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Letter From The President

March, 2024

Joe Payne



Dear HCTC Fellow Members, 2025 has started with a big bang in many ways. How so, you ask dear reader?

Let's start with the big stuff first, college football and The University of Texas Longhorns.

The Texas Longhorns joined the Southeastern Conference (SEC) in 2024 and played their first season in the league during the 2024–2025 academic year. The Longhorns had a successful first season, finishing with the best regular season record in the SEC and a spot in the SEC championship game. Not bad for a first-year team from the Big 12 that pundits said would have a hard time competing with Alabama and other elite's in the SEC. Of course, the Longhorns had trouble with Georgia this year but should clear that up next year on November 15, 2025 after starting the season with dispatching Ohio State on August 30, 2025. Can't wait with so much to look forward too. The best is yet to come!



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Letter from the President

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For almost as important as college football and the Longhorns are, I next give you the 2024 Presidential Elections in the US. I dare say all have noticed this and likely, may even have an opinion about and what it all means.

Elections are important for our country and its future. With the political shifts after an election cycle, some will say, it is the end of the world as we know it or in the case of the recent election it's just the pendulum swinging back to center after reaching its apogee to the left. All true depending upon one's perspective. But let us recognize the pendulum always swings and doesn't remain static, which is a good thing is it not. The point of this is that it's our patriotic duty to be engaged and to vote. At least that gives you a basis to state your opinion. So, let's hear it for the patriots that cared enough to vote and be counted. Three cheers for you all regardless of how you cast your ballot. You cared and your voted, yeah!

So, how to tie these two thoughts together, that future vision of optimism and the importance of being a patriot and self determination? Indeed, dare I say the pursuit of liberty, freedom and happiness while driving in our classic, chrome and bespoke Triumph's? I am glad you asked dear reader.

Let it be known that your chance to engage in your pursuit of happiness and to be a patriot is right around the corner. The HCTC elections will be held at our summer picnic and we are calling for all patriots to come and volunteer be it on our committees or an officer's role. They all come with meaning , significant fun and comradery that can't be found elsewhere except right here at the Hill Country Triumph Club.

Now that's a future that deserves a toast and I raise one to you all. The best is yet to come and if in doubt, just read this month's Ragtop to get your passions fired up!

Giddy Up,



Letter From The Editor

March, 2025

Jacques Welter



Welcome to another edition of The Ragtop — Hill Country Triumph Club's newsletter focused on all things HCTC-related. As I approach two years service as the editor for this publication, I wanted to take some time to share some thoughts with you on this publication and what it takes to put this out.

We members of Hill Country Triumph Club are unbelievably fortunate because we have a cadre of regular contributors and columns — articles supplied by folks like Art Graves; Mike McPhail; Rip Torn; Dick Simonson; Joe Payne; Wiley Christal; Bob Kramer; and a cast of others. Thank you guys for your contributions month in and month out. We are very fortunate indeed ... but here's my point:

We want to hear from you as well

Almost all of us tinker and work with our cars. Let's hear from you on what you're working on and how it's going. You can write about new tools you've found; helpful maintenance short-cuts; body shop / paint adventures — just about anything related to Triumph is of interest. Recent articles from Rod Hamilton, Steve Brand, and Bret Green are great examples of HCTC members stepping up and providing articles on things they're working on or doing ... and we'd like more.

So how do you contribute? It starts with deadlines (of course) as we all like to see the month's issue pop up in our inbox before the first HCTC outing / event of the month. To make that timeline, most articles need to be in my hands by the **28th or 29th of the month**, as they have to be formatted; massaged; copy edited; and laid out. Please use MS Word for your document - if you really want to impress, use Candara 12pt for the body of your story - and do NOT embed photos. Instead, if you have pictures, it's best to send them as a separate attachment from the article, as they have to be inserted and sized. And that's it !!

Many thanks

Jacques

PS - I'm also looking for someone who wants to write / produce a new column ... if you're interested, let me know and we can talk it through



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HCTC Events-at-a-Glance

March, 2025

March 8th:

- **HCTC Breakfast Meeting**
Waterloo Icehouse, 10:00 am - 11:30 am
- **HCTC Driving Event**
11:00 am - 1:00 pm Nelly's Ice Cream Shop, Granite Shoals, TX

March 11th:

- **Hill Country Triumph Club Social Hour**
The County Line on the Lake, 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm

March 15th:

- **Georgetown Pistons on the Square**
Williamson County Courthouse Square, Georgetown, TX

March 23rd

- **Brits and Barley**
Blue Bonnet Beer Company, Round Rock, TX

March 29th

- **British Motoring Festival 2025**
Covington, LA

March 2025

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April, 2025

April 8th:

- **Hill Country Triumph Club Social Hour**
The County Line on the Lake, 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm

April 12th:

- **HCTC Breakfast Meeting**
Waterloo Icehouse, 10:00 am - 11:30 am

April 19th:

- **Georgetown Pistons on the Square**
Courthouse Square, Georgetown, TX

April 20th:

- **Brits and Barley**
Austin Beerworks, 3001 Industrial Terrace, Austin, TX

April 23rd to April 26th

- **VTR Regionals**
Waco, Texas

April 2025

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For more detailed descriptions and information, please see the Events Section later in the newsletter

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= HCTC-sponsored event

= Affiliated event

= Car Show

= Holiday

Secretary's Report

March, 2025

Dick Simonson



Well, February brought us typical central Texas winter weather with some temps in the teens, and even single digits of “feels like” weather, as well as near 80 degree temps on other days. Nevertheless, club members soldiered on with a number of events, although, we didn’t always drive our Little British Cars.

We had a great turnout for the monthly breakfast meeting on the 8th. In one of our largest breakfast groups ever, twenty of us gathered at Waterloo for good food, company, and of course business. After the meeting was called to order, we met new member Paul Rathouz who recently acquired a TR6. I gave a brief recap of the January Board meeting as reported in more detail in the February Ragtop. Additionally, the minutes of the meeting are available on the Club’s website.

Mike McPhail then previewed many of the year’s coming events. The most imminent was the annual “Drive Your Triumph Day” on the 10th. Next was a February 15 lunch get together with the South Texas Triumph Club in Johnson City.

The Club’s February driving event, a three day, two night outing to Fredericksburg was to start on the 19th. Further out, a group is headed to Covington, LA for the March 29th British Motoring Festival. A small preview of other 2025 events included the VTR Regionals in Waco in April, the VTR National in Wisconsin in July, Brits in the Ozarks in Springdale, AR in September and our own Texas All British Car day in Marble Falls during October.

More details on these events can be found in the Upcoming Events section of the Ragtop as well as the HCTC Car Show Calendar, also in the Ragtop.

On the marketing front, Rip Torn unveiled signs the club recently purchased to help put our brand out there. The signs are attractive and collapsible. The first is a table top size sign depicting the HCTC name and logo and can be displayed at meetings such as the breakfast group so that passersby can see who we are. The second is a larger free standing sign of similar design that we can display at car shows or other events that a group of members are participating in.



