

The Ragtop



May 2014

Hill Country Triumphs

By Steve Johnson

April drives through the Texas hill country and its wild flowers have been great this year. It's invigorating to feel the freedom of a Triumph with its top down. I hope you have had time to get some healthy Triumph exercise for you and your car in April.

Our club meeting last month had a very special new addition to the club. Bob Skewis drove his Spitfire Doris Two. You'll remember that Doris One was totaled as Bob was coming to the club meeting last year. Welcome home Doris. We look forward to having you and Bob around for a long time.



Lots of events in April as always. Here are a few that were on our calendar, but there were others. For example, this is race season. Dave Foreman for one will have an article for us on his Hallett Speedway adventures.

- Spring Wild Flower Drive — April 5th

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 \$15.00 per family group or address per year. We have dinner meetings on the 2nd Tuesday of each 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 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, www.triumphregister.com, and www.6-pack.org.

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2015 South Central VTR Regional Update

Congratulations Club! When a club sets up a VTR Regional, the first thing that has to be done is selecting an anchor Hotel. Then all the plans can be laid in based on the hotel and city chosen. I am pleased to say that The Inn of the Hills Resort and Conference Center in Kerrville is now officially booked for our 2015 VTR Regional and is looking forward to having us. They came closest by far to meeting all of our requirements. That includes the number of rooms required (75), the price needed (\$104 per night) and the time frame we were looking for (April 22 through April 25, 2015). Take a look at the Inn of the Hills map I included later in the *Ragtop*. I think you'll like it as much as I do.

Kerrville is in the heart of the Texas hill country. Some say the roads are the best in Texas for viewing our legendary terrain and beautiful wild flowers in April. That's why so many sports car clubs come here for their events. Now we can start planning events such as the Drives, Gimmick Rallyes, Autocross, Concourse and the Awards Banquet on Saturday night. We have a lot to do before our Regional, but we have a lot of good people who know how to put a Regional together. I'll be working to get the planning phase

started in August, with most of the work to be done after the first of the year. It takes all of us to make a regional successful. All those that volunteer will have a place to help. Just let me know what you would like to do, and I'll start a list now. Mike McPhail always likes to come in first and has offered to lead the effort to provide the drives for the regional. Mike is the best I've ever seen and of course, the first volunteer to help. Way to go Mike.



Spring Wild Flower Drive — April 5th

Jim Icenhower put on a spectacular run for us through the Bluebonnet and wildflower hill country we all enjoy driving. We had 20 members attending with 10 sports cars and a TR Truck to chase just in case. Jim will have an article later in the *Ragtop*. The picture on the right is of club TR4's that were there. It was awesome. Here are our members attending:

John Akins (66 TR4-A), Duncan Charlton & son (71 Morgan), Dave and Cherrie Griffith (Drove Their TR Truck), Jim & Karen Icenhower (76 TR6), Steve & Candy Johnson (67 TR4A), Dan Julien (70 TR6), Warren & Lisa Kodosky, (Jensen Healey), Dean & Elizabeth Mericas (65 TR4), Jaime Molina & his college roommate Mike (66 AH 3000), Willis & Kathy Thorstad (75 TR6), Charles & Marisa Wagner (72 Spitfire).

I'm missing one couple in a Spitfire that I didn't have names for. They may not be in the Club. If I missed anyone else please let me know.

Fix It Day — Get Ready for Sports Car Spring — April 19th

Mike and Nel McPhail put on a wonderful Fix-It day in Mike's Busted Knuckle Garage on the 19th. Mike will have an article the day when he and Nel return from the Kansas City Regional at the end of the month.

This is always a great day to bring your car out and get the technical expertise you need to for fixing your Triumph. It's also a great time for us to get together and talk about Triumphs (which we will do continually if you let us). If you didn't come this time, we'll have another soon I'm sure.

2014 VTR Regional in Kansas City — April 27-30, 2014

The Kansas City Triumphs Club is ready for this year's South Central VTR Regional Convention. Those who went had been working steadily on preparing for the trip and from what I hear... **THEY WERE READY!**

Candy and I won't be able to attend this year. We'll miss not seeing our old friends in my first Triumph Club.... **Kansas City Triumphs**. Bob Skewis has offered to represent the club in Kansas City in my absence. I'm sure he will have an article in the next *Ragtop* for us.

Kastner Cup 2014 — May 16-18

The Kastner Cup this year is called "The Battle of Eagles Canyon" and will be held May 16th through the 18th in Eagles Canyon just outside Fort Worth close to Decatur Texas where you'll find hotels. Bob Kram-



er is our contact for the event and has added more information to this copy of the Ragtop. Better add this one to your calendar now so you can get properly prepared for the event.

