

TR TIMES

Kansas City Triumphs Sports Car Club

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I photographed this at the All British Car Show last September. This cap belonged to a long time member Jeremiah Randolph who passed away some time ago. The car belongs to his son Stephen Randolph.

Hello Kansas City Triumph Car Club members,

My name is John Brown, and I am honored to introduce myself as the new editor of our club newsletter. This position was handed over to me by Ed Curry, who did an excellent job over the tenure of the last number of years. I only hope that I can do an equally respectable job and continue the legacy that Ed has built.

I am excited to work with all of you and contribute to the club's success. Please feel free to reach out to me with any suggestions, ideas, or feedback. Together, we can make our club newsletter even better.

Thank you for your support, and I look forward to this new journey with you all.

Best regards,

John W Brown

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DIRECTOR'S Drippings

Allow me to introduce myself: I'm Keith Jordan, and I was recently elected as president of the Board of Directors for the Club. I'm 72 years old (this April), married for 48 years (this October), no kids, but we have two cats. Now retired, I spent my working life in transportation; the first half, airlines, the second half, the railroad. I was born in Texas and lived there growing up (save for a stint in Oklahoma). When I graduated high school, we moved to California where I was exposed to lots of sports cars! My first car was a 6-year-old 1966 Spitfire Mk. II, in powder blue with a midnight blue interior. It was a great car, but I sold it when I moved to San Francisco.

My wife and I bought a 1962 TR3B soon after we were married and living in Connecticut. It, too, was originally powder blue with a midnight blue interior, but the previous owner had painted the body red. It was a bit of a rust bucket, but we enjoyed the car in all types of weather. Shortly before retirement, planned for 2019, I decided to buy another Triumph to drive. In 2017, I bought a 1957 TR3 in Connecticut (by coincidence) and joined the KCTSCC. In 2019, I had Macy's Garage in Ohio rebuild the drivetrain and I installed a new interior. In 2020, I purchased a partially-rebuilt 1962 TR4 and had it professionally restored by Macy's Garage, selling the TR3. In 2022, I purchased a 1970 TR6 from Wilson Motor Co. in Washington, Missouri. I've since had a Surrey Top installed on it.

This past summer (2024), I purchased a 2013 Porsche Boxster S for my daily driver, so now I have TR4, TR6 and a Porsche. I think that's enough cars for now!

Our next Club event is Club Night Out on February 6 at Pegah's, then Drive Your Triumph Day on Monday, February 10. Kim and Craig Simon are in charge and it will be a fun time, as it usually is. I hope to see you on the road!

BOARD

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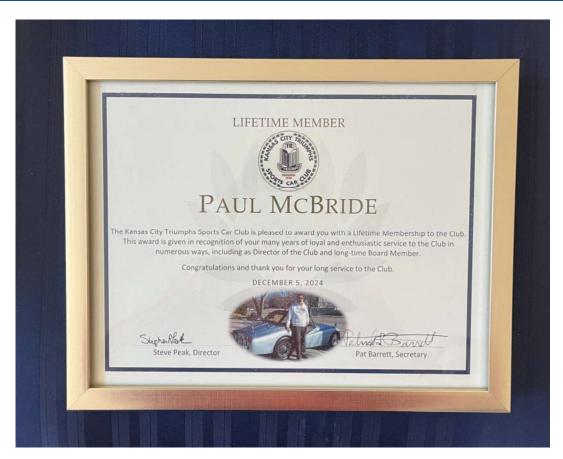
Past Director:

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Jeremiah Randolph's Cap At last years All British Car Show

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

Brad & Susan Allen 1970 GT6+, 1980 TR8 Roy & Brian Fowler 1980 TR7



Lifetime Membership KC Triumphs!

Thanks to the club for the beautiful Life Membership Plaque presented to me at our annual club dinner. My forty-six years as a Board Member, co-founding the club with Gary Davis (1978), and serving as the first Club Director have been some of the most delightful times in my life.

Sharing the experience of driving and caring for Triumph cars with hundreds of like minded friends has created many happy memories and I anticipate more of the same. Thanks again!

Paul McBride

Short History of what Paul and Gary Started

Founded September 1978 by Gary Davis and Paul McBride, the club has enjoyed continuous years of celebrating the preservation, maintenance and delights of Triumph motorcars. Gary and Paul met at the Indianapolis Motor Speedway in July of 1978 for the 3rd National Meet of the Vintage Triumph Register. They decided to form a local chapter of the national club for the Kansas City area as KC had been without a Triumph club for many years. There were 23 charter members and we were soon chartered as a Chapter of the Vintage Triumph Register.

