

**The**

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# **RAGTOP**



# Thoughts from Rip

**Rip Torn**



**W**e are in the Holidays Season and it finally has cooled down! As we finished the Thanksgiving holiday, I hope you all took a pause to remember what you are thankful for. I have and being part of this club was one of the significant things on my list — the friendship, camaraderie and traveling. Recently I visited Mike Schubert as he continues his recovery and presented him a plaque to commemorate the time he served as out Treasurer. Thanks again Mike for your service.

In a few weeks we will have our annual Christmas/Holiday Party December 10 in Georgetown at the Weller's home. As new members they opened their house to the club. Everyone should have received an Evite and we are having a good response for those to attend. If you haven't seen it then your email may not be current. Let us know so we can update our records and keep you in the loop. Thanks Jacques and Kim and I hope to see many of you there. No business meeting in December at the Waterloo.

Mike Mcphail, our events coordinator and Mr. Triumph will be leading our annual Tour De Lites starting in Dripping Springs to Fredericksburg for dinner on the 14<sup>th</sup>. Again, let him know if you will attend so we can make the reservation for enough people.

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Speaking of business our club has finished its incorporation and including the TxABCD in the work program officially. I will leave the details to those who worked it so hard. Thanks Mike McPhail , Joe Payne and many, many others. It was profitable for the club financially and we did

pick up a few new members. Recently Malcolm Gray and Derrick Stastica joined the club — Welcome!

I hope you all have a great Christmas holiday season and wish you all a happy New Year. Safe driving and get those Triumphs on the road!



# From the Archives

## Art Graves



*This article first appeared in the January 1997 issue of 'The Ragtop'. Some of Roger's dry wit pops up in this story.*

### Trip to British Heritage Museum

By Roger G. Bolick

I took the opportunity of Thanksgiving to grab a cheap flight to merry ole England for a visit. Tina went along as navigator. This wasn't meant to be a visit to England as I had planned to take the Chunnel to France. The French truckers decided to block all the roads and refused to deliver Petrol... So much for renting a car and touring France.

I found some good places to visit, saw the Rover Museum, drove all over the country on the wrong side of the road, watched two plays and drank an enormous quantity of ale.

In order of enjoyment:

1. ale
2. seeing the country
3. driving on the wrong side of the road
4. more ale to recover from the above (day two saw a new record of 5 blowing horns at me)
5. plays

### 6. Rover Museum

I'll mention #2 in case anyone else goes. I'd stay in Bath (home of a 2,000 year old Roman bath which still works, if these guys could have just gotten into the auto business) and Warwick (home of a castle started in 1068 and finished in 1541). Both are really nice spots and you can visit the museum, Shakespeare's home, the ocean, Stonehenge, the bath, and the castle from these two locations

I have little to say about #3, except I'm still alive and the car didn't hit anything. I believe the "WARNING U.S. DRIVER" stickers on all sides helped. Tina was a very nice navigator and just closed her eyes each time I neared the stone walls bordering the narrow roads.

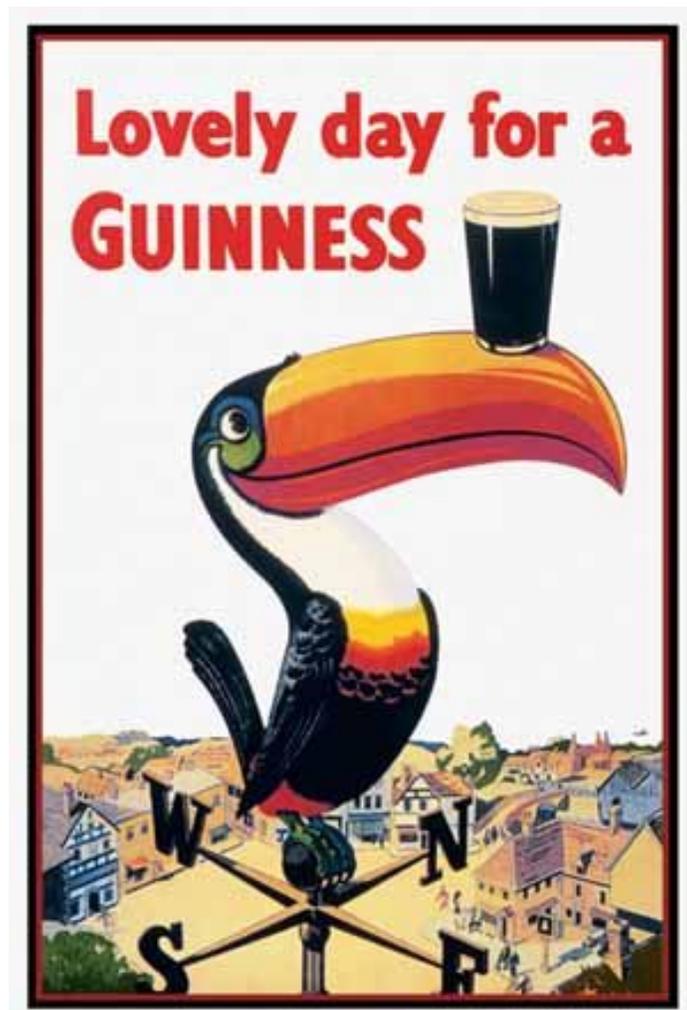
The Rover Museum has some sort of 4-wheel drive demo that you should likely see, this might have made the trip worthwhile. It was a beautiful place with loads of cars. I saw about as many Triumphs as at the usual HCTC meeting... and ours are in better shape! One each TR3, GT6, Spit and TR6, and a couple of TR7-V8 race cars complete with dents. My favorite was the JET1,

