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## Director's Drippings

By Ed Blend

I want to welcome two new members to our Board of Directors: Jessica and Eric Dieckhoff will serve jointly as Secretary elect and Mark Gillissen will serve as Treasurer elect. The KC Triumphs are grateful that you opted to serve our club.

I Thank all three of you....ed

## Let's Be Grateful For Our Triumphs

By Jack Edwards

What a strange title for an article in a Triumph Times! Stop and think about it for a minute, why should we be grateful? First we all choose Triumph as our marque. One of our group's first members Leo Long decided to start a company to supply parts to repair our cars, and located it in Kansas City (Lenexa Now). Now that company has grown and supplies Triumph parts worldwide. Some groups still try to stock parts for their group members. There are several other parts suppliers that specialize in Triumphs. Moss; Roadster Factory; North West; Little British and Rimmer Brothers all supply parts, but each of these have to charge for shipping. Yes there are some parts we have to get off parts cars or other members. Imagine what it would be like to restore a Duesenberg; Stutz; Packard or many more of the classic cars.

We have a national club that provides National & Regional Shows; a prize winning magazine 6 times a year; a web site with great technical articles; insurance for our groups and only cost \$35.00/year. Compare that to what you have to pay for other magazines that may or may not have an article about a Triumph in each edition. Triumph World is published in England, and cost more.

All of these venders are very generous to our groups, supporting our local car shows. They Provide merchandise and cash for our shows and events. Even the insurance companies that cover our vehicles and parts manufactures support us. Roadster Factory and Victoria British donated both cash and merchandise to our group for the 2014 Regional.

We should all take a minute when we pick up parts to thank them for their support. We should all be members of our National Organization, Vintage Triumph Register.

## Planning Meeting Rescheduled

Our Club Planning Meeting scheduled for January 17, 2015 has been rescheduled to February 28th, 2015. It will now be held at Bogey's Bar & Grill, 12924 State Line Road, Leawood, KS. From 5:00 PM to 8:00 PM. Please RSVP to the Evite emailed to you. Bring your ideas for activities for the Triumph club to enjoy for this coming year.

The club will provide free appetizers and you have to purchase your own drinks. Plan on attending, Its important and fun.


## 2015 KC Triumphs Calendar of Events

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Lead Person</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Notes</u>
1/8	Club Night Out	6:30 PM		Birdies	Moved to 2nd Thursday because of New Years Day
1/29	Board Meeting	6:00 PM		Birdies	All Members Welcome
2/5	Club Night Out	6:30 PM		Birdies	
2/17	Harvesters	6 to 8 PM	Jack Edwards	Harvesters	jackwards@gmail.com
2/26	Board Meeting	6:00 PM		Fry-Wagner *	All Members Welcome
2/28	Planning Meeting	5:00 PM	Ed Blend	Bogey's Bar & Grill, 12924 State Line Road, Leawood, KS	Appetizers provided
3/5	Club Night Out	6:30 PM		Birdies	
3/15	British Swap meet & Autojumble			Chicago, IL	
3/26	Board Meeting	6:00 PM		TBD	All Members Welcome
4/2	Club Night Out	6:30 PM		Birdies	
4/11	Chicken Run		Wichita BCC	Olpe, KS	lewblack@cox.net
4/22-25	VTR South Central Regional		Steven Johnson	Hill Country Triumph Club Kerrville, TX	stevenjohnson7@sbcglobal.net
4/30	Board Meeting	6:00 PM		TBD	All Members Welcome
5/7	Club Night Out	6:30 PM		Birdies	
5/15 -16	Heart of America Car Show	TBA	Ed Blend	Crown Center	Contact Ed for details
5/28	Board Meeting	6:00 PM		TBD	All Members Welcome
5/31	Club Picnic	TBA	Larry Taylor & Paul McBride	Shawnee Mission Park	Shelter House 8
6/4	Club Night Out	6:30 PM		Birdies	
6/5 -6	MG Heartland Regional	TBA	Rick & Monica Mills	TBA	rickmonica@kc.tr.com
6/23	Harvesters	6 to 8 PM	Jack Edwards	Harvesters	jackwards@gmail.com
6/25	Board Meeting	6:00 PM		TBD	All Members Welcome
6/28	Art of the Car	TBA		KC Art Institute	www.artofthecarconcours.com

