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Directors Drippings

By Steve Vehlewald

Paul McBride's recent article and pictures in the latest VTR Magazine brought back memories of my first car, though it was not British it was a source of pride. Although the car was not new it became an instant learning experience and one that I got a hands on crash course in repairing and fixing from helpful family members and friends. I spent many hours devoted to washing, waxing, repairing and experimenting, spending every nickel I had on gas, oil and "parts" to keep the car going, not to mention radios and oh yes an 8 track tape system!

I learned some valuable lessons from friends and their experiences and spent time at the library looking at the technical service manuals since they were free to read and of course you could always copy the pages you needed to finish that repair.

Now coming forward to today, how times have changed with the internet, a smart phone and Siri. Almost any question or problem can be solved in an instant.

One of the best parts about a club like this is that there is a wealth of knowledge and people who are willing to give advice and help when needed. Case in point is I had found a TR 6 donor car that was willing to give up its frame to replace my badly rusted frame on my new used TR 6. I had many days of help from Warren Wood, Ed Curry, Eric Dieckhoff and Bob Haefner helping remove the body and the motor and front end of this car to free the frame. Many thanks to these guys for their time and talents since I am still in that learning mode on this new adventure on the TR 6.

We have several club events coming up this month. April 8 will be the annual Chicken Run to Olpe, KS for a fabulous chicken lunch. April 29 will be the Spring tune up at the Vehlewald house.

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Olpe Chicken Run

April 8, 2017

Meet at McDonald's at I-35 & US Hwy 56 in Gardner, KS. We will meet at 8:15 AM and depart at 8:30 AM. The KCMGCC will lead the caravan to Olpe, KS for a fried chicken lunch.

"Three generations of TR's...all waiting for Spring!"

Submitted by Ed Curry



WEDGE WORDS

By Steve Olson

Recently there was a request for help from a Triumph owner who needed a part that seemed not to be available in Victoria British's catalog. My suggestion was that he check online listings from other suppliers like Moss, Roadster Factory, and Rimmer Brothers. I hope the problem was resolved.

Those of us who live within easy driving distance of Victoria British are terribly spoiled. Almost every British car part that we might need is in their inventory. And we don't need to wait days for delivery of a part that we hope is the one we need and that it was delivered without damage. And we don't have to pay shipping costs other than our time and a few gallons of fuel. And we all should feel some loyalty to our Lenexa friends for the support they generously give to our car shows and club events. When I need or want a part the first place I look is my Victoria British catalog.

But since I drive a Triumph that was made for only a little over a year and only 2500 and change were ever made, sometimes I need something that VB does not have. I understand that especially trim items specific to my car don't usually just fly off the warehouse shelf. After nearly four decades there are likely less than 1000 cars like mine still in existence anywhere on the planet. So I have learned to cast a wider net when looking for parts. I have had good luck with the three suppliers mentioned and a few others as well. And I am always amazed at what I find on Ebay. I just have to pay more and wait a few days for delivery. Chances are you can find whatever your car needs if you just look a bit harder.

Dues Dues Dues

Club dues have always been collected at the beginning of the club's fiscal year. Recently, the Kansas City Triumphs Board of Officers voted to change the fiscal year to follow a calendar year, Jan. 1 to Dec. 31, instead of the historic Oct. 1 to Sept. 30. Currently, dues are \$20 annually; a \$5 surcharge is required to receive a printed copy of the newsletter via US Mail.

The following are some frequently asked questions and their answers on the topic.

What does this mean? Dues for 2018 will be due on or before Dec. 31, 2017.

Do you mail a dues statement to club members? No, we publish a notice in the club newsletter and send a group email to announce that dues need to be paid for the upcoming year.

What happens if I usually pay my club dues for next year at the Heartland All British Car and Cycle Meet. Will this be a problem? No, dues paid for next year will be credited to next year regardless of when they are paid.

What happens if I don't pay my dues on time? We allow a one month grace period. After that your club membership is classified as inactive and your name will be removed from the club's Google Group. As a consequence, you will not receive a newsletter, informational emails or evites from the club nor be eligible for the club's 10% discount at Victoria British, LTD.

