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CALENDAR



14 Dec 24—Annual SLTOA **Christmas Party**, at Jefferson Grill, 127 W Jefferson, Kirkwood., 2 PM Buffett dinner, holiday gift exchange, plus Chief Elf Bonnie will accept donations to Toys for Tots. \$25 per person, see pg 3 for menu/RSVP information.

21 Jan 24—**Monthly SLTOA meeting**, Fallon's Bar & Grill, 9200 Olive Blvd, Suite 116, Olivette.

10 Feb 25—Annual **Drive Your Triumph Day**, in honor of Sir John Black. Get your TR out for some photos and email them to event organizer Rye Livingston, Triumph Travelers Sports Car Club, at driveyourtriumphday@gmail.com and to yr.fthfl.ed.

16 Feb 24—**Polar Bear!** SLTOA's traditional first drive of the New Year. Route/details TBA.

23-26 Apr 25—**South Central VTR/Triumphs on the Brazos**, in Bellmead (Waco), Texas. Hosted by the Red River Triumph Club, celebrating 60 years of the Spitfire Mk 2. Host hotel is the Holiday Inn & Suites, more to follow, monitor <https://redrivertriumphclub.org>.

15-19 Jul 25—**VTR National**, hosted by the Minnesota Triumphs Sports Car Club in LaCrosse, Wisconsin. Celebrating the 6th anniversary of the TR4A, host hotel is the Radisson Hotel LaCrosse. Monitor www.mntriumphs.org/vtr2025/.

5-8 Oct 25—**Vintage Triumphfest 2025**, hosted by the Triumph Club of Southern California in Buellton. Celebrating the 70th anniversary of the TR3. Host hotel is the Santa Ynez Valley Marriott, monitor <https://www.triumphclubsocal.com> and <https://www.facebook.com/Triumphfest/>.

16 Dec 24—MG Club of St Louis **Winter Tech Session No. 1**, 6-7:30 PM at Brooklands Restorations, 9532 Lackland Rd, Overland. Topic will be interior installations and door window mechanisms.

19 Dec 24—MGCSL **RUBCO**, at Denny's Crestwood, 10575 Watson Rd, 9:30 AM.

9-12 Jan 25—**2025 St Louis Auto Show**, at the Jones Dome/America's Center, 701 Convention Plaza downtown. Free kids zone (12 and under), adult tickets !12. Hours/activities/other details at <https://saintlouisautoshow.com/>.

11 Jan 25—Annual Jaguar Association of Greater St Louis **Awards Banquet**. At the Deer Creek Club, 9861 Deer Creek Hill, St Louis. For more info, call up <https://www.jagstl.com/events/general/annual-awards-dinner-2025>.

18 Jan 25—MGCSL **Annual Holiday Party**, at Maggiano's Little Italy, No 2 The Boulevard, Richmond Heights. Cash bar at 6 PM, dinner at 7 PM. The cost is \$25 per person for MG club members, \$45 for non-members. Make payments online at <https://stlouismgclub.com/store/>. RSVP NLT 11 January.

16 Mar 25—MGCSL **Pinewood Derby**, at Bar-K, 4565 McRee Ave, St Louis. Details to follow.

19 Apr 25—Annual Gateway Healey Association **Wash-Up/Tune-Up**. Traditional pre-Forest Park Concours gathering at Keith Bester's garage, 115 N Sappington Rd, Kirkwood. More to follow.

20 Apr 25—Annual **MG-Triumph Challenge**, in association with the Horseless Carriage Club of Missouri Forest Park Easter Concours. Details to follow.

24-27 Apr 25—**2025 The Mitty**, hosted by Historic Sportscar Racing (HSR) at Michelin Raceway Road Atlanta, Braselton, Georgia. Details to follow.

St Louis Region Car Shows and Cruises: <https://www.stlouiscoachmen.com/car-shows-special-events>

It's that time again—dues are due

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'Tis the Season!