British National Meet — Arkansas May 29th-31st

This is the third year that the All British National Meet will be held in Hot Springs National Park. A number of our club members have attended this



event over the years. Mike McPhail already has three going. Let him know if you're interested. His email address is mmcphail@austin.rr.com. Mike will let you know what plans are being made as the time nears. [PRESS HERE FOR INFORMATION](#)

Triumph Register of America National Meeting 2014 — June 11-15

If you are thinking about going to the Triumph Register of America National Meeting, June 11th through the 15th you'll



need to make reservations now. The block of rooms at the lodge is running low. They are working with the lodge to try and expand that block a bit, but to ensure you can get the group rate please reserve rooms now.

You can use the websites below for more information:

- Meet web site: www.miamivalleytriumphs.org/tra2014 (info and registration)
- Triumph Register of America Website: www.triumphregister.com
- Deer Creek State Park Lodge Website:

www.deercreekstateparklodge.com

2014 VTR National Convention — September 9-14

The Vintage Triumph Register and Triumph Club of the Carolinas will be hosting the 2014 VTR National Convention in Dobson, NC and surrounding areas — September 9-14, 2014.



It has been 20 years since the TCOC hosted this convention. Their theme is "Back to the Blue Ridge." Enjoy the following video for a taste of what will be available www.youtube.com/watch?v=M6KbptrNRt0. Check www.vtr2014.com periodically for additional detail.

We Have a New Club Treasurer

Mike Schubert has volunteered to be the club Treasurer and is doing an excellent job already. Our club account is up, running and in good shape to take us into the future. Thanks Mike.

Our former Treasurer, Earl McGlothlin and his wife Connie live in Onion Creek. They were flooded in the storms that hurt so many in their area last year. Part of their loss was their Spitfire. Earl has had the Treasurer position for many years. We'll miss them both.

Thank You For Paying Your Dues

Nel McPhail, our Membership Chair, is now in the process of updating our distribution list for the year, deleting those who haven't paid their dues. If you are a new member or just haven't paid, send your dues in

now please. There is a form and Nel's address at the end of this Ragtop. Thanks....

Next Club Meeting — Tuesday May 13th

Our May Club meeting will be at 7:00 PM at the home of Dean and Elizabeth Mericas. Please invite your significant other to come along. Our meetings are for the family.

The meal will cost you \$5.00 per person. Please bring your lawn chairs and BYOB. Elizabeth will have hamburgers with fixings and a salad along with a treat for dessert. She will need to know how many are coming so please RSVP to her at emericas@austin.rr.com. Please see the map in this *Ragtop* for directions.

Remember, you don't have to drive your Triumph to the club meeting to enjoy the excitement! Just be there....



Triumphantly,

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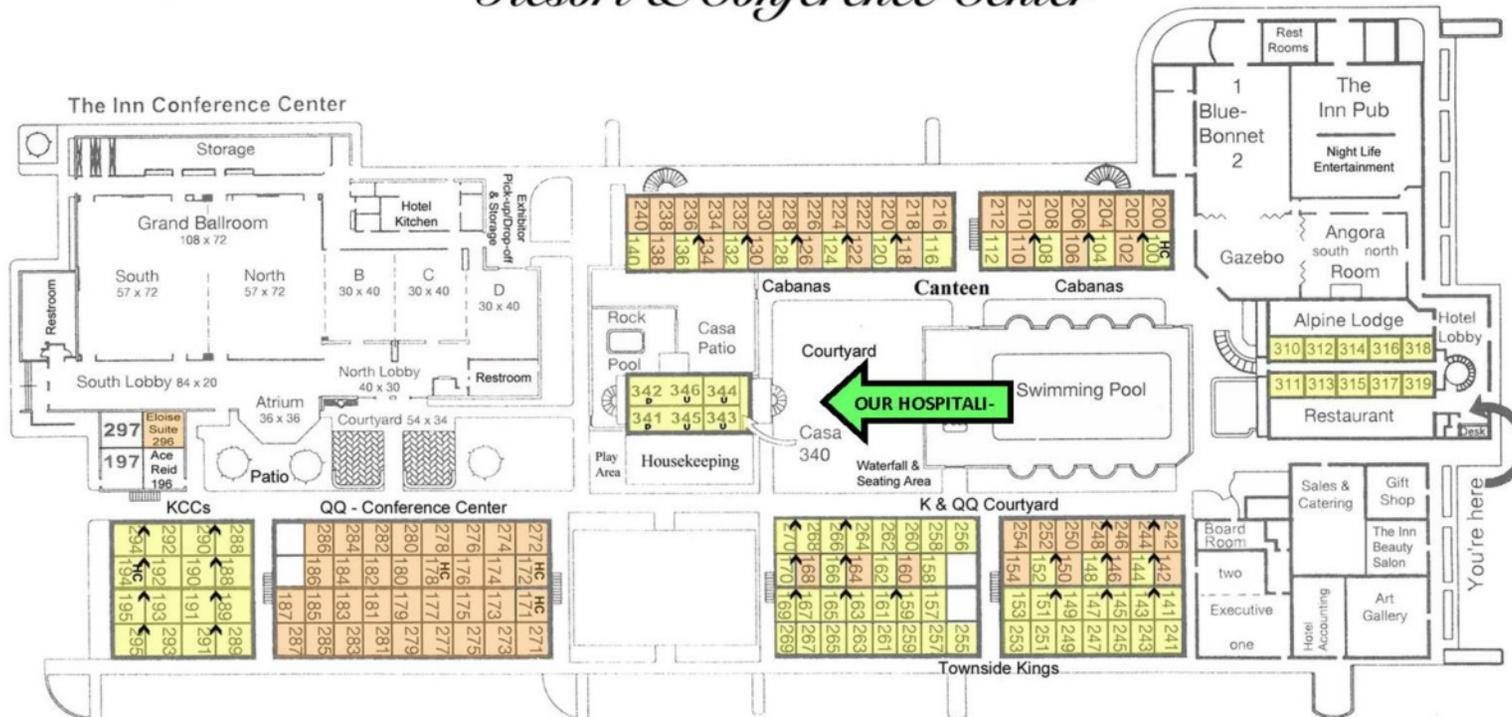
Our Website — www.hillcountrytriumphclub.org





