



# *EXHAUST NOTES*

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**MAKING A LIST &  
CHECKING IT TWICE...  
ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PARTY**

# CALENDAR



**21 Jan 25—Monthly SLTOA meeting**, Fallon's Bar & Grill, 9200 Olive Blvd, Suite 116, Olivette.

**10 Feb 25—Annual Drive Your Triumph Day**, in honor of the birthday 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](mailto:driveyourtriumphday@gmail.com) and to yr fthfl ed.

**16 Feb 25—Polar Bear!** SLTOA's traditional first drive of the New Year. Route/details TBA.

**18 Feb 25—Monthly SLTOA meeting.**

**20 Apr 25—Annual MG-Triumph Challenge**, in association with HCCMO's Forest Park Easter Concours. More to follow.

**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>.

**16-20 Jun 25—TRA National Meet**, in Kalamazoo, Michigan. Host hotel is the Holiday Inn & Suites, more info at <https://www.triumphregister.com/national-meet>.

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

**29 Aug 25—2025 Kastner Cup**, Lime Rock Park, Connecticut. Sponsored by The Friends of Triumph, info at <https://kastnercup.com>.

**2-5 Oct 25—6-Pack Trials**, "Moonshine On the Mountains," at Fontana Dam, North Carolina. Info at <https://jimholewka.wixsite.com/trials2025>.

**5-8 Oct 25—Vintage Triumphest 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/Triumphest/>.

**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—MGCStL 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.

**30 Jan 25—MGCStL RUBCO**, Silver Pancake House, 9983 Manchester Rd, 9-11 AM.

**9 Feb 25—Belleville Automotive Swap Meet**, at the Belle-Clair Fairgrounds, 200 South Belt East, Belleville. General admission \$4, open 6 AM-1 PM. For info including vendor spaces, call Kevin Kulp, (618)616-8715.

**17 Feb 25—MGCStL Tech Session No. 2**, It's Alive Automotive, 11714 St Charles Rock Rd, 5:30-7:30 PM. Polishing your car and other improvements, come early for dinner!

**27 Feb 25—MGCStL RUBCO**, Golden Oak Pancake House, 7289 Watson Rd, 9-11 AM.

**16 Mar 25—MGCStL Pinewood Derby**, at Bar-K, 4565 McRee Ave, St Louis. Monitor <https://stlouismgclub.com>.

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## It's that time again—dues are due

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29 Mar 25—New Orleans British Motoring Festival, Covington, Louisiana. Info at <https://www.bmcno.org/2025-british-motoring-festival/>.

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 shall be revealed...

# NEGATIVE CAMBER by the Editor



Well, here we are y’all, we’ve concluded an excellent, busy 2024 and are now into 2025 soooo, Happy New Year!

The recent ice and snowfall raises the question of the probability of a good old

-fashioned Midwest winter, similar to the ones I recall from my family’s tours in Lincoln, Nebraska and Grand Forks, North Dakota. About a month from now we’ll know what we’re facing for the first two events of the

year, Drive Your Triumph Day on 10 February and the annual Polar Bear Run on 16 February. If the past is any indication, anything could happen.

In the meantime, I hope everyone enjoyed the holidays. Unless you have a heated garage (for the record, I don’t), probably not too much getting done with your Triumph; come the spring, there’ll undoubtedly be a jump in reports to the “Works in Progress” monthly column.

Finally, a couple of history notes. February marks the *(Continued on page 12)*

## *In Memoriam*

### **Richard N. “Dick” Olds**

**31 October 1943—3 December 2024**



The club lost one of its longtime members on 3 December 2024 with the passing of Dick Olds at his home in St Charles.

A native of Indianapolis, Dick graduated in 1965 from the US Naval Academy, with subsequent service as a Naval Flight Officer. Post-Navy, he worked for a number of companies, including Ford, Westinghouse Marine Division and GKN Aerospace.

No surprise, but his many interests included vehicles; his first car was a 1965 red TR4 and he was a regular at SLTOA events in his blue 1966 TR4A, which he’d restored with a modern engine, automatic trans and improved suspension.

Dick is survived by Linda, his wife of 50 years, two daughters and six grandsons. Interment with military honors will take place at Arlington National Cemetery at a later date. You can read his full obituary at <https://neptunesociety.com/obituaries/creve-coeur-mo/richard-olds-12115803>.