ANNUAL SLTOA CHRISTMAS PARTY

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 14, 2024 AT 2 PM

AT THE JEFFERSON GRILL, 127 W JEFFERSON AVE, KIRKWOOD

BUFFET DINNER, HOLIDAY GIFT EXCHANGE CONDUCTED BY SANTA AND HIS
CHIEF ELF

HOLIDAY SPECIAL MENU, \$25 PER PERSON

ROAST BEEF IN BORDELAISE SAUCE CHICKEN CHARDONNAY CHICKEN MARSALA ROAST
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SALADS

SEASONED GREEN BEANS POTATOES AU GRATIN GARLIC MASHED POTATOES
PARSLIED NEW POTATOES MIXED VEGETABLES FETTUCCINI
BROCCOLI IN BUTTER SAUCE RICE PILAF

DESSERTS

RSVP NLT 7 December to SLTOA Treasurer Michele Ammond

4200 Weatherton Place, St Charles, Missouri 63304 chele@ammond.org

Checks payable to SLTOA



HO HO HO! It's an early reminder from an old friend of the SLTOA: It is time to think about the upcoming holiday Event at the Jefferson Grill on December 14th. When you come to celebrate your friendship and good fortunes please remember all those children who are not as fortunate as you are. I would love to deliver new unwrapped toys to the TOYS FOR TOTS organization that you bring along. Everything is appreciated—Thank You from Santa and his Elf



NEGATIVE CAMBER

By the editor

Okay, okay, so we finally got some snow; apparently the amounts ranged from a dusting to about 3 inches. And, as can be expected, the snow and slick conditions made for, uh, "interesting times" out on the local interstates and other roads. According to a contact with MODOT, their crews, police and emergency services responded to about 140 accidents over Thursday and Friday. Yeesh....Welcome to winter in the Midwest.

BUT, the good news: as presented elsewhere this issue, we had an excellent turnout in cars and participants at this year's Veterans Run. The weather cooperated, temps were cool but reasonable (tops down!) and thanks to the generosity of the participants, we raised \$450 for this year's selected veterans support organization, Disabled American Veterans. With club matching, we'll dispatch a total of \$900 to the DAV mid-month. Our thanks to all who turned out and all who contributed.

Other than that, it's party time. This issue will go to press a bit over a week in advance of our club's annual holiday gathering, once again at the Jefferson Grill in Kirkwood. Those who attended last year raved about the food and service so if you're planning on joining the gang, please get your reservations in to Treasurer Michele ASAP. If you plan on participating in the gift exchange, the requested limit is \$20 and please make the gift car-related.

Finally, Santa Jack and Chief Elf Bonnie will once again honcho the collection of unwrapped toys for the Marine Corps Reserve's Toys for Tots drive. Please consider donating to this worthy holiday effort.

- YFE

MEETING—TUESDAY 19 NOVEMBER



Excellent turnout of 24 members at one of our favorite haunts, Llywelyn's in Webster Groves. In and around the sampling of a fair number of IPAs, the members observed the ceremonial return of the editor's wheel chock, inadvertently left behind at the previous weekend's Veterans Run (long story...the chock serves as the backup emergency brake for YFE's TR-8). Otherwise, the usual pre-meeting small talk, generally focusing on VTR regions, memories of teenage jobs and Plymouth Super Bird tales. The latter resulted in several "oh yeah, I used to own..." discussions concerning notable personal vehicles.

At 7 PM sharp President David Pollard welcomed everyone, noting we always manage a good gathering at the pub.

Membership

Prez Dave asked if we had any new members. Membership chairman Creig Houghtaling noted we didn't but used the opportunity to remind everyone that dues were due in January.

- Treasurer Michele Ammond announced she was prepared to accept dues payments, either cash or check.

Creig said he's started to remind people about dues for 2025.

- He mentioned we have a few people who haven't paid for 2024. He will approach them, recommend they pay up now "...and we'll call it even."
- Creig and John Willerton will work on the contacts.
- Creig: "There are people out there who love the personal touch. We'll look at possible alternative means of contacting, including texts, phone calls."