INN of the HILLS

Resort & Conference Center



CAR WASH

TRAILER PARKING
 (A large Area for Trailers Just Outside the Normal Parking Area)

May Meeting

Tuesday, May 13, 7 PM

At the home of
Dean/Elizabeth Mericas

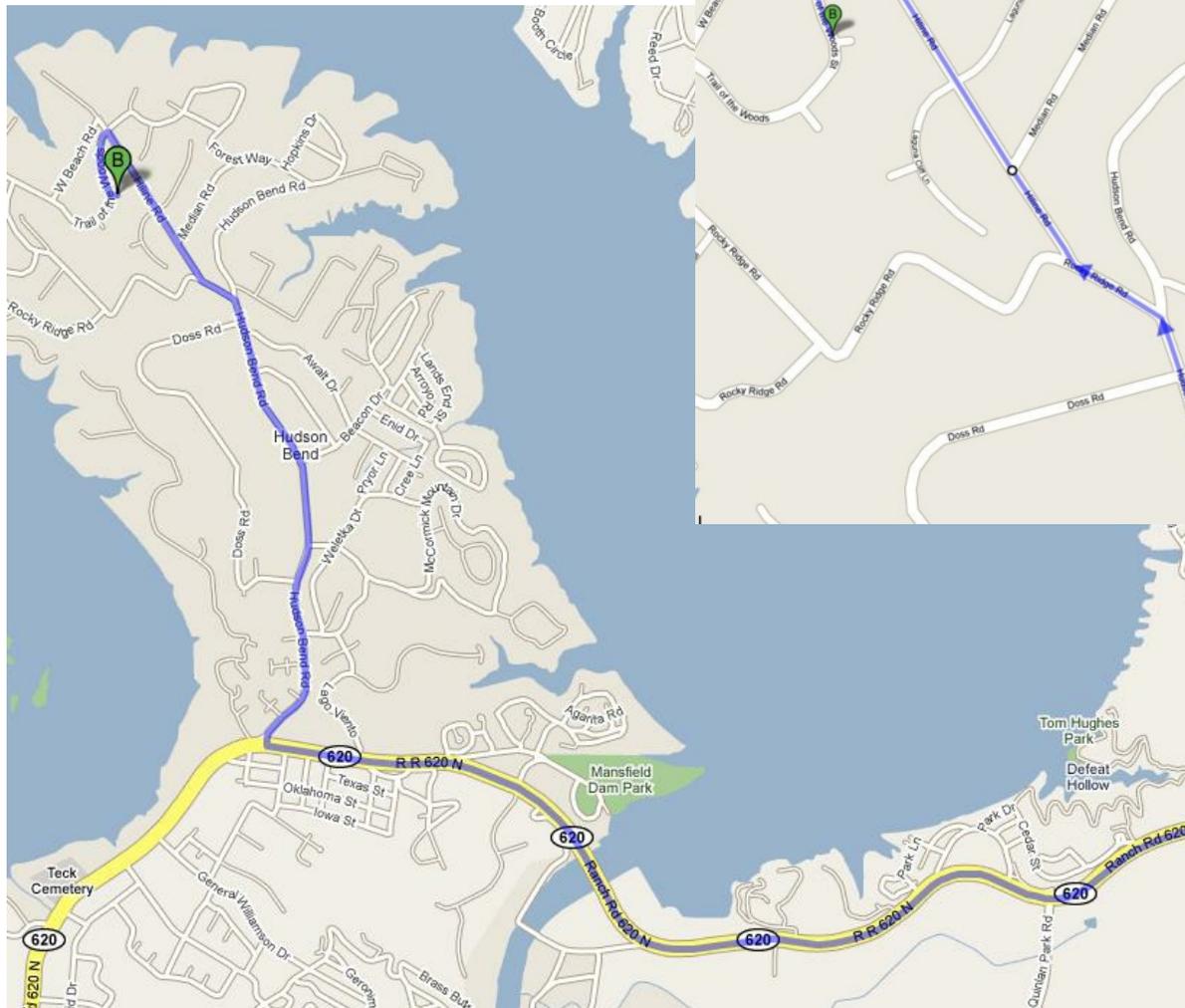
16904 Upper Woods Cove
Austin, TX 78734
Phone:291-6775

