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DIRECTOR'S DRIPPINGS

Starting Fresh

By Steve Peak

I hope everyone had a great Holiday and a Happy New Year!

We had our annual Holiday Dinner on December 1st at Granite City, Zona Rosa. The new venue was very accommodating and all had great food and a good time. We had our annual meeting and voted in the officers for the next couple of years. Welcome, Pat Barrett as our new Secretary. Thanks to all other board members for their continued support for another term. I want to thank Warren Wood for his years of service to the club as our past Secretary. I know we all will miss his exceptional proofreading skills. Our entertainment provided by the Simon's, for car parts in other languages, proved challenging and enlightening.

We had the Club's yearly planning meeting at our January 5th Club Night out meeting. Kim and Craig Simon did a great job coordinating this and getting ideas of things we can do. We will continue working on ideas so we can begin getting the cars out as the weather permits. We have some ideas for expanding our Club Night Out with more interaction and member support. Watch for more information to come.

Remember our first real outing of the year on February 10th to celebrate Sir John Black and Drive Your Triumph Day. You should have seen the Evite with the event information.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

2/10—DRIVE YOUR TRIUMPH DAY—11:30 AM

Join the fun for this international Triumph event! Midday gathering will include photo session, drive and lunch...weather permitting. Watch for updates.

2/21—CRUMB BREAKFAST—9:00 AM

This month's CRUMB meeting will be at Pegah's Family Restaurant, 12122 W 87th Street, Lenexa, Kansas 66215 at 9:00 AM. For this meeting, we will be seated in the front dining room.

3/11—Tour of Truman Museum—9:00 AM

Meet at the newly renovated Truman Presidential Museum in Independence. Lunch to follow. Watch for Evite.

Cover Photo:

Former King Hussein's
Works Le Mans Racer:
1955 Triumph TR2

HOLIDAY DINNER

Our annual Holiday Party was a great success at Granite City, a new location this year. Thursday, December 1st was chosen as it is our normal Club Night Out and worked well in attracting 43 members. Special thanks to President Steve Peak for coordinated the evening, Craig and Kim Simon, who provided a very entertaining international car vocabulary game, Warren Wood, who conducted the official BOD voting, and Ed Curry for the background slide show.



DRIVE YOUR TRIUMPH DAY—FEB 10th

Sir John Black's Birthday



Join us Friday, February 10th to celebrate the birthday of Sir John Black, creator of the Triumph Sports Car line. Over 600 Triumphs worldwide participated in the event last year by submitting a photo taken that day.

Our plan includes gathering for photos, a scenic drive, and a BBQ lunch. Lunch is optional for those needing to return to work. We will meet at 11:30 at Swope Park, Shelter No. 2, 4454 Starlight Rd, KCMO 64132. GPS will locate it. There are no restrooms that time of year, so plan accordingly. After individual and group photos, we will convoy mostly along Blue River Road, ending up at Jack Stack Barbeque, Martin City, 13441 Holmes Road, KCMO 64145. We will have to zig-zag as sections of Blue River Road are closed.

In the event of bad weather or adverse road conditions, Plan Two is to take a photo of your TR at home and submit it directly to the organizer or Ed Curry. Pictures must be taken that day as the organizer is very particular.

2023 VTR NATIONALS REGISTRATION NOW OPEN



The [Georgia Triumph Association](#) and [British Auto Owners of Middle Georgia](#) are proud to announce registration has opened for the **2023 North American Triumph Challenge** that will take place on September 27th thru October 1st, 2023 in Dillard Georgia!

MORE INFO AND TO REGISTER

<https://www.vtr2023.org/>

100th and 45th Year Anniversaries

By Paul McBride
—Club Historian

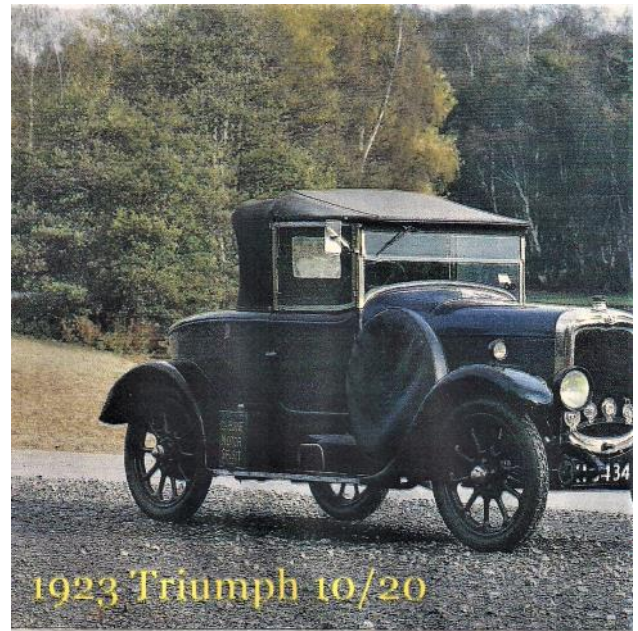
The year 2023 holds some significance to the Triumph Car aficionado and to our club members. It is the 100th year anniversary of the Triumph Motorcar. The 1923 Triumph 10/20 was the first car produced by Triumph. It predated the MG by one year, which became one of its chief competitors.