Events

Vets Run lead YFE announced the drive was a big success: 18 cars, 28 people and a total of \$450 in donations for the Disabled American Veterans (DAV).

- He asked if the club was in a position to offer a matching donation. After some discussion, the membership agreed, resulting in a \$900 donation to the DAV. There was one nay vote; the individual said afterwards, "There's always gotta be at least one 'no' vote."

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VETERANS RUN XI—17 NOVEMBER 2024

We had another good turnout this year and reasonable weather (yes, the sun did come out...eventually). A total of 28 members and friends made the drive in 18 cars, including 10 Triumphs. This year's standout? The Ford Police Interceptor, still in black and white, driven by Mark Sheppard.

Once again we used the route developed by Randy Trone, with the slight modification of moving the start point to the Sunset Overlook below Columbia, Illinois. Total route length came in at right about 70 miles, with drives through Waterloo, Renault, Prairie du Rocher, past Fort Chartres State Historical Site, and finally through Maeystown and Valmeyer, winding up back at the Overlook for lunch.

Total donations for this year's veterans' support organization—the Disabled American Veterans or DAV—came in at \$450, with club matching for a total of \$900. Our thanks to all who participated and donated, as well as Randy for the route, Creig and Kay Houghtaling for doing a pre-event road recce and the owners and servers at Sunset Overlook.



Regrettably, the owner of the '64 Impala SS didn't make the drive with us...

Photo by Stephen L Paur



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Veterans Memorial, Prairie du Rocher





Editor's Challenge!

Glenn Owens, editor of the MG club's *Metro Gazette*, has invited SLTOA members to participate in the *Gazette's* monthly "Editor's Challenge," where you get a picture of your TR in front of a local landmark/business/holiday theme/whatever for inclusion in the newsletter. This month's challenge: take a shot of your TR involving a holiday display. Email your photo to Glenn at gowens_lig@att.net and Yr Fthfl Ed at rangermk@sbcglobal.net.

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Rétrofolies de Spa *2024*

Extraordinary

Text/photos: by Jan Meesters

On Sunday morning, August 25, 2024, Hans Gunter, Mirco and Jan accepted an invitation from Belgium and visited the Rétrofolies in the Belgian town of Spa, about 13 km from the Spa Francorchamps race track.



An extraordinary classic car festival

A prestigious event held every two years, the Rétrofolies de Spa is a real treasure for classic car enthusiasts. Now in its thirteenth year the event attracts an impressive number of 1,000 to 1,500 vintage cars and 10,000 to 15,000 visitors, making this event one of the largest of its kind in Belgium.



The entire city is closed off and reserved only for vintage cars. Visitors experience a nostalgic journey into the past as they stroll through the streets of Spa, which are transformed into an open-air museum for this spectacular weekend.



The vintage cars, carefully maintained and preserved, represent an era when each car was unique and had its own story to tell. The owners of these fascinating vehicles share a common passion that brings them together to showcase their treasures and exchange experiences. The Concours d'Elegance 2024 provided a stage for the most elegant and best-preserved vehicles. During the grand parade, the historic vehicles could be admired in motion. The Rétrofolies is not just an exhibition, but also a cultural celebration that brings the community together and stimulates the local economy. The event provides a platform for sharing knowledge and promoting the preservation of automotive history. It is a place where generations meet and young people have the opportunity to admire the technology and design of times gone by. The atmosphere is one of admiration and appreciation for the engineering skills that characterize these vehicles. The gleaming bodies, the artistic details create an unforgettable experience for all present. The



Rétrofolies de Spa are a living testimony to how vintage and classic cars stand the test of time and continue to inspire people of all ages and backgrounds.

...and the journey into the past continues

The shiny bodies, each a testament to craftsmanship, attract attention. You can hear the quiet rumble of the engines, the friendly honking, as if the cars themselves were expressing their joy at this special day. The owners are proud and, with a smile, they polish the paintwork again while exchanging anecdotes. Children's eyes widen in amazement when they look at the brightly colored, shiny vehicles that look like toys from another time. The atmosphere is filled with a mixture of nostalgia and admiration.