The Bi-monthly newsletter was quickly established and has been in continuous publication. Activities have included annual tours, progressive dinners, how-to clinics, car shows, and monthly gatherings. Highlights have included providing cars for the Wedgwood British Fine Arts Event at Halls on the Country Club Plaza and the British Ambassador's visit to the Truman Library. Kansas City Triumphs was also instrumental in establishing the Kansas City All British Car & Cycle Meet in 1982 (aka the Heartland All British Car and Cycle Meet).

WEDGE WORDS By Steve Olson



The Wedge that never was.

I have a Revell Snap Together plastic model of a Triumph TR8 Targa Top. I have never put it together, but the box has been opened so much of its collector value has been lost. The parts are molded in bright red and black so as the box states, no painting is needed. By the time this kit was produced the industry had severely dumbed down the kits to appeal to kids with short attention spans. Even the instructions had lost the names of the parts in favor of just letters and numbers. They didn't want kids to have to learn what a carburetor looked like or that it needed to be attached to an intake manifold. Just part D3 to part D4.

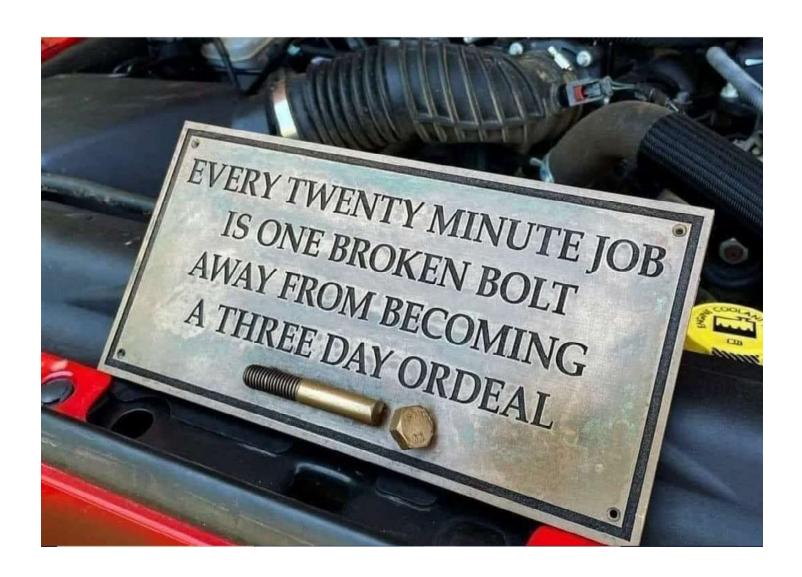
When I first built models, it was airplanes, and I had to learn what a fuselage was and where a wing root belonged and the difference between a vertical and horizontal stabilizer. And I had to learn to paint all the fine details that the decals didn't emphasize. Then when I graduated to building plastic car models, I learned to use flat paint on interiors to make them look more real and got brushes with just a few hairs so I could paint the chrome moldings with bright silver paint. I also learned to customize cars by borrowing big engines from one model to cram into early bodies. When I got tired of cars that I had sitting around I would take them apart and change colors or swap parts from one car to another. Eventually I might use a match or soldering iron to melt them into wrecks or plant firecrackers inside to blow them to smithereens. A few still take up space on my basement shelves.

But my TR8 Targa Top model won't end up like that and I probably won't ever assemble it. It must be fairly rare since no real TR8 was ever made with a Targa Top. It was once briefly an idea when the Brits believed that the US lawmakers were going to prohibit convertibles due to safety concerns. I have seen a couple references to a single prototype being built on a TR7 or TR8 body. But I don't believe any ever made it to production. The model makers must have learned of the plans and quickly modified their coupe kits to hit the market early. I doubt that a model of a car never produced sold this many copies.

I think I got my model kit as a gift from Jeremiah and Steven Randolph. I know they gave me either that one or one of a TR7 coupe that I also still have.

Little humor and wisdom contributed by

Steve Olson





MAKING AN IMPACT



Russ Sifers' passion for cars and his community spirit are truly inspiring. As a dedicated Lifetime Member of the Kansas City Auto Museum, Russ has seamlessly intertwined his love for automotive culture with his commitment to charitable work, particularly evident through his involvement in the Lake Garnett Grand Prix. There, he offers thrilling rides in his meticulously restored 1949 MG TC and his 2023 Corvette Z51, providing excitement for car enthusiasts and contributing to local charities.