I've heard that if a new member joins at the Heartland All British Car and Cycle Meet they are members for the remainder of the current year and for the upcoming year, has this changed? No, new members will receive membership for the remainder of the current year (2017) and the following year (2018).

How are dues determined? The Board of Officers prepares a budget for the upcoming fiscal year and based on the budget determines whether to adjust the annual dues amount.

My membership card has a 9/30/2017 expiration date on it. Do I need a new one? Yes, if you intend to use the card for a discount at Victoria British. Anyone who wants a new card should see one of the club officers for a new one. It isn't practical for us to mail out 70+ new membership cards and we have until the end of Sept. to update membership cards at club meetings and events.



Wamego, Kansas Tulip Festival

Submitted by Chip Kigar



Each spring, the City of Wamego, KS comes alive with thousands of visitors, vibrant colors of tulips and over 150 craft vendors. The vivacious colors of the tulips from Holland are the backdrop for the April art and craft fair in Wamego City Park. <http://www.visitwamego.com/events/30th-annual-tulip-festival>

Join Pam and I for an April 22 drive to the 30th annual Wamego Tulip Festival. This is about a two hour drive. We will meet up in the KCK Legends Cabela's parking lot and then take highway 24. This is a mixed 4 lane and two lane drive. I will be sending out an evite right after the newsletter, so please respond, especially if you will be driving your British automobile, I will request the organizers to provide some reserved parking.



A plugger knows it's time to change the oil when his driveway is dry.



Craig & Kim Simon in their 1968 TR5 at the VTR National Convention, Fall 2016

Unexpected Encounter at VTR2016

By Warren Wood

When club members Craig and Kim Simon headed for Texas and the 2016 Vintage Triumph Register National Convention early last October, little did they know that six months later they would be featured in "Triumph 6-Pack" magazine. That's a quarterly magazine published for members of the web forum www.6-Pack.org.

The forum solicits articles written by its members about all things pertinent to the enjoyment of Triumph TR6s, TR250s and TR5s. One 6-Pack member, TR6 owner and aspiring writer, Jeff Rust of Illinois, also attended the convention, and he happened to come across a little book, *Travels in a Triumph*, written earlier that year by none other than our Craig Simon. Craig describes the book this way in his web site travelsinatriumph.com: "It details my once-in-a-lifetime buy and travels with my unique TR5 both internationally and in the United States. It also highlights my long but in the end effective restoration process."

Longtime readers of the "TR Times" might remember a series of articles that Craig wrote for that publication in 2011 detailing his introduction to TRs as a high school junior in 1973 and his subsequent purchase of the 1968 TR5 in 1975. I'm guessing those articles formed the basis for the publication of his book some five years later.

Jeff was excited to learn that three TR5s made it to the convention, one of which was owned by the Simons. And after reading parts of the book, Jeff appreciated how Craig's story connected with him: "Craig managed to take the dreams of my youth, expand them by adding a TR5 and then transfer them to Europe. The only thing is Craig didn't dream this, he did it." Jeff's meeting the Simons at VTR2016 after having read Craig's book inspired him to write the article that appeared six months later in the 6-Pack magazine.

2017 Calendar of Events

April, 2017

6th, Club Night Out, Birdies 6:30 PM
8th, Ople, KS Chicken run
18th, Officers Meeting 6:00 PM Birdies
22nd, Wamego, KS Tulip Festival, Chip
27th-30th, VTR South Central Regional, New Braunfels, TX
29th, Spring Tune Up-Steve Vehlewald 8 AM-2 PM

May, 2017

4th, Club Night Out, Birdies 6:30 PM
6th, SM West Band Car Show
6th-7th, MG Club Slim Run
16th, Officers meeting 6:00 PM Birdies
27th to June 4th, Drive your British Car week

June, 2017

1st, Club Night Out, Birdies 6:30 PM
4th, British Car Week Picnic SM Park
10th-11th, GOMBC All British Carthage, MO
11th, Car & Bike Show, Blue Springs Elks Lodge 2509
16th, Winery Concert Stone Pillar Winery
20th, Officers meeting 6:00 PM Birdies

