

# The Ragtop



May 2015

## Hill Country Triumphs

By Steve Johnson

The 2015 South Central Regional Convention was great again this year. We not only had the event in Kerrville Texas, the Capital of the Texas Hill Country, we also managed to have great weather for the event. There were 84 Triumphs and 162 participants from 11 of the 19 clubs in the South Central Region Registered for the regional. Jim Icenhower's regional website made getting the proper information very easy which helped attendance. In addition to registered guests we had quite a few friends and family that joined

us periodically because Kerrville is so close to Austin, San Antonio and Houston. Our "Triumphs in the Hill Country" theme for the April Regional was very appropriate.

**DAY ONE — Wednesday April 22<sup>nd</sup>** was a travel day and before we knew it the trailers started rolling in and the rooms started filling up. I was amazed that 85% of our 75 rooms filled by the end of the travel day but it did happen. That's when I knew we were going to have a wonderful Regional. Even Dave Griffith's participants Car Wash was busy after their trip. They were ready to have a regional.

Once guests checked in they went direct-

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](http://www.vtr.org), [www.triumphregister.com](http://www.triumphregister.com), and [www.6-pack.org](http://www.6-pack.org).

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ly to registration. Fortunately Nel McPhail and Barbara Kramer were on point to make sure our guests were well taken care of. They had everything ready to hand out when guests arrived per their individual requests on the registration forms. In addition they were given a very comprehensive Regional Book, prepared by Bob Skewis that gave them additional information about each events and the city of Kerrville. Jim Herter had put together a great database that we used to manage the guests registrations and results of the various events. Put these three together and the results was a machine that really worked efficiently. They also ran our Hospitality Room. That was a room in the middle of the Inn of The Hills complex that we used for registration, information, gathering and hospitality where we had snacks and drinks for everyone.

**DAY TWO — Thursday April 23<sup>rd</sup>** was our first day of the event. It started at 7:00 AM with an “Early Bird” run across the Kerrville Hill Country. What a drive it was

through on the local country roads. We returned in time for breakfast at the Inn of The Hills. Mike McPhail had other plans for us after breakfast. It was back in the cars again for his “Tail of the Dragon Rally”. That was a Time-Speed-Distance (TSD) Rally that gave participants plenty of time to not only win their first trophy, but to see more of our Texas sights. It was like driving private roads full of triumphs with very little traffic to get in our way for enjoyment. Mike planned it that way so everyone could have fun, enjoy the hill country and not worry so much about the TSD part of the Rally. That afternoon, Dennis and Lorna Duke had put together a Fredericksburg Walking Tour for everyone that they could do at their own pace and time. Fredericksburg is

an historic Texas city visited by many Texans each year. It's also a great place to shop.

Thursday evening was the “Welcome Party”. We had at least 130 there with participants and friends. There were finger foods, snacks and drinks as we lounged outside on the grass. We fellowshiped with those we hadn't seen for a while and renewed old acquaintances. As part of the regional we had our own Hospitality Room in the middle of the complex which was nice for all of us. There was also a large pool that looked like it would handle us all if wanted to get in. The weather was that good and the pool that large.

**DAY THREE — Friday April 25<sup>th</sup>** was Concours and Participants Choice day. Activities started again at 7:00 AM with another of Mike's Early Bird Runs thought the hills. It was yet another route and adventure. It seemed that the roads are so famous around Kerrville that the car clubs have named some of these drives with mysterious names. For example, I believe this one included the “Twisted Sis-



ters" run.

After Breakfast it was on to the Kerrville Folk Funkhana that had been put together by Dan Julien. It was a great fun. There were quite a few cars and contestants that had a whole-lotta fun with the Funkhana.

The Concourse was scheduled for the afternoon. Both events were held at the same location, downtown Kerrville on the Guadalupe River. It was a beautiful spot for beautiful cars and we had quite a few. There were over 41 cars in the Concourse and 27 in the Participants Choice both put together by Roger Bolick. Sean Cook took Best In Show with his 1981 White TR8. Results of all of our events appear later in this Ragtop.



Friday morning we took a drive out to Mooney Aviation, next to the Kerrville airport, and were treated to a great two hour tour of their facility. There were around

20 to 25 that ventured out with us and it was an excellent. These hand crafted Mooney aircraft are custom built for each of their owners. We were able to see their process from the beginning until they rolled out of the construction area, ready for delivery to their new owners.

