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The Gulf Coast Triumph Association, Inc. d/b/a the Texas Triumph Register (TTR) is an organization of Triumph owners and enthusiasts dedicated to the preservation and continuing enjoyment of the Marque. Membership is open to all who appreciate automobiles bearing the Triumph name. In addition to monthly meetings, the club sponsors rallies, shows, road tours, technical seminars, and social events.

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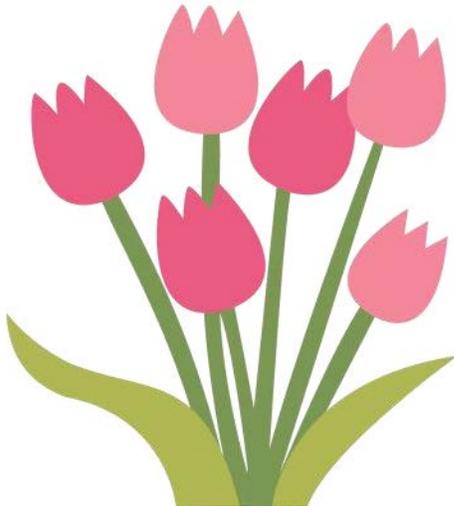
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HAPPY
Mother's
DAY



While many of you were winning awards and having great Triumph related fellowship in Boerne, Debbie & I had the pleasure of spending 10 days in Sammamish, WA with our daughter, son in law and, the main feature of the trip, our 1 year-old granddaughter. We missed not being at Regionals with all of you, but I'm sure any of you with grandchildren understand. One of these times while visiting the Pacific NW I plan to connect with the TYEE Club in the Seattle area. They have been in existence since 1964 and appear to have a pretty active group of Triumph owners.

Speaking of Regionals, we had 14 Triumphs and 26 TTR members attending in Boerne and, as usual, our presence was felt by the winning of 29 awards. Details of all the Regionals activities will be featured in next month's Bluebonnet. A special congratulations goes out to John Barrett for being named the honoree for this year's Gary Johnston Memorial Award.

A couple of weeks ago I had an invitation to join a Saturday morning Podcast called "In Wheel Time". Hosted by Don Armstrong, the ABC 13 helicopter pilot and a couple of other car guys. The Podcast focuses on all the local car shows, racing events, technical features and Car Clubs. They wanted to know everything about Triumphs and TTR that I could tell them in 15 minutes. To their credit they had done a little homework and had some "softball" questions to get things rolling. It gave me the opportunity to get a plug in for Sir John Black and the modern era Triumphs that dominated the racing scene in the 50s and 60s. I turned much of rest of the conversation into an advertisement for TTR by talking about our weekly breakfasts, our regular driving events, autocrosses and monthly meetings. Their shows are all recorded on their website at www.inwheeltime.com. I was on the April 16 show in the 8:30-9:45 am segment.



Soon after you receive this newsletter Dave Smith's band of intrepid FOG pilots will be departing for Fredericksburg, Pecos, Carlsbad Caverns, Tucson, Prescott, Zion National Park, Monument Valley Navaho Tribal Park, and Roswell to mention a few stops. This will be my first FOG Tour and I am really pumped about it. All my fluids and filters have been replenished, bolts torqued, and my new Miata seats are ready for the road. The caravan will be comprised of 10 travelers in 8 Triumphs and one Ford F150 chase vehicle. It's the wine truck since there certainly is no need for spare parts, equipment, or towing purposes, right? We depart on May 7 and return on May 20 so the FOG Tour folks will miss the May TTR meeting. Be on the lookout for a special edition of the *Bluebonnet* to chronicle this epic trip.

Cheers, keep those Triumphs on the road.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'H. L.' or similar, located at the bottom right of the page.

TTR Officer Volunteers Needed!

As most of you know, at this time every year we nominate and elect officers for TTR. Following the April monthly meeting, Mike Woodward stepped up to volunteer for the vacant **VP - Special Events** position.

David Fowler is assuming a new role as VP - Events Coordinator, leaving a vacant position of Regalia Coordinator. All of you that have attended monthly meetings know the important role of the Regalia Coordinator.

- **Regalia Coordinator** - responsibilities include managing inventory and sales of TTR regalia items, and identifying new regalia items that may be of interest to our membership. It provides an opportunity to run the "TTR Store" and coordinate relationships with online and physical regalia vendors.

I hope everyone will seriously consider whether now is your turn to step up and contribute to the continuing vitality we all enjoy through TTR activities. So please, contact me before May 14th to indicate that you would like to volunteer.



TTR Needs You!



Our city, like the TTR, has an inner loop of active members. People who live inside the 610 loop, are generally considered inner loopers. Our present president resides inside the loop, and is most often deep inside the TTR loop. Within a few miles of Hal, Jaime lives just outside the loop, and is rarely seen at a TTR function. He has owned his TR6 for almost all its life, and has been very active with it. Sometimes the wandering mechanic doesn't have far to wonder.

Jaime owns one of the rare TR6 examples, not just in color, but in its inability to drip. Well, it used to not drip, but after decades of use and tens and tens of thousands of miles, his TR6 began to leave marks. First, he tried to hide it. He tried kitty litter on the floor. He tried a metal pan. Eventually, the dime sized droplets of oil got the better of him, and he decided it was time for repairs and he asked some TTR members for advice.

Several tried to explain that the best way to fix a leaking Triumph, is to ignore it. We tried to convince him that the overdrive transmission is supposed to leak, and almost all engines leak a little. Unfortunately, Jaime would have no part of that conversation. He wanted to know 'How long does it take to pull the engine and transmission?'

How long anything might take can be difficult to guess. A single stubborn exhaust bolt can easily double the time it 'could' take. A single stripped engine mount bolt could increase the nominal time by a factor of ten -or twenty. An engine hoist that can't get quite enough lift, or a load leveler that can't quite get the angle right, or a garage door that's too low for the lifted engine to clear the grill and fit under the door opening at the same time can add considerable delays. A guess is just a guess.

