



# *EXHAUST NOTES*

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# CALENDAR



**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 at [rangermk@sbcglobal.net](mailto:rangermk@sbcglobal.net).

**16 Feb 25**—**Polar Bear!** SLTOA's traditional first drive of the New Year, see page 3.

**18 Feb 25**—Monthly **SLTOA meeting**, Lazy River Grill.

**18 Mar 25**—Monthly **SLTOA meeting**.

**23 Mar 25**—SLTOA **Where's Spring?! Drive**, details TBA.

**20 Apr 25**—Annual **MG-Triumph Challenge for the British Leyland Cup**, in association with HCCMO's Forest Park Easter Concours. Planning underway, 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/>.

**30 Jan 25**—MG Club of St Louis **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!

**23 Feb 25**—Jaguar Association of Greater St Louis **Rallye to Jefferson City**, for a private tour of the state capitol, ice cream and more. Meet at the StL BreadCo, 16508 Manchester Rd, Wildwood, at 8:45, lunch will take place at Oscar's Classic Diner in Jeff City. Please RSVP to Jim Hendrix at [jhendrix@curtispack.com](mailto:jhendrix@curtispack.com) (314)406-2481 or Phil Taxman at [ssjagman@aol.com](mailto:ssjagman@aol.com) (314)761-5913.

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

**1 Mar 25**—JAGSL **Coffee, Coffee and Cars**, at Just Jags, 7113 N Hanley Rd, 9 AM-12 noon. Talk cars, have coffee and shoot the breeze. Please RSVP (314)616-7440.

**16 Mar 25**—MGCStL **Pinewood Derby**, at Bar-K, 4565 McRee Ave, St Louis, 1-4 PM.

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**It's that time again—dues are due**

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- 16 Mar 25**—St Louis Region SCCA **Autocross/Solo Novice School**, Family Arena. Registration and brief driver's meeting at 7:30 AM, \$125 entry fee, non-SCCA members will pay an additional \$20 weekend membership. Attendance limited to 24 students, registration up and operating 1 February at <https://www.stlscca.org/autocross/schedule>.
- 17 Mar 25**—MGCStL **Tech Session No. 3**, at Past & Present Auto Supply, 2020 S Old Highway 94 #3725, St Charles, 6-7:30 PM. Bob Bentzinger will talk about auto electricals.
- 22 Mar 25**—JAGSL **It's Alive Tour/Tech Session**, 11714 St Charles Rock Rd. Meet around 9:30 AM, tour begins at 10 AM and Jeff will serve lunch.
- 30 Mar 25**—Boeing Sports Car Club **Autocross No. 1**, first of nine events, Family Arena, St Charles. Grab a helmet, show around 9-9:30, \$50 for six runs. For more information or to get on the email list, contact Racer Steve at [sshab@yahoo.com](mailto:sshab@yahoo.com).
- 11-13 Apr 25**—St Louis Region SCCA **Road Racing Extravaganza**, at World Wide Technology Raceway, including Majors road racing Saturday/Sunday. Info at <https://www.stlscca.org/road-racing-extravaganza-april-11-12-13-15-world-wide-technology-raceway/>.
- 13 Apr 25**—St Louis Region SCCA **Autocross No. 1**, Family Arena, St Charles. \$45 early registration (\$55 for late registration), plus \$20 non-member weekend membership. Call up <https://www.stlscca.org/autocross/schedule> for info/requirements.
- 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...
- 19 Apr 25**—**Cars & Coffee/Amp Up** should resume, 13901 Manchester Rd, 8-11 AM.
- 20 Apr 25**—Horseless Carriage Club of Missouri **Forest Park Easter Concours**, incorporating the annual MG-Triumph Challenge for the British Leyland Cup. Details to follow.
- 27 Apr 25**—Boeing Sports Car Club **Autocross No. 2**, Family Arena, St Charles. Grab a helmet, show around 9-9:30, \$50 for six runs. For more information or to get on the email list, contact Racer Steve at [sshab@yahoo.com](mailto:sshab@yahoo.com).



