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# **RAGTOP**



# Letter from the President

**Don Couch**



**O**ne more one more. That's the consensus I've received from those I've spoken to about holding off for another month before we meet up again. I know some states have opened but some have not. I think with so many of the club members who are in the high risk category it is prudent to hold off for one more month. That being said, I certainly cannot stop you guys from gathering on your own. I just don't feel it's right to call a formal HCTC meeting when we really don't know if we are out of the woods just yet. I've spoken the Nick Roccaforte, President of the MG Club and they are taking the same precautions.

Last month, I participated in a conference call to all the clubs in our region. The main topic was Nationals and Regionals. St. Louis Triumph Owners Association (SLTOA) is now part of our region. Welcome SLTOA!!! The rotation for regionals is now RRTC, HCTC, COVTR, STTA, TTR then SLTOA. The Nationals for 2020 have been cancelled due to Covid-19. With that in mind our discussion turned to COVTR changing their Regional in 2021 into a National. COVTR is discussing this and I'll let you know their decision as soon as I get word. I did get an email confirming STTA (South Texas Triumph Association AKA San Antonio Triumph club) will be hosting the 2022 South Central Regionals. So from the current rotation, we are not on the hook for a Regional until 2026. I imagine by then Corona will be back to simply being nothing but a beer choice again and Phil Taylor will be wanting to step down from being President after five years!

I look forward to seeing you all again, going on drives together as a club and crackin' an ice cold Corona together!!!

Stay Tuned,

*Don*

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# Secretary's Report April 2020

Mike McPhail



April wasn't a complete bust in spite of the mounting virus hysteria. By the second Wednesday of the month, Cabin Fever proved to be more infectious than anything coming out of Wuhan, so a daring and dangerous plan was hatched to raid the Growler USA store and have an illegal (?) picnic at a yet to be determined location. Only four customers at a time were allowed in the Central Austin Beer-to-Go establishment, which met our requirements perfectly... but wouldn't you know, they were out of Pecan Porter, so it was off to 512 Brewing in South Austin.

There was quite a queue for the brewery's drive-thru, but eventually our growlers were filled and the search for food and shelter was underway. Refuge came just a few miles West at Rudy's BBQ and Country Store. Like everywhere else, this popular eatery was open for take-out only, but there is a lovely picnic area out back, far from prying eyes. Knowing that it is easier to find forgiveness than get permission, we grabbed a few tables on our own initiative. Afterwards, we drove our Triumphs over to Joe's for some tire kicking, etc.

This worked out so well that a breakfast meeting was organized for the following Saturday! Were it up to me, HCTC meetings would be held at this location until this unfortunate situation has run its course!

Other locations have been identified as possible destinations for Triumph owning scofflaws in need of a road trip and refreshment. Double Horn Brewing Company in nearby Marble Falls is open for take-out, but like at Rudy's, a customer can order food and drink at the counter, then retire to nearby outdoor seating. There were several TR6s parked out front on Friday the 24th to prove it!

Angel's Icehouse just this side of Spicewood on Hwy71 is another dandy get-away. This is another Hill Country establishment with outdoor seating and good food with excellent service, and not to mention, they are following all the latest health guidelines. Now that restrictions are being eased, let's get out of the house and into those TRs!



Got beer?



Marble Falls



Got beer?



Joe's place.

