

CALENDAR





18 Mar 25—Monthly SLTOA meeting, JJ's, 1215 S Duchesne Dr, ,St Charles

6 Apr 25—SLTOA Spring Has Sprung Drive, details TBA.

15 Apr 25—Monthly SLTOA meeting

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 La Crosse, Wisconsin. Celebrating the 6th anniversary of the TR4A, host hotel is the Radisson Hotel Lacrosse. Monitor 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.facebook.com/Triumphest/.
- 16 Mar 25—MG Club of St Louis Pinewood Derby, at Bar-K, 4565 McRee Ave, St Louis, 1-4 PM.
- **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.
- **22 Mar 25—Chain of Rocks Bridge Car Cruise**, North Riverfront Park, 10550 Riverview Drive, 11 AM-1 PM. Hosted by the Route 66 Association of Missouri, \$15 for members, \$20 for non-members. Register at www.missouri66.org/event/.
- **22 Mar 25—Cars and Cones STL Meetup 1**. Andy's Frozen Custard, 2000 Dorsett Village, Maryland Heights, 5:30-8 PM. All ages and cars welcome, no revving engines, burnouts or speeding.
- 27 Mar 25—MGCStL RUBCO, Uncle Bill's Pancake & Dinner House west, 14196 Manchester Rd, 9-11 AM.
- **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.
- **9 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.
- **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/.

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- **12 Apr 25**—St Louis Region SCCA **Tulips & Other Spring Flowers Rally**. First of seven scheduled rallies, this will be an evening (full moon) Monte Carlo-style rally of about 60 miles. After the rally, stick around at the end point, Schlafly's Highland Square BrewPub, Highland, Illinois. For info or to register, call up http://msreg.com/STLTulips1-2025.
- **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.
- 24 Apr 25—MGCStL RUBCO, at Denny's, 10575 Watson Rd, 9-11 AM.
- **26 Apr 25**—Gateway Classic Cars **Caffeine & Chrome**, 1237 Central Park Drive, O'Fallon, Illinois. Prizes, fun, coffee and donuts, 9 AM-12 noon.
- **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.
- **2-4 May 25**—St Louis Region SCCA **TireRack Street Car Shootout** and **Autocross/Solo No 2**, Family Arena, St Charles. Call up https://www.stlscca.org/autocross/schedule/ for info, fees and requirements.
- 10 May 25—Orphan Car Show, Gateway Classics, 1237 Central Park Drive, O'Fallon, Illinois. More to follow.
- **17 May 25—St Louis Scottish Games**, at Schroeder Park, 359 Old Meramec Station Rd, Manchester. For more information, call up https://stlouis-scottishgames.com/.
- **30 May-01 Jun 25—2025 Champagne British Car Festival**, in Bloomington, Illinois. The festival includes Sunday's all-British car show, with Jaguar serving as this year's featured marque. Other activities include a British pub reception, Cars & Coffee, guided drive, boot sale, banquet and silent auction. Call up https:// iflbcc.club/2025-cbcf-overview for more information and registration.

Spring Is Sprung Orive

Sunday 6 April

Meet at the Rocket Phillips 66 station, south 141 at MO 21, at 11 AM.

Cars roll at 11:30 AM for a 35-mile drive through south St Louis and Jefferson Counties.

Lunch in Imperial, three options

MG-Triumph Challenge '25 Sunday, 20 April



In association with HCCMO's Easter Concours at Forest Park

Be prepared to answer the call!

Max TRs in the Muny upper lot!

EDITOR'S CHALLENGE FOR MARCH

Take a photo of your Triumph in front of a construction site and send it in to Yr Fthfl Ed at rangermk@sbcglobal.net and *Metro Gazette* editor Glenn Owens at gowens_lig@att.net. Add a couple of lines describing the site, ie, "Construction of a new credit union on west Manchester" or similar.

NEGATIVE CAMBER

Hoo-hah, as you'll see over pages 5 -11, we had one heck of a great Polar Bear Run on 2 March; amazing what a two-week weather delay will do for a large group excursion, eh? I counted 36 cars total, plus the Porsche 356C that joined in the procession on the final run to the Wildwood Pub & Grill. Thanks to Lee Fox for designing the route, to Creig Houghtaling for modifying it a tad and honchoing the proceedings and thanks to all who came out. Quite a time...