a turbine powered car. Some of the cut-away MGs were neat, otherwise it was filled with 1930's cars that didn't mean much to me.

The archive is there, so I had him trace the only VIN number I could remember while I was there. He said he was tired and would mail it to me. No one in England is in much of a hurry. Nice as they could be, but the word aggressive wouldn't apply there. No wonder the murder rate is less, I don't think it has anything to do with the lack of guns.

It turns out that most of the Triumph companies we hear about are not near London. Only Cox & Buckles is there. They had better cars in the parking lot than I saw the whole trip. Sum total of the trip... drum roll please... 1 MGB conv, 6 MGB-GT, 1 Spit, and a bunch of Mini's. C & B had 20 MG shells and 1 TR6. It was a lot like visiting Van's Auto Parts.

The beer was good! Dublin has great Guinness.



# Letter from Spain

Ian Phillips

Hi there,

My name is Ian Philips and I live in Spain.

I became a member of the HCTC when Mike and Nelva allowed me to join when I bought my 1973 TR6 from a barn find in Seguin in 2007.

We have strong Triumph TR Register here located in Madrid but I live on the Costa Blanca which is 300 miles away but we have a small group of TR's locally and meet once meet for a chew and chat and organise a 3 or 4 day tour twice a year.

Since the "Brexit" situation the gas price has gone to \$10 dollars a gallon ! so that has reduced the travelling also the importation of cars and spares has become extremely expensive.

A normal Spanish number plate will cost around \$1200 and if you go for an Historic number plate which then excludes the emission test you are looking at \$4000!! So getting a classic past an emissions test is not easy. Also to import a classic from the USA or the UK is subject to tax and the Spanish decide the value, not the actual

cost, so that can be what they choose!!

Fortunately we bought our cars before Brexit!

We can get spares from France and Germany but they have become expensive so Classic car ownership here is nothing like the situation with you guys.

I was 73 when I shipped my TR to Valencia and began the restoration. The big bonus with the car was the fact that it was "rust" free so the mechanics were easy and since I built my first cars from 1938 wreck at 19 year of age the refurbishment was fun.

I have been coming to Austin for the past 25 years as my son lives there so have had the good fortune to have attend many of the meetings with HCTC and the All British Car Days.

I'm not sure this is of any value to your goodself but I appreciate the monthly mags.

Best regards,

Ian and Elaine Phillips



# Shiner Brewery Tour

Jacques Welter

Hill Country Triumph Club hit Shiner Brewery on Friday, November 18<sup>th</sup> to take the tour and sample the wares. Braving intermittent rain, HCTC joined forces with other area clubs from San Antonio and Houston to create a large and boisterous group of British car owners – some 41 people in all. Triumph marques were out in force – TR4's; TR6's; TR7's; TR8's; GT6's; and Spitfires – as well as a Morgan; an Alpha; and some modern Jags. Attending from HCTC were Kim and Sam Vazquez; Roger Bolick; Dick Simonson; Malcom Grey; Kim & Jacques Welter; and Michael Nelson.

The tour, like the brewery, has changed over the last decade getting both larger and more elaborate in nature as Shiner has dra-

matically increased its production and is now distributed across North America. The tour took in the new bottling and distribution room and delved into brewery history as well as the history of Shiner's founder Kosmos Spoetzl - the master brewer behind all the wonderful Shiner varieties.