# From the Archives

Art Graves



## Self-Professed 'Futurist' Gets His Kicks Rebuilding Vintage Cars

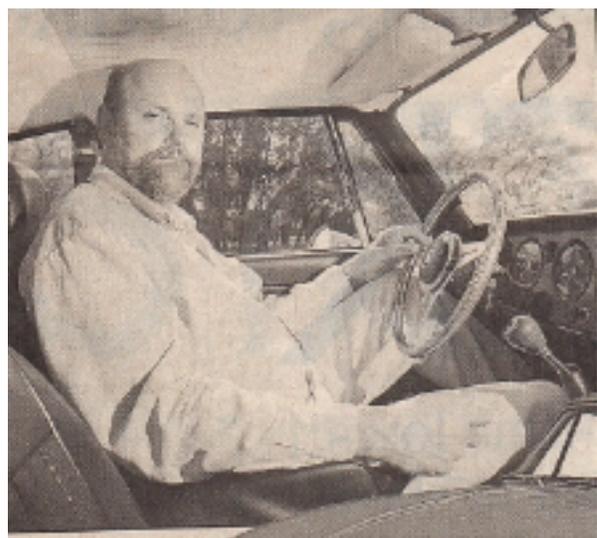
Richard Ceraldi actually pays the valet guy to let him park his own car. That's because he drives a vintage red 1971 GT6 Triumph when he's out on the town, and also because "I had a job in high school parking cars, and I know better Ceraldi, a mechanical designer with Motorola for nine years, has always been an inventor. He was instrumental in designing the first "talk-about" 2-way radios, and his name is associated with 14 patents at Motorola. "My card says I'm a futurist," he says. "I'm trained to think about what people are going to want five years from now."

Ceraldi uses those design skills in his hobby of rebuilding and showing antique, vintage cars. He bought the red fastback 1971 GT6 in 1972 and later, a Spitfire "vermillion"-colored convertible. In 1980, Triumph went out of business, Ceraldi says, and that made it difficult to get parts, but then the Internet changed everything. Now, he says he can get parts from England and all over the world. In the mid '90s, he started showing his cars. He expects to show the Spitfire in the Vintage Triumph Register national convention in August in Breckenridge, Colorado. He generally shows the cars anywhere from two to 10

times a year. For Ceraldi, part of the fun is driving the cars when he shows them, as opposed to delivering the vehicle to the show, for example, on a trailer. "I actually drive my car places. I actually use it to and from work and on the weekends." That has worked to his advantage. In one show, the crowd cheered as he sped up the dirt road to get to the site. "Yeah, they knew that I had to re-detail it after I got there," he says, smiling.

— Courtney Barry

*Austin American Statesman* March 16, 2001



# News from Spain

Ian & Elaine Phillips



Hello Triumph Enthusiasts,

We are ...and have been in serious “lock down” for the last 6 weeks. The Spanish authorities have road blocks set up and you’re only allowed 1 person in the car and may travel no more than 3 miles from your home. The only stores open are supermarkets and pharmacies and there’s an 8 pm curfew. You must wear a mask and gloves at all times when shopping. You’re not allowed outside your residence unless you have a dog!! Therefore, it has been a trifle difficult to get much interesting news about the classic cars!

I have received emails explaining problems some of the guys are having fitting fuel tanks in VW GTI, gearbox issues, etc. but with no way to get any spares it’s frustrating and on top of that...the postal service has stopped because some of the personnel have tested positive for Covid19.

I did manage to use the TR6 for a shopping trip of 3 miles but got stopped by the Men in Black. They were quite aggressive but I

did escape without a ticket, which by the way starts at \$150 bucks!

So, reading reports from Austin it would seem you’ve been a little less restricted. Fortunately, we’re very lucky having a pension and everything paid for. The nearby Costa Blanca is a holiday area and they have closed every road into the beach resorts to stop folks coming from the cities for the May Day holiday. It’s not a time to try a sneaky run with the Triumph. We feel as though we are under house arrest and don’t really know when things will change.

Anyway, we’re both okay and Elaine is getting over here recent illness, so we will just have to hang in there. We wish you all the best.