See page 3 for more information.

Directions:

- From the **East**: Take RR620 west towards Lakeway Turn right at the first traffic light past Mansfield Dam onto Hudson Bend Road
- From the **West** : Take RR620 east past Lakeway and towards Mansfield Dam Turn left at the traffic light onto Hudson Bend Road
- Continue on Hudson Bend Road, past La Hacienda RV Park

- About 0.25 mi past the RV park, bear left at a fork in the main road onto Rocky Ridge Road.
- Take the first right onto Hi Line Road.
- Take the second left at Trail of the Woods Road
- Take the second street on the left onto Upper Woods Cove (Dead End)



Texas All British Car Days Spring Drive

By Jim Icenhower

A couple of years ago Texas All British Car Days was a one event a year thing. But it seemed like there were lots of British car owners who didn't have an active club to enjoy their cars with but who had participated in TXABCD. With that in mind we started having a couple of events throughout the year for all marques of British cars. The TX-ABCD Spring Drive was started in 2013. The 2014 drive was run through the Hill Country north of Lake Travis in search of wildflowers. Some of the marques represented were Lotus, Mini, MINI, Morgan, Austin Healey, MG, Jensen Healy and McLaren. We had over 25 cars, including some modern ones replacing British car that were "unavailable" at the last minute. Drivers joined us from as far away as San Antonio, Houston and Harlingen.

We left the Lakeway area and headed to the closest twisty roads we could find: Bullick Hollow(2222)/ 2769/Lime Creek. After enjoying some low speed winding roads we headed west on 1431 through Jonestown and Lago Vista for a little higher speed cruising. Cow Creek Rd was on the original route when Karen and I drove it the first time we tried the route. Our first route included coming back south of Lake Travis but when we first attempted to run that route we realized that would be close to a whole

Club Members Who Joined the Drive	
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Jim & Karen Icenhower	76 TR6
Steve & Candy Johnson	67 TR4A
Dan Julien	70 TR6
Warren & Lisa Kodosky	73 Jensen Healey
Dean & Elizabeth Mericas	65 TR4
Jaime Molina & his college roommate Mike	66 AH 3000
Willis & Kathy Thorstad	75 TR6
Charles & Marisa Wagner	72 Spitfire





road was resplendent with Bluebonnets on both sides. We cruised past views of Inks Lake and more Bluebonnets stopping at Longhorn Caverns for a bathroom break and to take a look at the Civilian Conservation Corp buildings. And, of course, to admire and talk about the cars in the parking lot.



day event and would be too long. So we headed back home for some reworking of the route.

One the second dry run I tried to turn onto Cow Creek Rd but the police had it blocked. Since I couldn't tell if the problem was short term like a wreck or long term like road damage, I rerouted the run to take us north on 1174 instead of Cow Creek Rd.

Continuing east on Park Road 4 we turned north on 281 back toward Burnet heading for lunch. We ate at the Burnet Feet Store BBQ just south of Burnet. They were very accommodating and reserved tables for us so we all sat together and got to know each other better.

drove 322, 323, 1869 and Nameless Rd to find our way back to 1431. From there, everyone headed home.

The next TXABCD event will be the British Invasion of Cars and Coffee June 8. The British Invasion made a big splash there last year and we hope to do it again this year.