Long as I'm throwing out accolades, I'll take this opportunity to salute Michele Ammond, our treasurer for the past two years. As y'all have heard, she and Joe are preparing to move back to Michigan. She's done an outstanding job managing the books, including in support of last spring's South Central VTR confab here in St Louis. While we hate to see Michele and Joe depart, hopefully they'll remain members and will remain in touch periodically.

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MEETING NOTES-25 MARCH



We had a rarity this month, a one-week delay in meeting night due to your typical Midwest winter weather. Ah, but the weather cooperated (and the streets were dry) the evening of the 25th and we had 17 members show at one of our favorite venues, the Lazy River Grill on Big Bend.

The meeting featured the return of one of our longtime members, Arlie King. On the down side, this gathering also marked the last for Joe and Michele Ammond, who are moving back to Michigan. The group expressed their thanks to the Ammonds for their participation in and contributions to SLTOA and its events over the past few years, including Michele's service as club treasurer.

Otherwise, the usual pre-meeting food and conversation, including discussions on beer brewing and wine making and the joys of Medicare (okay,

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In Memoriam Ervin Kroner 13 February 2025

Ervin Kroner touched so many peoples lives in his 85 years of life. Whether it was in his church, Knights of Columbus, his CBC college days in the Air Force, his CB club, Wienerschnitzel owner, one of his clients with heating and air conditioning, at bluegrass festivals, or through the Triumph club, Ervin knew no strangers and welcomed all with open arms. He was the first to offer a helping hand in any way he could, as he was always a problem solver.

We are sure he is up in heaven showing everyone how they can fix this or that, spending time with the love of his life Sammie and trying to get a game of poker going. He will be missed by so many as he was loved by all.

- Ervin's family

ANNUAL POLAR BEAR RUN-2 MARCH

As they have for 42 years now (!), members of SLTOA and friends from other clubs initiated another driving season via the Polar Bear Run. Originally scheduled for the Sunday after the Super Bowl (uh, the Kansas City Chiefs? No comment...), leadership postponed the drive for two weeks, due to expected bad weather and worse road conditions. Mid-February, no surprise there...

Lee Fox designed this year's course as one of the TSD rally options for last spring's South Central VTR meet. Creig Houghtaling fine-tuned the route, including moving the rally route's end point to the Wildwood Pub and Grill on MO 109. Creig and a couple of other members did pre-event reconnaissance drives and oh man, what a great route...

A parking lot at Westport served as the starting point for the rolling festivities; Stephen Paur with his TR6 and the MG Club's Matt Byrne and Charlie, MGB, were the first in place. Over the next hour approximately 45 people in 36 other cars checked in. The gaggle included 10 Triumphs, 8 MGs, 8 Miatas/MX-5s, 5 BMWs, 2 Jaguars and 1 Austin-Healey 3000, along with a number of other vehicles . \

The standouts? The Sheppards showed up in their black and white Ford police Interceptor; Phil Taxman from the Jaguar Association of Greater St Louis arrived in his immaculate red XK120, trailed by another JAGSL member in an E-Type DHC V12; and the Austin-Healey looked like it was set up as a vintage racer, complete with cut-down windshield. Special mention goes to Gateway Miata member Mike Simmons, who showed up in his ultra rare Triumph-MX5.



The temperature at the starting point was about 40 but upon arriving several owners put the tops of their cars down. Following the driver's meeting, convened by Creig, they were off, in two groups. Getting from Westport alongside I-270 to the hilly, twisty roads of southwest St Louis county took a fair amount of time, what with all of the traffic, signals and stop signs, so both

groups of cars made a stop at a Mobil station west of Chesterfield on Wild Horse Creek Road. Once regrouped, refreshed and refueled, the pack headed out once again. Roughly an hour later, having trav-



ersed a large chunk of west county, the participants pulled into the lot of the Wildwood Pub and Grill.