July, 2017

6th, Club Night Out, Birdies 6:30 PM
15th, Atchison Fly In Atchison, KS KCMGB
18th, Officers meeting 6:00 PM Birdies
21st, Drive in Movie Night

August, 2017

3rd, Club Night Out, Birdies 6:30 PM
15th, Officers meeting 6:00 PM Birdies
16th-19th, VTR National Convention, Princeton, NJ

September, 2017

3rd, Heartland All British Meet
7th, Club Night Out, Birdies 6:30 PM
16th, Antique run West Bottoms, Chip
16th, Brits in the Ozarks, Fayetteville, AR
19th, Officers meeting 6:00 PM Birdies
21st-24th, Triumphfest 2017, Flagstaff, AZ
30th, Winery Concert Stone Pillar

October, 2017

5th, Club Night Out, Birdies 6:30 PM
8th, Lawrence British Car Show
17th, Officers meeting 6:00 PM Birdies
20th-21st, Lake Garnett Car Show

November, 2017

2nd, Club Night Out, Birdies 6:30 PM
21st, Officers meeting 6:00 PM Birdies

December, 2017

7th, Triumph Club Holiday Party
19th, Officers meeting 6:00 PM Birdies

January, 2018

4th, Club Night Out, Birdies 6:30 PM
16th, Officers meeting 6:00 PM Birdies
20th, Annual Meeting & Planning Dinner

February, 2018

1st, Club Night Out, Birdies 6:30 PM
10th, Drive Your TR Day (Sir John Black's BD)
20th, Officers meeting 6:00 PM Birdies

Cars and Coffee (and donuts) at the Kansas City Auto Museum every 1st & 3rd Saturday of the month in Olathe from 8-10 AM.