## DAY FOUR — Saturday April 26<sup>th</sup>



was race day at the Autocross. Tech sessions were laced through our activities and by 9:00 AM Saturday we had started staging for the runs. Now it was time for the drivers to put on their racing face and get down to business. Mike Jankowski and team had put together a great track for the autocross. Mike narrated the play by play and Mike Hado of the Texas Triumph Register club captured the times. It was amazing how few cones were hit on this course, but that's one measure of a great lay-

out. It was awesome to have the results of the races by class and individual ready to present that evening at the Awards Banquet.

The Awards Banquet Saturday evening was excellent. We started



with a party at 6:00 PM outside the Grand Ballroom where we had our banquet. At 7:00 we started entering the Grand Ballroom for dinner and awards. The room was perfect for a large banquet of well over 135 people. The meal included two entrees, Texas Beef Brisket and Pecan Orchard Chicken with vegetables and assorted desserts. Once we were finished eating, I started the Awards portion of the evening. The room had a nice large screen. Dan Julien and Jim Icenhower had taken pictures and put them into a slide show that we let run all the way through the evening. It was great. Then there were the Trophies and Door Prizes to



give out. The Door Prizes included the traditional Club Baskets. This year Betina Foreman put together the Hill Country Triumph Club basket and it was excellent. We also had baskets from Texas Triumph Register club (Houston), the Red River Triumph Club (Dallas-Ft. Worth) and COVTR (Oklahoma City).

**MAKING A DIFFERENCE** — For this year's regional, we decided to do a few things a bit differently. For example we didn't provide "Goodie Bags" with various knick-knacks like pens, vendor advertisements and stickers or information from the area. Some vendors did send a few knick-knacks in addition to their door prizes. We made those available in Registration if people wanted to have them. We did that with the Kerrville information too. People knew where the material was located if they wanted it. That worked well for the participants.

Another variation was with the Awards Banquet. I worked with our major suppliers to provide larger Door Prizes as opposed to several small gifts. We ended up giving away around \$1,500 in gift certificates and merchandise. That way we could give substantial gifts from the vendors to the participants based on car number, not worry about things like raffle tickets. It also gave me a chance to thank our vendors for helping us keep our British cars on the road which they have done and we have an easier time getting parts now then back in the day. This technique was not only well received by the guests, it also helped move the banquet through the evening quicker with more of a focus on awards.

A program we used successfully at

our 2009 Regional was the "Triumph Lifesaver" program run by Bill Waller. If guests found themselves lost or their Triumph just didn't want to go, all they had to do was call Bill and a Lifesaver was on its way to help. We didn't have to rescue many but those who needed help were very pleased with the program.

We also saw more use of video cameras at this Regional. The Go-Pro cameras were easy to mount and moved from car to car, event to event. We had them during the Autocross and during the driving events. I've seen some of the videos and they really are great. I'm sure each of the clubs will have videos.

Thanks to all the Hill Country Triumph Club who helped make this the greatest Regional I've ever been to. And thanks to you who participated as well. Our Hill Country Triumph Club had the largest group there with 45 members attending. The only club close was the Texas Triumph Register from Houston with 40. Next year the Vintage Triumph Register South Central Regional Convention will be held by Central Oklahoma Vintage Triumph Register in Oklahoma City. The theme will be the "Oklahoma Land Rush" and from what I hear it will be great. See you there.

You'll find results of the regional events later in this Ragtop and at

<http://www.hillcountrytriumphclub.org/2015VTRRegionalResults001.pdf>

If you would like to see the pictures from the event. Here are the websites:

Regional Events:

<https://www.flickr.com/photos/30030338@N04/sets/72157652159875086/>

Awards Banquet:

<https://www.flickr.com/photos/30030338@N04/sets/72157649981169984/>

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## **Alfa Club Spring Tour — May 23<sup>rd</sup> (rain or shine)**

We have been invited to join the Alfa Cub Spring Tour again this year. This event is put on by the Alfa Club and lead by Dean Mericas who is also in our club. The tour was canceled in April this year due to rain but it's on again for May 23<sup>rd</sup>.

The tour will start at Whole Foods in Bee Cave with a free Breakfast at 8:30 am and we will leave from Whole Foods at 9:30 am on the run. After a thrilling 150 mile drive through the Texas hills we'll have a free lunch at 1:30 PM Please RSVP no later than Monday May 18<sup>th</sup> to Dean Mericas [dmericas@austin.rr.com](mailto:dmericas@austin.rr.com) or Phil Auldrige [phil=auldrige.org@mail187.wdc02.mcdlv.net](mailto:phil=auldrige.org@mail187.wdc02.mcdlv.net). An information package will be sent to those responding.