***Fair Winds & Following Seas***

# ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PARTY—14 DECEMBER 2024

Twenty-seven of the St Louis Triumph faithful gathered at Jefferson Grill in downtown Kirkwood on Saturday the 14th for the annual Christmas gathering and meal, and a fine day it was. Santa Jack and Chief Elf Bonnie stood by early on, accepting donations to the Toys for Tots program (see below); after the meal, Bonnie honchoed the gift exchange, which involved rolling of dice and steady movement of the presents between the participants (one recipient: "Holy cow, I actually got something that's car-related!").

Everyone who attended this year's gathering had a great time, with plenty of small talk and exchanges of holiday and Triumph-related memories in and around the excellent meal. Through it all, our hostess/server Amanda and the Grill staff did a bang-up job of maintaining order, cycling everyone through the buffet line and keeping the drinks flowing. Our thanks to them.



Last minute check of the list...



Everyone's glad to see Santa!



Winner of the Ugly Holiday Sweater contest: Barbara Schmitt



**Santa's Elf sends a very special THANK YOU to everyone who brought Toys for Tots on Saturday. It was all very kind of all of you, a lot of children will be happy. We had 30-plus items that were delivered to the drop off spot. Merry Christmas, Happy Holidays and Happy New Year to all!**

**- Chief Elf Bonnie**



Chief Elf Bonnie confers with Sam Sheppard and his mom Patty.



Another SLTOA holiday tradition: cheesecake



Excellent haul for Toys For Tots



Best tie (Dave Massey)



"Okay, here's how we're going to do the gift exchange"





“And then he said, ‘I want to buy a Triumph’”



Oh by the way: Go Navy! Beat Army!



“Ooooooh, way cool!”



Joe and Michele Ammond with Michele’s mom Nansei Rice



Jack and Bonnie David



Creig and Kay Houghtaling



Pat and Teresa Kasate



Ed and Mary Kaizer



David and Jeanne Layton



Jesse and Rosemary Lowe



Dave and Linda Massey



Steve and Maria Moore



David Pollard



Karl and Barbara Schmitt



Patty and Sam Sheppard



John and Linda Willerton



...and our hostess Amanda



## BACKWARDS GLANCE: AN UPSCALE DOLOMITE

With the possible exception of the Mayflower and Renown, Triumph was never particularly known for producing luxury, upscale saloons/sedans. The Mayflower's interior was certainly tidy and the Renown's passenger compartment was, in fact, a step up; one could even say the latter could serve as an appropriate conveyance for an up-and-coming businessman or official. The Triumph 10? Not a chance...also tidy but it was an economical family car with absolutely no pretensions towards luxury or sportiness.



Above, Mayflower interior (photo via *Secret Classics*). Below, Renown interior, more upscale (photo via *Shannon's Club*)



Triumph 10, not a chance...(photo via *Bring A Trailer*)

No, with Triumph, sport was the key, and that included the procession of 1960s and 1970s coupes and saloons such as the Herald, Vitesse, 1300, 1500, Toledo, 2000, 2500. 2.5 PI and Dolomite. As it turned out, the

effort to build a luxury Triumph sedan fell to another manufacturer: Panther Westwinds, established by Robert "Bob" Jankel in 1971.

Born in January 1938 in London's East End, he developed an interest in cars during his teen years (sound familiar?) and started rebuilding them as a hobby; he also briefly raced motorcycles and an Anglia. He placed 3<sup>rd</sup> in the Ford in the British Auto Racing Club (BARC) event at Mallory Park on 19 September 1959 and scored a repeat 3<sup>rd</sup> at Mallory the following August.



Robert Jankel (photo via *AutoPortal*)

Ah, but by that point Jankel had a family to support, so he joined his father's clothing/fashion design business. He continued to work on cars when feasible and, in 1970, rebuilt a 1930 Rolls-Royce as a family car. While the Jankels were in Spain, a prominent bullfighter saw the car and offered Jankel £10,000 (about \$25,000). He decided there might be something to the process of upgrading and modifying vehicles and, in 1971, formed Panther Westwinds in Blyfeet, Surrey.