When I showed up with my hoist outside the loop, Jaime had the hood off, exhaust off, radiator removed, alternator removed, carbs off, dash support removed, transmission tunnel removed, driveshaft disconnected, all wires, hoses and



Wondering Mechanic

plumbing disconnected, and we were 'ready to go'. The engine and transmission were in the back of my truck within the hour.



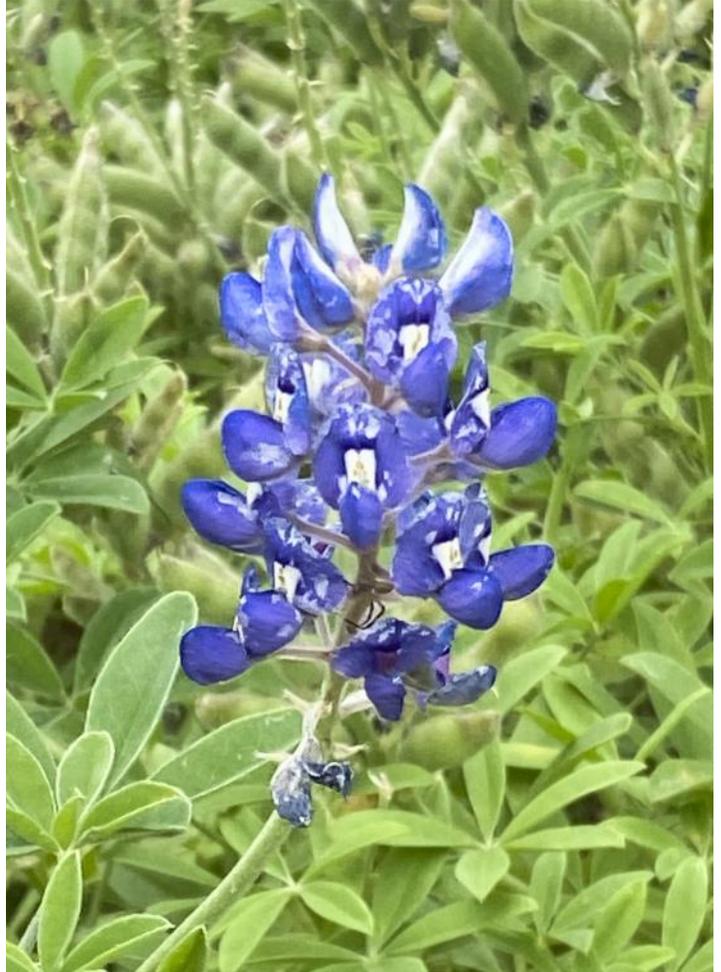
Successful engine pull

Since his TR6 is an unmolested 74 $\frac{1}{2}$, you might say it took a little over 4,000 days from date of build, to remove the engine and transmission - your mileage may vary.

Then I drove his engine and transmission around the loop, and then outside the inner loop (610), past the outer loop (8) and dropped it off at "The TR Shop". After both are rebuilt, and stuffed back in, I want to know how much they leak oil. I want to be kept in the loop.

2022 Gary Johnston Bluebonnet Run

The 2022 TTR driving season continued with the 26th running of the annual Gary Johnston Memorial Bluebonnet Run on April 9, 2022. This event is held each spring and timed to hopefully coincide with a location and date to enable viewing of Texas wildflowers, particularly bluebonnets. The target viewing area is usually west of Houston, with pit-stops for fuel, sightseeing stops for Bluebonnets and other wildflowers, and ends with a group lunch. The event is named after Gary Johnston, a very active and energetic TTR member and officer in the late 80's - early 90's who died in 1991 while co-piloting a corporate aircraft in Borneo.



Socializing at the starting point



Many models of Triumphs at the meet-up location

Bluebonnets in Texas

Texas designated the bluebonnet as the official state flower in 1901. Bluebonnet flowers were named for the blue color and sunbonnet-shaped petals.

Bluebonnets are not just the state flower - Texas has also designated an official bluebonnet tartan, bluebonnet city (Ennis, Texas), bluebonnet trail (also in Ennis), bluebonnet festival (Chappell Hill Bluebonnet Festival), and bluebonnet flower song. The Bluebonnet also happens to be the name of the multi-award-winning newsletter of the Texas Triumph Register!

Gary Johnston Memorial Bluebonnet Run

May 2022

The date of the April TTR monthly meeting was scheduled to coincide with the Bluebonnet Run. Following the Bluebonnet viewing, the final leg of the planned drive was to Clark and Jane McKinley's house in Bellville, for lunch and the monthly meeting.

This was the second official TTR drive in 2022 following the successful Polar Bear Run in January. The TTR turnout for this event was large and again reflected the desire to get out and drive our cars, enjoy the weather, see the wildflowers, and do some socializing. The driver's briefing meeting was scheduled for 8:30, and by then TTR participants had arrived from many locations in the Greater Houston area including: Magnolia, Spring, Cypress, Belaire, Katy, Sugar Land, and League City. The drive departed on schedule at 8:45.

Meet-Up

This year the drive began with a Meet-Up at the Time-wise Exxon station on Barker Cypress Road, a convenient launch point for the drive with a large parking area for the event staging and socializing. The meet-up location was adjacent to the TTR Saturday breakfast meeting, so many of the participants already had one TTR event under their belt before starting the Bluebonnet drive.



Just one final adjustment.....

The weather was a relatively cool 51 degrees at the start, but most of the participants opted for tops-down for the drive.

At 8:30, Mike Rouse, VP of Special Events, held the drivers meeting to brief the participants on the plans for the trip and go over the route details. The meeting was short, due to the excellent driver's package prepared by Mike, and the experience of the participants who had all been on at least one TTR driving event. Following the driver's briefing, the participants hopped in their cars and headed out on the highway at 8:45 as per schedule.