With period-appropriate attire and a personal touch, Russ and his partner Pam create unforgettable experiences, raising significant funds for good causes. Their efforts have significantly impacted the local community, with more than \$82,000 raised in the past decade. Russ' work exemplifies how automotive passion can fuel positive change, bringing together car enthusiasts and community members in a shared mission of speed and generosity. His contributions are deeply valued by the Kansas City Auto Museum and the broader community.

From the December Kansas City Auto Museum Newsletter

Russ is our favorite non-Triumph club member. - ED



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- Website with reference materials and member only sections
- Record trace certificates for TR2/TR3/TR3A/TR3B
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CLUB BOARD MEETING NOTES

By Pat Barrett

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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 issues considered by the Board at its last two monthly meetings. The Board always reviews and approves the monthly Treasurer's report and minutes of the last meeting, reviews plans for upcoming events, and reviews recently completed events. As plans for upcoming events and reports of past events appear elsewhere in this newsletter they will not be treated here unless there is something unusual to report.

Questions or comments? Please contact a Board member.

Board Meeting of November 19, 2024:

The Board approved a proposal to award Club founding member and retiring long-term Board Officer Paul McBride a Lifetime Membership. The Board also approved a proposal to contribute \$250 to the Tonganoxie HS classic auto repair program, a charity supported by Your Classic Car owner, in appreciation of hosting several Club events at YCR throughout the year.

There was no Board meeting in December.

Annual Meeting of December 5, 2024:

The purpose of the annual meeting is to elect officers and handle other business that may be brought before the meeting by any member. The meeting was scheduled to follow the Annual Holiday Dinner on December 5, 2024.

After dinner, Director Steve Peak welcomed the 42 attendees and as a quorum was reached proceeded with the election of officers. Officers are elected for two year terms and elections are scheduled every year to fill any vacant positions. The following is list of candidates had been nominated and published as required by the by-laws:

Director – Keith Jordan (Nominee)

Assistant Director/Membership – Michael Wilds (Nominee)

Secretary – Patrick Barrett (Incumbent)

Treasurer – Dan Sullivan (Nominee)

Activities Co-Coordinator – Kim Simon (Incumbent)

Activities Co-Coordinator – Craig Simon (Incumbent)

Newsletter Editor – John Brown (Nominee)

Webmaster and Publicist – Kenny Wymore (Incumbent)

Historian – Kenny Wymore (Nominee)

Steve Peak, Director, conducted the election. After discussion, the slate of officers was elected by a show of hands of the members present.

Club founding member and long-time Board member Paul McBride was awarded a Lifetime Membership for his contributions to the Club.

Director Steve Peak encouraged everyone to attend the Annual Planning Meeting scheduled on January 2, 2025 and to come with ideas for club activities throughout the coming year.

No other business was brought up.

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Drive Your Triumph Day and Lunch

WHEN
Monday, February 10, 2025
10:30 AM CT
Add to calendar
WHERE
Meet at Silo Modern Farmhouse parking lot
17501 W 87th St
Lenexa, Kansas 66219

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HOSTED BY

KC Triumphs - Kim and Craig Simon

Join the KC Triumph Club in an international event where Triumph owners all over the world drive their car in honor of Sir John Black, a founder of the Triumph Automobiles. After arriving at Silo Farmhouse parking lot for a photo shoot, the drivers will adventure a short distance to lunch at Burg & Barrel – Lenexa, 8725 Bourgade St, Lenexa, KS 66219.

















MECUM YCR EVENT By Ed Curry

This year's Mecum Party at Your Classic Ride Garage on the evening of Wednesday, December 4th was a resounding success with approximately 150 Car Guys attending. The event has been held for the last fifteen years at YCR on the night before the Mecum Kansas City Car Auction in Bartlet Hall. Originally started by the founder of YCR, Tom Ricker the current owner/operator has kept the tradition going. Tom generously donates the cost of a sumptuous fried chicken dinner, prepared by the staff of Q39 Restaurant.

The event is a fundraiser for the Advance Auto Tech program at Tonganoxie High School. The keynote speakers were Dave Morton, Marketing Manager at Mecum, and Ron Jury a Grand National winner with AACA. Two Tonganoxie students gave inspiring talks about the Auto Tech program.