For a short but complete history of Triumph Motorcars go to our club website: kansascitytriumphs.com and click on “Newsletters Archive” Volume 35, Issues 1-6.

2023 is also the 45th year of The Kansas City Triumph Sportscar Club! We began the summer of 1978 when Gary Davis and I met for the 1st time on the infield of the Indy 500 (the site of the 3rd Vintage Triumph Register National Meet) and subsequently returned home to organize a local chapter. In the accompanying photo, I’m in the striped shirt. Some of the grandstands can be seen in the background of this immense track.

It was a fabulous event held in conjunction with The Milestone Car Society and included driving the TR3 a couple of laps of the historic track and a plaque to verify. Gary was in the process of restoring his TR3 and as we were previous Triumph owners, we decided KC needed a club!

With 20 members we were chartered by the VTR in the fall of 1978...and as they say, “the rest is history”.



CRUMB

Tuesday Breakfast

By Larry Taylor

The monthly Club Retired Unemployed Members Breakfast (CRUMB) meeting at the Corner Café in Riverside on Tuesday, December 20th got off to a bad start - 26 club members from the Triumph and MG clubs had to wait until 9:45 to get seated. This was especially disappointing since this was one of our largest turnouts this year. Needless to say, we will not be returning there.

The January monthly CRUMB meeting was at Caleb's Breakfast & Lunch in south Kansas City. Thirty-one Triumph and MG club members attended making it the largest attendance ever.

The next meeting is on Tuesday, February 21st, Carnival/Shrove Tuesday - the Tuesday before Ash Wednesday. Shrove Tuesday in the UK is commonly known as Pancake Tuesday. It is a time for people to eat pancakes or participate in pancake races. We will celebrate Shrove Tuesday as well as the one-year anniversary of the CRUMB meetings at Pegah's Family Restaurant, 12122 W 87th Street, Lenexa, Kansas 66215 at 9:00 AM. For this meeting, we will be seated in the front dining room.

Please RSVP early with the number attending so we can advise the restaurant how many to expect. **If your plans change, please update your RSVP or call or text me no later than 7:30 AM the day of the breakfast.** Future meetings will be on the third Tuesday of each month at 9:00 AM at various locations around the city based on member recommendations. Please contact Larry Taylor



SIX OF THE MOST REWARDING MOMENTS IN VINTAGE CAR OWNERSHIP

By Kyle Smith, Hagerty Magazine, November 2022

Owning and maintaining a hobby car is full of ups and downs. With any luck, the highs appear more often than the lows, but there is no way to guarantee their appearance. What we can do is focus on the moments that make the thin wallets and late nights and headaches worth it. To bring some light into what a dark tunnel may be, we pulled out six of the moments in car ownership that we've found most rewarding. Whether you own a classic now or are thinking about jumping in with both feet, here is what you must look forward to.

FIRST SHOW/EVENT



Getting your new purchase home is a big moment; taking it out for its first show or event is even bigger. A car can be an extension of your personality and going out to your first car show with this new form of expression is a powerful moment. Sharing your car and its story can be as easy as joining a gathering of like-minded individuals in a parking lot—or, if you thrive on more challenging goals, as complicated as earning a spot on a Concours lawn. You don't have to walk away with an award, but we'll bet you'll carry a memory when you go.

FIRST STARTUP



We aren't going to equate hearing the engine you built run for the first time to hearing your child cry for the first time, but we must admit it can be almost as good. The mental and physical investment in doing a major repair to the heart of your car culminates in turning the key and hearing the noise through the tailpipes as it stumbles to life. The mechanical symphony of lifters pumping while the cooling fan whirrs and the fuel pump comes up to pressure is a delight, but when the sound is the long-awaited result of your own labor. It's truly worth savoring.

CATCHING A PROBLEM BEFORE IT'S A PROBLEM



Classic vehicles require a certain understanding. Once you learn your car's language, you will know when something is not right. Whether you do your own diagnosis or call in the professionals, having your hunch justified is an awesome feeling. It's more than just keeping up on maintenance. This is knowing your car well enough that, when you detect a disturbance in the force, you act on it with confidence.