ST. LOUIS TRIUMPH OWNERS ASSOCIATION

## POLAR BEAR RUN

SLTOA's traditional first drive of the New Year

# Polar Bear '25

Sunday, 16 February 2025

Meet at 10:30 at the Westport parking lot along Westport Plaza Drive, between Fee Fee Rd and Progress Parkway. Driver's meeting at 10:45, cars roll at 11:00

End point/lunch at the Wildwood Pub & Grill, 17253 New College Ave

Want to do the drive as a TSD rally? We'll provide the rally instructions.

Otherwise, come on out for a drive!







## NEGATIVE CAMBER



Hard for me to believe, but I'm coming up on the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of my move down here from Seattle/King County. In addition, I'm coming up on the 17<sup>th</sup> anniversary of my assuming the duties as editor of *Exhaust Notes*. Wow, time does fly when you're having fun...

Anyway, St Louis marks the third time that I've lived in the Midwest, following Lincoln AFB, Nebraska (1959-1962) and Grand Forks AFB, North Dakota (1966-1970). I remember the winters in those two locales as rather fierce, with lots of cold and snow, particularly at Grand Forks. Greater St Louis winters? Fair amount of cold, periodic dips below 0° and, every other year or so, enough snow to slow or stall local proceedings.

This year? Well...As I wrap up this edition of the *Notes*, three weeks have passed since the snowstorm of the New Year, which dumped several inches of the white snuff (plus sleet and freezing rain, natch) on the region. We got about six inches here in west county, St Charles County got around a foot and there's still snow on the ground, despite several days now above freezing.

And guess what's coming? Yup, our first two events of the New Year. Drive Your Triumph Day is on Monday 10 February, followed by the annual Polar Bear Run on Sunday the 16<sup>th</sup>. Over the years we've had a number of Polar Bear Runs where the weather was springlike (no surprise, *lots* of cars and participants!) and I can recall a couple of Februarys where we had to postpone the drive due to road conditions.

Hopefully, both events will take place without too much in the way bad road conditions and inclement weather. Hmm...seeing as these two events provide the majority of material for the March issue of the *Notes*, I particularly hope they come off without a hitch.

In the meantime, enjoy this "thin" issue. My thanks to Dave Massey and TWA editor Jim TenCate for permission to reprint Dave's most excellent article from *The Bulletin*. Talk about a classic road trip...

## MEETING NOTES—21 FEBRUARY



*A bunch of the boys were whooping it up in the Malamute saloon;  
The kid that handles the music-box was hitting a jag-time tune. . .*

"The Shooting of Dan McGrew"  
Robert Service

Okay, okay, it wasn't the Great White North nor the Yukon for that matter, but it was mid-February. Still, 12 hardy souls ventured out in the dark, dank night of sub-teen temperatures and residual snow and ice to celebrate all things Triumph. The venue: one of our newer favorites, Fallon's on Olive Blvd up by I-170.

Everyone engaged in the usual small talk over dinner, with topics including the joys of Oahu (warm, sunny...go figure) and a interesting tale by club president David Pollard about the time back during his teenage years when he and his sister survived the crash of an Austin-Healey 3000 following brake failure. On the domestic front, Jack David announced that he and Bonnie were celebrating 56 years and 6 months of marriage. Congrats!

### Treasurer

Prez Dave started the meeting at 7 PM, noting treasurer Michele Ammond and husband Joe had run into whiteout conditions while returning from Michigan and wouldn't make the meeting.

- He reminded everyone that with the pending move of the Ammonds back to Michigan, the club needs a member to volunteer to ensure continuity in the position. If interested/willing, contact David.
- Current club account balance is \$5181.19. Income between 1 November and 17 January included membership dues, Christmas party payments and product sales. Expenditures included a matching donation to the Disabled American Veterans in association with November's Veterans Run and Christmas party expense.

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# ODD HEGBERG'S GRAND ADVENTURE

by Dave Massey and some from Jim TenCate



**Ed Note:** To your left is the cover of the Fall 2024 issue of *The Bulletin*, the quarterly publication of The Wedge Owners Association (TWOA). For starters, if you own or like TR7s and TR8s, you need to join this organization. You'll get benefits, including *The Bulletin*, tech support and connections to other members of the Wedge community.