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BRITISH CAR WEEK

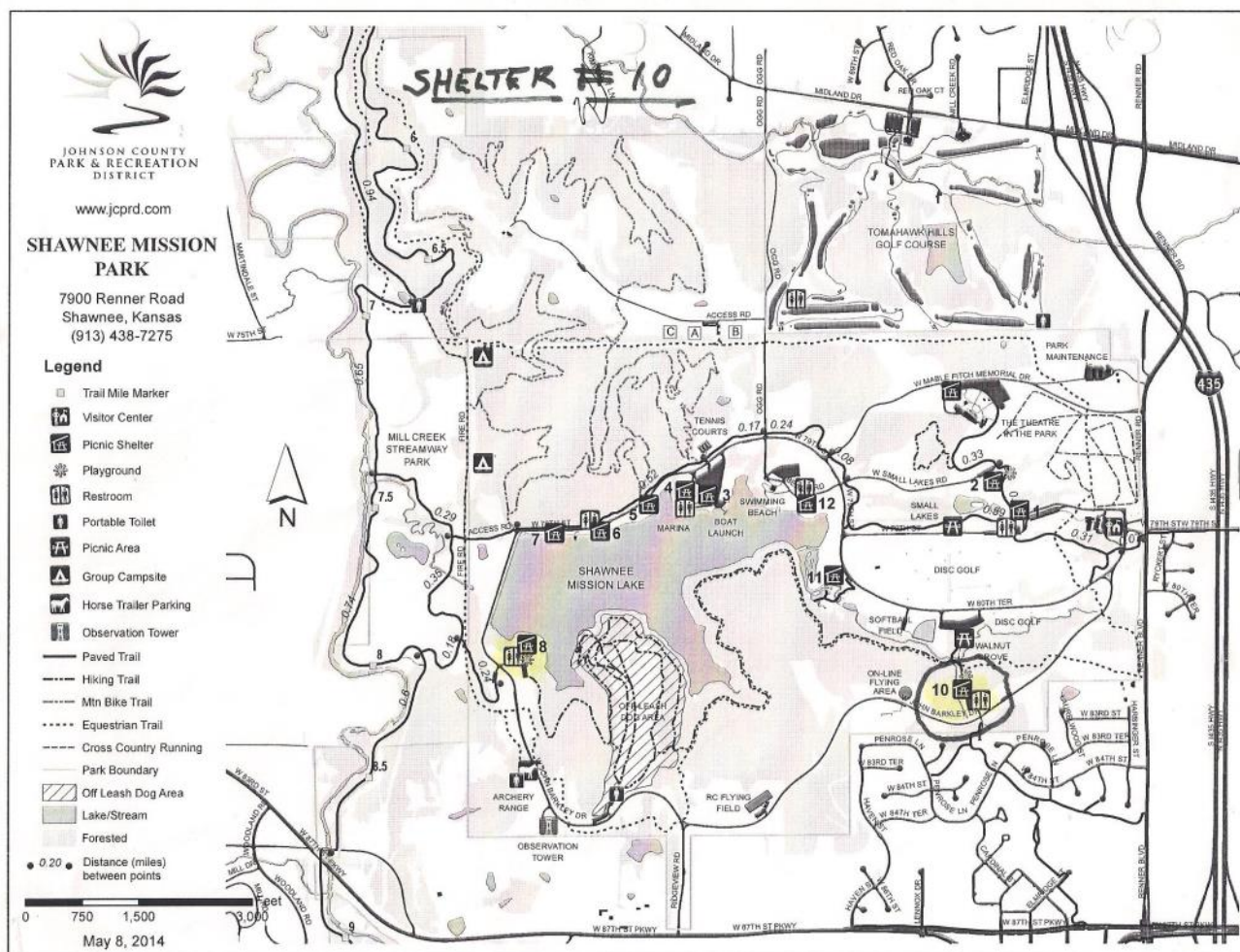
By Paul McBride

The 21st Annual "Drive your" **British Car Week** is scheduled for May 27th – June 4th, 2017. The inspiration and motivation to organize a British Car Week came from a March, 1997 *Road & Track* column entitled *Seldom Seen Cars* by Peter Egan. Peter noted that sports cars which were once commonly seen (even daily transportation) were now seldom encountered on the street. Within weeks the British Car Week was organized. For more information link to: www.britishcarweek.org.

Your Kansas City Triumphs Club is sponsoring an all British car picnic to celebrate the occasion at Shawnee Mission Park, Shelter #10, Sunday June 4th 11 AM-5 PM. We are inviting all local British car clubs to join us. At the conclusion we will have a parade lap of the lake. The shelter has a large parking lot for car display, restrooms, playground ideal for kids or grandkids, and plenty of room.

We will provide hotdogs, fixings, soft drinks, plates, utensils, charcoal and chefs. Please bring your favorite snack, covered dish or desert. Be aware: Shawnee Mission Park allows gasoline and coolant to contain alcohol, but nothing else!

So **Mark Your Calendar**: Sunday June 4th 2017 and drive your British Car. An Evite will be sent via e-mail at a later date.





Patrick J. Murphy, in search of a Triumph

Bernard Pro, 1964 TR-4



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KC Triumphs SCC Member Guthrie Carroll

Featured in the Victoria British TR2, TR3, TR4, TR4A, TR250 and TR 6

Spring Sale Catalog (March 2, 2017 to May 31, 2017)



Back In Time

Guthrie Carroll and His 1962 TR3B

I bought my TR3B in June of 2000 with the odometer reading 82,337. It's got pearl paint with tiny metal flakes that sparkle in the sunlight. It looked great with no rust and apparently good mechanical condition. The engine had been rebuilt in 1975, some body work had been done in 1976 and some major front end mechanical and paint work including sandblasting the frame in 1983. All of the work was done by British Motors.

The first thing I did was install seat belts - a promise I made to my wife. The second thing I did was replace the glass pack muffler with a standard Triumph muffler.

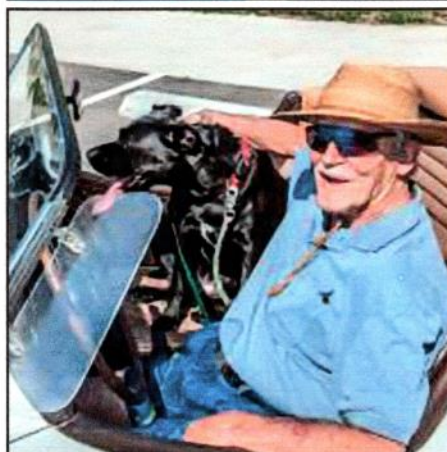
In August of 2000, just two short months after I bought the car, a 35 cent pin in the clutch mechanism sheared! With some big time help from Paul McBride, we pulled the transmission out and rebuilt the clutch in my garage.