A highly entertaining series of "instant classic" cars subsequently came out of the factory, or at unique vehicles that featured classic styling themes. The first was the J72, produced from 1972 to 1986 and something of a copy of the Jaguar SS100. The sports car relied heavily on Jaguar XJ6 components and running gear, was initially offered with Jag's 3.8L six, followed by the 4.2L six and 5.3L V12. Panther sold about 376.



Panther J72 (photo via Panther Car Club)

Jankel and his team followed up with the DeVille limousine, also based on Jaguar running gear but modeled after the Bugatti Royale. Stretching over 17 feet long and weighing three tons, the cars came complete with a

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*Upscale Dolomite* (Continued from page 7)

bar and television for the passengers out back; between 1974 and 1982, Panther delivered 46 saloons/sedans and 11 convertibles.



Panther Deville (photo via Panther Car Club)

During this period Jankel turned to Triumph for his next car, a smaller, more fuel-efficient luxury saloon. He chose the Triumph Dolomite, introduced in October 1972, for the new offering.

In creating the Panther Rio, the company's technicians replaced most of the Dolomite's steel body panels with aluminum, which added 4.5 inches of length to the body. The front end received a new, easily recognized grill (junior Rolls-Royce, anyone?) and headlights from the Ford Granada Mk I, while the taillights came from the TR6. Mechanically, no major changes to the Dolomite's 2L four with twin Strombergs, which powered the rear wheels via a 4-speed or optional slushbox. Subsequently, Panther offered the Especial edition, with the Dolomite Sprint's 16-valve engine, electric windows and a standard radio/cassette. Options were limited to an automatic trans, electric sunroof and air conditioning.



Panther Rio (photo via AROnline)

Ah, but inside...Connolly leather and thick carpeting with burr oak dashboard and trim which, per one automotive writer, put the driving experience "...somewhere between a Jaguar XJ12 and Rolls-Royce Silver Shadow."



Above, Rio interior (photo via Panther Car Club). Below, the back end, featuring TR6 lights (photo via *Classic & Sports Car*)



The Rio went on sale in September 1975. Per a company press release, the smallish luxury saloon offered "...the highest level of luxury appointments and smooth quietness with superb handling, a 115 mph maximum speed and 0-60 acceleration in 8.7 seconds." The release further stated the Rio would provide the owner "hand-crafted exclusivity without ostentation."

Unfortunately, the Panther Rio suffered from one built-in headwind: its price. The car cost £8996 (approximately \$19,971). At introduction in 1976, the Especial sold for £9445 (\$17,001). By comparison, in the Dolomite Sprint cost £3283 (\$5909) and the Jaguar XJ with V12 £7496 (\$13,492). Per Simon Hucknall in *Classic & Sports Cars*, "...when launched, the Rio Especial was around triple the price of the Dolly Sprint, and for near enough the same money you could have bought the new Mercedes-Benz 450SL, a Ferrari 308GT4 or even a Jaguar XJ12 with three grand change."

Jonathan Wells, writing in GQ stated the Rio was "...an unapologetically exotic name for what was basically a zhuzhed-up Triumph Dolomite...imagine a Rolls-Royce taking a wrong turn in front of a shrink ray but tis price tag being unaffected." In the end, Panther Westwinds only built and sold 18 Rios; six or so survive.

The company followed in up in 1977 with the completely off-the-wall, six-wheel Panther 6, powered by a mid-engined 8.2L twin turbo Cadillac engine. It didn't look like anything else on the road (some scribes pon-

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dered the possibility Jankel was influenced by the Tyrell P34 formula 1 car) and only two were built before Panther's collapse in April 1980.



Panther J6 (Photo by Bonhams)

A Korean businessman bought Panther Westwinds and moved production to the old Brooklands race track in 1983, followed by a 1988 shift to Harlow, Essex. Production continued with the Panther Lima (Vauxhall-based, resembled a Morgan), Panther Kalista (Ford-based) and the Solo. The latter, modern and wedge-shaped (no surprise there; it was the '80s) offered four-wheel-drive and a 2L Cosworth engine; reportedly somewhere between 14 and 21 were manufactured before Panther went out of business again.