After lunch we headed east on small roads out of Burnet. We

We passed through Burnet twice and both times we got onto some of the same rural roads as a bicycle rally named Spokes 'n Spurs. We passed lots of bikers of the non-tattooed type and several gave us a thumbs up and I'm sure many more enjoyed our cars but didn't have the energy to wave!

The Bluebonnets were beginning to be plentiful along 1431 and 1174 as we headed north on some back roads into Burnet. Park Road 4 has always been one of my favorites so we headed that way by driving west on 29 then turning on Park Road 4. The



MAY TOOL OF THE MONTH

By Mike McPhail

We know that the manly fellow cherishes his air tools, but electric motor driven devices can not be overlooked as valuable additions to the workshop. Here is a short list of my favorites.

Bench grinder: This is absolutely the most used electric tool in my shop. Mine is a six-inch model with a wire wheel on the left side and a grinding wheel on the right. The wire wheel (with fine bristles) will polish almost any metal without scratching. It will clean the grease, grime, dirt, paint, old gasket, etc. from metal objects and deposit the residue on the wall behind quickly and easily. For the perfect shine, polishing wheels are available. These are perfect for jerking that gleaming object out of your hand and slamming it into the car across the room. The grinding wheel can sharpen or reshape metal in an instant. Keep a container of water nearby to cool your burned fingers and the object that you are grinding. Rubber and plastic objects can be altered, as well. Gloves and safety glasses are a must. So often I have pulled a stray wire bristle out of my forehead.

Angle grinder: This is another two-fisted macho gadget with many uses. Not only will it hide your lousy welding job by removing excess metal, but it can cut through rusty bolts like a cut-off tool on steroids. The flat side or the cutting edge can be used with equally devastating effect. All this while screaming like a banshee and show-



ering onlookers with a volcano of sparks! Gloves and glasses may not be enough. Buy two of these and mount a wire wheel on the second one. This arrangement will make rust, paint or Bondo disappear instantly.

Drills: Your first electric tool was probably a drill. Drills can range from the cordless type with the perpetually dead battery to the mighty drill press. The great thing about drills is the variety of bits and attachments. The Dremel tool is just a little drill with a handy assortment of expensive short-lived accessories for intricate modifications to incorrectly installed parts. Larger drills can be chucked-up with wire wheels, grinding wheels, drill bits of every description, and anything else that will fit in there. You can use it to prime your oil pump or spin you speedo. The drill press is great for making an accurate hole in the part you are ruining. Chuck-up a sanding disk or wire wheel to give you a free hand and skinned knuck-

les. My favorite bit is the step drill. This clever device comes in a variety of shapes and sizes, all of which make increasingly larger, perfectly round holes, even in thin metal. Once again, use plenty of oil when drilling steel or anti-freeze solution for drilling aluminum.

Saws-all: Last of all is the power tool that made hand saws obsolete. Even bigger and meaner than the rest, this reciprocating implement of destruction will make short work of anything that you can get the blade onto. Several different blades are available for destroying a variety of materials. Remove that rusty old muffler and tail pipe in seconds (watch out for fuel and brake lines). Cut through the thickest bolt or ceiling joist (nails be damned) with ease. Hell, I have even cut up old cars into little pieces in no time at all. Put a little oil on the blade and it will last longer, while giving that wonderful burnt petroleum aroma to your workshop. For maximum safety, wear body armor.

Friends of Triumph presents
The Kastner Cup – 2014

“The Battle of Eagles Canyon”

May 16-18, 2014

Contact: Bob Kramer: 512-431-8563 rkramer3@austin.rr.com

History will record this battle. There is a canyon, in the far north of that place called Texas, a piece of land so desirable that over the century's tribes of natives fought battles for its control. Then they fought settlers and finally the soldiers. Later men came and tried to tame it with their powerful machines, but it remains just out of reach. It is here that a man named Kastner has hidden his treasure, and the word is spreading. Many will come to try to take his chalice, the fabled Kastner Cup, and a spirited battle will ensue. But can it be won? The challenges are many. The road into the canyon has many a turn, many a hill and much risk. It is what they call "difficult terrain". The eagles soaring above can see the road twisting ever downhill. They can see it rise up toward the sky and their outstretched talons. At ground level it just disappears like eyes closed against the wind. Know this, skill and determination will be rewarded.

It will take much preparation and planning for this journey. The machines must be in top form and the wagons that will carry them up to the task. Fortunately this canyon is not far from the well known cattle town of Fort Worth. Closer still, lodging and supplies can be procured in nearby Decatur. The Innkeeper called Hampton will be the choice of many, those that enjoy telling their war stories after the battle along with loads of amenities. Another Innkeeper with the name of Baymont also provides a bed and a blanket and a hot breakfast. They'll hold you a bed upon your request. Mention that you are a Friend of Triumph and you will get a special price. The battlefield itself is a special place. It has plenty of cover that can be reserved.