No one experienced major mechanical issues, although Stephen Paur's TR6 started missing on the first leg and he was forced to divert home and shift to his VW Passat. Interestingly enough, on the last leg on St Albans Road, the owner of a red Porsche 356C driving westward saw the procession of 30+ sports cars head-

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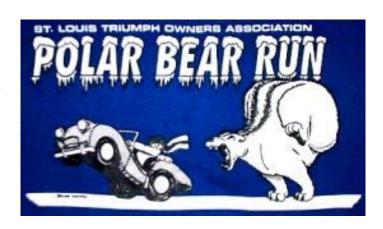
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ing eastward, turned around and joined the pack, all the way to restaurant.

About 42 of the group stuck around for lunch at the Grill. President David Pollard noted participants from the MG, Miata, Jaguar and BMW clubs, thanked them and reminded everyone they were always welcome on SLTOA drives.

Our thanks to the Pub and Grill and servers Justine, Chris and Isabel. Great drive, great food, great day.













"Then you go thataway..."





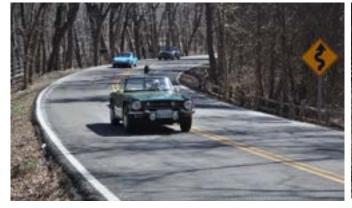
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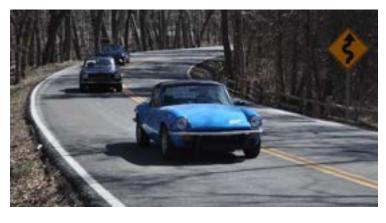














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THEY'RE ALL WORKS IN PROGRESS

Bob Berger—Am working on two Spitfires, pulling the engine out of one and putting it together. I need to schedule a work day...need an engine hoist, I'll provide the beer (RSP: "John Willerton has one." JW: "It's ready to be used, just sitting there"). I hope to drive one of the cars in Polar Bear.

David Pollard—That's one of the best aspects of the club, all the help that's available.

Sam Sheppard—Do you have a spare differential? (Bob: "Have a rebuilt one ready to go in my car"). I've driven the Spitfire once so far this year, think might need a head gasket replacement. I'll do it soon, along with the shocks and springs.

Stephen Paur—I've installed the LED lights and a new radio, plus a new turn signal actuator. I'll write it up for the *Notes*.

Kathy Kelly—I'm just waiting for warmer weather. I started my TR6 once this winter, will get it's oil changed.

John Willerton—In the fall the TR3 was running well, got the overheating problems cured. I got a hard top – the car looks like it had a hardtop previously – but this top doesn't fit. Something's missing, called a "bridge," that had bolts attached. I had to figure out how to make that part...I cut some sheet metal, measured, started bending and on the fourth try I got a piece of metal that I could weld mounts to. Then I had to drill holes in the windshield frame to fit it (David Pollard: "That's high pucker factor work")

Dave Massey—I'm getting my ducks in a row for an engine swap. The TR8's engine runs good, but it leaks oil everywhere. I'm also working on the TR6; when you shut it off, really hot, it's hard to restart. I noticed the

when I disconnect the fuel pump, the engine runs differently, possibly too much pressure.

Ben Franklin—Nothing right now, I'm ready to drive. There is a weak handbrake, the car's going to roll. I'm getting Mrs Franklin to allow me to spend money.

Jesse Lowe—I just put a new fan clutch in the TR7.

Karl Schmitt—Nothing but housework, no car work.

Joe Ammond—We're packing...the Spitfire gets new tires this week, a new head gasket's been ordered.

David Yannayon—A little bit of this, a little bit of that. Got the Magnolia gauges installed, they look absolutely killer. Also have a new Mom steering wheel.

David Pollard—Still planning to do the wiring harness and gauges, my brother-in-law did a new dashboard.

Yr Fthfl Ed—No major change from last month, will attempt swapping out the vacuum brake assist once it warms up. Still planning on changing the oil, plugs and spark plug wires, still need to replace the rear axle bushings.



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DRIVE YOUR TRIUMPH DAY-10 FEBRUARY

Good local turnout here for the annual observance of Sir John Black's birthday, followed by lunch at Syberg's in Chesterfield.

Event organizer Rye Livingston has posted the photos at https://photos.app.goo.gl/4VLwb6wQgYjGC8jh7. Click on the first photo to go full-frame, then select the "I" with the circle around it (photo upper right) to see the owner's names and the photo locations. As per usual, the submissions came in from around the world.





