

30th Anniversary Banquet

Cocktails 6:00 to 7:00

Dinner 7:00 to 8:00

Program 8:00 to 9:00



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**Golden Ox Resturant
Dec. 6, 2008**

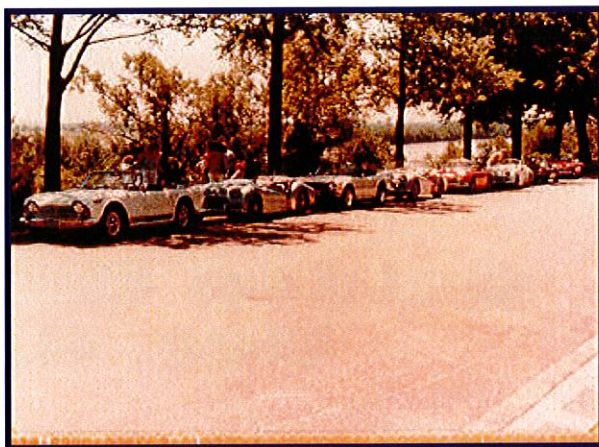


Kansas City Triumphs First Meeting Sept. 17, 1978



**1st Annual Ozarks Trip
April 1979**

**1st Weston Tour
June 1979**



**THE BEGINNING OF KANSAS CITY
TRIUMPHS CAR CLUB**

-Paul McBride



Indianapolis Motor Speedway, July 1978, three Kansas Citians exchanged introductions around a silver/blue TR3. We were there for the 3rd national meet of the Vintage Triumph Register (VTR). I had pre-registered for the meet and readied my TR3 when **Charles Barr**, a corner worker race car friend, offered to ride "shotgun". We received a convention packet that included a list of pre-registrants and were delighted to see the name of another KC area VTR member. Charles called **Gary Davis** and hence the intro's at the speedway. Gary came in a Toyota as he was just beginning the restoration of his TR3 but we had a great time with silver/blue and even drove a couple of laps around the Speedway!

Two weeks later we met for an organizational session to form a chapter of VTR in the KC area. KC had been without a Triumph club for at least a decade since the demise of the Heart of America Triumph Drivers Club. Plans were made for a "Get Acquainted Picnic". Gary put together a flier and cover letter that was mailed to all known Triumph owners. We placed fliers on every Triumph we saw, ran ads in the newspapers, and contacted repair shops and dealers. (Yes there were still Triumph dealers} The picnic was held Sunday, Sept. 17th, 1978 at Benjamin Trail Town, 87th & I-435.

We were astounded at the turnout! The first club newsletter indicated 20 Triumphs and 50 owners of Triumphs in attendance. We gathered under the trees for an informal discussion and agreed to form a local chapter of the VTR. **Rick Torres** offered to host the next meeting and rally at his foreign car repair shop on Santa Fe Dr., downtown Overland Park. There the 1st officers were elected: Director- Paul McBride, Asst. Director-Rick Torres, Newsletter editor/treasurer- Gary Davis. Dues were established at \$5 per year.

Accomplishments the 1st year were many. The Directory listed 23 charter members and their significant others. The 1st annual dinner on a cold night at the spaghetti emporium, Washington Street Station, resulted in enough signatures to obtain Chapter Status with the VTR. The 1st Annual Ozark Tour, April 1979, 8 cars and 16 members enjoyed the real fun of Triumph cars. There followed Weston and Lake Perry tours. We held a timed gymkhana with the MGT club at the old municipal airport and attended 3 car shows. A BI-monthly newsletter was established.

Members owned the following Triumphs: 14 TR3's, 7 TR4's, 5 TR6's, 2 TR2's, 2 TR250's, 1 TR5, 1 Stag, 1 1800 Roadster, and 1 2000 Salon. But even more important than the cars were the members who served the club as officers and volunteers for the next 30 years.

DIRECTORS:

1978-Paul McBride	1982-Gary Davis
1986-T R Wilson	1989-Ted Honig
1990-Bob McBean	1993-Jim Brady/Cynthia Yin
1995-Randy Adkins	1997-Jay&Laura Smith
1999-John&Nancy Maas	2001-Richard&Ann Woody
2003-Jeff Givens	2005-Woody Underwood
2007-Jack Edwards	

NEWSLETTER EDITORS:

1978-Gary Davis	1982-Richard Peak
1986-Ricky Ballesteros	1988-Joni Wilson
1990-Margaret Luthy	1993-Pat Fisher
1994-Jim Brady	1997-Dan Heiman
1999-Jay Smith	2000-Woody Underwood

VOLUNTEERS EXTRAORDINARY:

1981-2002 Herb & Wanda Moore