The Rétrofolies de Spa is not just an exhibition, but a living museum, a festival that celebrates the history of the automobile. Here, the passion for vintage cars is not just shown, but lived. Visitors wander from one vintage car to the next, examining lovingly restored interiors and engines that once dominated the streets.



The Concours d'Elegance provides a stage for the most beautiful and rare pieces. The jury, made up of experts and connoisseurs, evaluates the vehicles on their originality, quality of restoration and preservation, and historical significance. It is a competition that is about more than just beauty; it is a tribute to the era from which these vehicles come. When the parade begins, it is as if time stands still. The vehicles roll by majestically, each with its own story, its own character. Spectators applaud, click their cameras and mobile phones, determined to capture this moment for eternity.



And when the sun slowly sets, the last rays making the chrome parts sparkle, the day ends with a feeling of satisfaction. The *Rétrofolies de Spa* is more than just an event; it is a reminder that beauty and elegance are timeless, and that these old "tin friends" will always have a special place in people's hearts.



WORKS IN PROGRESS

Sam Sheppard—After the Fall Colours Drive I started experiencing some Triumph problems. I noticed the car doesn't start well. I'm looking at new plugs, am waiting on some other parts.

Joe Ammond—We're getting ready to move, we will move everything, then store the extra cars.

Bonnie David—We're just here for the fun!

Ed Kaizer—Nothing Going on right now.

Ben Franklin—I reset the rocker arms on Saturday, my first "soloish" endeavour. Didn't break anything, nothing is loose, all is good.

Ervin Krone—I'm working on building a house, am also starting work on my Datsun. The Triumph is running good, I've put it up for the winter. I'm contemplating selling it because I'm not sure I'll have the time to enjoy it. The Datsun's a 1976 280Z, I've had it for 35 years.

John Willerton—The TR6 is still running well, the TR3 is actually running good. I put in an electric fan, that seems to have cured the overheating problems. Right now I'm trying to get the hardtop on, I'm missing some parts. I also have a "new" TR6 differential, rebuilt by Dave Yannayon. I need to get it into the TR6. Creig Houghtaling: "You need a good press." Discussion followed on getting differentials apart. \

Creig Houghtaling—I just got a photo from Craig Madsen, he's actually progress on his TR8, the engine bay's painted. As for my TR7, I have to figure out how

to get the dash working right. Right now I have an electronic display screen in place.

David Layton—Both the TR4 and the 2002, I'm dealing with electrical gremlins.

David Pollard—My cars are both running great. This weekend I'm taking one of the cars to the Yannayon garage to do some work.

David Yannayon—On the brown TR6, I just did the rear end: new universal joints, reinforced the differential mounts. This week, I pulled the dash and resurfaced it. I just got the gauges back from the United Kingdom and installed them, they look really good. Dave Pollard: Greg from Norway, in the UK, he rebuilds gauges, resurfaces, offers an electronic tach. Question: Do you send him your old gauges? DP: No, he won't take them, has said the tariffs he'd have to pay are outrageous.

Stephen Paur—I'm working on the turn signal switch.

David Massey—The coil-on-plug setup is installed and working on my TR8. Question: "Do you notice any difference in performance?" Dave: "No, but now I don't have to worry about rotor failure. I've had that happen twice (Ed note: Dave's installation will be featured in the next issue of The Wedge Owner's Association *The Bulletin*).

Bob Berger—I haven't done anything to the TR7s yet.

Pat Kasate—(Earlier in the meeting): "Did you sell your TR-7?" Rsp: It's in hiding...I have three, actually." Am moving stuff out of the way; the bearings failed and it doesn't roll very well.

TRs ON THE WEB...



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In 1958, you could go to your local Grand Prix circuit in your TR2 or MGA and get a driving course from the leading Grand Prix driver, Graf Wolfgang von Trips himself, assisted by the legendary Mercedes team leader Alfred Neubauer. Imagine doing that today and chatting with Lewis Hamilton and Toto Wolff on the ideal racing line and braking techniques. Only 65 years ago.... Zandvoort 1958.