February Breakfast meeting



Crowded parking lot for the HCTC Breakfast

Secretary's Report

March, 2025

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Kim Vasquez gave a brief update on her social media work. Check out the Club's Facebook page for upcoming events. Jacques Welter advised us that Bob Kramer will be doing a regular article in the Ragtop on Triumph racing. His first article was in the February edition.

On the 10th, Mike McPhail, Jacques Welter, Bob Kramer, Malcom Gray, Rip Torn, Wiley Crystal and myself met up at the Hutto McDonalds. Our purpose was to celebrate Sir John Black's Birthday by participating in the Drive Your Triumph Day. Mike McPhail led our group from Hutto over some interesting back roads on an hour drive to Bastrop. There we enjoyed some BBQ at the Southside Market.

On the 11th, the Club had its usual monthly social hour at The County Line.

On the 15th, the Georgetown All British Squadron got together for the monthly Pistons on the Square event in Georgetown. It was a cold, wet morning and overall, the show was not well attended. By 9:45, those that had been on the Square since 7:30 were ready to move on to something warmer and drier. Joined by some folks who came only for the drive, the group, led by Ed Rogus, drove to Taylor for a tour of Jeff's Restorations. Jeff's is a very high end restoration shop, catering to some of the most demanding automobile collectors in the US. The shop is in a very unassuming building across the street from the Taylor Amtrak Station. Walking inside, I felt like a kid in a candy store. Cars in the shop ranged from a couple of 1920's vintage Packards to several Jaguar XKEs and a Ford GT40. Unfortunately, but understandably, no photos were allowed inside the shop due to customers' privacy concerns. Following our tour of the facility, which was hosted very amiably by Jeff himself, we convened a couple of blocks away to the Lucky Duck for lunch.

On the 19th in the face of some very cold weather, a small group of Club members embarked on a three day, two night drive/excursion to Fredericksburg. Due to the weather, I don't think anyone actually drove their Triumphs. Nevertheless, I hear a good time was had by all who attended, including good food and enjoyment of several of the attractions in the Fredericksburg area.

To round out the month, a Brits and Barley group of about 20 got together at Schitz Creek Brewery in Liberty Hill. It was a warm sunny Sunday afternoon and our group enjoyed the outside seating, pizzas, wine and beer on offer.

That's it for our February happenings. Hope to see many more of you at one or more of our March events.



Mini-P51 flying replica fighters at the TacAero Hanger, Gillespie Airport, viewed during HCTC's Valentines Outing

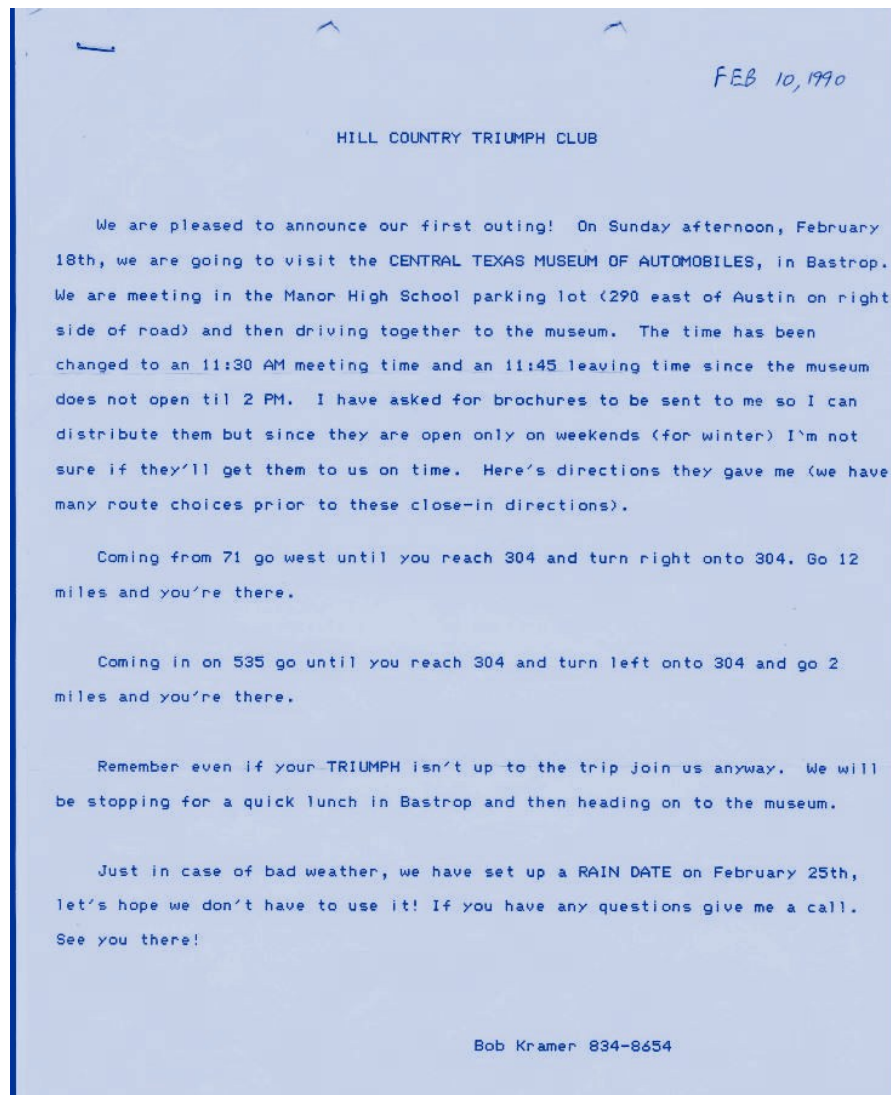
From the Archives

Art Graves



Bob Kramer's story about Henry Wattenbarger and his TR250 in the February Ragtop got me thinking about the beginnings of Hill Country Triumph Club. These screen shots of PDF copies are the first three "issues" of The Ragtop. The time is February/March of 1990. These bare bones newsletters consist of information Bob put together about the new club and activities to attract new members. I do not remember how these newsletters were distributed – possibly in a hand-addressed and stamped envelope. The first newsletter to have a printed label is issue #6 in May of 1990. Issue #8 contained the first article written by someone other than Bob Kramer.

—Art



February 10th, 1990 Newsletter

From the Archives

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MARCH 2, 1990

HILL COUNTRY TRIUMPH CLUB

Thanks to all who participated in our Museum Trip. Our group of seven cars, 14 adults and one youngster arrived at the Central Texas Auto Museum without a hitch, although the locals in Manor did ask us to leave their High School parking lot. The timing was perfect however as we were ready to hit the road and head for Texas Grill in Bastrop for lunch and on to the Museum. I think we were all surprised at the size of it. I know I wasn't expecting anything that large. The weather was nearly perfect, lots of sunshine and a breeze (aka wind). I'm sure we brought smiles to many a face along the way.