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Six Moments Cont.

FRIST DIFFICULT DIY REPAIR



Not everyone is cut out for DIY repair. We recognize that. However, there is something about breaking out the tools and successfully tackling a job yourself that is just so rewarding—and the first time is just that much more special. The task could be anything from swapping out a headlight and properly adjusting it to overhauling an automatic transmission—or anything in between. Never feel bad about taking pride in knocking out even the smallest jobs yourself.

FIRST TIME YOU CHAUFFEURED AN APPRECIATIVE FRIEND



While a solo drive can be restorative, there is really nothing quite like sharing the experience of your beloved car with an appreciative friend. Putting someone in the passenger seat—or, better yet, behind the wheel can be a wonderful experience that will give them an inside look at your passion. Explaining the joys of driving a classic is tough; seeing the look on

someone's face as they experience it for the first time will recharge the enthusiast batteries inside you rapidly. Who doesn't want to be a disciple of the old-car hobby?

ROAD TRIP OR CRUISE



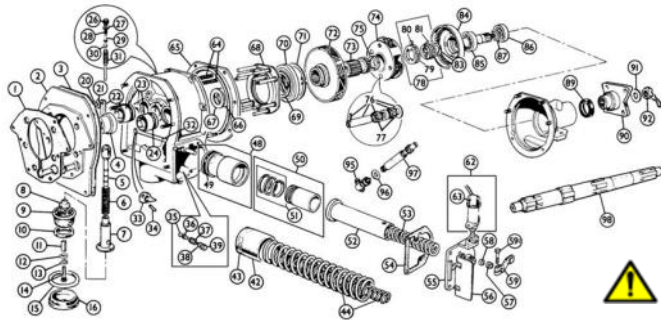
A long trip with your vintage car can be just short of a spiritual. The sounds, smells, and feeling of taking your beloved car on an adventure is intoxicating—if all goes according to plan, that is. It can be stressful, but with proper preparation, you'll be out enjoying the open road in the closest thing to a time machine most of us can afford. One day on the blue highways in a vintage car can change your outlook on cars—and life. Don't deny yourself!



HOME DEPOT MANIFOLD

Whoa.... My Overdrive can cause Cancer!!

By Craig Simon



WARNING: Cancer and Reproductive Harm.

www.P65Warnings.ca.gov

(The above picture and info were taken from the Moss Motor Catalogue. No joke!)

OMGI have an overdrive unit in my TR5. It sits under my emergency brake lever. In a sitting position, that would put this possible cancer-causing unit extremely close to my Crown Jewels. Should I be worried? Part of me says don't worry, your 67 and there are no more kids in your future. Another part of me asks, if you live long enough in California does everything eventually cause cancer? Or maybe there is some medical study I don't know about in which patients were asked to fill out an extensive health questionnaire. After analysis, Doctors found out that people who owned British cars with overdrive units had an unexplained propensity of developing cancer in their personal lug nuts. I don't know about you, but I'm taking no chances. I'm developing a lead-lined transmission tunnel. I'm looking for investors.

Please contact savemyplums@overdriveskill.com for donation info

Annual Planning Meeting

By Pat Barrett

The annual planning meeting was held at Pegah's in Lenexa on January 5th with 28 members in attendance. In addition, two guests were invited and attended: Tom Sim, Events Coordinator for the Lawrence All British Car Club, and Dave Dobbins, Events Coordinator for the Kansas City MG Club. Prior to the meeting, an "Annual Planning Meeting" document was emailed to the membership outlining a number of concepts for discussion. Kim S. moderated a lively discussion that reviewed the Triumph Club events of 2022 and a number of events held in recent years by the guest clubs. Conflicts and challenges narrowed the opportunities. Sponsors volunteered to investigate and organize events and a calendar for each month of 2023 was selected. Some event details and dates remain to be determined.



TRIUMPH AIR CONDITIONING

TRIUMPH FORUMS

The British Car Forum at britishcarforum.com

The Triumph Experience at triumphexp.com

Triumph Register at tr-register.co.uk (UK-based)