This year, \$4,200 was raised, including \$250 from KC Triumphs. Students did the traditional passing of the hubcap to collect donations. Attendees received a free ticket with a face value of \$30 to attend the Mecum auction.

In A Barn....

By Craig Simon

In a Barn... far, far away..... but not too far.

Episode 1 A Call to the Dark Side

Phone call 15 years Ago.....

"Hey Craig, I've got this friend at work and his Dad has a '78 MGB he wants to sell. \$250.00. Interested?......

"Sure, I said, I'll give it to my Son and he'll have a blast fixing it up like I did my Triumph."







I was told the MG ran when parked, poorly, but running. It had some wiring issues, but since my son was attending the Automotive school in Pittsburgh, KS, I figured he would have no problem.

Fast forward five years, my Son moves back to Kansas City and the MGB is still down in Pittsburgh. He did not pick up the gauntlet to get it running, albeit I understand he did have fun in Pittsburgh.

I don't know when the inspiration to turn it into something other than an MGB came, but I hauled it back to my home to contemplate my next move.

Episode 2 Steam Punk or Road warrior?

That's what I'll do to it! Copper hose's, gears and automotive parts welded all over it. I'll Steam Punk it. Incorporate a smoke machine so when I pull up to a light, I could at will, spew





forth white smoke from pre-made orifices I installed throughout the MG. I already had the goggles. Hmmm... that bullet strap I pieced together while hiking through an

Army shooting range back in 7th grade might come in handy. Thoughts and ideas were flowing like oil from a forgotten installed drain plug.

This rebuild idea was not alcohol induced either. No sir. I simply figured creative destruction, was easier and more entertaining than proper construction. Besides, the looks I would get at car shows and the "whys" would be interesting and fun.

Episode 3

"Turn up the radio Honey, I'm gonna make a little Noise!"

A funny thing happened on the way to my MG's apocalyptic transformation. I saw an ad in Craigslist. 1974 (?), MGB with many, new in box parts. \$400. In checking it out, the MGB was worthless. Seized engine, rust in wrong places, but all the new parts were worth over the asking price. Brake calipers, front discs, pads, slave cylinders, extra gauges, bearings etc.





Now the next step might have been alcohol induced. While staring at the worthlessness of the MG parts car I wondered what else I could use on it for my build.

Hmmm, "look at those nice rear fenders. If I were to cut them off, then reverse weld them on to my now called "Rat Rod", I could make a pickup style, El Camino'ish MGB.

So, with a cut off wheel in one hand, a grinder in the other and a Dr. Frankenstein smile, I proceeded with the operation.





Stay tuned for next month's Episode 4 ...

"As the Sparks Fly"

Kansas City Triumph Club

Events Calendar

February 2025

Date/Triumph Club Sponsored *	Event Type	Information on Event - Time and Location	Message to Club eMail	Coordinator Keith Jordan
2/6/2025 *	Club Night Out	Monthly Meeting - 5:30 PM 1st Thursday of every month - Pegah's 87 th Street		
2/10/2025 *	Car Drive Local	Drive Your Triumph Day – International Triumph event, celebrating Sir John Black: Meet a Silo restaurant parking lot. Lunch after, at Burg and Barrel	Evite	Kim and Craig Simon
2/18/2025 *	Crumb Breakfast	9:00 AM 3rd Tuesday - Caleb's Breakfast & Lunch, 515 E Red Bridge Rd, Kansas City, MO 64131, USA	FVITE	
2/18/2025 *	Officers Meeting	5:30 PM 3rd Tuesday of every month - Pegah's	eMail	Keith Jordan

March 2025

Date/Triumph Club Sponsored *	• Fvent Type Information on Event - Time and Location		Message to Club	Coordinat or	
3/6/2025 *	Club Night Out	Monthly Meeting - 5:30 PM 1st Thursday of every month - Pegah's 87 th Street	eMail	Keith Jordan	
3/15/2025 *	Tech Session	Educational session on how to work on a Triumph at his garage in Leavenworth		Jeff Givens	
3/17/2025*	Parade	St. Patrick Day Parade - Brookside	Evite	Michael Wilds	
3/18/2025 *	Crumb Breakfast	9:00 AM 3rd Tuesday of every month - Rae's Cafe, 2411 Rte 291 J, Independence, MO 64057, USA		Larry Taylor	
3/18/2025 *	3/18/2025 * Officers Meeting 6:00 PM 3rd Tuesday of every month - Pe		eMail	Keith Jordan	