We are going to have our next meeting this coming Wednesday night, the 7th, at 7 PM. We have had to change the location because the new Brick Oven Restaurant doesn't have any area for us to have a meeting. Stan (Adams) says he'd love to have us at the downtown restaurant anytime. For this meeting we'll try the Lone Star Cafe near Anderson Mill Road on 183 in Northwest Austin, a couple of miles south of 620. Again the time is 7 PM, Wen. March 7th. If anyone has pictures bring them along.

I've invited a very knowledgeable British, British car mechanic to join us for dinner and our meeting. Stephan J. Handy is the proprietor of Old English Jaguar, in South Austin. He was trained in England specializing in Jaguars but working on most of the other British Marqueses as well. I've agreed to buy Stephan and his wife dinner and he's agreed to try his best to answer our questions. Since he worked for a Jaguar, Rover, Triumph dealer in England we should have lots to ask about.

The main purpose of this meeting is to set up some sort of structure for our club, who's in charge of whatever etc. We need to set up our next functions and get someone or someones to coordinate them and so on, kind of an Activities Committee. We need to start up a Membership Drive Group to handle seeking out all the Triumph lovers out there to join our club. We may want to pick somebody to canvas suppliers and shops for club specials, preferred rates, group buying and many other possibilities. If there is any interest in a few brave souls driving to the VTR Convention in August we probably should start planning soon for that (and getting the cars in shape). Maybe we could set up a club resource coordinator who could help those who need help working on their car find that help. There are just so many things we can do, it just depends on what we want to do. I hope everyone can make it to the meeting so we can decide as a group what direction to take.

Some of us have heard about Fil Valderrama's surgery, and although we've only just met him recently we know that he's a fine person. Let's hope he's recovering quickly and keep him in our thoughts and prayers. Good Luck Fil!

Bob

March 2nd, 1990, HCTC Newsletter



HILL COUNTRY TRIUMPH CLUB

MARCH 12, 1990

Thanks to all who braved the bad weather to have some fun down at the Lone Star Cafe. We had an enjoyable discussion, made some plans and reviewed our trip to the Central Texas Auto Museum. Our newest member was also introduced to the members in attendance. In a way, Hanna Graves was with us on our trip and she was born just a week before the meeting. Congratulations to the Graves family.

We have made plans to go to Fredericksburg on Sunday, April 1st. We will be meeting at the Burger Activity Center parking lot on West 290 near Oak Hill at 10am. A rain date is set for the following Sunday, but lets hope for weather as good as we had last time out. Most people got to Manor early and we spent some time going over the cars and talking. Since we didn't really pick a specific destination in F/burg we can use this time to decide this type of thing and decide on a time and route home.

Tom Bishop has agreed to make up flyers and help distribute them at various businesses that will post them for us. We decided that we would invite all British Car owners to join us so if anyone knows of any other British clubs let's get a flyer to them. Call Tom to get some flyers. Naturally Triumphs will lead the pack. Incidentally, we know that a lot of our members cars are not up to a trip of this length or are not even on the road. Please join us anyway driving whatever you have. What better way to get to know each other, talk Triumphs and rekindle the desire to get your Triumph on the road.

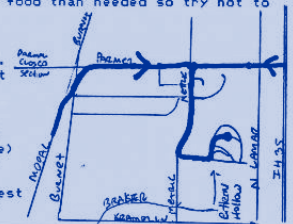
If you're like me, you've experienced a breakdown and towing and have fears of being somewhere far from home and breaking down. In order to allay these fears we are having a "work session" at my house on Sunday March 18th. We will put each car up and check u-joints, brake (break) lines, differential mounts, check hoses, fluids and belts for wear. I've got a good floor jack but only 3 jack stands so throw a couple of those in the trunk. (For your viewing pleasure) I have a completely torn down TR6 motor that I'm about to send to a machine shop to be prepared. It's interesting to see what everything looks like inside the motor. I have a 2 car garage and if it rains I will roll my dismantled project out of the way to give us more space. No rain date for this one so make plans now. Please let me know if your coming.

While we are getting all greased up, Barbara and hopefully others will be preparing a cookout with burgers etc. Bring the kids and hopefully they'll keep themselves occupied. We will provide cups, plates etc., but I guess we'll need some food. Let's see, I'll go out on a limb and try to give some planning to this. We need burgers, rolls, chips, dips, hot dogs, more rolls, potatoe salad, other salad, deserts, soft drinks. Please call Barb (834-8654) a.s.a.p. with your choice and to let us know how many to expect. Bring your own favorite beer. I don't know how many people will come to something like this but from my experience there is always more food than needed so try not to over do it.

DIRECTIONS: 1602 Garnaas Drive

From Mopac, go North and Exit at Parmer Lane. Mopac and Burnet Road merge right after this exit so if you miss it you'll know it. Make a right onto Parmer and go to 2nd. light. Make a right onto Metric. Follow Metric to 3rd left and turn. This is Bittern Hollow. (There is a nursing home on the corner.) Take the first left (Lincolnshire) and the 3rd. right (Garnaas). Middle of block on left.

From IH 35, get off at Parmer Lane and go West (or North). Go to Metric (second light) and make left, follow above directions.



March 12th, 1990, HCTC Newsletter

HCTC Valentine's Outing

Jacques Welter

From February 19th to the 21st, Hill Country Triumph Club had its first overnight outing of the year to Fredericksburg. We had a good plan, good hotel, and good city to explore. What we didn't have was good weather — the polar vortex camped over Fredericksburg during our outing and made it more of a polar bear run with temperatures dipping into single digits.

Despite the weather, we had a great turnout. Attending from HCTC were Rip & Cheryl Torn; Bob & Barb Kramer; Kim & Jacques Welter; and Mike McPhail. Also joining us were friends of Kramer's, Tom and Joanne Gerardi from Norwalk, Connecticut (no strangers to cold weather !!).

We arrived on Wednesday and checked into the Fredericksburg Inn. The hotel was located just one block off of Main Street in the heart of the downtown and within easy distance of restaurants, museums, and points of interest and was a nice place to hang your hat and take your ease.

By the way ... for those of you planning an overnight to Fredericksburg, be sure the venues you plan to visit are actually open on your day of choice. For example, the National War of the Pacific Museum is closed on Tuesday; The Auslander restaurant is closed on Wednesday; and the Texas Whitehouse of LBJ is closed outright for renovation and repairs !!

After getting settled in we all headed out for dinner at the Granite House Lounge. Granite House is a converted house about 1/2 mile from Main St. It is a moderately upscale restaurant with a good menu featuring an eclectic mix of Cajun and Southern favorites, including Shimp & Grits; fried green beans; a brined and grilled inch-thick pork chop; and, of course, Chicken Fried steak with fixin's.

After dinner we all headed over to the



Dinner out at the Granite Lounge. Left to right: Jacques & Kim Welter; Mike McPhail; Bob & Barb Kramer; Tom & Joanne Gerardi; Cheryl & Rip Torn



Fredericksburg Brewing Company



Lunch at the Airport Diner

HCTC Valentine's Outing

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Fredericksburg Brewing Company to enjoy some great desert, company, and adult frosty beverages.