Bundled for chilly weather in the morning

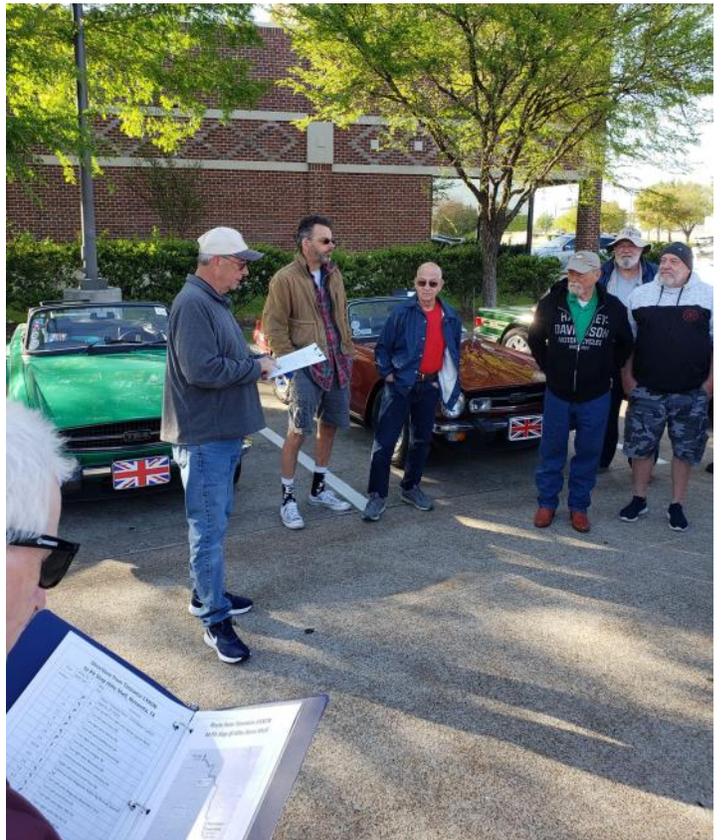


Two Spits and a TR3

Gary Johnston Memorial Bluebonnet Run

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Photos from the Meet-up location



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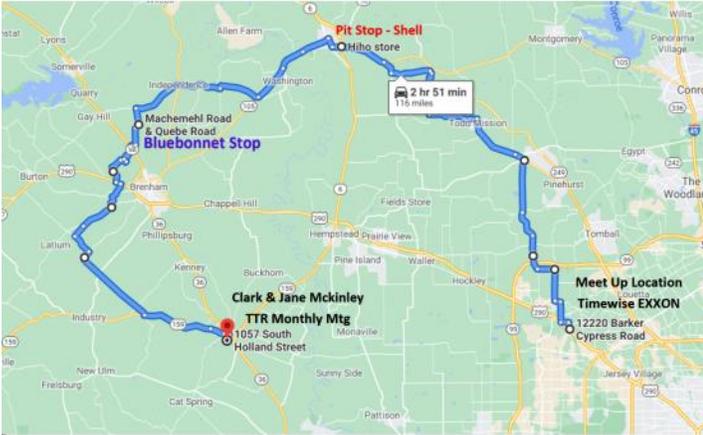
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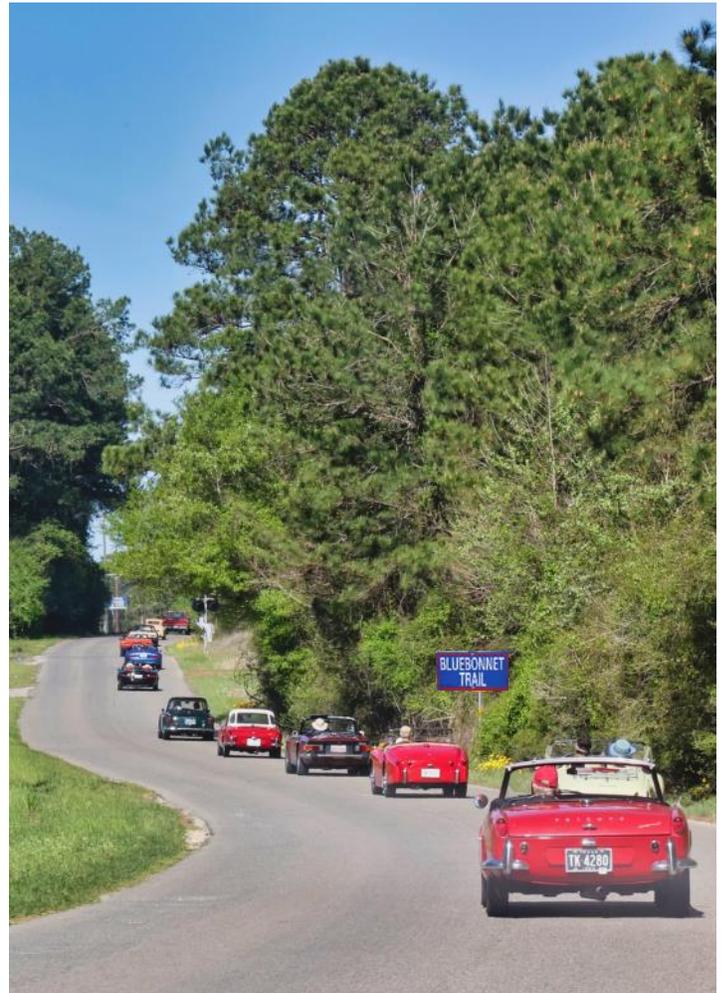
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Overall Road Route for 2022 Gary Johnston Memorial Bluebonnet Run



The initial route headed northwest towards Brenham, but not in a beeline. The selected route headed primarily north, and then northwest to get up into wild-flower territory. The back-roads route led through quiet neighborhoods, growing increasingly rural as we got further away from Houston. Along the way to the pit-stop we passed large estates, summer camps, horse stables and boarding facilities, and pasture lands. As we got further north, patches of bluebonnets and Indian paintbrush began to appear.