SsangYong, the owner of Panther Westwinds, merged into Daewoo in 1999 and Jankel re-acquired the rights to the Panther name. This iteration of the company developed and one prototype of the rather startling J99 with mid-engine supercharged Ford V8, but Jankel's death in 2005 put an end to both the J99 and Panther.

Jonathan Wells, writing in *Gentlemen's Quarterly*, summed up the company and its owner this way:

Too much was never enough for Panther. The carmaker never stuck to a single style or aesthetic. It didn't shy away from asking prices that eclipsed Ferraris, Lamborghinis and Aston Martins. Hell, even four wheels didn't even cut it sometimes. Panther did what it wanted. Or rather, its founder, Robert Jankel, did what he wanted. Like an early Elon Musk or Richard Branson, Jankel spent the 1970s dreaming up

and bolting together the most extraordinary cars – from sweeping Gatsby-worthy roadsters to dimension-defying limousines.

As for the few surviving Rios, one – a 1977 Especial – went up for sale in Nottinghamshire in 2021 for £21,000 (\$28,980). The more numerous J72s, Kalistas and even the odd DeVille regularly appear in the collectible car market in Europe.



Panther Rio (photo via Panther Car Club)

**Sources:** Simon Taylor, "Full Throttle," *Classic & Sports Car*, August 2022; Simon Hucknall, "Restyles with substance," *Classic & Sports Car*, November 2024; "Panther Car History," The Panther Car Club Ltd, [https://www.panthercarclub.com/PCC\\_panther\\_car\\_history.php](https://www.panthercarclub.com/PCC_panther_car_history.php), n.d.; Jonathan Wells, "Panther Westwinds is the best British car company you've never heard of," *Gentlemen's Quarterly*, 4 July 2020; Jon Burgess, "Panther Rio: the downsized executive car that kept oil tycoons high and dry," *Hagerty*, 5 May 2022; Keith Adams, "The Converters: Panther Rio," *AROnline*, 7 May 2017; "Meet the Owner – Peter R Mayo and His Panther Rio Especial," Lancaster Insurance Services, 3 May 2019; Racing Sports Cars, <https://www.racingsportscars.com>.



## 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. January's challenge: take a shot of your TR in front of a bank.

Please email your photo to Glenn at [gowens\\_lig@att.net](mailto:gowens_lig@att.net) and to Yr Fthfl Ed at [rangermk@sbcglobal.net](mailto:rangermk@sbcglobal.net) for publication in the *Notes*.

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# TR TECH: THE CHRISTMAS EDITION

To all,

Happy New Year gang.

For Christmas I had quite a windfall on items for the TR6. Ronnie got me a set of LED headlights from Litezupp, I installed them this past week, and finally got out to sample them. They were plug and plan and I used a piece of cardboard and a yardstick to align them and to my surprise they appear to be well set up. It is so nice not to driving under candlelight. I am sending you a couple of images I captured off my dashcam to demonstrate the improvement.



My youngest son, Brian, gifted me a LED instrument light kit, also from Litezupp, and I will install them when I put in a new turn signal switch to replace the one fails to self cancel on right turns. While I have the gauges are out for the light replacement, I plan to replace the gaskets that seal the glass to eliminate occasional fogging of the glass. Not being able to find the flimsy factory paper gaskets I plan on using Ronnie's craft tools to make some new ones out of a more durable material. I will write something up on this if successful.

My old 70's era Pioneer cassette AM/FM radio gave up the ghost on one of the channels in the TR6. I started looking around for a reasonably price replace radio and found one on eBay, a new unit that fits the TR6 plinth and has AM-FM-AUX-MP3 functionality for \$242 including shipping and taxes. It is from a California outfit, and it fits directly into a TR6. See a sample photo from the vendor. My eldest, Adrian, provided a cash gift card to purchase something for one of my cars and this covered a good portion of the purchase price. I expect it in another week or so and will provide an update on how this works out.



I am providing this information as I thought that we may want to update our Resources List on our site to include Litezupp, and the gasket, and radio supplier after I receive and get those installed.

- Stephen Paur

PS—My very thoughtful daughter-in-law Ashley stumbled upon a 1976 Triumph “Save an Endangered Species. Buy One.” advertisement. She had it framed and now has pride of place in my office room.