\* Fry-Wagner is located at 15850 Santa Fe Trail Dr., Lenexa, KS 66219

## 2015 KC Triumphs Calendar of Events (Continued)

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Lead Person</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Notes</u>
7/2	Club Night Out	6:30 PM		Birdies	
7/24-26	GOBMC			Carthage, MO	www.carthagecarshow.com
7/30	Board Meeting	6:00 PM		TBD	All Members Welcome
8/6	Club Night Out	6:30 PM		Birdies	
8/11-14	VTR National				
8/27	Board Meeting	6:00 PM		TBD	All Members Welcome
9/3	Club Night Out	6:30 PM		Birdies	
9/5-6	KC All Brits		Ed Blend	Zona Rosa	Ed: 913-669-1207
9/11-13	Brits in the Ozarks			Fayetteville, AR	www.britishironwa.org
9/24	Board Meeting	6:00 PM		TBD	All Members Welcome
10/1	Club Night Out	6:30 PM		Birdies	
10/10-11	Lake Garnett Grand Prix			Garnett, KS	www.lggpr.org
10/29	Board Meeting	6:00 PM		TBD	All Members Welcome
11/5	Club Night Out	6:30 PM		Birdies	
11/19	Board Meeting	6:00 PM		TBD	All Members Welcome. Moved because of Thanksgiving
11/24	Harvesters	6 to 8 PM	Jack Edwards	Harvesters	jackedwards@gmail.com
12/3	Holiday Banquet	TBD	TBD	TBD	
TBD	Board Meeting	TBD		TBD	All Members Welcome. Moved because of New Years Eve.



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## WEDGE WORDS

By Steve Olson

After a few unusually warm days I realized that I had best hurry if I wanted to get any Winter car projects finished. Well first I would have to start them and then try to complete them. Luckily my TR8 was running great last Summer and whenever I have used it for local errands it has started right up and run fine. There are a few cosmetic issues like the ratty carpets and paint work that looked amazing 20 years ago when it was fresh starting to show its share of nicks and scrapes. I don't plan to work on either of these this year.

So what did I plan to get accomplished? Well I have been thinking about trying to improve my visibility to other drivers. Years back I upgraded the head light bulbs to halogen sealed beams and they seem reasonably bright. I bought bulb sockets for the tail and brake lights that took double filament bulbs and doubled my lighting out back. I also added a high mount brake light long ago. I swapped the instrument lights and courtesy light to LEDs. But now maybe I will swap the side markers to LEDs and see if that makes things brighter. And I have been considering some daytime running lights up front.

I looked at daytime running lights at the local parts places and they only cost about \$25 which is cheap if they save you a head on collision. Then I looked online and found what looks like the same thing for less than a ten spot with free shipping. Finding a place to mount those will be my challenge. They need to stand out prominently when they are on. But it would be nice if they sort of disappeared when I was showing the car. Not quite sure I can manage both. And if I don't get started soon this hour long job won't get done before the crabgrass needs mowing.





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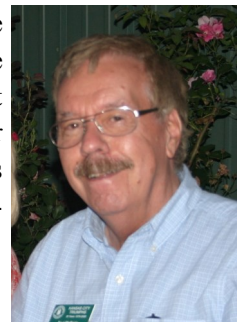
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## Get Well Paul

Paul McBride was hospitalized in late January for an infection. He is on the mend and now resting comfortably at home. A speedy recovery is wished for Paul as we want to see him driving his beloved TR-3 around town when warmer weather finally arrives.




## All Things Triumph (Continued)

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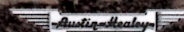


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## 2015 South Central VTR Regional Conference

Today our club has two teams of people in Kerrville perfecting the regional drives, getting the Autocross tuned up and working on the Concours. We're excited about the upcoming Regional and are looking forward to having each of you here April 22<sup>nd</sup> thru 25<sup>th</sup>.

You can't attend without a Registration Form. It's attached so please use it as your plans unfold. It contains:

1. Schedule of Events
2. How to make a reservation at Inn Of The Hills
3. Helpful notes about the Regional Convention
4. Registration Page to send in

Please reserve your room(s) by April 15<sup>th</sup> to get the \$104 dollar room rate. We'll need orders for T-Shirts by April 7<sup>th</sup> so that we're sure you'll have them waiting for you when you arrive.

Any questions about registration can be sent to Nel McPhail at [nmcphail@austin.rr.com](mailto:nmcphail@austin.rr.com) or give her a call at 512-656-1456.