The tour ended where the beer began – the tap room - and everyone finished at Shiner with a few frosty adult beverages. Keeping the good times rolling, HCTC stopped at Smitty's Market in Lockhart, TX, on the way home. Smitty's is known for both excellent BBQ and the challenge of eating it with no forks – only knives and spoons are provided. Somehow all managed, and then departed for their houses – another great outing from Hill Country Triumph Club.



Parking lot at Gonzales.



Working on the TR8.



British cars at Shiner



Column of Triumph.



Jacques



Kim and Sam



Mike McPhail



Mike and Roger B



Everyone at Smitty's



Cars at Smitty's

# Kingsbury Drive

Mike McPhail

October 12 HCTC drive to the Fly-In at the Pioneer Flight Museum.



Stunt flying



My brother had one of these.



He had one of these, too.



Back to the Great War



Tin Lizzies



Old car lineup



TR6 on display

Crowd pleaser

# A Sunday Afternoon Drive

Wiley Christal

If it's time to submit an article for the Ragtop but you haven't done anything on your car in a while, what do you do? Just go for a drive. As a kid in Arkansas, Sunday afternoon drives were very rare in my family – but fun. Saturday was the day to get the car out to go into town for groceries which was fun for me, but it was not a relaxing Sunday afternoon drive with nowhere in particular to go.

The Sunday afternoon after Thanksgiving was just perfect for a drive in the Triumph. It was sunny and the sky was clear with a temperature in the upper 50's. Take it from me: your Triumph doesn't like being parked in the garage for long periods. It wants to be driven. If you don't oblige, it will complain on a drive in the future. But on this afternoon, my car's operation was flawless.

From Round Rock, I headed to the east on US79 North toward Rockdale – about 40 miles. There are alternate routes, but I wanted to be on a highway to get some driving at sustained higher speeds. Of course, Hutto is the first city east of Round Rock on US79, but I consider that as the same as being in Round Rock. Taylor, TX was my first stop. Jeff's Resurrections in downtown Taylor is a famous car restoration place. Jeff is known for doing high quality work on the more expensive cars. His shop doesn't look like much from the outside, but what happens on the inside is what counts. Taylor has been a sleepy town but that is changing with a big construction project underway just south of Nyle Maxwell's Chrysler/Dodge/Jeep/RAM dealership. Samsung is building a \$17B

chip manufacturing factory there. Many cranes are onsite now – they must have just moved those cranes from the Tesla factory on Toll Road 130, near the AUS airport, to Taylor.



Taylor City Limits

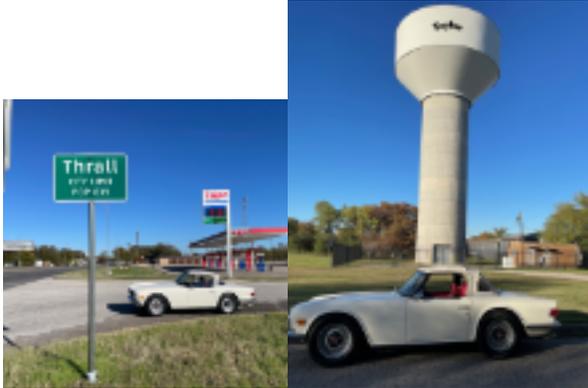


Jeff's Resurrections



Samsung

Thrall was the next sleepy town on my drive. There were no indications that Thrall would be growing anytime soon – unless the growth from Taylor moves to the east. Thrall does have huge grain processing and storage buildings next to US79.



Thrall City Limits

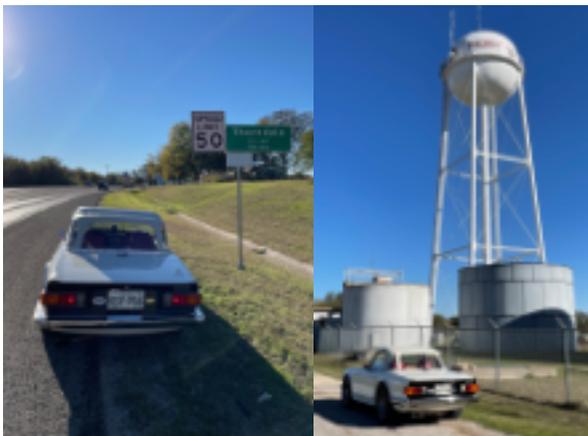
The next town, Thorndale, has two businesses that were of interest to me. The Thorndale Meat Market is a place to buy locally processed meats and it has a diner that is a favorite lunch spot for sheriffs' deputies. My favorite store is the Thorndale Lumber Company – not for the lumber but for the old-timey hardware store in the front of the building. If you like 1950's hardware stores, this business has one.