# TRIUMPHS IN PRINT



The December issue of *Thoroughbred & Classic Cars* has two features on the truly unique vehicle: the one-and-only Triumph TR7 Tracer estate. One covers the history of the car, including its conversion to an estate by Crayford, its multiple owners and restoration. The second article by the magazine's Alex Riley goes into more detail on the car, including a drive and an entertaining

ment of the TR7's gas tank with two tanks in the rear wings. No surprise, but between the two mods, luggage space is limited, to put it mildly). Anyway, if you're a TR and/or Wedge aficionado or just want to see something really different, grab a copy of the magazine, head to page 60 and enjoy.



Next up, the December issue of *Classic & Sports Car* includes a comparison of six classic British sports cars powered by inline sixes ("Brits with Six appeal"). No surprise, the group includes the TR5 which is put up against an Austin-Healey 3000. Author Charlie Collingwood states the TR5 is "...an odd mix of modernity and tradition, then, the TR5. It makes an event out of every journey, with its vociferous engine, bucking suspension and swift steering..." He adds, in summary, "...you have to turn to the gruff, simple charms of the Austin-Healey and Triumph. Both of these sturdy straight-sixes emphasise the configuration's inherent durability, as they remixed saloon-car mechanicals into accessible sporting experiences. The archetypal British sports car, then."



Photo by Jonathan Jacob/*Thoroughbred & Classic Cars*

photo of the 6'4" columnist crammed into the back seat (yes, the Tracer had a back seat; that forced the replace-

The other segments compare a Jaguar XK150 and Aston Martin DB5; and AC Ace and Bristol 405.



## ADMIT IT, YOU WANT THIS CAR



Once again *Barn Finds* (<https://barnfinds.com>) comes through, early winter, with this remarkable offering: a 1959 Bond Mark F. Per author Michelle Rand, it's best described as a "glorified shopping cart."

Lawrie Bond, experienced steam, aircraft and engine mechanic, developed the three-wheeler cars that bore his name following World War II. After turning out a couple of race cars, he developed the Mark A for his wife:

Constructed by Sharps Commercials, Ltd with three wheels, a Villiers two-stroke, Perspex windshield, and a convertible top, the Shopping Car could travel at about 45 mph. A series of improvements led further into the alphabet, with the B, C, D and E arrive sequentially. By the time the F arrived, the car actually had two doors, a

Triplex windshield and full length chrome bumpers. Almost 6500 Mark Fs were made.

The car had a 12 bhp Villiers 247cc air-cooled, single-cylinder, two-stroke engine and a four-speed gearbox, 12 volt electrical system and mechanical brakes; a reverse gear was optional (!). It topped out at about 55 mph.

Per the seller, the car ran just fine but needed a replacement windshield and work on the exhaust system. Again, per Rand,

These entertaining little cars served a purpose in post-war Britain, with tax, licensing and fuel economy advantages over many competitors. Sales waned when customers opted for more luxurious conveyances, but production of the Bond minicar continued until 1966. Fortunately for fans of quirky cars, Bond soldiered on with the elegant Triumph-based Equipe, then was acquired by Reliant, bringing a few new models to fruition.

"Triumph-based Equipe?" Hmm, that could serve as the subject for a future article in *Exhaust Notes*. In any event, this Mark F, located in Clancy, Montana, went up for sale on Craigslist for \$6000. No word on a sale.



## BEST OF CRAIGSLIST



**60 morris woodie hybrid—\$10,500**—27,300 orig miles, 50 miles per gallon, tiki theme, custom paint, custom wheels, trailer hitch, air conditioning, runs strong. Drove to San Diego last summer and got 51 miles per gallon=clean title not a salvage title=based on 2002 prius platform=no top=im located in sf Bay Area=This build will cost you 2 to 3 times my asking price today to have this car built like this=so it's a bargain price CALL 510-461-1613 leave voice message to call you back=my phone don't get texts. TRADE FOR VOLVO 1961 or 1962 P1800, 2wd scout or 60 rambler American 2 door wagon that's good running condition with no rust issues. In Hayward, CA (*Craigslist*) (Jan 25)

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43<sup>rd</sup> anniversary of SLTOA. According to the January-February edition of *The English Channel*, the bi-monthly newsletter supplement to *The Vintage Triumph*, John Kelly was involved in an effort to form a VTR chapter in the St Louis area. The new Triumph club ran its first Polar Bear Run in January 1983, 42 years ago; it remains the longest continuously run club driving event.