I'd also like to announce that our VTR South Central 2015 Regional website is up and running. You can look for regional convention information and updates here [www.hillcountrytriumphclub.org/vtr/](http://www.hillcountrytriumphclub.org/vtr/).

Like I said, we are all looking forward to having you with us for a few days experiencing the hill country of Texas with us. This year our theme is "Triumphs in the Hill Country" so bring your camera and get ready for some great drives. Our legendary wild flowers will be in full bloom. They are beautiful this time of year. The Texas State flower is the Blue Bonnet. I added a few picture of a them below. Plan to see miles of these on our runs through the hills around Kerrville.

If you need anything at all, please contact me.

Triumphantly yours,

*Steve*

Steve Johnson  
President  
Hill Country Triumph Club (Austin)  
<http://www.hillcountrytriumphclub.org/>







## VTR South Central Regional 2015

April 22 - 25, 2015

Kerrville, TX

### EVENT REGISTRATION

[www.hillcountrytriumphclub.org/vtr](http://www.hillcountrytriumphclub.org/vtr)



### SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

#### Wednesday – April 22

Registration and Hospitality 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM

#### Thursday – April 23

7:00 AM - 8:00 AM Early Bird Run #1\*  
 8:00 AM - 8:00 PM Car Wash  
 8:30 AM - 12:00 PM Tail of the Dragon Rally - TSD \*  
 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM Lunch – on your own  
 2:00 PM - 5:00 PM Fredericksburg Walking Tour \*  
 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM Welcome Party

Registration /Hospitality 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM

#### Friday – April 24

7:00 AM - 8:00 AM Early Bird Run #2\*  
 8:00 AM - 12:00 PM Car Wash  
 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM Funkhana \*  
 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM Concours Judges Lunch  
 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM Lunch – on your own  
 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM Concours Parking  
 2:00 PM - 5:00 PM Concours Judging  
 4:00 PM - 5:00 PM Autocross Tech Session  
 6:00 PM Dinner Run \*

Registration/Hospitality 8:00 AM to Noon

#### Saturday – April 25

8:00 AM - 9:00 AM Autocross Tech & Meeting  
 9:00 AM - 2:00 PM Autocross \*  
 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM Lunch – on your own  
 2:30 PM - 5:00 PM Bluebonnet Run – Poker Rally \*  
 3:00 PM - 3:30 PM President's Meeting (Hospitality room)  
 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM Awards Banquet - Happy Hour  
 7:00 PM Dinner & Awards

Registration/Hospitality 8:00 AM to Noon

**NOTE: Activities with an \* asterisk are counted as Driving Events that qualify the participant to enter the Concours.**

### SOME GENERAL INFORMATION

We hope that you will be participating in many of the fun events that we have planned.

If you go on the Early Bird Runs, you will still have time for Breakfast which is available at the Inn from 6:00 AM to 9:30 AM. The Breakfast Buffet is part of your room charge and it's very good.

Cars will be tech inspected for the Autocross throughout the weekend, however the main tech inspection will take place during the Concours.

Sorry, we won't be able to take credit cards at the Regional. Please bring cash or a check.

Questions? Contact:

Steve Johnson  
 Home 512-258-5340  
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## VTR South Central Regional 2015 EVENT REGISTRATION

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### Events:

Please check the events you plan to participate in:

- ☐ Early Bird Run #1  
☐ Early Bird Run #2  
☐ Tail of the Dragon Rally - TSD  
☐ Fredericksburg Walking Tour  
☐ Funkhana  
☐ Welcome Party  
☐ Friday Dinner Run  
☐ Bluebonnet Run - Poker Rally  
☐ Autocross  
☐ Participants Choice Show  
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### CONCOURS

- ☐ Stock    ☐ Modified  
☐ Senior \*requires pre-registration  
☐ Preservation \*requires pre-registration

- ◆ Participation in at least one (1) driving event is required to enter Concours and Participant's Choice shows.
- ◆ You must be a member of VTR or a VTR chapter club to receive an award.