The next day, the group headed over the National Museum of the Pacific War as the morning activity. Frankly, we could have spent all day there as the experience is both immersive and comprehensive, but around noon we broke off for lunch. After some consultation, we headed out to Gillespie County Airport and the Airport Diner. The Diner featured generous portions but a long wait (it seemed like everyone in Fredericksburg was there !!) and we didn't finish until 2:00 pm. At that point the group split up - Bob, Barb, Tom, & Joanne all headed off to downtown to shop; drink wine on the wine trail; and then head for home. Rip and Cheryl also headed for home but not before touring the TacAero hanger and getting some great photos (thanks Rip). Meanwhile, Mike, Kim, and Jacques headed back to the museum first then on to explore the Alstadt Brewing Company outside of town.

Next up for the remaining three Hill Country folks was a dinner at the The Auslander for a traditional German meal of snitzel and sides and a nightcap at the Fredericksburg Brewing Company (why complicate things?). Friday morning we ate breakfast at a charming restaurant, the Sunset Grill, and headed for home.

A good time was had by all



Replica P51 interceptor, TacAero hanger, Gillespie Airport



Good ambiance and a great venue



Mike, Kim, and Jacques exploring the Alstadt Brewing Company.

In Memoriam — Arthur Petri

Mike McPhail

Sad to report that Arthur Petri, longtime friend to many of us in the Triumph community and a frequent face at many Triumph Regionals and Nationals, has passed after his long battle with cancer. The world, and certainly the Triumph community, has been deprived of a true enthusiast. Arthur lost his heroic multi-year battle with cancer March first. As an ASCA certified mechanic (in addition to numerous other talents and interests), Arthur was the “go-to guy” in the South Texas Triumph Association. He will be sorely missed.

Please visit this Facebook page and add a comment to honor this amazing individual.

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/134708656863499/>



Racing to Live

Bob Kramer

There is an old Edgar Winter song that asks, “Why am I dying to live, If I’m just living to die?” The message is simple, that life is meant to be lived passionately and fervently. Many of us have found a passion that keeps us vibrant and dare I say, alive. These days I have to do things like eat healthy foods and exercise if I want to continue to do the things that hold my passion. I refuse to live just to die, Nope, I’m going racing.

The Hill Country Triumph Club has a few racers among the membership, and we are joined by other VTR members from across the state in keeping the racing history of the Triumph marque alive and well. I’ve been racing since 1996, mostly in vintage racing with Corinthians Vintage Auto Racing and these days I’m joined by Greg Blake in his TR3 and Don Couch in his Spitfire. We race at a few tracks spread across Texas, Oklahoma and more recently added a track near New Orleans. For many years we raced 3 times a year at Texas World Speedway in College Station, but we lost that track to urban growth. We can race at COTA once a year with the SVRA as well.

Each year Triumph racers hold an event honoring Kas Kastner the Competition Department Manager for Standard Triumph beginning in the 1950’s. This involves a road trip to some of the more famous racetracks across the country. I’ve travelled to both coasts and Canada or these events over the years and this year I’ll be making a 3-day tow to Lime Rock in Connecticut, where my Triumph racing friends will be converging this year. These events used to be a big deal, with as many as 60 cars attending, but the numbers are declining as drivers retire. Age is catching up with us



Chuck Arnold in his TR6 (Photo by Mike Cook)



Brian Brazelton in his TR7 (photo by Brad Eells)



Bob Kramer and his TR6

Racing to Live

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and I don't want to miss this event as it may be the last "big one".

Our vintage racing club is also seeing the effects of racers calling it quits. By definition we are fans of older cars and we are recreating the racing from the 50's and 60's, with rules that include a build spec cutoff date of 1972. For a long time, the membership of the club has been asking our BOD to allow newer year cars to attract younger drivers and as of January 18, 2025, the CVAR Board of Directors approved a proposal to add classes of traditional production-based cars through 1985. We are hoping that the newer year cars will bring in younger drivers to come race with us. I can promise you this, Greg, Don and this old guy are more than happy to mentor new racers — after all this is our passion.

For the Triumph fans among us that means TR7's and TR8's can come race with CVAR, but more importantly the rest of the cars we race can be built to a later spec that includes the racier looking trim that many of us would think of when we say "race car". Spitfires, GT6's TR3's 4's and 6's with flares and spoilers are cool looking cars. TR7's and 8's were truly the "Shape of things to come".

The Sports Car Club of America adjusted rules over the years to favor the newest cars that current manufacturers produced and they had a reputation of trying to push the older British sports cars out, but to this day we have competitors racing GT6's TR6's, TR7 and Spitfires against modern competition, and winning. There is a fellow out of Illinois that keeps winning National Championships in Spitfires.



Dave Gott in his TR4



Craig Lieneke's TR3



Mike Harmuth's Spitfire



Jerry Barker's Spitfire (Photo by Brad Eells)

Drive Your Triumph Day

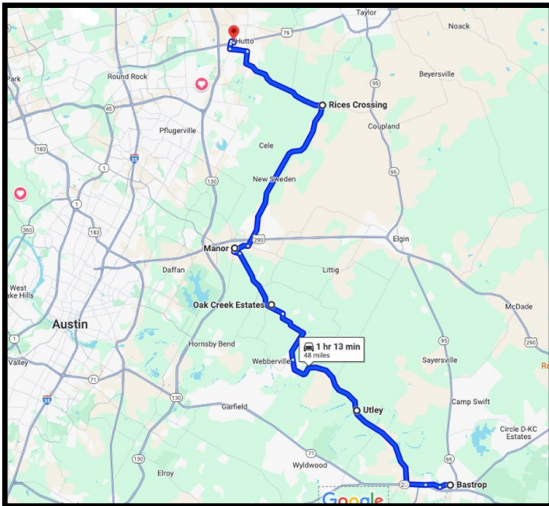
Jacques Welter

To celebrate the anniversary of Sir John Black's birthday, Triumph Clubs around the world hold a "Drive Your Triumph Day" and we're no exception. Monday, February 10th dawned overcast and somewhat damp, but our intrepid club members were not daunted by a little overcast and drizzle and met up in Hutto, Tx, to start our drive to Bastrop and the original Southside Market and BBQ.

Joining up at the Hutto McDonald's on SR79 were: Bob Kramer in his brown TR6; Mike McPhail in his red Spit6; Dick Simonson in his green TR6; Rip Torn in his green TR6; Wiley Christal in his white TR6; Jacques Welter in his white TR6; and Malcolm Gray in his white Spitfire. A lot of conversation and copious amounts of coffee followed as everyone caught up before the drive .

Wiley departed before the drive - commitments elsewhere - but the rest headed out despite some starting problems from Rip's TR6 for the Southside Market & BBQ. It used to be that a back-road trip during a weekday would have little to no traffic, but that wasn't the case here as construction in the Pflugerville, Elgin, and Bastrop areas have resulted in congested roads and hazards so it took a little over an hour to reach the Southside Market and BBQ. Once there, we all tucked into some tremendous BBQ, then headed for home.