The summer issue provided a short introduction to one of TWOA's more distant members, Odd Hedberg of Sweden ("Prelude," *The Bulletin*, Summer 2024). Odd decided to attend the 2024 VTR National in Indiana, including the Wedge reunion and flew in from Sweden to assist Jim TenCate with getting his two Wedges to Nashville, Indiana.

We'll let Dave Massey—with an assist from Jim—pick up the story there, concerning the drive back post-convention.

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Last issue you read about the start of Odd Hedberg's Most Excellent Adventure. It's the "Prelude" on page 14 in case you missed it. Chapter 1 (not included here) of this adventure explains Jim's plans to get his two wedge-shaped cars to VTR Nationals. We'll spare you most of the details (it's a long story) but these: the original plan was for Jim to stage his platinum TR8 at his mum's in Michigan after the South Central Regionals. That all went as expected. He flew back home to NM and immediately started working on Blj, an Aran Beige TR8, to get it roadworthy (Blj is Klingon for "Punishment").

A week before VTR Nationals, Odd was to fly into Chicago from Stockholm via Iceland and then either Amtrak to Jim's mum or Jim would pick him up at O'Hare Airport. That would give Odd about a week to undo jetlag and them to do any last minute fixing on the three cars (Jim's brother's TR7, and his two TR8s). It didn't happen that way. Suffice it to say, Jim underestimated just how many weird and bizarre issues Blj would throw at him. Blj was grounded finally with another gas tank seal leak and some evidence mice had chewed on wiring. Plan B had been for Jim to take his daily driver instead, the Triumph support vehicle his daughter named Max.

Chapter 2 of Odd's story is all about the goings on at VTR Nationals and you've already read reports about that as well. This is the story of what happened afterwards!

## Chapter 3. Nashville, Indiana to White Rock, New Mexico.

**Day 1:** A group of four intrepid travelers left Nashville under threatening skies. Our band of merry men was comprised of Dave Massey in his green TR8, Odd Hedberg in the white Tesla Model 3 (Max), Jim TenCate in the Platinum TR8 and Jeremy Dearing in the white TR6. All fueled up, the Triumphs were ready to make St. Louis. The electric car, however required a stop halfway.



The forecast for rain was about 50% but the roads and the skies remained dry all the way to just short of Terre Haute. Then the skies opened up. This was also the end of the blue-line highway and we were forced to use the interstate (I-70) for about 12 miles. Once safely into Illinois we were able to leave the interstate and utilize Old Highway 40. Highway 40 is the historic National Road which was first built in the early 19<sup>th</sup> century. This road connected Baltimore, Maryland and St. Louis, MO. It was also referred to as the Cumberland Road as it passed through the Cumberland Gap.

Interstate 70 was built to parallel Highway 40 which means traffic on 40 is light and almost entirely local. Local except for four small British cars (well, three and a wanna-be). Also, the rain lightened up and cleared up pretty shortly, too.

A calm, leisurely drive through corn and sorghum fields led us to Effingham and the location of a Tesla supercharger where Max was juiced up and the drivers enjoyed a well deserved mid-day repast. After lunch we continued on Highway 40 to Vandalia, the first capital of Illinois. With a brief stop to see the fire breathing dragon we proceeded on, avoiding the interstate as much as possible. An interesting note is that Max kept insisting on diverting onto the interstate and Odd had to repeatedly override Max's decision to change course. Most of the fast charging available is still only near Interstates.



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## Grand Adventure (Continued from page 5)

Once reaching O'Fallon, Illinois it became mandatory to return to the interstate. I-55/I-70 led us to St. Louis and we took the 3<sup>rd</sup> St. Exit which led us to the historic Eads Bridge, the first structural steel bridge of its size ever built. It is also the first bridge built across the Mississippi River south of the confluence with the Missouri River. Earlier bridges crossed the river up north where the river is more narrow but none of these have survived to the present day making the Eads Bridge, which opened in 1874, the oldest bridge to cross the Mississippi River. This also led us to recommended parking for our visit to the gateway arch.