Hampton Inn and Suites Decatur

110 South US Hwy 81/287

Decatur, Texas 76234

(940) 627-4900

FOT Rate \$79.00

Baymont Inn and Suites Decatur

600 W Hale Avenue

Decatur, TX 76234

(940) 627-3338

FOT Rate \$65.00 Pet's OK with \$17.50 fee

For more information on travelling to this place called Eagles Canyon have a look at:

<http://www.eaglescanyon.com>

All Triumph Covered Paddock Spaces, 3 Days for \$75.00. To reserve please email Bob at rkramer3@austin.rr.com

Race Registration will be \$400.00 for Friday Test and Tune, Saturday and Sunday races, and feature events.

Registration fee includes the Saturday British Small Bore Race and Sunday Kastner Cup race.

Can you handle that kind of track time? More info at CVAR website at:

<http://www.corinthianvintagerace.com>

K-Cup Spectators will be interested in the Texas All British Car Days Spring Rallye leaving from ECR-stay tuned for more information



Hampton Inn and Suites Decatur
 About 15-20 minutes from ECR
 ** Mention ECR at check-in and receive a discount **
 110 South US Hwy 81/287
 Decatur, Texas 76234
 (940) 627-4900
 For Reservations: (800) 426-7866



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 ** Mention ECR at check-in and receive a discount **
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 Decatur, TX 76234
 (940) 627-9603
 For Reservations: (800) 753-



Baymont Inn and Suites Decatur
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 Decatur, Texas 76234
 (940) 627-0776
 For Reservations: (800) 315-2621



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 1709 S US 287
 Decatur, Texas 76234
 (940) 627-6919
 For Reservations: (877) 424-6423

Hotel Information for Eagles Canyon Raceway



Ramada Limited Decatur
 About 15-20 minutes from ECR
 1507 S Highway 287
 Decatur, TX 76234
 (940) 627-6262
 For Reservations: (800) 272-6232



Super 8 Decatur
 About 15-20 minutes from ECR
 1600 S Highway 287
 Decatur, TX 76234
 (940) 627-0250
 For Reservations: (800) 800-8000



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September 13

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I-540 and Highway 412, Springdale, AR

FOR REGISTRATION INFORMATION CONTACT

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THIRTEENTH ANNUAL ALL BRITISH CAR & CYCLE SHOW

Hosted by British Iron Touring Club of NW Arkansas

In Fayetteville, Arkansas, Agri Park, South of Exit 66 off I-540

September 13th, 2014, Rain or Shine (Hey, they're British cars, after all !!)

ALL PROCEEDS BENEFITTING THE ALS ASSOCIATION OF NORTHWEST ARKANSAS
 "FIGHTING LOU GEHRIG'S DISEASE"

Sept 12th - Registration (4:00 - 6:30 P.M.), cook out and parking lot party (6:30 PM or later if the chicken is not ready) at the **Holiday Inn Convention Center of Northwest Arkansas**, until...

Sept 13th - Car and cycle display and popular choice judging at Agri Park, 10 AM - 2 PM.
 Lunch and concessions available on site. Silent Auction (donations welcomed)
 Catered Awards Dinner at the hotel 6 PM **SPECIAL GUEST: RACER, TUNER AND TRIUMPH LEGEND KAS KASTNER - ONLY 200 TICKETS WILL BE SOLD FOR THIS EVENT, FIRST COME, FIRST SERVED, TICKETS REQUIRED - ORDER NOW!!!**

No vendors permitted due to U of A regulations regarding use of the facility.

GOODY BAGS FOR FIRST 175 ENTRANTS (1 BAG PER ENTRANT REGARDLESS OF NUMBER OF CARS)

REGISTRATION: (also available as above or on site the day of the show starting at 8:30 a.m.)

(FREE T-SHIRT FOR FIRST CAR IF RECEIVED PRIOR TO AUGUST 30TH, 2014, no free shirts for bike entries. Additional t-shirts may be purchased below or, if available, at the cook-out or at the show)

Name(s): _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____ E-mail: _____

Registration **RECEIVED ON OR BEFORE 8/30/14** (free t-shirt included): \$25.00 for 1st car, \$10.00 for 2nd car

Registration **RECEIVED AFTER 8/30/14:** \$30.00 for 1st car, \$10.00 for 2nd car. **(no free t-shirt)**

Registration for **all motorcycles** regardless of entry date \$10.00 per bike **(no free t-shirt)**

PLEASE COPY THIS FORM AND USE A SEPARATE SHEET FOR EACH VEHICLE!!!