Along the Bluebonnet Trail



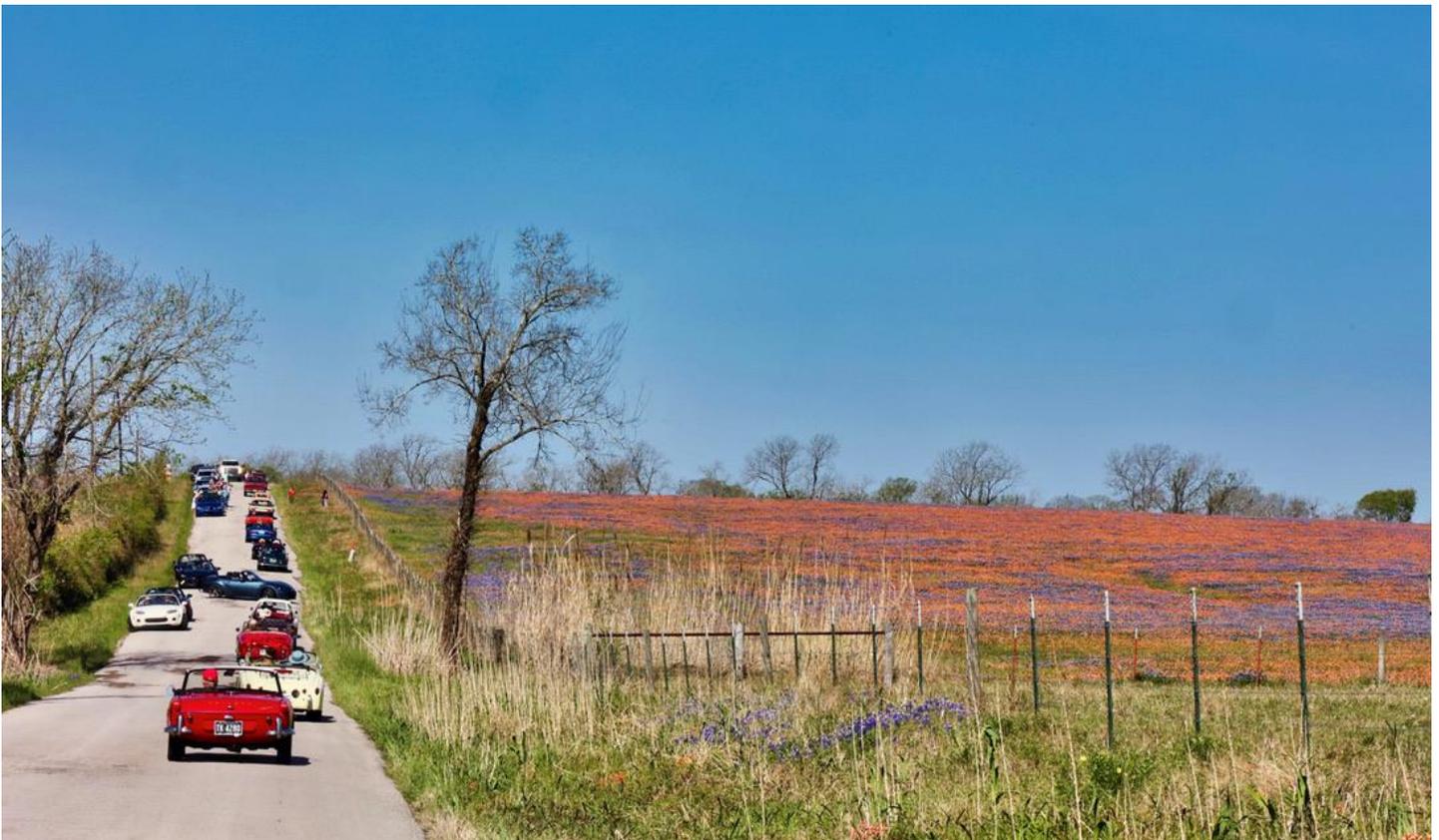
Colorful close caravan of collectable classic cars....



Caravan in the rearview mirror

Sunrise Field

About forty miles into the drive, the caravan was travelling along Dyer Mill Road, rounded a corner, and came across an unexpected and absolutely spectacular field saturated with bluebonnets and Indian paintbrush flowers. The colors reminded me of a brilliant orange sunrise viewed across an expanse of blue water. For future reference, I'll call this particular field "Sunrise Field" and be sure it is added to our list of secret TTR bluebonnet viewing locations. Apparently this location was not top-secret, however, as a Mazda Car Club had stopped at the same site, but from the opposite direction, creating a minor but friendly traffic snarl on the narrow country road.



Sunrise Field - an unexpected surprise



Sunrise Field



Another angle

Pit Stop

The planned pit-stop was in Navasota, TX at the Hi-Ho Shell Station. This was a good choice with lots of gas pumps, a big convenience store, and plenty of parking. We picked up additional drive participants at this stop, and after drivers and cars were refueled, headed off to the Secret Bluebonnet Field, a.k.a. "Field of Dreams".



Pit-stop panorama

Secret Bluebonnet Field

Departing from pit-stop, the group headed southwest and turned onto a side road in search of the Secret Bluebonnet Field. The club had stumbled across this field in 2018 while travelling back roads to get to the destination restaurant in Brenham, TX. The group stopped in 2018 and took lots of photos, and the iPhone photos had the latitude-longitude coordinates which were forwarded to Mike Rouse to see if he could duplicate the 2018 results. The "Field of Dreams" did not disappoint and was just as spectacular as in prior years. The Triumphs were again parked in a line, and the group spent about a half hour taking photos from every possible angle of the sea of bluebonnets interspersed with many bright Indian paintbrushes.



Destination - Field of Dreams



Field of Dreams - spectacular display of wildflowers

Bellville TTR Monthly Meeting

Departing from the Secret Bluebonnet Field the caravan travelled thirty-six miles to Bellville for the April TTR Monthly meeting. The weather continued to cooperate, and the roads were clear and in very good shape, with the caravan arriving slightly late to begin the third TTR event of the day.



Gary Johnston Memorial Bluebonnet Run

May 2022

Overall this was an outstanding event with a great route, nice roads, perfect weather, and spectacular wildflowers. As usual, there was a great driving package developed, and good communication regarding all aspects of the event. Thanks to event arrangers Mike and Sallie Rouse!