Craig Ingraham







Stephen Paur

Yr Fthfl Ed





David Pollard David Yannayon

DYTD continued





Creig Houghtaling

Stephen Paur





Dave Massey



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we have a few, uh, senior members). Dave Massey kept his table enthralled with tales of his "digital" TR8, while elsewhere word got out that Creig and Kay Houghtaling were off on cruise somewhere.

President David Pollard called the meeting to order promptly at 7 PM...

Events

...and asked for a show of hands for participants in the upcoming **Polar Bear Run**. A good number put their hands up.

 The drive will start at Westport and end up at the Wildwood Pub & Grill. As per usual, all clubs/cars are invited.

The question came up concerning a possible drive in either late March or early April, in advance of the Forest Park Concours.

- The decision was made to schedule the next club drive for Sunday, 6 April.
- Yr Fthfl Ed volunteered to set up the route and organize the event.

March's meeting will take place at JJ's in St Charles.

- For April, Prez Dave asked the members to feel free to scout out locations.
- Ben Franklin said there was a new place on Olive Blvd, a "brewery-type place," in Olivette. He'll check it out.

Drive Your Triumph Day was a success, several members participated and followed up with lunch at Syberg's in Chesterfield (per Stephen Paur, "They threw us out").

• Rye Livingston should post the photos soon.

Concerning **South Central VTR**, 23-27 April in Bellmead (Waco), Texas, hosted by the Red River Triumph Club, reminder that's a long drive from here, roughly 12 hours.

 If anyone in the club is planning on attending, let us know. Dave Massey said he was planning on going.

YFE noted the Boeing Sports Car Club **autocross** season starts on Sunday, 30 March. Nine events this year, at Family Arena.

The **Champaign British Car Festival** is scheduled for 30 May-1 June at the David Davis Mansion in Bloomington, Illinois.

- Stephen Paur noted SLTOA regularly sends a contingent; "We had a good turnout last year."
- As of meeting time, the Paurs, Karl Schmitt, Chris and Kathy Kresser are planning on attending.
- Figure about 2.5 hours to Bloomington, will take the interstate this time vice old US 66.
- Prez Dave commented, "We took the side roads to VTR in Indiana last year, great fun."

The **Great Race** is in June with an overnight in Springfield, Illinois.

 SLP: "If you haven't done one, it's a lot of fun...the Route 66 museum up in Pontiac is amazing"

Reminder, the Kansas City Triumph Sports Car Club is holding its annual **All British Car and Cycle Meet** in Merriam, Kansas, . Labor Day weekend.

 Great venue, SLP took a third-place award at last year's event.



As for a possible **mid-state meet** with the KC Triumphs, Stephen noted the Volvo and Miata clubs do these gatherings annually. The idea is to get two or more clubs together, possibly in October.

- Where to meet? At a winery? Dave Massey suggested Le Bourgeois Vineyard in Rocheport (ED Note: between Columbia and Boonville, ~120 miles west of St Louis, 116 east of KCMO)
- Discussion followed.
- SLP said he'd follow up in contacting and inviting the Springfield, Missouri club (Greater Ozarks British Motoring Club). He'll also serve as the point of contact for the event as it comes together.

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National VTR's scheduled for 15-18 July in La Crosse, Wisconsin, sponsored by the Minnesota Triumphs Sports Car Club.

- Figure on a six-to-eight-hour drive, depending on the route.
- Dave Massey's planning on a drive up the river, via Quincy, Nauvoo, etc.
- If you're planning on attending, contact Dave.

Old Business

Prez Dave reminded everyone the club was getting ready to order another batch of nametags

- If you need a nametag, please contact John Willerton
- Dave asked webmaster Sam Sheppard to post the notice about nametags on the web. He added, "If you don't order by 31 Marc, you'll miss out."

Membership

 No membership report, seeing as our membership director was off exploring the ocean blue with his fanily. Michele Ammond mentioned the club had received plenty of renewals and we were now at 70 paid members.



Exclusive photo of the Membership Director and family, deployed in the Caribbean somewhere...

Treasurer

Michele reported a balance of \$5793.21 in the account. That included a check which hadn't been deposited yet.

Prez Dave announced David Yannayon had agreed to serve as interim treasurer, until we get someone else in the club to step up and assume the duties.