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Meeting (Continued from page 4)

- Yr Fthfl Ed thanked Randy Trone for coming up with the roughly 70-mile route and thanked Creig and Kay for doing a test run the Friday prior to the event.

Sam Sheppard's looking at possibly putting a drive together for December.

- Prez Dave reminded everyone, no meeting in December, main feature will be the 14 December Christmas party at the Jefferson Grill in Kirkwood.
- The party's at 2 PM, same place as last year; the membership provided good reviews on the food and service.
- Chief Elf Bonnie David will, once again, accept unwrapped presents for Toys for Tots. For the gift exchange, \$20 limit, car-related please.
- The cost for the evening is \$25 per person, the club will subsidize charges above the \$25 limit.
- Michele said she could also take party reservations at the meeting. She later mentioned we have 11 sign ups so far.

Concerning other events, obviously they're winding down for the year, primarily holiday parties now.

- Joe Ammond announced an SCCA rally for this coming weekend
- Details at www.stlsc.org, registration ends tomorrow.

Two events coming up in February. 10 Feb, annual Drive Your Triumph Day in commemoration of Sir John Black.

- Sunday, 16 Feb, annual Polar Bear Drive. Creig and YFE will gin up the route and end point
- Discussion followed on the end point. Two years ago we finished at the Big Chief on old US 66, 60 cars, "overwhelmed them."
- Creig recommended and the members agreed, the event will finish at the Wildwood Bar & Grill

Old Business

Club nametags: if you don't have a nametag, see John Willerton and he'll get them made for you.

Club outreach projects are continuing. We'll have examples of a proposed club business card available for review at a future meeting.

- Cards should prove handy in attracting new members
- Also, could be useful at evens like car shows, cruises, Cars & Coffee, driving events



New Business

The club leadership is still mulling over the possibility of petitioning VTR for a move to another region.

Per Prez Dave, participating in South Central regional events requires long drives, 15-17 hours to Texas, Oklahoma, etc.

- It might be easier to do a 5 hour drive to Indiana, or Iowa or, even closer, in Illinois.
- It would be good to be in a region where we can participate more often.
- Sugar Land, TX (last year's South Central VTR), was great, I trailered my car down. VTR in Indiana? Drove the car, "such a great experience."
- David and YFE will do some studying, contact VTR concerning the other active regions and will get back to the membership.
- Any comments/questions? Let Dave know.

Treasurer

We need a new treasurer really soon, as the Ammonds are preparing to move back to Michigan.

- President Dave was treasurer before Michele, termed the position "rewarding," not a lot of work involved. .
- Per Michele, current balance in the club account is \$5519.81.
- We're still getting hit by fees, she's investigating moving our account to another bank.
- Michele also discussed the possible use of Freshbooks, will study and advise the members of what she turns up.
- Freshbooks has a \$20 per month subscription/user fee. It's highly useful for processing credit card payments.

The meeting concluded at 7:45 PM. Michele then set up shop and started processing dues renewals and Christmas party reservations. Our thanks to Llywelyn's and servers Charlotte and Caleigh for their excellent food and service.



ADMIT IT, YOU WANT THESE CARS



This month we're throwing two options your way. First off, are you looking for something different for hauling your Triumph parts? Well, this vehicle might just fill the bill: a 1950 Ford Prefect Coupe Utility, powered by a Triumph 1500.



The car showed up on *Barn Finds* (<https://barnfinds.com>) in mid-November, located in Council Bluffs, Iowa. It featured new glass all

around, paint in good condition and replacement of the original 1172cc flat head four (20 screaming bhp) and three-speed transmission with the 1500 and a four-speed. A previous owner converted the brakes from mechanical to hydraulic; he also reupholstered the interior in brown vinyl. Per *Barn Finds*,

Sources vary when the subject turns to how many examples of the 1950 Ford Prefect Coupe Utility are in North America. Some place the tally at one or two, but all agree that the total doesn't climb into double-digit territory. Therefore, if the



winning bidder takes this tiny classic to a show or at Cars & Coffee, they are unlikely to park beside an identical example. The Prefect has seen show action while in the care of its current owner and has walked away with a few trophies.