Trip coordinators Sallie & Mike Rouse



 Gary Johnston Memorial Bluebonnet Run		
Car #	Triumph	Member
1	TR6	Mike & Sallie Rouse
2	TR7	John & Shu-lien Baguley
3	TR6	Hal & Debbie Sharp
4	TR4A	Mike & Marie Hado
5	Sports 6	John Barrett
6	TR3	Ken & Sherri Wasilewski
7	TR3A	Clark & Jane McKinley
8	Spitfire	Sam Jeffries
9	Spitfire	Tere Jeffries
10	Spitfire	Kenny & Lisa Daves
11	TR6	Len Myers
12	TR8	Fred Wagner
13	TR6	John Hanten & Nancy Money
14	TR3	Jerry & Pru Gruss
15	TR3B	Bill Sysman
16	TR3A	Dave Steitz
17	TR6	Pete Postma
18	BMW M	James Moore
19	Truck	Abe & Maggie Rosa
20	Miata	David & Allison Fowler
21	SUV	Bob & Eileen Grover
22	Miata	John & Cissy Wakefield
23	RRS	Bob Dowling

Story: John Hanten, Mike Rouse

Photos: Fred Wagner, John Hanten, Dave Steitz

The meeting was held at the Bellview, TX, house of Clark and Jane McKinley following the 2022 Gary Johnston Memorial Bluebonnet Tour. The meeting was called to order at 2:15 p.m. by TTR President Hal Sharp. Hal thanked hosts Clark and Jane McKinley for hosting the meeting. There was a total of 43 people in attendance in-person and via proxy, constituting a quorum for club business.

Approval of Minutes - M/S/A to approve the minutes from the last meeting as published in the last *Bluebonnet*.

Membership Report - Mike Hado - reported the current membership count is 202 families, tying the all-time high member count. Mike reminded the group that membership renewals are in May, and the preference is to use PayPal for expediency.

Treasurer's Report - Hal Sharp for Patsy Papp - reported the inflows, outflows, and current balance. The major cash-flow activity last month was the Autocross event.

Regalia - David Fowler - provided a general update. He also showed a TTR printed garden flag that can be ordered if there is sufficient interest.

IT - no report.

Special Events

- **Bluebonnet Run** - Mike Rouse - reported that the Bluebonnet Run that had just concluded had 23 cars and 34 people. Overall, it was a very successful event.
- **Regional Caravan** - Mike Rouse - reminded the group that there is a back-roads caravan to the Regionals. Contact Mike directly if you want to join the caravan.

Breakfast Meetings - John Barrett - reported that the Breakfast Meetings are working well, and he will continue to coordinate with the Special Events and monthly meetings regarding venue selection.

New Business

- **TTR 2023 Regionals Update** - Hal Sharp - provided an update on the planning status for the 2023 Regionals in Sugar Land, TX. He covered the theme of the event, and the plans to give a promotional presentation at the upcoming 2022 Regionals later this month. Dusty is developing the presentation.
- **Lone Star College Update** - Hal Sharp - reported that the club has been notified of two additional recipients of the Russ Seto Memorial Scholarship established by the club in 2018. Hal provided information in the President's Column in the April *Bluebonnet*.
- **Keels & Wheels** - Hal Sharp - reported that the Keels & Wheels event will be held on 4/30-5/1 this year at the Lakewood Yacht Club in Seabrook, TX. This event provides an opportunity to see outstanding vintage cars and boats of all marques.

- **Golf Tournament** - Hal Sharp - reminded the group that the *MG Club* is organizing a scramble golf tournament in mid-May. Tim Malone has agreed to coordinate the event for TTR. See the Bluebonnet for additional event and contact information.
- **Next meeting location** - Hal Sharp - reported that currently there is no host for the May meeting, and if no one steps forward, it will be a virtual Zoom meeting. Upcoming meeting hosts include: May - open; June - Len Myers; July - Mike & Marie Hado; August - Bob & Eileen Grover; September - open; October - Brandi & Dusty Nicholson; November - James Moore.
- **Officers** - Hal Sharp - reviewed the current slate of officers that have been identified. The current slate is:
 - **President** - Hal Sharp (volunteered to continue)
 - **VP-Special Events** - Vacant (no volunteers yet)
 - **VP-Local Events** - David Fowler (recently volunteered)
 - **Treasurer** - Mike Rouse (volunteered for this position after serving three years as VP - Special Events)
 - **Regalia** - Vacant (following David Fowler's move to VP-Local Events)
 - **Secretary** - John Hanten (volunteered to continue)
 - **Membership / Historian** - Mike Hado (volunteered to continue)
 - **Newsletter Editor** - (John Hanten volunteered to continue)
 - **IT** - (not an officer but important role. Bob Pennington will continue)
 - **Breakfast Coordination** - (not an officer but important role. John Barrett will continue)

Following a brief discussion, there was a M/S/A to approve the slate of officers as presented to be voted on at the May meeting.

- **Join VTR** - Hal Sharp - reminded the group to join VTR if you are not already a member. Note - it is necessary to be a VTR member to attend the Regional or National VTR Convention.