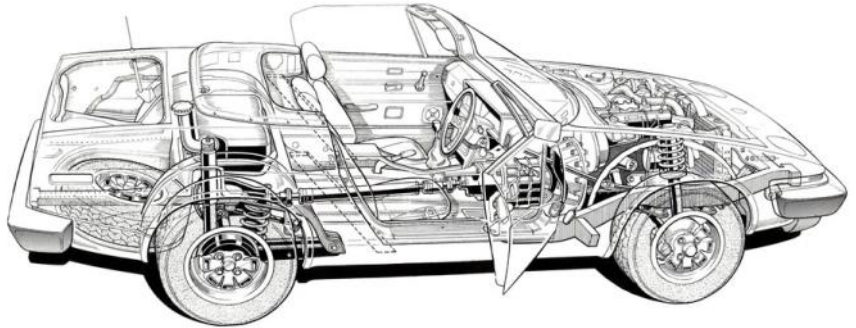
Triumphs List Server <http://autox.team.net/mailman/listinfo/triumphs>

6-Pack Car Club (TR6 & 250 models) <http://www.6-pack.com>

WEDGE WORDS

By Steve Olson

PROBLEM-SOLVING 101 - The first step is noticing a symptom or symptoms. I had noticed my TR8 was no longer running as sweetly as it usually had. It still started, still ran, and when I mashed on the skinny pedal both the tach and speedo needles rotated clockwise. But the engine seemed somehow ragged and the idle was not smooth or even. I gave each idle stop screw a half turn knowing that would only mask the real problem.



Step two is looking for what is causing the symptoms. I wasn't driving the car much and my unheated garage was not a welcoming place so many weeks slipped past without me making any attempt until one warm day I decided to sweep the leaves out of the garage. That was when I noticed oil on the garage floor. Not just the normal spots but actual puddles. The big one was under the rear of the engine. Now I was motivated.

Fluids run downhill so I started looking in the area above the drip. Quickly enough I spotted oil at the back of the valley pan and suspected that was the source. The clamp bolt was snug and there was no sign of the rubber gasket having bulged out or in. But I cleaned things up and made really sure the bolt was more than snug. I was pretty sure I had not found the culprit. So I looked further uphill, and could just see dampness along the rocker cover. Those bolts did take a half turn each to be snug so perhaps I was done.

Step three is to test to see if the action fixed the problem. With everything soaked with degreaser and hosed off I let the engine idle for several minutes and saw no new leakage. A test drive showed the engine still running ragged. Could the symptoms all be somehow related? I couldn't see how and was about to give up for the day but then I happened to spot a little crack in the Y connector of the PCV (Positive Crankcase Ventilation) line. Roger Elliott had 3D printed that for me when I was unable to find a replacement for my original. A closer look showed that under constant stress from an ill-fitting hose, a crack had opened most of the way around.

Step four; JB Weld to the rescue! Could that crack have been causing all my problems? Well, allowing some raw air into the intake downstream of the carb can upset the idle mixture enough to cause poor idle. And with no suction being applied to the crankcase, oil was much more likely to find places to leak out. But had I reached the bottom of this issue or did I still have work to do?

Step five was another longer test drive. Sure enough, the roughness disappeared, and I had a steady idle but was now at 1200 RPM. Backing off the idle screws a half turn resolved the fast idle. And when I got home I inspected the formerly wet areas and they were still dry.

The moral of this story is that problems have causes and won't go away all on their own. And just covering up the worst symptom isn't enough. You have to keep on digging till you find the root cause and correct that. Our cars are made up of many systems and components and they are interrelated. One simple fault can cause problems to appear in seemingly unrelated places. Even a cracked hose connector on top of the engine can cause oil to drip out the bottom.

2023 South Central VTR Regionals Information

Texas Triumph Register invites you to 2023 Regionals

The Texas Triumph Register is pleased to extend this advance invitation to all of you to the 2023 VTR South Central Regionals to be held April 19-22 in Sugar Land, Texas. The theme will be a 70th Anniversary Celebration of the introduction of the TR2. Our host hotel, the Sugar Land Hilton Garden Inn, is centrally located very near to all the driving event venues and provides spacious meeting and dining room capacity for all of the onsite activities. The Farm Roads of west Harris and Ft Bend Counties offer plenty of non-freeway driving opportunities on which to enjoy unique sights and attractions while taking your Triumph on one or more of the planned driving tours.

For Registration and Event information please visit our website at [VTR South Central Regionals 2023 | Texas Triumph \(texastriumphregister.org\)](http://VTR South Central Regionals 2023 | Texas Triumph (texastriumphregister.org)) for direct links to register and make hotel reservations. The Hilton Garden Inn has a limited number of rooms reserved for us for \$89 per room per night, including a free breakfast.
(If booking by phone the discount code is SCVTR)

As your club begins planning for next year, we hope you will put the South Central VTR Regionals on your schedule and make preparations to attend.

For general information contact Hal Sharp, TTR President and Regionals Chairperson - 832-423-7138

For registration specific information contact Mike Rouse, Regionals Registration Chairperson - 281-554-4878

We are looking forward to seeing you in Sugar Land in April 2023.