Since my adventure with the clutch, my car has repeatedly surprised me with the mischievous tricks it can do. In 2003, the steering gear box had to be rebuilt and again in 2005. It seemed to always need new spark plugs, so I installed an electronic ignition in 2004. In 2006, my car quit in Lee's Summit. I had it towed to Gary Gunninger's shop, Euro-Asian Motors in south Kansas City, where Gary replaced my fuel pump. In 2007 Gary rebuilt my entire engine after a broken ring lodged on top of the third piston.

But, all's well that ends well. Gary has done several other minor repairs, keeping me out from under my Triumph and allowing me to drive it with confidence knowing that it will always get me home. Triumph cars do not have the best reputation for reliability, but with talent and perseverance you can overcome their shortcomings.

My TR3B has always looked good; now it also drives good. It's 48 years old with 91,655 miles on it and I am very proud of it. This car reminds me of the fun I had owning a TR3B in the mid 60s. You see, you can go back in time!

Read the full story at britishsportscarlife.com



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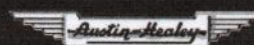
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For Sale 1964 Triumph TR-4

Submitted by Doug Lyman

I have owned the car for 18 years. Prior to my ownership, the car was owned by two families that were also members of the Kansas City Triumph Club. The car has had several updates and improvements from its original condition. They include the following: A complete new interior, new dash, new top, racing wheels and tires. The engine was rebuilt by Craig Vaughan at Foreign Car Enterprise. All service records are available for review. The car has been well maintained and always garaged. Actual Mileage: 82,319 Selling Price \$14,500. Call direct at 913-219-1006 or email me at dlyman@reecenichols.com.



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DJ

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Blue Springs Elks Lodge 2509
Sunday, June 11th, 2017 (Rain or Shine)

Registration is from 9:00 am until 12:00 pm.

Goody bags and dash plaques to the first 100 registrants

All proceeds benefit our veterans and the youth scholarship program.

All makes, models and years of cars, trucks, vans or motorcycles are welcome

Awards by year classes, Best of Show, Participant's Choice and Rat Rod

Judging is from 12:00 to 3:00 with awards presentation to follow.

Food and drinks will be available for purchase

50/50
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Entry Fee \$15.00 if pre-registered by June 2nd, 2017.

June 3rd, 2017 thru the show date, Entry Fee is \$20.00

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For more information, contact Terry Dicken at tdicken1126@gmail.com or at 816-830-4173.

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PLEASE NOTE THIS IS AN UPDATED FLYER WITH NEW
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Please join the fun at the 2017
Vintage Triumph Register
National Convention which
takes place at Forrestal Village,
Princeton, NJ



The convention will be
co-hosted by the
Delaware Valley
Triumph Club and the
New Jersey Triumph
Association. This will
be the 2nd time the
DVT has acted as host
for this national event
and the 1st time for
the NJTA.



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The planning committee is working on many great back-roads drives that are abundant in the area. Princeton itself a short back-road drive to that historic town, with its many restaurants, pubs, shops, antique shops and of course, the esteemed Princeton University.

While the Concours and Participant's Choice Car Show are a major part of the convention, DVT and NJTA are "Driving" clubs. We encourage all Triumph enthusiasts to bring a car-regardless of its condition.

Picturesque and local roads leading from the hotel are perfect for back road drives.

The Convention headquarters will be at the Westin Princeton at Forrestal Village. Located off major roads, but easily accessed by back roads. The hotel is everything you would expect in a major chain hotel; 300 rooms, pool, restaurant, tennis court, etc. In addition, plans are for the Autocross, Funkhana, Concours and Participants Choice Car Show to be literally within walking-distance of the hotel, using their grounds. Tech sessions and other meetings will be at the hotel. The site also has several restaurants.