Thorndale stores.



Rockdale City Limits



Thorndale City Limits

Rockdale is a nice small city. When I was looking for the street to get to the water tower, a man in a wheeled walker hailed me down to get more information about my Triumph. He was a very nice fellow

who had been a mechanic in his younger years. He invited me in for a beer. Unfortunately, I was on a Sunday afternoon mission so I had to pass on the beer, but he said I could back at any time.

I'll bet you have similar experiences of getting stopped by strangers to talk about your Triumphs. A man in Thrall also stopped to admire and inquire about my car. Our little cars are fun to drive. Many people who approach you have no idea about the brand of the car, but they are attracted to its character and beautiful lines. Get your cars on the road when you can – you will enjoy it and you will get thumbs-up acknowledgment and car horn honks from strangers who also admire them.

# Steel Automotive

## Derrick Stasica

**M**y wife Jennifer and I opened Steel Auto in July 2021 with one major goal in mind, to create a classic car shop where everyone feels welcome and is treated with respect. Our process is simple, we diagnose and write up full comprehensive estimates for client approval prior to beginning any work on the vehicle. There are no hidden charges with us. Steel Auto specializes in pre 1990 British and American classic vehicles with a focus on the mechanical part of the vehicles. We also pride ourselves in taking on odd projects that no other shop will because they don't come with instruction manuals, such as swapping motors on a 1992 right hand drive Honda Beat, or rebuilding a water pump and carburetor on a 1936 Rolls Royce 25/30.

We have assembled an all-star team that can handle any project from simple maintenance to full mechanical rebuilds and everything in between. Our team may be one of the youngest teams in the business, but don't let that fool you as our two technicians and one shop manager/shop foreman have 32 years of combined experience.

A few examples of projects our team is currently working include full mechanical restorations on a 1972 Triumph TR6, 1974 Triumph TR6, and 1967 Triumph TR4. We are also rebuilding a 1500 motor for an MG Midget for a client, and just completed rebuilding a carburetor and distributor on a 1930 Ford Model A.

Steel Auto will soon offer rebuilt British and American engines for sale. We have amassed an array of engines and have begun tearing a few of them down for machining.

As of now, we have had the privilege of working on several of your Triumphs and various classic cars and look forward to earning the trust to work on more. Jennifer and I have recently joined the Hill Country Triumph Club. As a thank you for allowing us to join your club, Steel Auto is offering club members a 15% labor on ANY job approved in December 2022 through January 2023. We look forward to meeting everyone over the coming months and you are all welcome to come by our shop to see what we do for yourself, or simply reach out anytime.

Please note that we will be adjusting our name soon to Steel Classic Garage in an effort to make it easier for people to find us online.

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## 2022 TOUR-DE-LITES

This year's festive Christmas lighting tour will depart our favorite watering hole... "the Barbershop" ... in swinging downtown Drippin' Springs at 6 PM on December 13<sup>th</sup>.

Our destination is Proof and Cooper's trendy restaurant in Johnson City (7 PM arrival). After a sumptuous dinner we will walk across the street to view the fabulous holiday lighting display at the Pedernales Electric Company.

RSVP by 12/3/22 [mmcphail@austin.rr.com](mailto:mmcphail@austin.rr.com)

Drive your Triumph!

<https://barbershopbar.com/>

<https://www.restaurantji.com/tx/johnson-city/proof-and-cooper-/>





## Christmas Party !!

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

When: Saturday, December 10<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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 10<sup>th</sup>, 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 10<sup>th</sup>, 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](mailto: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 10<sup>th</sup>.

Regards,

Rye Livingston  
Activities Chairman  
Triumph Travelers Sports Car Club  
1960 Triumph TR3A  
Mobile: 530-FIND-RYE



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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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Looking for a **Triumph Stag Hardtop** please contact me if you have one for sale. Thanks!

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

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**Used and new TR6 parts for sale.** For full listing, contact info, and pictures, click [here](#).

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

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

Text Jim @ 254-563-9141

**Used seats from a '75 TR6.** Headrests are functional and stay up as desired. Asking \$240.00

Text Jim @ 254-563-9141



**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.



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



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

Contact Rip at 512 845 2944 or [rtorn09@gmail.com](mailto: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.