The asking price was \$14,000.



Second, courtesy of the Los Angeles *Craigslist*, a LaDawri-bodied Triumph TR3 offered for \$28,900:

This is a 1960's LaDawri Del Mar fiberglass bodied car on a Triumph TR3 chassis with a Triumph TR3 engine, transmission, and running gear. It has a TR3 1,991cc inline four cylinder engine with dual SU carburetors, and a four speed manual gearbox. All lights, horn and gages are operational except for the gas gauge which is not connected.

Recent work includes tearing down the front end and replacing the upper control arm bushings and ball joints, removed the steering link assembly and replaced the idler arm and pitman bushing pin set with racing-type nylon bushings, built and replaced the right front caliper and piston seals on both front brakes, and a front end alignment.

This LeDawri Del Mar starts, runs, drives and stops great. It's definitely not a perfect concours car, however, always gets thumbs up and interest at car shows and gatherings. No doubt you will be the only one to own a LaDawri Del Mar on your block (*Craigslist*)(Dec 24)



2025 South Central Regionals Hosted by RRTC



The 2025 SCVTR will be hosted by the Red River Triumph Club. Planning is underway, so save the date April 23-26, 2025 in Bellmead, Texas. The Holiday Inn & Suites/Waco Northeast will be the host hotel. More information on reservations will be coming.





Save this Date

June 27 – 28, 2025

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 our host hotel, The hotel will have a special room rate for all participants. See our web site for details soon.

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.

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2025 VTR National Convention Information

2025 Vintage Triumph Register National Convention

The Minnesota Triumphs Sports Car Club is excited to be your host for the 2025 North American Triumph Challenge!

We had a terrific event hosting VTR in 2018, so we're heading back to the same great location and host, with even more fun to fill your week.



<https://www.mntriumphs.org/vtr2025/>



Event Dates: July 15-18, 2025

Location: Radisson Hotel, La Crosse, Wisconsin

Event registration will be available before January 1, 2025.

La Crosse is near the center of the Driftless Area of Wisconsin right on the Mississippi River. This region is well known for its rolling hills, beautiful views along the river bluffs, and excellent back roads. You can pick about any direction and find scenic, winding roads with friendly small towns to visit.

VTR 2025 Accommodations

Both hotels below have opened the room blocks with our special event rate, so you can reserve your hotel room now.

Host hotel: Radisson Hotel La Crosse

- Book your room online: **VTR Booking**
<https://radissonhotellacrosse.reservationstays.com/>
- Or by phone: (608) 784-6680, let them know it's for Vintage Triumph Register 2025
- Rates: \$135 king city view, and \$145 double queen river view

Hotel Reservations now Open!

Backup hotel: Home 2 Suites

- Book your room online: **VTR Booking**
<https://home2suiteslacrosse.guestreservations.com/>
- Phone: 608.881.6666
- Rates: \$144 for the King Studio suite

Home 2 Suites is less than 3 blocks from the Radisson, so you're close to the action at either place, and there are several other options nearby to choose from if you wish.

Become a VTR Member

The Vintage Triumph Register has its benefits. A national club of Triumph enthusiasts spanning the globe needs you as a member. Affiliate club membership is not automatic membership with VTR.

Some of the benefits: *The Vintage Triumph* magazine, our award-winning, bi-monthly color publication.

VTR National convention

Access to a large number of local clubs

Website with reference material and members-only sections

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Factory trace documents on other Triumph models no longer available

Clothing, regalia, exclusive items

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Sign up at <https://vintagetriumphregister.org>



WE WANT YOU!