Car / Motorcycle:

Marque: _____ Model: _____ Year: _____ Class: _____ (See list) \$ _____

Additional Cars / Motorcycles carried over from additional registration forms: \$ _____

Awards dinner, \$20.00 per person—Number: BBQ:# _____ Chicken Breast:# _____ \$ _____

Early Registration (before 8/30/14) FREE T-shirt: -MUST Circle one: S M L XL XXL

Additional T-shirts - MUST Circle when ordering: S M L XL XXL (\$15.00 each) x _____ = \$ _____

TOTAL (Make checks payable to British Iron) \$ _____

Mail to: Jim Carney 11565 Oak Hills Dr., Bentonville, AR 72712

HOST HOTEL: Holiday Inn Convention Center of Northwest Arkansas, I-540 and Highway 412, Springdale, AR
 Specify British Iron Car Show, rate includes ALS donation by the hotel, 479-751-8300 Ask for British Car Show rate before 8/25/14

Information or questions: Email Jim Carney at carney1081@cox.net Or Bill Watkins at bwatkins@watkinslawoffice.com

See also www.britishironnwa.org

FOR SALE



1958 Triumph TR3A TS 37875L

- Soft top
- Tonneau cover
- Stick cover
- New sliding side curtains
- Car cover
- Rebuilt engine
- It does not have overdrive
- Many spare parts are included
- More photos available upon request
- Repair history

\$20,000

Having owned my TR3 for 29 years, I am selling her. The car has had a full frame off restoration completed in 2003. It has been garaged the entire 29 years I have owned it.

It is in very good condition, but not 1st place concurs. It is 95% original with modifications including spin-on oil filter, Pertronix electronic ignition, and a TR6 fan.

Carol 512-971-6778 cpenn43@yahoo.com



Michael Connally
mcfoto@swbell.net
 210-262-0275

1973 Triumph TR6 with Overdrive

Commissioned April, 1973. Full frame off restoration 11/2001-11/2003. Totally disassembled, sandblasted and cleared of any rust. Paint job includes two coats etching primer, two coats of standard primer, 4 coats of color coat (Duco Jet Black) and four coats of Clear Coat. The under carriage is coated with POR 15 which is used to protect oil derricks in the Gulf. The car was voted Participant's Choice at the 2006 VTR National Competition in Dallas. It has won 1st and 2nd Place in subsequent competitions. It cruises comfortably at 70 mph and has been as far as 1,200 miles round trip on more than one occasion. The car is appraised and insured for \$22,000. I am offering it for \$19,500.

All suspension bushings replaced.
 Wheels sandblasted and powder coated.
 5 Yokohama 203 x 5.5 Tubeless Tires
 All new rugs and door panels
 New Dash Crown
 New Convertible Top

Engine:
 New Rings and Valves Ground
 New Rod Bearings and Crankshaft Bearings and seals
 New Clutch and Bearing
 New Slave Cylinder
 Carburetors Rebuilt
 Distributor Rebuilt (Advanced Distributors)
 Modified Cam
 Headers
 Monza Exhaust
 Radiator Rebuilt

Richard Good Triple Manifold with three Stromberg Carburetors
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 New Master Cylinder and Vacuum Booster
 Richard Good HD U-Joints on Drive Shaft and Short Shafts
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 Drums and Rotors Turned
 All Brake and Fuel Lines replaced with Stainless Steel Tubing
 Spin off Oil Filter
 Rear Lever Shocks Replaced with Tube Shocks
 Set of Four Koenig 15x7 Rims and Goodyear Eagle Tires
 New Windshield
 Tourist Trophy Laminated Walnut Steering Wheel
 Convertible Top Cover
 Tonneau Cover

For Sale: TR6 fiberglass hardtop "Snug Top" by Custom Hardtops of Longbeach, CA. Outstanding condition. Located in Dripping Springs. \$500 Contact Benson 361-947-7704 gbtuttle@yahoo.com





Chairman's Message: Welcome to Excelsior Springs.

2014 South Central Regional Vintage Triumph Register
APRIL 27 TO 30, 2014

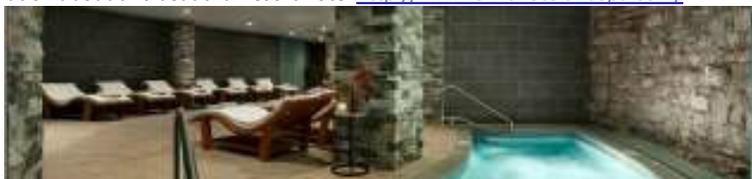


Excelsior Springs, located just 29 miles from Kansas City, MO, was a worldwide attraction for their healing mineral waters in the late 1800's to early 1900's. Our host hotel, The Elms Hotel & Spa was built in the 1880's to serve affluent mineral spa devotees.