Happy Birthday, Sir John !!



The route from Hutto

HISTORY TIDBIT: Southside Market and BBQ claims to be the oldest BBQ in Texas, having been founded in Elgin in 1882. The owner, William Moon, wanted a way to service the surrounding communities with beef and pork he raised locally but since they were a few years away from effective refrigeration, he smoked the meats to preserve them - creating the Market and BBQ



A nice line of Triumph's at the Southside Market & BBQ



Ready to roll at McDonald's in Hutto. Left to Right: Bob Kramer; Wiley Christal; Mike McPhail; Dick Simonson; Rip Torn; Jacques Welter; Malcolm Gray

News From Mike's Motors

Mike McPhail

“Most carburetor problems are electrical”

We have all heard that before! Trust me, plenty of carburetor problems are... well... carburetor problems.

The really good thing about having twin Zenith-Stromberg's on your TR6 is that usually one of them will be working. Regardless of the cause, either too much of too little fuel is getting into the engine.

It is nearly impossible to flood the engine when the carbs are working properly, but a sticking float bowl “jet” will do just that. It is fairly obvious when the jet is stuck open, as fuel will be leaking out all over the place. With no fuel on one carb, the engine may actually idle but not propel the car very well. A laser thermometer or just the touch of your hand on the intake manifold will show that the offending carb is noticeably warmer than the one that is flowing fuel. Sometimes filling the fuel line with carb cleaner by disconnecting the rubber line near the carb will get things right, but don't count on it.

The float bowl is the bottom part of the carb and is held on with six screws. It can be removed in situ, but it is worth the trouble of taking it off the manifold and making the repairs on the workbench. A new float bowl gasket should be on hand along with the rest of a minor repair kit. At the very least, a new diaphragm, float-bowl drain-plug O-ring and jet should also be on hand before disassembly.

A sticking jet is the most common serious carb failure, in that whether stuck open or closed, the car isn't going anywhere. Pay attention to the float too! Some will have the solid black float that is guaranteed not to sink, but a leaky hollow plastic item can fill with gasoline and sink like a rock. The float is easy to remove, which gives better access to the jet. A thin-walled 1/2 inch (1/4" drive) deep socket is used to remove the jet. Don't lose the aluminum adjusting washer that insures the float is properly level when holding the carb upside down.

A less common flooding problem is excessive fuel pressure. You won't see this very often with the stock mechanical pump, but aftermarket electric pumps are notorious for having much higher pressure than advertised. A combination vacuum/fuel pressure gauge should be in everyone's tool box! Installing a fuel pressure regulator is a dandy way to ensure that the proper two-and-one-half PSI is being delivered.

The rubber dashpot piston diaphragms will eventually develop tiny tears that prevent the piston from rising properly. This causes a rich condition that results in poor running and high fuel consumption... inspect them often! Note that carburetor cleaner will make short work of the rubber, so...

At this point, with piston in hand, notice the position of the needle. The needle holder will be flush with the bottom of the piston when adjusted fully lean; retracted about .70" fully rich.

Take your adjusting tool and verify the needle can be easily moved. Turn the tool clockwise to the fully rich position... then counter-clockwise three and one-half turns to place the needle holder flush with the bottom of the piston. Any more turning will unscrew the adjuster! Not a big deal, but inconvenient when the carb is assembled.



Mixture Adjusting Tool



Float Bowl Gasket



New Float Bowl Jet



New Diaphragm



New Float



Needle in holder with O-ring



Plug and new O-ring

News From Mike's Motors

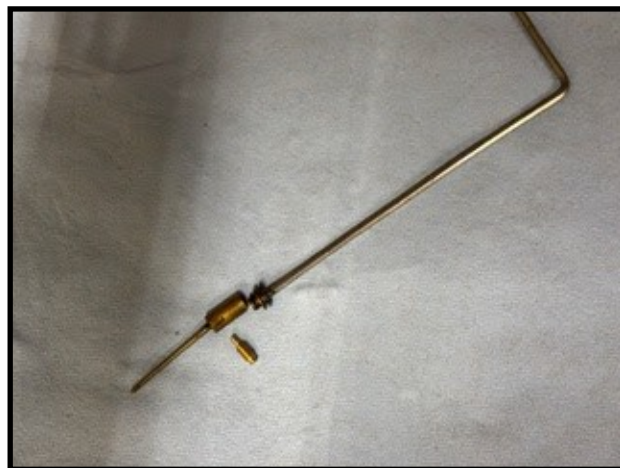
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If the needle holder is stuck it will be impossible to adjust the mixture. A tiny spring-loaded screw locates the needle holder and prevents it from rotating during adjustment. The needle and its holder can be pushed out after removing the screw. Cut four inches off from the end of a 3/16" diameter brake line to use as a tool. Place the flared end onto the needle with the piston upside down on the workbench and tap with a small hammer. The needle and holder will come out the damper tube along with a tiny star washer. The Allen screw on the holder can now be persuaded to turn! Notice the little O-ring on the holder...replace that and you won't have to be topping up the dash-pot on the carb so often. Use your new tool to press the needle holder and washer back into place. Use the adjusting tool to turn the holder until the notch for the locating screw lines up. Install a new screw if the spring-loading feature is not working.

While you have the piston out, examine the hole in the metering jet, as it must be perfectly round. Take a .100 "drill bit and insert the shank into the jet to verify its condition. The car will always run too rich if the hole is not perfect. A worn-out jet would indicate that it is time for a full-blown carb overhaul! That would be beyond the scope of this article, so let's get back to the "on the side of the road" scenario.

Okay... why did the float bowl jet get gummed up in the first place? Dirt! Look down into your gas tank with a flashlight... the bottom should be nice and clean. Any crud in the tank is going straight into the fuel line, and without a filter it will collect there. New oversized tanks are not all that expensive.

Any TR with the original fuel lines is looking for trouble. The steel lines also rust on the inside and eventually dirt will reach the carbs or clog the line. This situation can intermittently cause total lack of fuel delivery. This writer recommends installing new lines and placing a filter as close to the tank as possible. Forget cleaning out the old lines! A "Fram G-2" filter and eight feet of 5/16" rubber fuel hose to the pump, plus three more feet of 1/4" hose to the carbs works well. A lovely Spring day working on your fuel system will promise miles of trouble free driving!



How it works



Knocking out the needle



Home-made tool

HCTC Shows out at Brits & Barley

Jacques Welter

Brits and Barley had a beautiful day to meet at Schitz Creek Brewery, Winery, and Distillery on Sunday, February 23rd - sunny, breezy, temperatures in the high 60's - and a crowd of folks looking for fun and conversation !! The afore-mentioned Schitz Creek Brewery is located just off US 183 between CR 1869 and CR 3407. Formerly known as the Thirsty Mule Winery, operations there include the original winery but have added both a brewery and distillery. It combines indoor and outdoor seating and features a pizza kitchen.