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link: <https://www.starwoodmeeting.com/events/start.action?id=1605038760&key=2E62902E>



Reasons to Attend:

Funkhana!

Great Mid-Atlantic and Northeast location!

Autocross Challenge!

TSO and gimmick Rallies

Tech Sessions!

Breakfast, Ice-Cream, and Self-Guided Tours (and maybe a Cheesesteak drive!)

New activities to interest non-car participants!



Events & Awards

Awards: Carolinas Cup, Participants Choice, Charles Macartney

Welcome Reception: The convention kicks off in a big way with a Welcome Reception and BBQ sponsored by Delaware Valley Triumph and the New Jersey Triumph Association on the grounds of the Westin hotel.

Auction: This will be a charity auction where part of the proceeds (a minimum of 25%) will go to a designated charity. VTR members are invited to donate parts for the auction, or attend the auction. Donated items from vendors and sponsors will also be at the auction.

The Autocross Challenge: Whether you are an accomplished racer, a novice autocrosser, or simply have a desire to get your car on a track to see what it will do, this is for you. Spectators also welcomed!

Tech Sessions: Learn more about your Triumph during these tech sessions. Thinking of UK Motoring Tour, learn more. Want more information on detailing, learn more. Wondering what fire extinguisher to purchase, learn more... and much, much more.

Concours Competition: Ready to compete against the "Best of the Best"? See how your Triumph stakes up against North America's best. Compete against the VTR's 400 Point judging system. We encourage you to register for this event.

Participant's Choice Car Show: Registrants select their favorite car in each class. All cars are welcomed

Panoramic Photo: It's your chance to have your photo taken with all the VTR2017 participants. An outstanding memento.

TSO (Time, Speed, Distance) Rallye: The perfect opportunity for you and your passenger to test your driving and navigational skills through our back roads.

Gimmick Rallye: Still under construction, but will be historically related.

Ice-Cream Run: A summer night, top-down and off we go! What better way to spend the evening than to take a ride to one of the local ice-cream stands to cool off.

Self-Guided Tours: Enjoy the scenic countryside of New Jersey and Pennsylvania at your own pace to the places such as Washington Crossing, New Hope, Lambertville, etc. We will have several back roads, routes available for you to explore and enjoy.

Art, Car, model, and Photo Contest: The popular event returns again! We will have an area to display artistic talents.

Cocktail Reception and Awards Banquet: The convention wraps up with the annual Awards Banquet, held at the huge Westin ballroom, Guest speakers to be announced.



Important Registration information

The basic registration fee for \$135.00 (\$120.00 prior to June 15, 2017) includes admittance to all events except for Awards Banquet, Breakfast drives, Ice-Cream drives, and Dine-Around drives. The fee covers one drive in one car. VTR requires all non-VTR members pay an additional \$35.00 fee for a one-year VTR Membership. One additional driver may be added to the base registration \$25.00 per car. The Early-bird registration cutoff date is June 15, 2017. You must register early to save the \$15.00, to guarantee an Awards Banquet seat, you must Pre-Register. Banquet reservations will accepted on-site only if space is available. All orders for VTR2017 Regalia are due by July 1, 2017. After the date, we cannot guarantee availability of all items offered.

When registering for the hotel, if you call, you must specify 'Vintage Triumph 2017 National Car Show' to get the contracted discounted rate. To guarantee a room, make your reservations early! All blocked rooms for the hotel will be released after July 1, 2017

Terms and Conditions

Proof of car insurance is required to participate in any 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 to participate in the Autocross. Any vehicle may be disqualified at the Technical Inspector's discretion for Safety reasons.

Concours Classes

Stock: Any Triumph that is considered to be in showroom stock.

Senior: Any car which has won a First Place Award in the Concours may enter. After two First Place Awards, cars MUST enter the Senior Class.

Preservation: After obtaining one Senior Class.

Modified Touring: Cars that are modified to improve reliability and ease of maintenance.

Modified Prepared: triumphs with major performance modifications.

To obtain detailed description on classes go to www.vtr2017.org