### Participants: (Names as they will appear on badge)

Driver A \_\_\_\_\_

Driver B \_\_\_\_\_

Additional Non-drivers/Guests for name tags \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email address \_\_\_\_\_

Club Affiliation \_\_\_\_\_

### Registration:

**Please postmark by April 15th**

1 car/1-2 driver \$70.00

Additional Cars \$15 x \_\_\_\_\_ \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Awards Banquet \$35 x \_\_\_\_\_ \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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Questions - [nmcphail@austin.rr.com](mailto:nmcphail@austin.rr.com) or 512-656-1456

**NOTE: If you completed your registration on line and didn't pay, send your check made out to HCTC to Nel McPhail at the address above.**

You'll the latest in Regional information on our web-site [www.hillcountrytriumphclub.org/vtr](http://www.hillcountrytriumphclub.org/vtr)

### Vehicle(s):

#1 Make \_\_\_\_\_ Model \_\_\_\_\_

Year \_\_\_\_\_ Color \_\_\_\_\_

#2 Make \_\_\_\_\_ Model \_\_\_\_\_

Year \_\_\_\_\_ Color \_\_\_\_\_

#3 Make \_\_\_\_\_ Model \_\_\_\_\_

Year \_\_\_\_\_ Color \_\_\_\_\_

Proof of car insurance is required to participate in moving events. Under VTR rules, all Triumphs entering Concours and participants choice car shows are required to participate in at least one moving event. Tech and safety inspections are required in order to participate in the Autocross. Any vehicle can be disqualified at the technical inspector's discretion for safety reasons. I am aware of the hazards inherent with motor vehicle events and specifically release and do indemnify the organizers, supporting sponsors, the Hill Country Triumph Club and the Vintage Triumph Register collectively and separately from any and all liability from personal injury and property damage by me or my guests while participating in this convention. I understand that the Hill Country Triumph Club reserves the right to revoke my registration and retain my registration fee should I or my guests engage in reckless, dangerous and/or unsafe behavior. I have read and understand and agree to this release.

Driver 1 \_\_\_\_\_

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### Club History

As late as 1970, despite a long and prestigious history of automobile production dating to 1923, and a corporate history reaching back to the 1880's, there was no American organization dedicated to the history, preservation, and enjoyment of Triumph automobiles. Aware that a large percentage of Triumphs built since World War II had been sold in the USA and Canada, a dedicated group of Triumph owners, enthusiasts, and historians in 1973 planted the early seeds of what would become the Vintage Triumph Register. In 1974 the organization began to take shape, and by January, 1975, the club's first professionally edited and printed magazine appeared. At last there was a club for all Triumph owners; and growth of the club since has been steady, with more than 2,600 members!

Milestones along the way have included:

- adoption of color covers on *The Vintage Triumph* (<http://vintagetriumphregister.org/tvt/>)
- reprinting of valuable Triumph manuals
- efforts to save obsolete Triumph spares from destruction
- a concerted effort to encourage quality reproduction of needed spares
- the establishment of a VTR archival collection
- the introduction of VTR judging standards
- the creation of a discount Triumph book service
- absorption of the Triumph Sports Owners Association (TSOA), the factory-sponsored owners' club for 26 years from 1955 to 1981.

An important annual event is the VTR Convention. Called the North American Triumph Challenge, it is held in a different state each year. Every convention includes a fun-filled activity schedule with rallies, autocross, a judged concours d'elegance and participant's choice car show, autojumble, parts vendor sales, and much, much more. VTR's national gatherings are always exciting, rewarding and over the years have introduced many, many Triumph owners to one another and produced fond memories. We hope you'll join VTR and one of our over 70 local VTR Chapters, as we pursue a bright and promising future for the ownership, operation, and preservation of Triumph automobiles.



### Club Services

- **Back issues of *The Vintage Triumph*** (<http://vintagetriumphregister.org/tvt/>) are still available and provide an invaluable reference source.
- **Club identity items** such as car badges, decals, jacket patches and other regalia will identify you as a knowledgeable and friendly Triumph enthusiast!
- **A members travel assistance program** puts you in touch with helpful Triumph enthusiasts if you encounter difficulties on a cross-country trek.
- **A discount collector car insurance** program has been coordinated with a National insurer.
- **Unique and valuable items** that the VTR occasionally makes available to VTR members. Past efforts have included exact reproductions of TR3 manuals, a beautiful TR3 plastic model kit, and a Triumph calendar.
- **A staff of Vehicle Consultants** (<http://vintagetriumphregister.org/vehicle-consultants/>) is maintained to assist members with specific inquiries pertaining to vehicles recognized by the Register.
- **Various supporting activities** are provided to local VTR chapters (<http://vintagetriumphregister.org/vtr-chapters/>).
- **Assistance to start new chapters** is offered to those individuals desiring.