## Yearly Election of Club Officers — June 13<sup>th</sup> Club Meeting

June is traditionally our month for electing officers. Like any other club, we can't run without leadership. Please let me know if you would like to volunteer for any of the positions by June 5<sup>th</sup> and I'll put your name in the running for a vote at our June 13<sup>th</sup> club meeting.

Here's a brief rundown on the current officers and what they do. Those current officers who have offered to serve another year have their name associated with the position in the list below, but don't hesitate to help if you would like to. Those positions that are **Open** indicate they are. We share the load and welcome new people to help:

**President** — **Open** — Helps organize various events and interfaces with other clubs. Coordinates and runs our monthly club meetings. Provides a Ragtop article each month. ***It's time for me to step down as President. My wife and I have remodeling to do and we need to see our children and their children more often than we have been able to the past few years. You'll see me at the meetings and at the events. Let me know if you would like to be our President.***

**Vice President** — Bob Skewis — Assists the President and fills in at club functions as well as runs the club meetings when the president is out.

**Reservations** — Elizabeth Mericas — Reserves space for our club meetings.

**Webmaster** — Jim Icenhower — develops and maintains our club website.

**Treasurer** — Mike Schubert — Manages our bank account. Reimburses authorized club members who spend their own money on approved events. Requires the President to approve before money is spent.

**Secretary** — **Open** — Writes our meeting minutes and publishes them in the Ragtop.

**Membership** — Nel McPhail — Tracks our membership and dues

**Ragtop Editor** — Dan Julien — Coordinates and edits our *Ragtop* Newsletter.

Please let me know what position(s) you would like to help with during the coming year **on or before June 5<sup>th</sup>**. Bob Skewis will present the volunteers for each position at the club meeting on June 13<sup>th</sup> and conduct this year's voting. Candy and I will be with the Grandchildren in Brownwood, Texas.

## Vintage Triumph Register 2015 National Convention

The VTR National Convention will be held August 11-14, 2015 at the Abbey Resort and Conference Center in Fontana, Wisconsin. The featured Triumph models for this convention will be the TR4A and the Spitfire Mark II both of which are celebrating their 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary in 2015. For the latest information check out their website at [www.VTR2015.com](http://www.VTR2015.com).

VTR members may register online and pay via PayPal. If you prefer, you may print out a registration form and mail it along with a check. You will need to know your

VTR membership number and car's commission number to complete the registration. Early registration ends on June 15<sup>th</sup>.

To receive the VTR room rate at the Abbey Resort and Conference Center call the resort (262/275 - 9000) and ask for the Vintage Triumph Register rate. Roughly half of the block of 110 rooms are already booked.

## Next Club Meeting — Saturday June 13<sup>th</sup> at Frisco's

Let's meet at Frisco's located at 6801 Burnet Road in Austin. Be there at 9:00 AM for breakfast. The meeting will start at 9:30 and run to 10:30 AM if needed. Their website is <http://thefriscoaustin.com>. Our club meetings are on the second Saturday of each month.



Triumphantly yours,

*Steve*



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# 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 showering 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 your speedo. The drill press is great for making an accurate hole in the part that you are ruining. Chuck-up a sanding disk or wire wheel to give you a free hand and skinned knuckles. 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.