Best regards,



Hal Sharp

TTR President and 2023 VTR South Central Regionals Chairperson



Greetings esteemed members of South Central Region's Triumph Clubs. As we begin 2023, I want to reach out to each of you to remind you that the Texas Triumph Register is planning a terrific Regional Convention for all of our Clubs' members this April and request that you review the Convention detailed information in the attached document and consider getting your registration submitted soon. We have a block of 60 rooms reserved at the Sugar Land Hilton Gardens Hotel at a rate of \$89/ night and 40 of them are already reserved. The Event announcement, above, has all of the details and has been updated since it was last sent out. We look forward to hosting all of you in April for a great Convention.

Best regards and get those Triumphs on the Road to Sugar Land.

Hal B. Sharp
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MEMBER UPDATE

Craig Simon—

Helmets—Check!

Seatbelts—Check!

Sunglasses—Check!

Rally Registration—Check!

Car Seat for Grandson—Nah!



Keith Jordan—has been working on his 1970 TR6 with some smaller “comfort” projects. He recently removed the locking ignition set-up and put in a keyed ignition in the center plinth, where the choke and heater controls are.



Doug Harr—Just a note of thanks for all the help and knowledge imparted to me at the breakfast meetings to help me solve some electrical issues that had me frustrated and unable to drive my TR-6. Thanks!

The 1969 TR6s were this way before the Feds required anti-theft devices beginning in 1970. The ignition key is coded the same as the door locks. Keith also is putting in a refurbished steering wheel from a later TR6, which is a smaller diameter and has a thicker rim. The spokes are painted satin black, to match the original wheel.

Ed Curry—Two new additions at Your Classic Ride garage. Primrose and Baby Blue BGTs.

Keith also finished putting in all LEDs in the interior instruments, so now the gauges light up with a nice blue glow, as they did originally when new. Later TR6s had green lights for the gauges. Four of the warning lights, oil, ignition, hazard, and brake, have to remain incandescent because of the circuitry, but the bulbs have been replaced



Pat Fischer - I always liked the dark-colored 250s. My first one was light yellow, like Roger Elliott's GT6. Life goes 'round in circles.



CLUB BOARD MEETING NOTES

By Warren Wood & Pat Barrett

The Club's Board of Officers meets monthly to take care of the "business" of running the Club and to plan future events and activities. Here is a brief summary of the main topics considered by the Board at its last two monthly meetings. The Board always reviews and approves the monthly Treasurer's reports and plans for upcoming events, but unless there was something unusual, those reports may not be discussed in these summaries. Questions or comments? Please contact a Board member.

Annual Meeting of December 1, 2022: This meeting of the Kansas City Triumphs Sports Car Club, Inc., was held pursuant to proper advance Notice having been given as required by the By-Laws. After dinner, the meeting came to order, and it was determined that a quorum of members was met (43). The purpose of this meeting was for election of officers of the Club to serve two-year terms. Steve Peak, Director, conducted the election. The following slate of officers had been nominated. After discussion, the slate of officers was elected by a show of hands of the members present.

Board Meeting of January 17, 2023: The Holiday Dinner and the favorable comments received by those who attended were discussed. It was resolved to reserve the same venue for next year's dinner. The membership survey was discussed including significant interest in hosting a VTR Regional. Details for the February 10 "Drive Your Triumph Day" event were discussed. 42 members have renewed, while 34 are out standing. Kim Simon reported on the results of the Planning Meeting. Some events were finalized while details of a few other events will be finalized at future meetings. The Olpe Chicken Run has not been scheduled for lack of an organizer. Ideas for Club Night Out include sending a notice with suggestions and requests for discussion topics on the Monday before the meeting, and following up with an Agenda on the Wednesday before the meeting. Other ideas offered for events were additional tech. sessions, garage meetings, evaluate my car sessions, and organizing presentations by members on topics of interest at Club Night Out.

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The Kansas City Triumphs Sports Car Club is dedicated to the preservation and restoration of Triumph sports cars. We are a social club of enthusiasts from all over Merto Kansas City. The club hosts monthly gatherings, driving events, group email and technical sessions providing many opportunities to enjoy your Triumph and other little British sports cars. We publish a bimonthly newsletter sent to all members. Don't worry if you don't currently have a Triumph or if your car is less than prefect. We welcome all Triumph enthusiasts and other British sports car owners.

To join or renew, complete the application and mail with a \$20 check (\$30 for paper copy of newsletter) to:

Keith Jordan, Treasurer
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Shawnee KS 66226
913-314-2720
ckjordan@kc.rr.com

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