Construction of the Gateway Arch started in 1962 and was completed in 1967. It is symbolic of the role St. Louis played in the settling of the western United States. It is a catenary arch 630 feet (192 M) tall and 630 feet (192 M) wide at the base. A catenary arch has the same shape as a chain suspended from both ends. All the elements are in compression (or tension in the case of a chain) and there are no shear forces. This makes for a light, yet robust design that can withstand a storm with wind speeds up to 150 MPH (240 KPH). There is a tram that takes visitors to the top to see the view of St. Louis and surroundings from this high vantage point. Due to the circular path taken by the tram the cars, which seat five, are equipped with a leveling system that will keep the cars in a horizontal orientation as the tram follows the arch on its way up the leg of the arch. In the base of the arch there is a museum featuring the history and development of St. Louis and the region. The Arch closes at 6:00 PM, just as rush hour is finishing up. This made a good time for the short dash to Dave's house where Odd, Jim and Dave spent the night.

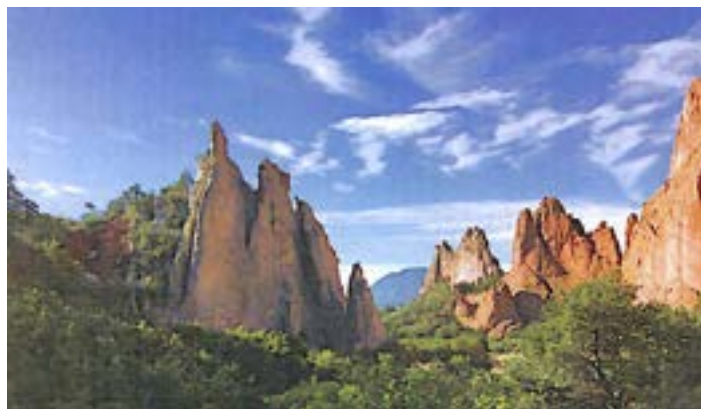
**Day 2: St. Louis to Salina, Kansas.** This was a long day of driving but time still allowed us to pay a long visit to the National WWI Museum in Kansas City. This edifice serves as both a memorial for the fallen soldiers and a history lesson. Opened in 1926, this museum does a deep dive into the events that lead up to the war and how it transpired. A lot of the "facts" that I had previously held about the war proved to be either mistaken or grossly over-simplified. They also house a vast repository of documents where one can research the contributions of a family member, and Jim took advantage

of this feature and uncovered some lost history of his grandfather who served near Verdun and into parts of Luxembourg. Well worth the diversion if you are ever in the Kansas City area. After the museum visit we pressed on westward to Salina where we spent the night.

### Day 3: Salina to Colorado Springs.

Another long drive with no particular visits along the way. At the recharge point in Hayes, KS, Odd and Dave decided they wanted to leave the interstate and follow Highway 40. This route looked more direct and less heavily traveled. Jim, however, needed to keep to the interstate highway because that is where the fast recharge stations are located. Odd and Dave found Highway 40 to be straight and almost devoid of traffic. The clear, warm weather made for a pleasant drive. That is until we encountered the "Road Closed 6 Miles Ahead" sign. The detour sign had us make a right turn and after 20 minutes we found ourselves in Goodland, KS, at the Supercharger Jim had visited only a few minutes earlier. Odd and Dave caught up with Jim at the next Supercharger in Limon, Colorado.

From there we proceeded to Colorado Springs in time for a quick tour of the Garden of the Gods park, known for the impressive rock formations. Plutonic uplift, volcanic activity and erosion have produced an impressive display of rock projections towering above the surrounding forest. This Colorado City park is free to visitors and well attended. It is also on the way from Colorado City to Pikes Peak.



### Day 4: Colorado City, Colorado to White Rock, New Mexico.

After spending the night in Colorado City our first order was to climb Pikes Peak. But, since Garden of the Gods is on the route another quick visit was in order. The difference in the lighting between afternoon and morning is striking and the park warrants two visits just for that reason.