# 2015 VTR Regional—Concours

CLASS AND PLACE	NAME(S)	YEAR	COLOR	MODEL
<b>Best In Show</b>				
1	Sean Cook	1981	White	TR8
<b>Spitfire MK I/III &amp; GT6</b>				
1	Sam and Jeff Jeffries	1963	Red	Spitfire
2	Sam and Jeff Jeffries	1964	Red	Spitfire
3	Steve Ball	1965	Signal Red	Spitfire
<b>Spitfire MK IV &amp; 1500</b>				
1	Bob Skewis	1980	White	Spitfire 1500
<b>TR2 &amp; TR3</b>				
1	Bill Hovestadt	1957	White	TR3
<b>TR3A &amp; TR3B</b>				
1	Michael and Vicki Sabelhaus	1962	Black	TR3B
2	Mike and Marie Hado	1962	Green	TR3B
3	Bob Presley and Julie Zelent	1961	Black	TR3A
<b>TR4 &amp; TR4A</b>				
1	Andrew Reed	1967	White	TR4-A
2	C.W. Koellman	1964	Valencia Blue	TR4
3	Lonny and Kay Wall	1965	Green	TR4-A
<b>TR5 &amp; TR250</b>				
1	Larry Young and Rob Trippet	1968	Green	TR250
2	Bob Skewis	1968	Jasmine Yellow	TR250
<b>TR6 Early</b>				
1	Jim Herter	1970	Signal Red	TR6
2	Dan and Francis Julien	1970	Jasmine	TR6
3	Richard Dicks	1972	Damson	TR6
<b>TR6 Late</b>				
1	David Bryant	1974	Pimento Red	TR6
2	Art Graves	1976	Delft Blue	TR6
3	Nancy Money and John Hanten	1976	Java Green	TR6
<b>TR7 &amp; TR8</b>				
1	Sean Cook	1981	White	TR8
2	Dave Hogan	1980	Black	TR7
3	Gabe and Janetta Rodriguez	1980	Poseidon Green	TR8
<b>Special Triumph</b>				
1	Duncan Wood	1973	Brown	Stag
2	Michael and Anet Hathaway	1964	Litchfield Green	Sports 6
3	Shane Richardson	1972	Green	Stag
<b>Modified Touring &amp; Prepared</b>				
1	Timothy Skinner	1973	Red	TR6
2	David Kuykendall	1974	Saphire Blue	TR6
3	Jay Cook	1980	Aqua Blue	TR8
<b>Senior</b>				
1	Max and Linda Speegle	1957	Red	TR3
<b>Preservation</b>				
1	Louise Carter and Dustin Nicholson	1974	White	TR6

# 2015 VTR Regional—Awards

## Participants Choice

PLACE	NAMES	YEAR	COLOR	MODEL
1	Tom and Nancy Harrison	1965	Wedgewood Blue	TR4A
2	Paul and Jane Higley	1962	White	TR3B
3	Susan and Tommie Cook	1972	BRG	GT6
3	Larry and Linda Taylor	1960	Black	TR3

## On The Road Again - Longest Distance Driven

MILES DRIVEN	NAME	YEAR	COLOR	MODEL
644	Ken Dolhonde	1973	Green	TR6

## Kerrville Folk Funkhana

PLACE	DRIVER	NAVIGATOR	YEAR	COLOR	MODEL
1	Carlton Northrup	Dave Northrup	1972	Mallard Green	TR6
2	Dustin Nicholson	Louise Carter	1974	White	TR6
3	David Kuykendall	Timothy Skinner	1974	Saphire Blue	TR6

## Tail of The Dragon - Time-Speed-Distance

PLACE	DRIVER	NAVIGATOR	YEAR	COLOR	MODEL
1	Cathy Pilcher	Dave Pilcher	1973	Mallard Blue	TR6
2	Willis Thorstad	Kathy Thorstad	1976	Carmine Red	TR6
3	Duncan Wood	Sheila Wood	1973	Brown	Stag

## Bluebonnet Run - Gimmick Rally

PLACE	DRIVER	NAVIGATOR	YEAR	COLOR	MODEL
1	T.D. Hathcock	Samantha Wood	1971	Red	TR6
2	Larry Young	Rob Trippet	1968	Green	TR250
3	Dave Fox	Kay Fox	1976	Mimosa	TR6