HCTC was well-represented, with club members Kim & Sam Vazquez; Rip & Cheryl Torn; Joe Payne; Gary Payne; Mike McPhail; Dick Simonson; Richard & Carolyn Hunter; Nick & Julie Roccaforte; and Jacques & Kim Welter. We also had folks from the Georgetown All-British Squadron present - 18 people in total - so it was a great turnout.

If you want to come to the next Brits and Barley, check The Ragtop events section for the next outing and come on out !!



Nick Roccaforte's beautiful GT6 framed by Joe Payne's; Rip Torn's; and the Welter's TR6's



Kim & Jacques Welter's TR6



Sitting at the picnic table in the sun and enjoying each other, the Brits and Barley crew had another successful outing.

HCTC Events Calendar

2025 Year-at-a-glance

AFFILIATED GROUPS

- Georgetown All-British Squadron meets at Pistons on the Square (POTS) every 3rd Saturday of the month at 8:00 am
- Brits and Barley meets every fourth Saturday (or Sunday) of the month starting at 2:00 pm.

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01 New Year's Day
 11 HCTC Morning mtg
 14 HCTC Social Hr
 20 M L King Day

04 Independence Day
 08 HCTC Social Hr
 12 HCTC Morning mtg
 15-18 VTR National Wisc Conv

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8 HCTC Social Hr
 10 Sir J. Black/DYTD
 11 HCTC Morning mtg
 17 Presidents' Day
 ?? GTN Air & Car Show

9 HCTC Morning mtg
 12 HCTC Social Hr

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 11 HCTC Social Hr
 29 New Orleans British Motoring Festival

01 Labor Day
 09 HCTC Social Hr
 13 HCTC Morning mtg
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8 HCTC Social Hr
 12 HCTC Morning mtg
 20 Easter Sunday
 23-6 VTR S. Central Reg Waco

04 Houston ABCD
 04 Dallas ABCD
 13 Columbus Day
 14 HCTC Social Hr
 10-25 Texas All British Car South Texas ABCD

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26 Memorial Day
 10 HCTC Morning mtg
 11 All Brit & Euro Car Dallas
 13 HCTC Social Hr

08 HCTC Morning mtg
 11 Veterans Day
 11 HCTC Social Hr
 27 Thanksgiving Day

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 10 HCTC Social Hr
 14 HCTC Morning mtg
 16-27-8 TRA National Meet Greater Ozarks

09 HCTC Social Hr / / Tour D'Lites
 13 HCTC Morning mtg Xmas Party
 25 Christmas

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Hill Country Driving Event

March 2025

Ice Cream Run

Join us after the March 8 Breakfast Meeting for a lovely drive out to Granite Shoals! Our destination is Nelly's Homemade Ice Cream Shop !!

4110 Valley View Ln,

Granite Shoals, TX 78654



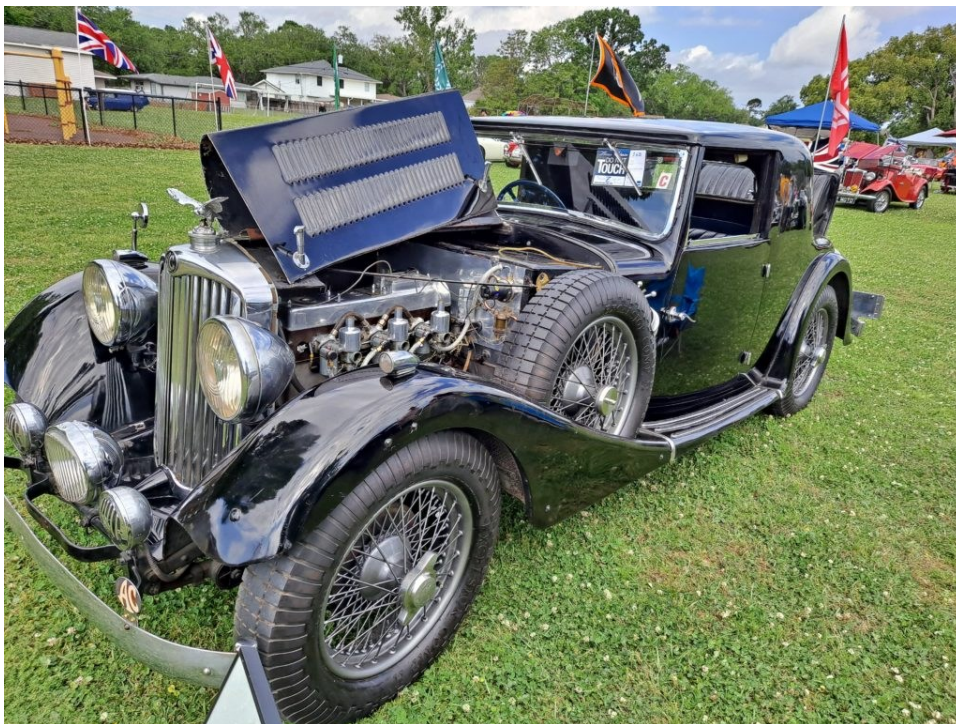


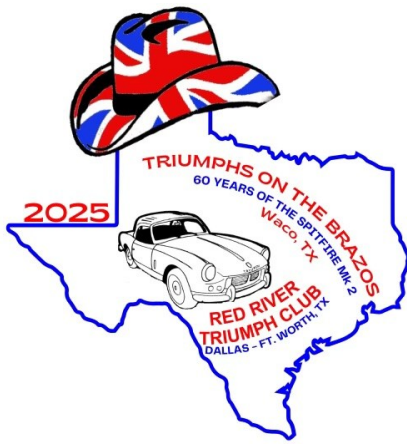
British Motoring Festival

Saturday, March 29th

- **2025 British Motoring Festival** – The 2025 British Motoring Festival will be held once again in Covington, LA on the North Shore of Lake Pontchartrain on Saturday, March 29, 2025, at the Covington Trailhead. The 2024 festival was filled with over 160 cars and motorcycles and crowds of spectators. It was better than any of us had wished for. Even the weather cooperated. We hope to make the 2025 event bigger and better. Please watch this page for updates.
- **URL:** <https://www.bmcno.org/>
- **Host Hotel:** The Host Hotel for our car festival is the Holiday Inn Covington. It is just off Highway 190 a few blocks north of I-12. It is 3.6 miles from the Covington Trailhead. The standard room, which includes breakfast, is \$149.00 per night for Friday, 28 March 2024 and Saturday, 29 March 2024. The hotel has an excellent bar and gathering area and is near Copeland's restaurant as well as several others. They are ready to book rooms today.
 - **Reservations:** (888) HOLIDAY, (888) 465-4329
 - **Front desk:** (985) 888-1200
 - **Email:** hicov_gm@myhhotels.com

If you wish to attend with Hill Country Triumph Club, please contact Mike McPhail or Rip Torn for details





VTR South Central Regionals



April 23rd - April 27th

Red River Triumphs invites you to 2025 Regionals

The Red River Triumph Club is pleased to invite you to the 2025 South Central VTR Regionals to be held April 23 - 26, 2025 in Bellmead, Texas. The theme will be the 60th Anniversary of the Spitfire MK2. Our host hotel, The Holiday Inn & Suites, is located just 10 miles north of Waco, Texas on I-35. The hotel is central to all of the driving activities and other planned events and provides spacious meeting and dining room spaces for all of our onsite activities.