Then off to conquer the peak. Jim is seeking bragging rights and drove the TR8 to the peak. One would think that

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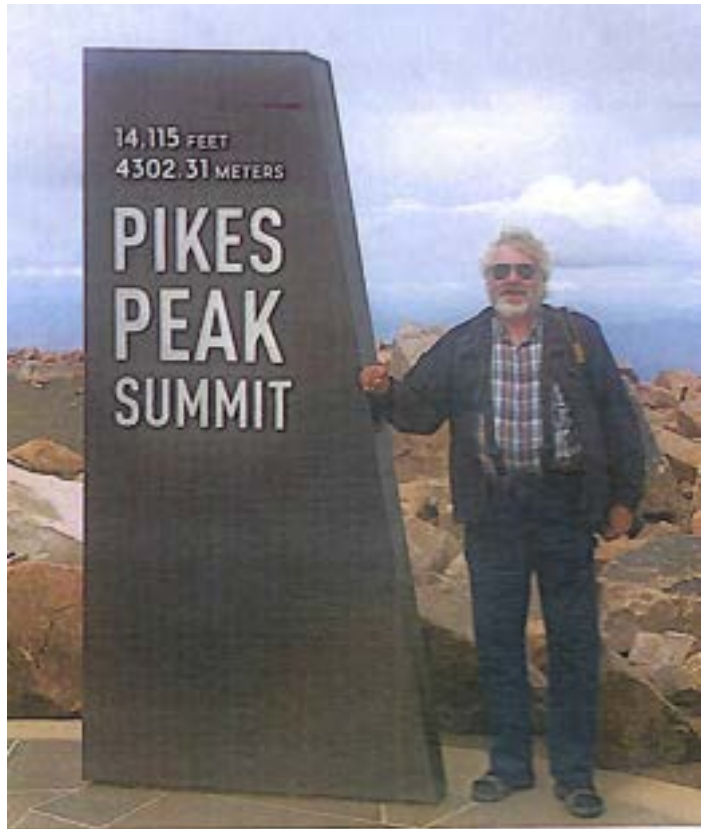
the name should be Pike's Peak as it was discovered by Zebulon Pike and hence the possessive is in order here but at some point the apostrophe was dropped, perhaps to save ink or maybe just out of laziness (one less type to set) so all references to it say Pikes Peak. The Tesla indicated about 200 miles of range at the bottom but that had dropped to 110 miles once the peak was achieved. The peak clocks in at 14,115 ft (4302 m) and has a visitors' center that is warm, offers great views and is also the terminus of the cog rail that serves as an alternate means to the peak for those either reluctant to drive the highway or wish an alternative experience.



*At the summit. Fuel injection worked flawlessly. Clutch, not so much*

The peak is also where the clutch hydraulics on Jim's TR8 completely failed. So, Jim was presented with the task of descending the mountain and driving the 300+ miles home. A flatbed down was reported to be prohibitively expensive (nearly \$1k according to some reports). Therefore, the trip down the mountain was done in second gear. Needless to say the brake check half-way down was passed with flying colors by both cars (the Tesla was waved through without even a check.) Upon reaching the bottom of the mountain Max was now indicating about 163 miles of range. Regenerative braking recovered about 53 miles of range descending the mountain. By hook or by crook, Jim's TR8 made it to his driveway under its own power. More next time...

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*Blj: So how as the trip? Platinum: Don't ask...*

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# REPORT FROM SCOTLAND



By Andrew Milne

From my Scottish friend. Looks like something that may be of interest to the membership if we want to mention it in *Exhaust Notes*.