As a reminder, if you haven't already renewed your membership in the St Louis Triumph Owners Association, the time is now. You may pay your dues (\$20) through PayPay, via the SLTOA web site at www.sltoa.org, or you may mail a check to:

SLTOA c/o Michele Ammond
4200 Weatheron Place
St Charles,
Missouri 63304
ATTN: Membership

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Membership in SLTOA is \$20 and provides an online subscription to *Exhaust Notes*. Membership in the club will also provide you with plentiful chances to meet other Triumph nuts who will help you with your affliction. Non-renewal will result in severe chastising, removal from the roster and probable exile to the Thule Triumph Club; late renewal will bring immediate reinstatement.

Please mail your dues to the SLTOA Treasurer, Michele Ammond, 4200 Weatheron Pl, St Charles, MO 63309.

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The Roadster Factory

Dear TRF Customer-

I hope it isn't unbearably hot in your neck of the woods. I'm writing to you on Saturday and it is starting to cool off in western Pennsylvania this afternoon.

Before I get too far, I'd like to remind you that you do need to create a new account on the new [website](#) if you would like to place an order.

Several customers have requested the old online catalogues be added to the new website. Unfortunately, this is not yet possible. I have posted links to PDF's of the old catalogues. [Please click here if you'd like to take a look.](#) These are not connected to the ordering function on the website. You can search the website for the part numbers in the catalogues to see if we have something in stock though.



We are settling into our new space and Brenda made a sign for the door, which you see above. It is a little strange to be on a busy street in the middle of town, but it has its perks and we are thankful to have a space we can use to get going again.

We continue to add new parts to the website every week. You can see some of the parts we have recently added below.

best,
Albert
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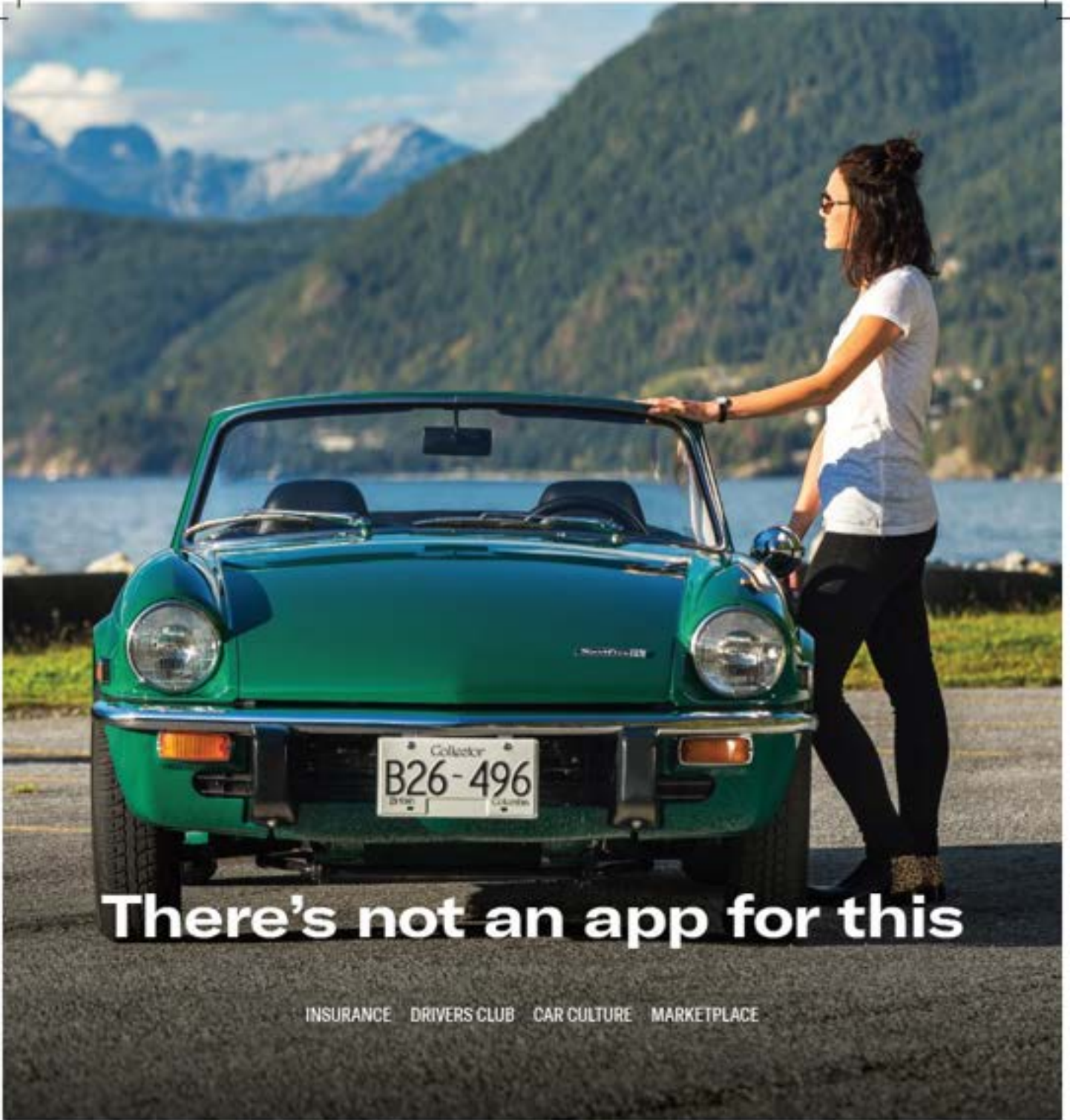
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If you have any questions about membership, please contact SLTOA treasurer Michele Ammond:

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See you at the next event!

SLTOA CLASSIFIEDS



73 TR6—Started a frame-off restoration, have decided to sell. The frame has been reinforced, sand blasted, sealed inside and out and finally painted. It's a rolling chassis with the rear end and axles fully replaced with Richard Good custom parts. Same with the brake system and suspension front and rear. I have a brand new rebuilt transmission, a Toyota retrofit from upstate New York (I can get the name for you). Multiple sets of carbs. Probably \$15k worth of stuff that I will let go for a significant discount. It was a running car (barely) but running when I got it. I drove it into my garage. I won't cut corners to put it together and simply don't have the time anymore. It is a project that needs someone that will dedicate time to it. To the educated Triumph enthusiast they will see I went above and beyond. I have quite a bit invested and for someone who has the time to pick up where I left off, this would make a great project and provide you a great head start. Contact Dan Schmidt (314)323-1266 (Jan 24)

Overdrive transmission, full stainless exhaust, engine rebuilt in UK spec with high compression flat top pistons, UK intake with dual HS-4 SU Carbs. New Robbins top, all new interior and carpet and much more. BRG with tan interior. Asking \$14,500, contact :Steve Street at (314)846-2554 or smstreet@prodigy.net. (Oct 23).

80 TR7—Orange convertible with Webers, aluminum radiator, Shelby wheels. \$7000 OBO, contact Jesse Lowe at (636)256-7790 (Mar 23)



73 GT6 MkIII—Odo shows 33K miles, restored past three years, carbs rebuilt but not hooked up, see ad for full list of new/replaced components. In St Louis, asking \$14,000, contact seller via Hemmings (<https://www.hemmings.com>) (Dec 24)

75 TR6—Purchased from an estate in 2022, comes with receipts for maintenance by Empire Automotive. Asking \$19,000, the car is in Kansas City. Contact

80 TR7—Have had it for about two to three years, acquired at auction. The car has air conditioning and is in outstanding condition with only 350 miles on the odometer. Asking \$15,500, have two other TR7s to work on (one with auto trans) but could possibly be talked into a package deal. Klaus Lambert, (314)681-6765 (Oct 24).



Joyce Hudson (913)485-3253 or joyce.knapp2750@gmail.com (May 24)

76 Spitfire 1500—Totally restored, body off frame, rebuilt from the ground up. Everything replaced or rebuilt.

For Sale—1965 TR4 engine and transmission. Engine comes with starter, generator, two Zenith-Stromberg carbs and manifold, exhaust manifold, distributor, valve train and valve cover, no fuel pump. \$950, contact Ed Stevens at (636)484-3743 (Nov 24)



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