Finally, June will mark the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the demise of Triumph cars. In June 1984, production of the Triumph Acclaim (a badge-engineered Honda Ballade/

Civic) ended at the Cowley, Oxford plant concluded in favor of the Rover 200 (also based on the Ballade). At the end one could buy a standard Acclaim in several trim levels as well as two limited production specials: the Avon Acclaim (developed by Avon Coachworks, with lots of leather and wood dash and trim) and the Avon Acclaim Turbo, with bigger tires, upgraded interior and a turbocharger which increased engine power from 70 bhp to 105 bhp.

Forty years...pew, amazing how time flies, eh? See y'all at the next meeting.

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**45th YEAR SEMI-ANNUAL BELLEVILLE**  
***Automotive Swap Meet***

**Sunday, February 9, 2025**

**Belle-Clair Fairgrounds**

**200 South Belt East  
Belleville, Illinois 62220**

**General Admission -- \$4.00**

**Hours  
6:00 AM to 1:00 PM**

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# British Motoring Festival

Covington Trailhead

March 29, 2025



**British Motoring Festival**  
**March 29, 2025**

**BMCNO invites you to our British Motoring Festival on Saturday, March 29, 2025 at the Tammany Trace Covington Trailhead and Firehouse Events Center in Covington, Louisiana! British Motoring Club New Orleans celebrates the interest, ownership, restoration and driving of British cars and motorcycles. We hope you'll be a part of our 33<sup>rd</sup> annual show by entering your British car or bike, or come by to visit!**

<https://www.bmcno.org/2025-british-motoring-festival/>



**2025 SOUTH CENTRAL  
TR REGIONALS  
APRIL 23-26, 2025  
BELLMEAD, TEXAS**



**Red River Triumphs invites you to 2025 Regionals**

The Red River Triumph Club is pleased to invite you to the 2025 South Central VTR Regionals to be held April 23 -26, 2025 in Bellmead, Texas. The theme will be the 60th Anniversary of the Spitfire MK2. Our host hotel, The Holiday Inn & Suites, is located just 10 miles north of Waco, Texas on I-35. The hotel is central to all of the driving activities and other planned events and provides spacious meeting and dining room spaces for all of our onsite activities.

**[Register HERE](#)**



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**Where to stay**

The Holiday Inn Express & Suites has a limited number of rooms reserved for us. You can use the below QR code to book a room in our reserved block and pricing.

Or call them directly at **Front desk: 1-254-799-9997**

**Holiday Inn & Suites Waco Northwest**

1801 Development Boulevard Waco, Texas



**Tentative Schedule of Events**

**Wednesday—23 April**

12:00pm-8:00pm Registration/Hospitality

12:00pm-5:00pm Self-guided tours

**Thursday—24 April**

7:00am-9:00pm Breakfast Runs\*

9:00am-6:00pm Registration/Hospitality

9:00am-6:00pm Silent Auction

9:00am-3:00pm Gimmick Rally\*

9:00am-11:00am Autocross Tech Session

2:00pm-5:00pm Autocross Tech Session

6:00pm-8:00pm Welcome Reception

**Friday—25 April**

8:00am-5:00pm Registration/Hospitality

8:00am-5:00pm Silent Auction

10:00am-3:00pm Autocross\*

**Friday—25 April Cont..**

11:00am-2:00pm Funkhana\*

1:00pm-6:00pm Car Wash

6:00pm-8:00pm Dinner Runs\*

**Saturday—24 April**

7:00am-8:00am Judge's Breakfast

9:00am-6:00pm Registration/Hospitality

9:00am-1:00pm Concourse

6:00pm Silent Auction closes

6:00pm-7:00pm Happy Hour

7:00pm-10:00pm Awards Banquet

**Sunday-27 April**

7:00am-11:00am Farewell / Checkout

**NOTE:** Activities marker with an \* are counted as driving events, for concourse.

**Schedule subject to change.**





# 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 27<sup>th</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup> 2025.