Adjourn - M/S/A to adjourn at 2:50 Minutes recorded and edited by John Hanten

(M/S/A = motion made / seconded / approved)





Meeting hosts - Jane & Clark McKinley



April Monthly Meeting

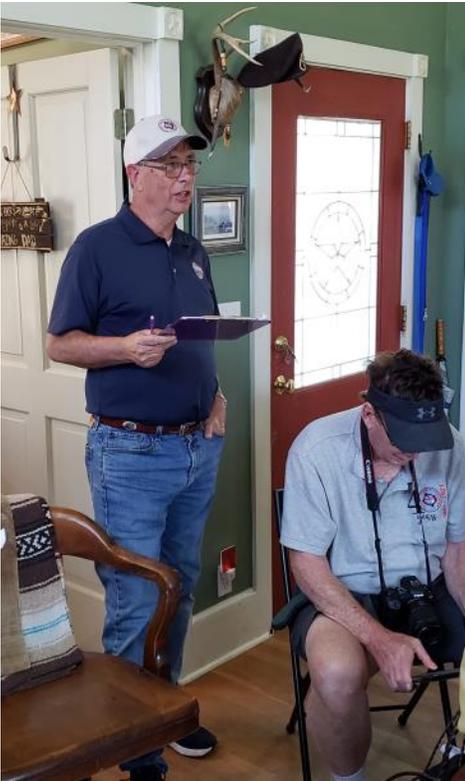
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April Monthly Meeting

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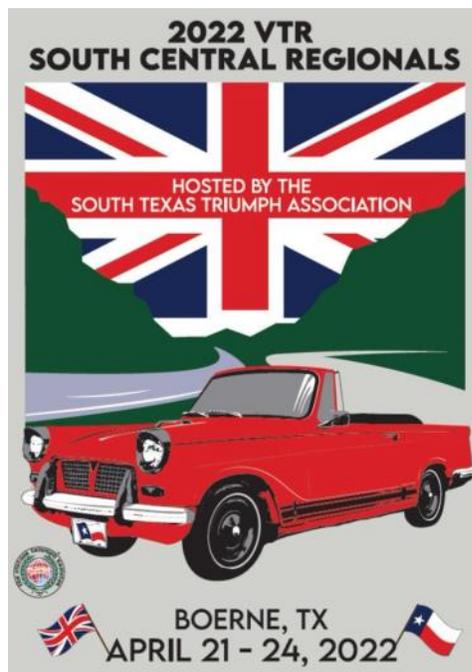
Laura Hanser and Mark Garcia, Houston, TX - 1959 white TR3A

TTR Birthdays for May

Mary Niquette	1
Laurie Schlaudt	3
Mary Jo Coselli	5
Gretchen Pindell	5
Lisa Daves	6
Donna Liversidge	6
Terri Bigsby	7
Kim Kanyuck	8
Sam Jeffries	9
Tonda Macy	9
Cappy Phipps	13
Sherri Wasilewski	21
Steve Drake	22
Jeff Kaiser	25
Isabel Astorga	26
Rebecca Bach	27
Jennifer Vukelich (VA)	27
Wendy Maboudian	28
Brianne Murphy	28
Brenda Noll	28
Ricky Roberts	28
Jeff Harris	30



A strong TTR turnout at the 2022 VTR South Central Regionals in Boerne, TX, hosted by the South Texas Triumph Association

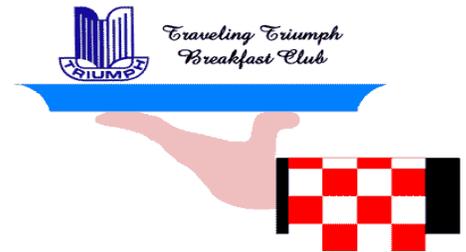


Full coverage of events and results will be in the June *Bluebonnet*

Breakfast Meetings

Saturday Travelling Breakfasts are back in full swing! See the schedule below and join in the weekend Saturday morning club tradition.

Look for a TTR Email reminder of the weekend events



Breakfast meetings begin at 8:00 unless otherwise noted (some restaurants don't open until 8:00).

Car viewing after Breakfast.

Date	Location	Address
• May 7, 2022	Skeeter's Mesquite Grill	5529 Wesleyan Street, Houston, TX 77005
• May 14, 2022	Yale Street Grill	2100 Yale Street, Houston TX 77008
• May 21, 2022	Black Bear Diner - Cypress	19823 Northwest Freeway, Houston TX 77065
• May 28, 2022	First Watch - River Park	17412 West Grand Parkway, Sugar Land, TX 77479
• June 4, 2022	9er's Grill Katy	23225 Kingsland Blvd., Katy TX 77494
• June 11, 2022	Flying Biscuit Café - Memorial City	12389 Kingsride Lane, Houston, TX 77024

Events

- May 14, 2022 - **Monthly Meeting** - John and Shu-Lien Baguley hosting (Location details in club email)
- May 21, 2022 - **Battle of the Brits Charity Golf Tournament** (See Details in following pages)
- June 11, 2022 - **Monthly Meeting** - Len Myers hosting (Location details in club email)
- August 29 - Sept 1, 2022 - **2022 VTR National Convention** (See details in following pages)

— **Monthly Meeting**
 — **Driving Event**
 — **Car Show Event**
 — **Local Special Event**



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THE GULF COAST TRIUMPH ASSOCIATION, INC. D/B/A TEXAS TRIUMPH REGISTER ANNUAL MEETING PROXY

Proxy voting instructions:

If you are a member in good standing of The Gulf Coast Triumph Association, Inc. d/b/a Texas Triumph Register and unable to attend the annual meeting on May 14, 2022 please indicate your approval or disapproval of the 2022-2023 slate of officers listed below. Indicate your preference by **forwarding your email reply to**

info@texastriumphregister.org .

Simply state that you give your proxy vote of approval or disapproval of the slate of officers to the President of said corporation, Hal Sharp, who will cast all proxy votes according to the preferences indicated by members.

Slate of officers for the 2022-2023 elected term:

President: Hal Sharp

Vice President - Special Events: Mike Woodward

Vice President – Events Coordinator: David Fowler

Treasurer: Mike Rouse

Secretary: John Hanten

Membership Coordinator/Historian: Mike Hado

Regalia Coordinator: TBD

Bluebonnet Editor: John Hanten

Battle Of The Brits Charity Golf Tournament, May 21st



VS



Battle of the Brits

Join us for the *first annual* **Battle of the Brits Charity Fundraiser Golf Tournament**. You may **watch or play** as the members of the **Texas Triumph Register** **VS** **Houston MG Car Club** kerfuffle on the green. The tournament winner, **Royalty of the Club** (golf club that is), donates the proceeds to the charity of their choice. The Triumph Club has chosen the **Russ Seto Memorial Fund** and the MG Club has chosen the **Make a Wish Foundation**.