Cheers,

*Ian and Elaine*



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## FOR SALE: 1971 TRIUMPH TR6

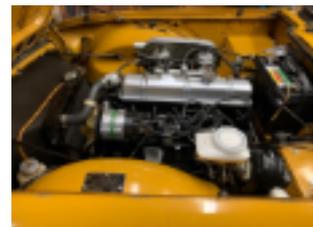
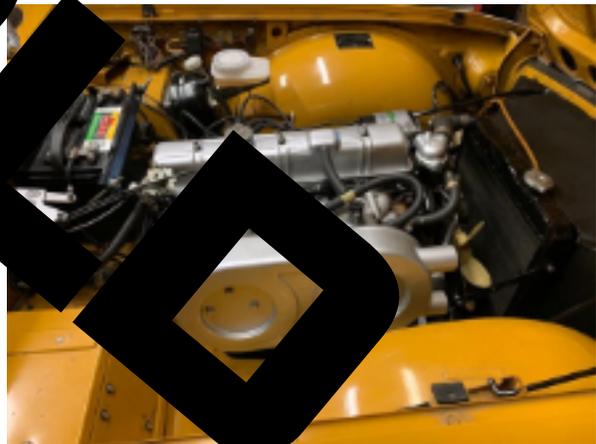
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Artwork should be submitted to Dan Julien at [dan.julien@gmail.com](mailto:dan.julien@gmail.com)

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

Mail your check (payable to **Hill Country Triumph Club** or **HCTC**) to:

Nel McPhail  
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Dripping Springs, Tx 78620  
(512) 656-1456  
[nmcphail@austin.rr.com](mailto:nmcphail@austin.rr.com)

## Membership Application

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

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Please mail your application and \$15 check payable to HCTC to:  
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The Vintage Triumph Register has its benefits. A national club of Triumph enthusiasts spanning the globe needs you as a member. Affiliate club membership is not an automatic membership to VTR. Some of the benefits:

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

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

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# Upcoming Events

May 9, 2020 — HCTC morning meeting.  
CANCELLED.

May 12, 2020 — HCTC evening meeting.  
CANCELLED.

May 16, 2020 — Blanco Classic Car Show.  
Info at [blancoclassiccarshow.com](http://blancoclassiccarshow.com).  
Cancelled.

Next date TBD — Cars & Coffee. Circuit of  
the Americas. Info [here](#).

June 9, 2020 — HCTC evening meeting.

June 13, 2020 — HCTC morning meeting.

Jun 15-19, 2020 — TRA , Lexington, KY.  
POSTPONED until 2021, dates TBD.

Aug 31-Sep 4, 2020 — VTR Nationals,  
Galena, Ill. As of April 5, this event is still  
on. Info at [www.vtr2020.org](http://www.vtr2020.org).

Sept 10-12, 2020 — **Triumphest**, San

Diego, CA [triumphest2020.com](http://triumphest2020.com)

Sept 12, 2020 — **Brits in the Ozarks**,  
Fayetteville, AR. [britshironnwa.org/show](http://britshironnwa.org/show)

Sept 25-27, 2020 — **Texas All British Car  
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Oct 1-3, 2020 — **6-Pack Trials**, Richmond,  
VA

Oct 24, 2020 — **South Texas ABCD**,  
Boerne, TX

Oct 25, 2020 — **Rolling Sculpture Car  
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[rollingsculpturecarshow.com](http://rollingsculpturecarshow.com)

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# Next Meeting

## **Next breakfast meeting:**

Saturday, June 13, 2020, 9:00 AM

Waterloo Ice House

6203 N Capital of Texas Hwy

Austin, TX 78731

NE corner of Lp 360 & RM 2222

[waterlooicehouse.com](http://waterlooicehouse.com) — Phone: 512-478-9700

## **Next evening meeting:**

Tuesday, June 9, 2020, 7:00 PM

The Tavern

922 West 12<sup>th</sup> St

Austin, TX 78703

At the corner of 12<sup>th</sup> and Lamar

[tavernaustin.com](http://tavernaustin.com) — Phone: 512-320-8377

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\*\*\* A small contingent of Triumph enthusiasts will be gathering at 9 AM on May 9<sup>th</sup> at Rudy's on Loop 360 for an unofficial alternative to the HCTC monthly breakfast meeting, which as you know has been prudently canceled. On Tuesday, May 12<sup>th</sup>, a similar event will take place at 5 PM at Angel's Ice House on Hwy 71, a little West of Bee Creek Road. These locations are outdoors and all are welcome to join in. \*\*\*