- Craig Ingraham

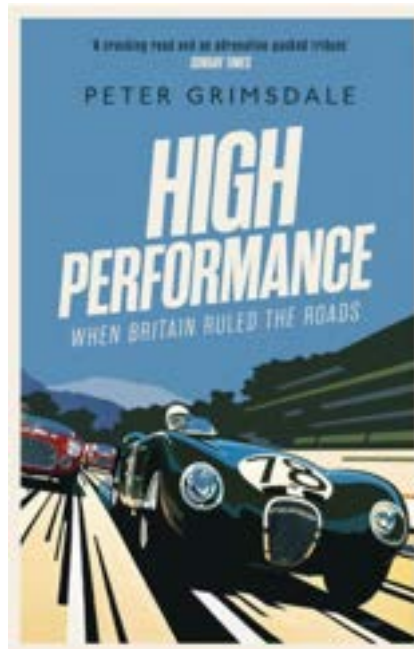
Craig—

I have just finished reading this book which is a well written history of the rise and fall of the UK auto industry.

There are multiple pieces about transatlantic interchanges and how UK sports cars became established in the US—Triumph, MG, Austin-Healey, Jaguar, Aston Martin, Lotus, etc.

I think you will enjoy it.

- Andrew



Simon & Schuster UK, available via Amazon, Barnes & Noble and eBay

# ADMIT IT, YOU WANT THIS CAR



sending power to the front wheels via a chain assembly. Power? The 322cc engine, as found in this '59 example B65, generated, oh, 15 bhp, good for a top speed of about 60 mph.

The car went up for sale in Hawthorne, California, on the southwest side of Los Angeles. Asking price was \$3000; obviously, it required a complete restoration, hence the reference to the Berkeley Enthusiasts Club. What would the finished car look like? Probably something like this Berkeley 95, which went on display at the annual All British Car & Cycle Show in September 2009.

Once again, in late January *Barn Finds* (<https://barnfinds.com/>) came through with another outstanding opportunity for the LBC-Centric individual: a 1959 Berkeley B65. As summarized by author Brian K, the Berkeley would serve well as “a sporty runabout that will turn heads and offer you wind-in-the-hair during the summer months...”



He noted the company produced about 4100 cars between 1956 and 1960 at its facility in Biggleswade, Bedfordshire, England. All hit the street with motorcycle engines, ranging in displacement from 322 to 692cc

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## Membership

Membership Chair Creig Houghtaling and John Willerton have contacted everyone who was outstanding on their dues payments/renewals.

- Creig said he was getting "...a few positive responses." Still waiting on replies from 20-30 members.
- Twenty-five former members were removed from the roster. On the plus side, club membership still totals about 95-98, which is good.

Creig said we had a couple of new members sign up, names/details next month

## Events

Two coming up in February, starting with Drive Your Triumph Day, Monday, 10 February.

- Stephen Paur recommended participants do a rendezvous afterwards for coffee/lunch. He mentioned last year everyone started at 10 AM and met following the photo sessions.

Creig provided details for this year's Polar Bear. We'll utilize one of the rally routes from the South Central VTR confab.

- Start at Westport, wind up at the Wildwood Bar & Grill
- Question: Do we want to run as a rally or as a drive? Discussion followed.
- Decision made to run as a regular drive. If anyone wants to do it as TSD rally, that's fine.
- The rally route ends about five miles from the Grill, drivers can finish their run and then join everyone else for lunch.
- Creig mentioned ginning up an award for best time among the rally participants.
- More details in February *Exhaust Notes*.

Next up, possible March club drive

St Patrick's day falls on a Monday, can do the drive either the weekend before or weekend after

- The group decided on the weekend of 22-23 March (Per Stephen Paur: "The St Patrick's Recovery Drive").
- Concerning the end point, Dave Massey asked about the historic village west of Boonville.
- The town is Arrow Rock, off MO 41, north of I-70 on the Missouri River
- Stephen Paur suggested that was a bit distant for one of our usual out-and-ins (~150 miles one way), but might serve well as a meeting point for a joint event with the Kansas City club
- SLP said he'd contact KC and see what they think.

Stephen reminded everyone of the KC club's annual all-British show, Labor Day weekend. He intends to participate again this year.