## 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

Email: [martyn.humphries@att.net](mailto:martyn.humphries@att.net)





## 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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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](mailto:dmericas@gmail.com)



# 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
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- VTR membership card and windshield decal

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Member ads for Triumph cars or parts are free and will run for two issues. These ads may be renewed as necessary two times, for a total of six issues.

Ads or flyers for other club's events are free and will run for two issues.

Ads for commercial items or services will be charged the following rates:

Business Card ad: \$5:00 per issue

Quarter page ad: \$10.00 per issue

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Full-page ad: \$25.00 per issue

These ads must be prepaid and can be scheduled for as long as desired, minimum of six issues. Long term ad runs must be prepaid at the time of scheduling. All ads must include artwork.

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The **Hill Country Triumph Club**, the 50<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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](http://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.

Detach here

Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ ST: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Primary Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Alternate Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

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

TR Car 1: Make: \_\_\_\_\_ Model: \_\_\_\_\_ Year: \_\_\_\_\_ Color: \_\_\_\_\_

Car 2: Make: \_\_\_\_\_ Model: \_\_\_\_\_ Year: \_\_\_\_\_ Color: \_\_\_\_\_

How did you hear about HCTC? \_\_\_\_\_

Special interests, skills, etc? \_\_\_\_\_

What do you want your nametag to read? \_\_\_\_\_

**Additional Nametag reads \_\_\_\_\_ (Add \$11 per badge) If you want the badges mailed to you, add \$2.00 per badge. [Contact Gary Payne to order name badges \(garypayne75@hotmail.com\)](mailto:garypayne75@hotmail.com).**

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### **Become a VTR Member**

The Vintage Triumph Register has its benefits. A national club of Triumph enthusiasts spanning the globe needs you as a member. Affiliate club membership is not an automatic membership to VTR. Some of the benefits:

- The Vintage Triumph Magazine – Our award-winning bi-monthly color publication
- 2020 VTR National Convention in Galena, Illinois
- Access to a large number of local clubs
- Website with reference material and members-only sections
- Record Trace Certificates TR2/TR3/TR3A/TR3B. Factory trace documents on other Triumph models no longer available
- Clothing, regalia, exclusive items
- Specific vehicle consultants and experts

**Sign up at <https://vintage Triumph register.org>**



The Hill Country Triumph Club, the 50th Chapter of the Vintage Triumph Register (VTR), was founded in 1990 to bring together the owners of Triumph automobiles in the Central Texas area surrounding Austin. In 1991, the membership decided to include other British car fans as associates due to lack of other clubs in our area that represent some of the other marques. As owners and lovers of our unique types of cars, we have a special kinship, which draws us together. Membership is open to anyone who is a British car enthusiast, with or without a car.

Annual dues are just \$20.00 per family group or address per year. We have dinner meetings on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of each month, breakfast meetings on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday, and at least one other event each month. We encourage you to join and support us, even if you don't drive your car regularly. We also offer technical assistance if needed. One goal of the club is to help its members keep their cars on the road. Please call one of the club officers listed in the newsletter for more information about club benefits and spread the word about our club to others.

The Hill Country Club is a local chapter of the Vintage Triumph Register (VTR)/Triumph Sports Owners Association, which is open to all drivers of Triumph motorcars; a chapter of the Triumph Register of America, exclusively for TR2 through TR4A sports cars; and a chapter of the 6-PACK, dedicated to the enjoyment, preservation, and restoration of the Triumph TR250 and TR6 sports cars. Membership in these national organizations is encouraged. Visit their websites at [www.vtr.org](http://www.vtr.org), [triumphregister.com](http://triumphregister.com), and [6-pack.org](http://6-pack.org).

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# Upcoming Events

Dec. 10, 2022 — **HCTC Christmas Party.**  
See p. 15 for info.

Dec 13, 2022 — **Tour-De-Lites.** See p. 14.

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. 16.

Feb 11, 2023 — **HCTC Morning Meeting,**  
10 am, Waterloo Ice House on 360.

Feb 14, 2023 — **HCTC Tuesday Social Meeting,** location TBA.

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

Sep 7-10, 2023 — **Triumphest.** Marin County, CA. Info [here](#).

Sep 27-30, 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:

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# Club Meetings

## **Next Meeting:**

Saturday, December 10, 2022

## **No Meeting This Month!**

Please see p. 15 for details on the  
annual Holiday Party

## **Next Evening Social Meeting:**

Tuesday, December 13, 2022, 6:00 PM

Tour-de-Lites!

Details on p. 14