The Elms today

The Elms completed a multi-million complete update and remodel in 2012. They have one of the largest spas west of the Mississippi for your enjoyment. Head to their web site for information about this beautiful resort hotel <http://www.elmshotelandspa.com/>.



Spa at the Elms



Excelsior Springs is just 29 miles from
Kansas City, MO

Area Attractions



You will also want to see the **Hall of Waters** and try their soda fountain of mineral waters. The Hall of Waters was placed on the Clay County Historical Landmark Register in 1981 and listed on the National Register of Historic Places on June 9, 1983.



. **Jesse James** This museum features the largest collection of James family artifacts, and is accompanied by outlaw Jesse James' family home and farm in Kearney, Missouri. Tour the museum and restored home, and view an informative video that relates the story of Frank and Jesse James and their bank- and train-robbing escapades. There's also a gift shop where you can procure Jesse James tee shirts, coffee mugs and other souvenirs. Jesse James' home and grave is about 10 miles away

Events

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| Monday Welcome Reception | Concours |
| Gimmick Rallye | Funkhana |
| Autocross | Dinner Runs |
| Photo/Model/Craft | Concours 'Participants Choice' |
| Awards Banquet | |

The committee has worked for the last eighteen months planning this event. They have planned rallies, tours, and secured the accommodations and a host of other things that go into making a successful and enjoyable event.

It is the planning committee's hope that you will have a great time at the 2014 South Central Regional Convention. During your stay, you will be able to identify the committee members by their fluorescent green vests. They will glad to answer any questions or give directions to local sights for you to visit.

The Excelsior Springs Police Department has worked closely with us, and they will be glad to assist you in any way they can. Be sure to thank them for the security services they are providing us when they assist you. Please join me in thanking the planning committee and the rest of the KC Triumphs for all of their efforts. We hope you find this program useful as it will give details of the events, history and places of interest in Excelsior Springs. I encourage you to contact any of the 2014 planning committee members with any questions or concerns.

Welcome to Excelsior Springs! I look forward to visiting with each of you. If you see any way we can improve the event please let me know your thoughts.

Jack Edwards
Chairman 2014 SC Regional
Kansas City Triumphs Host

Registration will be available beginning August 15, 2013 at
<http://www.kansascitytriumphs.com/> .
 Those registering between August 15 and December 31, 2013 will be entered in a drawing to be held Jan 6, 2014, for one (1) night's stay at the host hotel (The Elms Hotel & Spa). There will be six (6) winners; the night's stay has a value of \$104.00 + taxes.
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<http://www.hillcountrytriumphclub.org/newsletters.php>

Pay Your Dues!!!!!!!

Please check the latest spreadsheet sent out by Nel. It says the month and year your dues are due. If the year listed next to your name is earlier than July 2014, you are past due now. Any quite delinquent members who haven't paid will be dropped from the roster.

Cost is \$15 per year per family. If you don't wish to renew, please notify Nel.

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How on earth did you hear about the Hill Country Triumph Club?

Please mail your application and \$15 check payable to HCTC to:
Nel McPhail, 1105 North Canyonwood Dr, Dripping Springs, TX 78620

Upcoming Events

May 13 — **HCTC Monthly Meeting**. Information below.

May 16-18 — **Kastner Cup 2014**, Eagles Canyon Raceway. See [pp. 7-8](#).

May 29-31 — **All British National Meet**, Hot Springs, AR. See [Website](#).

June 8 — **British Invasion at Cars and Coffee**. See www.txabcd.org.

June 11-15 — **Triumph Register of America National Meeting**, Deer Creek State Park, OH. See www.miamivalleytriumphs.org/tra2014.

Sept. 9-14 - **VTR National Convention**, Dobson, NC. See [Website](#).

Sept. 13 — **Brits in the Ozarks**, Fayetteville, AR. See www.britishironnwa.org/show14.html.

Sept 26-28 — **Texas All British Car Days**, Round Rock, TX. See www.txabcd.org.

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I am parting out another Spitfire 1500. Some good bits left. Everything is free.

Robert MacKenzie

I recently bought a project 1965 TR4a.... Any advice, help, parts,would be greatly appreciated

Alan Palmer ampalmer4@gmail.com

Next meeting: Tuesday, May 13, 2014, 7:00 PM

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More information on page 3. Map on page 5