury after the November 12 breakfast meeting for the fly-in. RSVP to Mike 512-695-8637.

Next Evening Social Meeting:

Tuesday, November 8, 2022, 6:00-9:00 PM

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