Details: This is a **Texas 4 person scramble format** which means **you do not have to be a golfer to participate**. All that is required is to pay your fee, grab some golf clubs, and ride along for the camaraderie while supporting a great cause.

Cost: \$90 per person (includes cart, range balls, LUNCH, closest to the pin trophy, and longest drive trophy).

Remember, this event is a fundraiser. Both of these charity organizations do wonderful work and are deserving of the funds. Maybe you will find it in your heart to make a donation to the charity whose representing club did not win.

Location: [Jersey Meadow Golf Course, 8502 Rio Grande St, Jersey Village, Tx](#)

Contact Tim Malone or Mike Woodward for more information

When May 21, 2022
11:00 AM - 3:00 PM
Location Jersey Meadow Golf Course,
8502 Rio Grande St, Jersey
Village, Tx 77040
Registered [1 registrant](#)

REGISTER

Details and registration on the Houston MG Club Website:

[Houston MG Car Club - Battle Of The Brits Charity Golf Tournament, May 21st \(houstonmgcc.com\)](#)

2022 VTR National Convention Details

May 2022

The Vintage Triumph Register (VTR) is a North American Triumph car club of over 2,800 Triumph owners and enthusiasts supporting and showcasing all models of Triumphs. The 2022 convention will be hosted by the Illinois Sports Owner Association (ISOA), one of the largest and most active Triumph clubs in the country from August 29 - September 1, 2022.

Compete in an autocross challenge, participate in a Funkhana event, drive in a road rallye on our carefully selected back roads, and even learn about your car in our expert-led technical sessions. However you choose to spend your week, you'll get to enjoy it in the company of great people who are just as Triumph-crazy as you are.

See you in Galena!

[VTR2022 Information, Schedule, and Registration Links](#)

[VTR2022 National Convention video](#)

Host Hotel: [Eagle Ridge Resort and Spa](#)

Tucked among The Galena Territory's 6,800 rolling acres of pristine woodlands and open countryside, the world-class Eagle Ridge Resort & Spa offers "country elegant" hotel accommodations and villas amid breathtaking scenery, championship golf courses, and miles of hiking trails--all just minutes from the quaint shopping and dining of Galena, Illinois.

Eagle Ridge has numerous luxuriously appointed hotel-style rooms and suites available in the main lodge. In addition, there are plenty of villas available located on the resort property, close to the main lodge. These spacious villas come with full kitchens, an outdoor patio complete with a grill, and free shuttle service to the main lodge. Importantly, the single bed villas are available at the same low negotiated rate as the hotel rooms. Additionally, there are two bedroom, two bath villas available for sharing.

All of these accommodations on the resort property will go quickly, so please don't delay in making your reservations and registering for VTR 2022. Those who book accommodations and register for the convention before April 1 will receive \$25 worth of "Eagle Ridge Bucks" to spend at the resort.

Room Block Code: 69570B

Reservation Phone: (800) 892-2269

Open from 8am-6pm (until 9pm on Tuesday/Wednesday)



National Affiliations

The Texas Triumph Register is a local chapter of the Vintage Triumph Register (VTR)/ Triumph Sports Owners Association, which is open to all drivers of Triumph motorcars; an area center for the Triumph Register of America, exclusively for TR-2 through TR-4A automobiles; and a chapter of the 6-PACK, dedicated to the enjoyment, preservation, and restoration of the Triumph TR250 and TR6 automobiles.

Membership in these national organizations is encouraged. Visit their websites at:

www.vtr.org
www.triumphregister.com
www.6-pack.org

Become a VTR Member

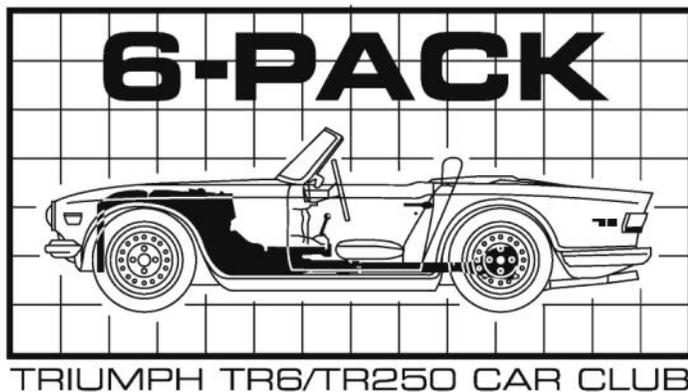
The Vintage Triumph Register has its benefits. A national club of Triumph enthusiasts spanning the globe needs you as a member. Affiliate club membership is not an automatic membership to VTR.



Some of the benefits:

- The Vintage Triumph Magazine - Our award-winning bi-monthly color publication.
- 2022 VTR National Meet in Galena, Illinois
- Access to a large number of local clubs.
- Website with reference material and members-only sections covering all Triumph models.
- Record Trace Certificates TR2/TR3/TR3A/TR3B. (Factory trace documents on other Triumph models no longer available)
- Clothing, regalia, exclusive items
- Specific vehicle consultants and experts

Sign up at <https://vintagetriumphregister.org>



6-Pack is a car club for the Americas that covers the Triumph TR6 and TR250 models. We offer a club with an annual subscription membership that provides access to extra parts of the forums, the club magazine and the ability to attend the TRials – the annual club gathering.

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

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.

The club offers quarterly newsletters, an Annual National Meet, a website, Concours judging standards, factory build records, technical support, and contact information.

Traveling Triumph Breakfast Club

May 2022

April 2, 2022



Photos - John Hanten

Traveling Triumph Breakfast Club

May 2022

April 9, 2022



Traveling Triumph Breakfast Club

May 2022

April 16, 2022



Midtown Houston, TX



Photos - John Hanten

Traveling Triumph Breakfast Club

May 2022

April 23, 2022



Photos - Fred Wagner

Traveling Triumph Breakfast Club

May 2022

April 30, 2022



Memorial Park Area, Houston, TX





Partial List of TTR Regalia

Item	\$
Ladies Hats	12
Gray TTR T-shirts	15
Grille Badge	35
Men's Hats	15
License Plate Frames	20
Hat Pins	7.5
Iron on Logo Patches	5
TR-3 Coffee Cups	3



New - TTR screen-printed (two sides) garden flag to decorate your landscaping. Pricing to be ~ \$15. Please contact David Fowler to express interest so he can aggregate a bulk order. A sample will be available at monthly meetings.