#### Friday, June 27<sup>th</sup>

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 28<sup>th</sup>

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 27<sup>th</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup> 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.



## **CRUISE INTO KALAMAZOO AND LET YOUR TRIUMPH TRULY 'ZOOM'!**



**Reservations for the 2025 TRA National Meet Hotel** can be made by calling the front desk to make their reservations. Call 269-888-4800 option 0 and ask for the Triumph Register group block for 2025.

If you would prefer to make your reservation online please follow the link below for our group block. You just need to click on the "View Prices" tab at the top of the page then select the dates of your visit and your rate (\$139 per night) should come up.

**TRIUMPH REGISTER OF AMERICA NATIONAL MEET 2025**

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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**  
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- 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.

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**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

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# 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](http://www.sltoa.org), or you may mail a check to:

SLTOA c/o Michele Ammond  
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## Available Again! TR3 Side Curtain Restoration



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Dear TRF Customer-  
I hope you are well.

I am happy to let you know we have resumed our "TR3" side curtain rebuilding service. It took a while to get all the materials rounded up. We have the sliding windows made through one manufacturer. Seals and channels are made through other companies. The special silver paint was mixed up through our local paint shop. And we had to get the various materials in various colors for the final covering. It all came together by November though and, over the last couple of weeks, Brenda has successfully completed one set of wedge mount and one set of Dzus mount frames. They look great.

If you have a set of frames that need recovered, please get in touch for more information. You can simply reply to this email, or send us a message over the website. Please note, we are not doing the very early TR2 "fixed window" sidecurtains at this time.

We don't have much in the way of gift options this year, but you can find a few stocking stuffer ideas below. There is also reintroduitory pricing on some new additions to the website, including Dayton wire wheels and TR3 Wilton Wool carpet sets. I hope you are ready for your holidays. I'll probably be back in touch one more time before Christmas.

Best, Albert  
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**As a member, you will receive the SLTOA monthly newsletter *Exhaust Notes*, which includes:**

- Articles about SLTOA drives and events, both planned and past
- Schedules for regional and national Triumph and British car events
- Technical tips and tech sessions.
- Feature articles on Triumph vehicles, personalities and competition history
- For sale/want ads, free to members of SLTOA

**You and yours will be able to participate with other SLTOA members in:**

- SLTOA touring drives
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- Local, regional and national British car shows and conventions
- The SLTOA Annual Picnic meeting
- The annual SLTOA Holiday Party at a club-subsidized rate
- The club-sponsored web site, with event and activity details and access to the club's private email list for quick communications with other SLTOA members

**You will receive the SLTOA Membership Directory, updated annually and made available following the close of the annual membership drive.**

**Members using Facebook also have access to the SLTOA Facebook site.**

← **Join or renew your SLTOA membership today!** →

Payment for dues may be made by mail, at meetings or by using the PayPal option on the club web page. Dues including email delivery of Exhaust Notes every month are \$20 annually. Payment by Pay-Pal will include a processing fee.

Be advised, we can no longer offer to mail newsletters to new members via the US Postal Service. Current members who have been receiving the newsletter via U.S. mail will be grandfathered and will continue to receive the newsletter via mail, however, the membership rate will increase to \$35.00 annually

Send payment to: SLTOA Treasurer  
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For the directory, upon joining/renewing, please provide your address, contact information including mail and number and year/model of your Triumph or Triumphs (feel free to list any other special interest/collectable vehicles you may have in your possession).

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

[chele@ammond.org](mailto:chele@ammond.org)

**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)



**73 TR6**—Great running car, upgrades include roller rockers, shaved head, electronic ignition, custom exhaust, odometer's not working. In Marissa, IL, \$6200. Call or text Bill (618)910-3855 (*Craigslist*)(Jan 25)



**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 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. 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)



**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).



**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)

**For Sale**—1971 Spitfire parts. Contact Adrian Black at apmblack@icloud.com or (832)764-2890 for more info. The items are in Richmond, Texas.



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# SLTOA MONTHLY MEETING

21 January 2025



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Gather after 5 PM or thereabouts, make regular references to the "good old days" (ie, prior to 2025), talk up the holidays, quaff some ale



*And Finally....*

**So, how are those repairs and maintenance coming on the TR?**