Our Featured Marque

Celebrating the 60th Anniversary of the Spitfire MK2, the second in the series of Spitfires. It was styled for Standard-Triumph in 1957 by Italian designer Giovanni Michelotti and the Spitfire was introduced at the London Motor Show in 1962. It was manufactured at the Standard-Triumph Canley works, with approximately 37,409 MK2 being produced between December of 1964 to January 1967.

Where to stay

The Holiday Inn Express & Suites has a limited number of rooms reserved for us.

You can use this LINK or the below QR code to book a room in our reserved block and pricing.

Or call them directly at Front desk: 1-254-799-9997

Holiday Inn & Suites Waco Northwest



Follow this link for more information: <https://redrivertriumphclub.org/2025-scvtr-regionals/>

For online registration, follow this link: <https://redrivertriumphclub.org/2025-scvtr-registration-page/>



VTR Nationals La Crosse, WI



July 15th - July 18th

2025 Vintage Triumph Register National Convention

The Minnesota Triumphs Sports Car Club is excited to be your host for the 2025 North American Triumph Challenge! We had a terrific event hosting VTR in 2018, so we're heading back to the same great location and host, with even more fun to fill your week.

Follow this link for more information: <https://www.mntriumphs.org/vtr2025/>

For online registration, follow this link: <https://www.mntriumphs.org/vtr-2025-online-registration/>

Event Dates: July 15-18, 2025

Location: Radisson Hotel, La Crosse, Wisconsin

Event registration will be available before January 1, 2025.

La Crosse is near the center of the Driftless Area of Wisconsin right on the Mississippi River. This region is well known for its rolling hills, beautiful views along the river bluffs, and excellent back roads. You can pick about any direction and find scenic, winding roads with friendly small towns to visit.

VTR 2025 Accommodations

Both hotels below have opened the room blocks with our special event rate, so you can reserve your hotel room now.

Host hotel: **Radisson Hotel La Crosse**

- Book your room online: [VTR Booking Link for Radisson Hotel La Crosse](#)
- Or by phone: (608) 784-6680, let them know it's for Vintage Triumph Register 2025
- Rates: \$135 king city view, & \$145 double queen river view

Backup hotel: **Home 2 Suites**

Book your room online: [VTR Booking Link for Home 2 Suites](#)

- Phone: 608.881.6666
- Rates: \$144 for the King Studio suite

Preliminary Event Schedule

Tuesday, July 15

- Registration and check-in open
- Funkhana
- Craft, Model, Photo, Silent Auction opens
- Autocross tech inspection
- VTR board and member meetings
- Welcome reception

Wednesday July 16

- Autocross
- Tech session #1
- Trolley tour
- Self-guided tours
- Wedge owners meeting
- Sunset cocktail cruise

Thursday, July 17

- Breakfast run
- Run rally
- Tech session #2
- Self-guided tours
- Dinner run

Friday, July 18

- Car show
- Self-guided tours
- Cocktail hour
- Awards banquet Friday night

Saturday, July 19

- Check-out and parking lot goodbyes

Texas All British Car Days 2025

Come to the **34th Annual**
Texas All British Car Days



October 10th to the 12th, 2025

At the beautiful Dos Conchas Ranch, Marble Falls, TX
Supporting the Eddie Shell & Cloyce McLean Community Foundation



Register and information Online



Self-Guided Fun Drives

Car Show Awards Dinner

Happy Hour Friday

Food Trucks! Vendors

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Save the Date!

All British & European Car Day 2025

**the 40th Annual Exhibition of fine British & European Vehicles
and
a Mother's Day Celebration!**

Sunday, May 11, 2025

Bath House Cultural Center

521 E. Lawther, Dallas TX

Show Field opens at 10 am

[www.https://allbritishcarday.com/](https://allbritishcarday.com/)



HCTC Car Show Calendar

Stephanie Nichols' 14th Annual Car & Plane Show

Location: Georgetown, Texas

Date: February 22nd

Web: <https://www.stephaniesgtownairportcarshow.eventbrite.com>

New Orleans British Motoring Festival

Location: Covington, Louisiana

Date: March 29, 2025

Web: <https://www.bmcno.org/2025-british-motoring-festival/>

VTR South Central Regional Convention

Location: Bellmead, Texas

Date: April 23 – April 26, 2025

Web: ??

Dallas All British & European Car Day

Location: White Rock Lake Park, Dallas, Texas

Date: Sunday, May 11th, 2025

Web: <https://allbritishcarday.com/shop/>

Euro-Expo Car Show

Location: Sand Springs, Oklahoma

Date: June 7, 2025

Web: <http://www.jaguarcluboftulsa.com/>

TRA National Meet

Location: Kalamazoo, Michigan

Date: June 16 – June 20, 2025

Web: <https://www.triumphregister.com/tra-national-meet/>

Greater Ozarks British Motoring Club Car Show

Location: Springfield, Missouri

Date: June 27 – June 28, 2025

Web: <https://gobmccarshow.com/>

VTR National Convention

Location: La Crosse, Wisconsin

Date: July 15 – July 18, 2025

Web: <https://www.mntriumphs.org/vtr2025/>

Kansas City All British Car Day

Location: Merriam, Kansas

Date: September 7 – September 8, 2025

Web: <http://www.heartlandallbritish.com/index.html>

6-Pack Trials

Location: Fontana Dam, North Carolina

Date: October 2 – October 5, 2025

Web: <https://forums.6-pack.org/>

Triumphest

Location: Buellton, California

Date: October 5 – October 8, 2025

Web: <http://www.triumphest.org>

British Iron All British Car Day

Location: Agri Park, Fayetteville, Arkansas

Date: ??, 2025

Web: <http://www.britishironnwa.org/>

Britts on the Bluff

Location: Natchez, Mississippi

Date: ??, 2025

Web: <https://www.msemc.org/events/>

Houston All British Car Day

Location: Houston, Texas

Date: October 4th, 2025

Web: NA

Texas All British Car Day

Location: Austin, Texas

Date: October 10th - 12th, 2025

Web: <https://www.hillcountrytriumphclub.org/txabcd/>

South Texas All British Car Day

Location: Boerne, Texas

Date: October 26th, 2025

Web: [https:](https://)

Brits and Barley

Jacques Welter

Looking to have even more fun in your Triumph? Join the crew of Brits and Barley.

Brits and Barley is a driving / destination group (not a club) dedicated to the premise of driving our British automobiles and drinking some good beer - two concepts that have a great deal of attraction to all who join us. As a group we will drive to one local brewpub per month; consume a couple of frosty adult beverages; talk cars, friends, activities, and other things; and then head our separate ways.