# 2015 VTR Regional— Autocross

CLASS AND PLACE	NAME	YEAR	COLOR	MODEL	BEST TIME
<b>Stock Spitfire &amp; GT6</b>					
1	Arthur Petri	1970	Red	GT6	29.289
2	Dennis Duke	1970	Red	GT6	30.421
3	Steve Ball	1965	Signal Red	Spitfire	31.529
<b>Stock Spitfire &amp; GT6 Ladies</b>					
1	Michelle del Carpio	1964	Red	Spitfire	30.605
2	Tere Jeffries	1964	Red	Spitfire	38.334
3	Annette Waller	1980	White	Spitfire 1500	40.184
<b>Stock TR2 &amp; TR3</b>					
1	Mike Hado	1962	Green	TR3B	30.013
2	Paul Higley	1962	White	TR3B	31.135
3	Michael Sabelhaus	1962	Black	TR3B	31.859
<b>Stock TR250 &amp; TR6</b>					
1	T.D. Hathcock	1971	Red	TR6	29.570
2	David Bryant	1974	Pimento Red	TR6	30.845
3	Jim Icenhower	1976	Carmine Red	TR6	30.884
<b>Stock TR250 &amp; TR6 Ladies</b>					
1	Samantha Wood	1971	Red	TR6	31.480
2	Emily Barrett	1972	Blue	TR6	33.188
3	Betina Foreman	1975	Mimosa Yellow	TR6	35.000
<b>Stock TR4 &amp; 4A</b>					
1	C.W. Koellman	1964	Valencia Blue	TR4	29.603
2	Andrew Reed	1967	White	TR4-A	34.868
3	Eric Schumann	1966	Red	TR4-A	34.940
<b>Stock TR7</b>					
1	Douglas Trapp	1976	Red	TR7/8 Coupe	29.852
<b>Stock TR8</b>					
1	Gabe Rodriguez	1980	Poseidon Green	TR8	32.578
<b>Modified</b>					
1	Carlton Northrup	1972	Mallard Green	TR6	27.439
2	Dusty Nicholson	1974	White	TR6	27.503
3	David Kuykendall	1974	Saphire Blue	TR6	28.064
<b>Modified Ladies</b>					
1	Mia Gans	1980	White	Spitfire	34.927
2	Louise Carter	1974	White	TR6	41.951
<b>Prepared</b>					
1	Ray Josey	1966	Red	Spitfire	27.389
<b>Prepared Ladies</b>					
1	Ruth Josey	1966	Red	Spitfire	26.906

# Alfa Spring Tour

The THC-AROC spring tour will be held on May 23, 2015.

Tour participants will start at the Whole Foods at the Hill Country Galleria in Bee Cave for an informal breakfast and tire kicking, followed by about 150 miles of mixed twisties and fast paved roads through the heart of the hill country. Along the way, we'll enjoy bluebonnets in bloom, great driving, and a group lunch.

Please RSVP to Dean Mericas ([dmericas@austin.rr.com](mailto:dmericas@austin.rr.com)) with the number in your party by Monday, May 18 to make sure the restaurant is prepared for the crowd. Tour instructions and lunch details will be sent out in response to your RSVP.

<b>HILL COUNTRY TRIUMPH CLUB NAME BADGE</b>	
<b>WHITE ON NAVY BLUE</b>	<b>LASER ENGRAVED</b>
<b>MAGNETIC BACKER</b>	
<b>SIZE: 1 1/4" X 3 1/2"</b>	
<b>\$8.00 per badge, inc. tax</b>	
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NAME ON BADGE #2: _____	
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### 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 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> 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.

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| All suspension bushings replaced.                  | Richard Good Triple Manifold with three Stromberg Carburetors |
| Wheels sandblasted and powder coated.              | MSD Multiple Spark Distributor and Heavy Coil                 |
| 5 Yokohama 203 x 5.5 Tubeless Tires                | New Master Cylinder and Vacuum Booster                        |
| All new rugs and door panels                       | Richard Good HD U-Joints on Drive Shaft and Short Shafts      |
| New Dash Crown                                     | All New Discs, Shoes  |
| New Convertible Top                                | Drums and Rotors Turned                                       |
| Engine:  | All Brake and Fuel Lines replaced with Stainless Steel Tubing |
| New Rings and Valves Ground                        | Spin off Oil Filter   |
| New Rod Bearings and Crankshaft Bearings and seals | Rear Lever Shocks Replaced with Tube Shocks                   |
| New Clutch and Bearing                             | Set of Four Koenig 15x7 Rims and Goodyear Eagle Tires         |
| New Slave Cylinder                                 | New Windshield  |
| Carburetors Rebuilt                                | Tourist Trophy Laminated Walnut Steering Wheel                |
| Distributor Rebuilt (Advanced Distributors)        | Convertible Top Cover   |
| Modified Cam                                       | Tonneau Cover   |
| Headers  |   |
| Monza Exhaust                                      |   |
| Radiator Rebuilt                                   |   |



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- Auxiliary Power Source
- Leather Rimmed Steering Wheel w/Triumph Logo
- Wood Crested Shift Knob
- Alloy Valve Cover
- New Tires (5)
- New Battery
- New Gearbox Cover (Polyethylene)
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Please check the latest spreadsheet sent out by Nel. If it says Jan 15 in the dues column your dues are overdue now. Any quite delinquent member who hasn't paid will be dropped from the roster.

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# Upcoming Events

May 23 — Alfa Spring Tour. See [page 10](#) for information.

June 13 — HCTC Monthly Meeting. Information below.

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