Kansas City Triumph Club

Events Calendar

April 2025

Pate/Triumph Club Sponsored * Event Type Information on Event - Time and Lo		Information on Event - Time and Location	ocation Message to Club	
4/3/2025 *	Club Night Out	6:00 PM 1st Thursday of every month - Pegah's	eMail	Keith Jordan
4/5/2025 *	Museum Tour	The National Museum of Toys and Miniatures \$10	Evite	Kim and Craig Simon
4/12/2025	Drive	MG Club – OPLE Chicken Run	Evite	Cecil Wise
4/15/2025 *	Crumb Breakfast	9:00 AM 3rd Tuesday of every month - Pegah's Family Restaurant - 5354 Roberts Street, Shawnee, KS 66226	Evite	Larry Taylor
4/15/2025 *	Officers Meeting	6:00 PM 3rd Tuesday of every month - Pegah's	eMail	Keith Jordan
4/19/25	Tech Session	Educational Session on how to work on your Triumph at Your Classic Ride Garage	Evite	Ed Curry
4/23-27/2025	South Central Regional VTR	Waco Texas Area Check Website		
4/26/2025 *	Spring Tune Up	How to ready your car for the driving season	Evite	Steve Vehlewali





Kim Simons has emailed these out to every one but they are here for easy access and the April issue will up date them and add new months. Be sure to watch for Kim's Emails for up coming dates.





JOIN KANSAS CITY TRIUMPHS

New:

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 then 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:

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OR apply and pay on-line at our website: http://www.kansascitytriumphs.com

MEMBER APPLICATION

Renewal:

Name:					
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Car(s) Information (Include project cars):					
<u>Make</u>	<u>Year</u>	<u>Model</u>	<u>Color</u>	<u>VIN</u>	





CLASSIFIEDS

1969 TR6

Former club member Ray Overton is selling a very interesting TR6 and a trove of parts. For those who remember Ray, you know the high degree of mechanical expertise and precision he put into this car.

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1967 TR4A

Club member Jack Edwards, our longest serving past president and honorary Member for Life is selling his 1967 TR4A.

Details: Navy blue with chestnut interior, wire wheels, very clean. New radiator. Less than 100 miles on new engine. Low 70K miles, second own-

er. Asking \$20,000

Jack Edwards 913-381-8070

1974 SPITFIRE

1974 Triumph Spitfire. Very nice example and solid driver. Hard top, new soft top, new hood stowage cover, and aluminum radiator upgrade. Twin SU carbs with K&N air filters, headers, electric fan. New alternator, new battery. All lights and wipers function as they should. No electrical issues. Electric fuel pump with regulator.

Contact Greg Henry 773-339-4416 or jthen-ry99@yahoo.com







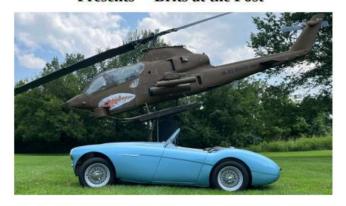
CAR SHOWS

Save this Date





Greater Ozarks British Motoring Club Presents "Brits at the Post"



The Greater Ozarks British Motoring Club will be holding our 23rd Annual British Car & Cycle Show on June 27th & 28th 2025.

Friday, June 27th

There will be a BBQ picnic for all registered participants at out host hotel, Best Western, Route 66, Rail Haven, located at 203 S. Glenstone Ave, Springfield, MO 65802. The hotel will have a special room rate for all paid participants.

Saturday, June 28th

The GOBMC Car Show is being held at the American Legion Post 639 located at 2660 S. Scenic Drive, Springfield, MO. A very picturesque location with grass and shade trees in many areas. The car show opens at 9 am. with Awards presentations at 2:30 pm. There will be food & drinks for sale provided by Boy Scout Troop 1890.

More details will soon be available identifying the show schedule, registration, and host hotel by click on this link: https://gobmccarshow.com/

Until then, please mark your calendar for June 27th & 28th for this year's Greater Ozarks British Motoring Club Car & Cycle Show. Hope to see you there. If there are any questions feel free to call Bob Eft at (319) 427-4272 or Jon Joyce at (417) 630-8087.



The Kansas City Automotive Museum is hitting the gas on an exciting new journey! In 2025, we'll launch our Legacy in Motion Capital Campaign, creating a state-of-the-art 40,000-square-foot destination in the heart of KC.

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