- Also, the annual Champagne British Car Festival in Bloomington, 30 May-1 June

Creig noted April's focus needs to be on turning out cars and owners for the annual HCCMO Forest Park Concours, Sunday, 20 April

Next up, where to meet in February and March? Several possible locations were batted about, including JJs in St Charles (regularly MG club venue)

- Prez Dave reminded everyone that based on past experience, a restaurant with a separate meeting room was pretty much mandatory. He mentioned a couple of restaurants where the food and service were great, but the noise level made the proceedings difficult.
- Q: "How about Chuck-A-Burger?" Rsp: Outside meeting, probably not feasible in March but definitely worth a look later in the year.
- Stephen Paur will look at JJs for April, el Presidente will talk to Lazy River for February.
- Rsp: "If they've got walleye, we'll be there."

Discussion followed on this year's national VTR gathering and the South Central regional. The Minnesota Triumph Sports Car Club is hosting the national, 15-18 July in La Crosse, Wisconsin.

- On the Mississippi, spectacular scenery and great driving roads in the vicinity
- We will have a contingent going, should be a fun, scenic drive up the "Avenue of the Saints"
- Question: Why do they always schedule VTR in the middle of the week? Rsp: That lets you use the weekend to make the long drive home.
- Dave Massey noted that when he and Linda attended in Boulder, Colorado, in 1990, he had to work the following Monday. They had to do the loooonnnnggg haul from Colorado back to St Louis in one day.

South Central's in Waco, Texas. Plenty of attractions, including the Chip and Joanna Gaines' Magnolia Market,

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## THEY'RE ALL WORKS IN PROGRESS

**Stephen Paur** – Four projects: one's done, one's 90 percent and the others are getting finished. I hit the bonanza as my wife and kids bought LED headlights and dash lights for the TR6, I no longer drive by candlelight. I also installed a custom AM/FM radio with Blue Tooth and a jack. I also replaced by turn signal switch.

**Pat Kasate** - Nothing to report right now.

**Dave Massey** – I put a new radio in the Wedge. The stock radio sticks out so I bought a new one without cassette player but it has Blue Tooth. It's now flush. I also noticed the windows were hard to roll up and down, found the track at the forward end of the glass was bent, worked on that. Also, taking advantage of the cold weather, I'm working on the cold start function with my Mega Squirt injection system. Otherwise, I'm preparing for an engine swap. The engine in the car is a flood survivor and runs good but it blows oil (question from the floor: "Do you need your driveway cleaned?").

**Mark Morgan** – Plans for the spring, in advance of the start of autocross seasons: replace the brake vacuum booster with a newer unit, courtesy of Dave Massey. Also, adjust the engine idle, change the oil, new plugs and install new spark plug wires.

**David Pollard** – My TR6 is sitting in David Yannayon's garage. We're doing the wiring harness, have ordered a new one. My brother made a burl walnut dash, hope to install it after Polar Bear. I also ordered a rebuilt water pump from Flying Dutchman. I sent in the old one but for some reason it disappeared in the mail system, had to reorder.

**David Yannayon** – I took out the dash in the TR6, bleached it to make the wood a little lighter, installed new lights, it looks good. I'm planning on repainting the wheels; I painted them the same color as the body last year, it just didn't work.

**Jeff Zilch** – Nothing here really, I have a dead battery (Rsp: "battery tender").

Creigh Houghtaling – Last time I drove my car, I went to the Christmas party where I work. Discovered a problem with the oxygen sensor, the car was running totally lean. I'll have to figure that out, there are two sensors. Dave Massey: "They're tied to the same fuse, if the fuse has failed they go out."

## BSCC AUTOCROSS SERIES

The Boeing Sports Car Club has released its schedule for 2025, all events at Family Arena and all on Sunday, save for 27 September which is a Saturday:

30 March	27 April	25 May	22 June	13 July
17 August	27 September (Sat)	26 October	16 November	

And, for good measure, here's the St Louis Region SCCA schedule for Solo/Autocross events. Also, all at Family Arena:-

16 March – Solo Novice School	13 April	2-4 May – TireRack Street Car Shootout & Solo	8 June
29 June	20 July	10 August	14 September 28 September 19 October

*Minutes (Continued from page 9)*

Texas Ranger Hall of Fame and Museum, Dr Pepper Museum

- Figure on a 12-hour drive to get there.
- As part of the regular discussion on possibly moving SLTOA to a more "local" region, Dave Massey noted South Central is the only region which holds an annual "Mini VTR." There are plenty of car shows, usually of the all British variety, closer to St Louis, but no other regional confabs.