40th Anniversary Logo now available through Regalia section on the club website

For more information and availability of shirt sizes, or if you have ideas or requests for new items, contact David Fowler, Regalia Master.

See website Regalia section for additional information and access to TTR Land's End Storefront for logo embroidered items.

Recent Triumph Auction Activity

May 2022

This month features recent Triumph Spitfire sales from [Bring a Trailer website](#). The site has additional sales information and detailed descriptions going back six years.



1977 Triumph Spitfire 1500

Sold for \$10,250 on 4/7/22



Modified 1970 Triumph Spitfire Mk III

Bid to \$24,000 on 3/27/22



1979 Triumph Spitfire 1500

Sold for \$9,999 on 2/6/22



1976 Triumph Spitfire 1500

Sold for \$15,750 on 1/30/22



1964 Triumph Spitfire Mark 1

Sold for \$22,226 on 1/11/22



1975 Triumph Spitfire 1500

Sold for \$13,500 on 1/6/22



1976 Triumph Spitfire 1500

Sold for \$14,000 on 12/23/21



1979 Triumph Spitfire 1500

Bid to \$7,300 on 12/16/21



No Reserve: 1969 Triumph Spitfire Mark III

Sold for \$10,500 on 11/12/21



1963 Triumph Spitfire Mk 1

Sold for \$15,500 on 11/3/21



1979 Triumph Spitfire 1500

Sold for \$12,250 on 10/28/21



1980 Triumph Spitfire

Sold for \$13,450 on 10/5/21

May - hard to believe how this year is racing by. This month reminds me of a joke I heard as a very small boy....

Q. "If April showers bring may flowers...what do may flowers bring?"

A. Pilgrims

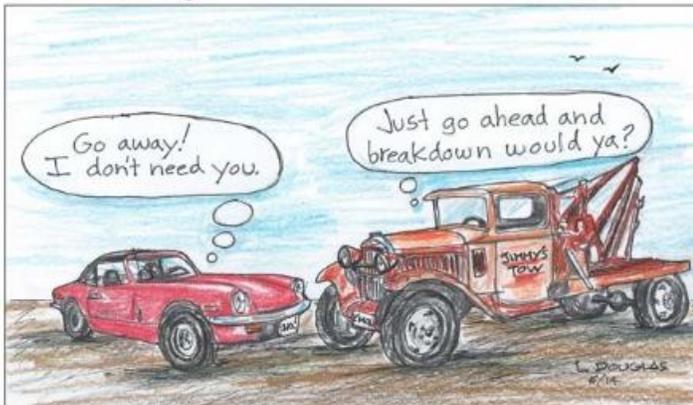


April was a peak-event month for TTR. Early in the month was the annual Gary Johnston Memorial Bluebonnet Run, with a coincident monthly meeting. Both events are featured in this issue. Also, April was one of those five Saturday months, so there were five Saturday breakfast meetings, with good attendance, and a feature page for each one.

April was also the month for the 2022 Regionals, held this year after a two-year hiatus due to Covid. The event this year was hosted by the South Texas Triumph Association in Boerne, TX. Overall this was a very good event with strong attendance by TTR members, and a good showing at the awards dinner. Unfortunately, due to the late-April date of the event, and space considerations of the Bluebonnet, the feature story will appear in the June issue with lots of photos and details.

May promises to be a busy month as well, with the annual TTR Officer Elections occurring during the monthly meeting. The Proxy Ballot is included in this issue, so be sure to send an email indicating your sup-

the TR stops here



It was a rare, long term, love-hate relationship.



port (or not) of the ballot nominees to the address on the ballot. As a reminder, there are still two officer vacancies at this point, and it is a good time to step up and volunteer to assist the club going forward by shouldering one of these positions. There will be lots of coaching and assistance available from those who have served in those positions before.

May is also the month of the annual FOG Tour, and again we have a group of stalwart TTR members eager to hop in their Triumphs for an extended multi-thousand mile tour. As before, there will likely be a special Bluebonnet edition covering this epic event with a detailed narrative and lots of photos.

This year the National Meet will be in Illinois, and there is still time to register and get your car prepared for what will be a great event hoisted by the Illinois Sport Owners Association.

As always, I welcome any contributed articles from any TTR members regarding your car, wrenching, Triumph history or trivia, or almost anything else you feel might be of interest to the club members.

From the Archives - May 2014

TTR SURNAMES

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Spoiler Alert - Solution on next page

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TTR Membership Form

May 2022

TTR publishes a monthly newsletter, *The Bluebonnet*, and holds monthly membership meetings on the 2nd Saturday of each month except December (when we have our annual Christmas Party). For more information, contact Mike Hado (281.807.4780).

We look forward to meeting you!

Check one: New Membership Renewal Update

Member's Name: _____

Birthday (month/day) _____ / _____

Spouse's Name: _____

Birthday (month/day): _____ / _____

Street (or Mailing) Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Home Phone: _____ Work phone: _____ Cell: _____

E-mail Address: _____

Triumph ownership is not a prerequisite for membership; however, if you do own any Triumphs, please tell us about them:

<i>Year</i>	<i>Model</i>	<i>Commission No.</i>	<i>Color</i>	<i>Condition*</i>
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*O = Original, R = Restored, B = Being Restored, P = Parts Car

Dues: **\$30 per year per family.**

Make check payable to Texas Triumph Register and mail to Texas Triumph Register, P.O. Box 40847, Houston, Texas 77240-0847). Your cancelled check is your receipt. –or–

On-line payment option using Pay Pal available on our website!