Members for Brits and Barley are drawn from local car clubs - to date we have Hill Country Triumph Club; Capital City MG; and Georgetown All-British Squadron and we will be adding more over time.

We will (generally) meet the last Saturday of the month, but this can vary given holiday schedules. For example, the next meeting will be on Sunday, December 29th, but for the most part, we'll be on the last Saturday. At the end of every meeting we will decide where the next meeting will be using a master list of brewing companies that we've compiled and we'll try to spread it out. For example, if we head south one month, we'll try to head North, Central, East, or West the next meeting.

Check in your Ragtop each month for the location. We hope to see you there !!



March

WHERE: Blue Bonnet Beer Company

1700 Bryant Drive, Round Rock, TX 78664

WHEN: Sunday, March 23rd, starting at 2pm

HCTC Events

HCTC Breakfast Meeting Waterloo Icehouse Saturday, March 8th

The HCTC Breakfast Meeting starts your Saturday off right at the Waterloo Icehouse at the corner of Capital of Texas Highway and FM2222 !!

Come join the Club for breakfast, club updates, and some good company and conversation. While the meeting starts at 10:00 am, showing up early is encouraged !!

Can't wait to see you there !!



HCTC Social Hour The County Line on the Lake Tuesday, March 11th

Take a break from your busy calendar and hoist a few frosty adult beverages with your favorite people at the Hill Country Triumph Club social hour, held every second Tuesday of the month.

The Social Hour has moved its venue to **The County Line on the Lake**, just up the road from The Waterloo Icehouse. The County Line on the Lake is located at 5204 FM 2222.

While the event nominally runs from 6pm to 8pm, folks have been known to show up early and stay on late, so if you can't make it on time, don't worry — there'll still be folks there when you get there.



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



TRIUMPH REGISTER OF AMERICA

Formed to preserve the Triumph marque

ESTABLISH 1974

Triumph Register of America (TRA)

is a non-profit organization established to aid TR2, 3, 3A, 3B, 4 and 4A owners in the preservation, maintenance and enjoyment of their classic sports cars. TRA is a grassroots organization, which offers many advantages and services for individual members, groups and local centers.

TRA Membership dues:

\$40.00 Annually (US Resident)

\$50.00 Annually (Non-US Resident)

Checks or money orders for membership should be made payable to: Triumph Register of America.

Mail the check with the **Membership Application Form** to the address shown at the bottom of the form.

OPTION 1: You can also fill out form electronically through Acrobat Reader (not through your browser).

To fill out form: Download PDF. > Open in Acrobat Reader. > Fill out form. > Save document to your computer. > Email to membership chair.

OPTION 2: You can also scan your completed Membership Application Form and email.

Link to the PDF version of the membership form: [TRA-Membership-Form-2022](#)

Pay Dues via PayPal:

If you have a PayPal account and wish to pay dues using this service. Simply log onto your account and follow the prompts to send the appropriate annual fee using the following email: triumph.register.of.america@comcast.net.

NOTE: *The application form must still be mailed or emailed to the address shown at the bottom of the Membership Application Form.*

Benefits of a Triumph Register of America Membership:

- Four newsletters per subscription written by and for Triumph owners
- Annual National Meet (Concours judging is limited to TR2 thru 4A, Participants choice is open to all Triumphs.)
- Local Center development information and event announcements
- Free classified ads related to Triumph sports cars
- Technical advice via the Newsletter
- Factory build records
- Comments on originality via the Newsletter
- Judging Standards and Restoration Guideline Manuals for TR 2/3 and TR4 (online)
- The TRA Forum (online) where you can communicate with fellow Triumph owners

Classifieds

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

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.



Enjoy your TR more!

ENJOY A TRA MEMBERSHIP:

4 National newsletters per year

Annual National Meet

Website (password protected areas for members)

Concours judging standards

Factory build records

Technical support

Contact information

Shutterfly National Meet website



Join TRA Today!

www.TriumphRegister.com

Classifieds

1976 TR6 For Sale

I'm selling my 1976 TR6 in British Racing Green — I've moved and I'm trying to sell the car local to Georgetown. There's no rust and the interior is in pretty good shape. I have a boot kit for it included, but needs installing. My dad has refurbished many Triumphs in his lifetime (he gave me this one) but he's now 85 and his refurbishing days are done. He says the electrical on this one is good, but he thinks he mid-wired 2 wires at the ignition switch.

It was outside at a shop when a mild hail storm swept through, so it has a few dents from the hail but nothing major. Currently it is in a covered storage area. I will be in Georgetown the third week of February to either hand over the keys, or drive/haul TR up to Ft.Worth to be close to my dad to sell.

I'm looking to get \$9,000 for it, OBO.

Beth

512.585.9500



Classifieds

Set of 5 - 72 Spoke Wire Wheels (Black) w/ Tires for Sale- \$850

Motor Wheel Service (MWS) 15 x 5½ Wire Wheels 42mm center (fits Triumph TR4, TR6, maybe TR3). MWS part number: XW457S. The MWS Wheels were purchased in 2021 from Rimmer Brothers and have approx. 2000 miles on them. These are the newer design wire wheels from MWS that do not require tubes. Wheels were bought and painted in black epoxy semi-gloss finish. These wheels are straight and true.

The 5th wheel does not have a tire mounted on it and is the older style MWS 15 x 5½ which does require a tube. It is not perfectly straight and true but, it will balance. This would make a good spare. Tires are Sumitomo HTR A/S P03 195/65-R15 Front and 205/65-R15 Rear, H speed rating (130mph). Tires have less than 2000 Miles and the Manufactured date is late 2021.

Contact: **Rod Hamilton** rbhamilton1130@gmail.com



Indertake 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.

Visor assembly with mounts (both sides), ignition switch cover, trunk light, misc. items. Text Jim @ 254-563-9141

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



Classifieds

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.



Need a lift? I have several heavy tools that I am prepared to lend out to HCTC members who may be considering some DIY Engine or Transmission work. I have a hydraulic Engine Hoist, an Engine Stand and a Hydraulic Press.

They are available to any club member so long as you will take care of them until you return them. And so long as you operate them safely (I offer no liability for injury or damage) Just let me know, I can even get them over to you in my pickup truck.

Malcolm Grey

TEXT at 512 775 6443



Classifieds

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.





The Hill Country Triumph Club, is a not-for-profit car club affiliated with several national groups. We are 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.

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.

We have social get-togethers on the 2nd Tuesday of each month, Breakfast Business meetings on the second Saturday of the month, 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 support our members interested in Showing Cars, Traveling, Racing, Restoring, Maintaining and otherwise socializing. One goal of the club is to help its members keep their cars on the road. Please contact one of the club officers listed in the newsletter for more information at info@hctc.us 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, www.triumphregister.com, and www.6-pack.org.

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Membership

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 membership, 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.



Please fill this out and send in with Membership request

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).**