### Club Swag

Creig brought in a pile of South Central VTR '24 t-shirts and a couple of hats for the members, said he'd

continue to bring them to meetings until they're all gone.

Prez Dave reminded everyone, if you need a name-tag, contact John Willerton

We also need a design for a club business card.

...Stephen Paur: Do we use the logo from South Central with the Triumphs, or the regular club logo?

...Good question. A couple of members will gin up some ideas for presentation to the membership.

The meeting concluded at 7:47 PM, following the monthly "Works In Progress" session. Our thanks to Fallon's and server Sophie. We shall return...

## **JAGUAR CLUB of Greater St. Louis**

**Invites You to join our Rallye to visit Jefferson City**

**"Private MO. State Capital Tour, Ice Cream & More"**



**8:45 a.m. Sunday February 23rd**

get registered have coffee and a bagel, first car off at 9:30 a.m.

**New Location: Meet at St. Louis Bread Company  
16508 Manchester Road, Wildwood, Mo 63040**

***Hosted by: Jim and Lisa Hendrix and Phil and Lupe Taxman***

The Missouri Capitol embodies the history and resources of the state through its architecture, artworks and materials. The Missouri Capitol is a working building that houses the Missouri General Assembly and offices of state officials and legislators. We have reserved a private tour, conducted primarily in the hallways and public spaces of the building and highlight the history of the state through the artworks and architecture of the building. We will also view some of the Capitol's most famous artworks, including those of *Thomas Hart Benton*, which are located in private meeting rooms.

We have planned out a route on some wonderful driving roads. Lunch will be order from menu and pay your own tab at *Oscar's Classic Diner*. After lunch, a drive by the State Penitentiary and our Capital Building Tour, we will enjoy a special Ice Cream Social at *Central Dairy*. Total travel is about 100 miles each direction. We will provide instructions coming and going, with a quick highway return to St. Louis.

***R.S.V.P. Required, so we can arrange food etc.***

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Date!

# 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/>



**April 11, 12, 13th**

Save the date for the first ever Road Racing Extravaganza in St Louis at World Wide Technology Raceway. 4 events in 3 days; join us for 1 or all 4

1-Friday, Test day for Road Racers

2-Friday, PDE for Intermediate and Advanced drivers

3-Saturday and Sunday, Majors Road Race

4-Saturday and Sunday, Race Experience, offering an opportunity to participate in a real race without an SCCA license (Car must meet minimum safety requirements) and possibly earn your probationary license!

More details and full registration to follow very soon on [Motorsports.reg](http://Motorsports.reg)



**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](#)**



**Our Featured Marque,**

Celebrating the 60th Anniversary of the Spitfire MK2, the second in the series of Spitfires. It was styled for Standard-Triumph in 1957 by Italian designer Giovanni Michelotti and the Spitfire was introduced at the London Motor Show in 1962. It was manufactured at the Standard-Triumph Canley works, with approximately 37,409 MK2 being produced between December of 1964 to January 1967

**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**  
<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.

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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.

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VTR National convention

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

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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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It's Alive Automotive is a full-service restoration facility based in St Louis, Missouri. We have been in business since 2015 and specialize in British sports cars. As well as restoration, we service and sell all makes and models of classic and special interest cars.

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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
- Monthly SLTOA club meetings, held every third Tuesday at selected area restaurants
- 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.**

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← **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.

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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. 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. 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 GT6—**Original car but updated, needs clutch and fuel pump set up, carbs hooked up. Otherwise, restored in the past three years. In St Louis, asking \$14,000,

contact owner via Hemmings.com (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 re-

placed or rebuilt. Overdrive transmission, full stainless exhaust, engine rebuilt in UK spec with high compress-

sion 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 auc-

tion. 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)

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