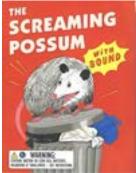
 Per Michele, the biggest event involving the treasury recently was last springs South Central VTR. Otherwise, maintaining the treasury wasn't difficult or take up a lot of time.

- The bank is charging a fee for "extra security" or something similar. Not a lot of additional expenses.
- "We have a fat cushion in the bank. We need to keep looking at reasonable expenses and valueadded items, like ordering nametags for the members."
- Stephen Paur observed other car clubs donate to charitable activities, we should look at doing something similar.
- The recent example was SLTOA's matching funds donation to the Veterans Run.

Other Business

YFE took the floor to salute and thank Mark and Sam Sheppard for all of their work with the club. Sam's serving as our webmaster; both worked up the club t-shirts for SoCen VTR and are involved in other graphics efforts. Their support to the club is invaluable.

- The editor then gave Sam and Mark the first-ever Royal Order of the Screaming Possum, in reference to one of the t-shirt designs they ginned up.
- · Applause all around.
- Mark S mentioned the club was now out of the rare, highly desirable rampaging possum club t-shirts.



 RSP: "RATS!" (okay, okay, mixed four-legged mammal metaphor...).

At 7:45 PM, following the traditional Works in Progress update, Prez David closed out the proceedings. Our thanks to Lazy River and servers Erica and Cole for the great food and service.

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Which brings us to the final item. As announced at our February meeting, David Yannayon's agreed to take over the treasurer position on a temporary basis. We're still looking for someone to take over the position for a regular two-year term. Next meeting, please consider volunteering for this important but not too time-consuming position with SLTOA.

Otherwise, onward and upward. Spring's inbound, our next drive is scheduled for Sunday 6 April (see pg 3) and the annual Triumph-MG Challenge is 20 April, as part of the annual Forest Park Easter Concours Get those Triumphs and prepare to stand to!



SLTOA's on Facebook!

www.facebook.com/home.php Group 134416339926824@ap =1

SPEAKING OF UPCOMING EVENTS...

By Stephen L Paur

2025 Champagne British Car Festival Celebrates Its 34th Year In Central Illinois!

Friday, May 30, 2025—Sunday, June 1, 2025

The Champagne British Car Festival (CBCF) is the Illinois Flat Land British Car Club's annual celebration of :British motoring, held in Bloomington, Illinois. This fantastic event has been running for over 33 years and in years past has seen a contingent of SLTOA members in attendance.

Share fellowship with British car enthusiasts from all over the Midwest, featuring a British pub reception, Cars & Coffee, a guided drive, boot sale, sit-down banquet and silent auction, and a Sunday all-British car show. The CBCF weekend will run from Friday May 30 to Sunday June 1, 2025.

We already have a few SLTOA members registered, always have a great time and always welcome more to join us. If interested, contact Stephen Paur (Stephen.paur@att.net) for more details or call up https://iflbcc.club/2025-cbcf-overview to visit the 2025 Champagne British Car Festival Event site. If you plan to go, get your registration and room reservations in soon as discounted rooms go fast.



A happy group shot with a special guest from the last time we attended.



2025 Hemmings Great Race

The 2025 Hemmings Great Race will be stopping overnight in Springfield, Illinois, on Monday, June 23. This is always a great event to take in and Stephen Paur is looking to travel to Springfield for an overnight trip to take part in the celebration. Towns that host the race display the participating cars overnight and roll out the red carpet with food, fun and car related activities. Call up https://www.greatrace.com to view the Great Race website. Email Stephen (Stephen.paur@att.net) if you are interested in joining him at the event.

Rendezvous Planning Alert

Stephen Paur has reached out to the Kansas City Triumph Sports Car Club to see if their members would be interested in a rendezvous of our club members at a mutually agreeable location in central Missouri. Kim Simon, acting Director of the KCSCC, thought it was a good idea, we will work together to make this happen sometime in October that won't impact our annual Fall Colours Drive. Stay tuned for details.

MENTIONED IN DESPATCHES

Probably no surprise, but several other clubs have their own versions of "Polar Bear." Like SLTOA, the majority of the events go back a ways.







On 15 February, down in the Dallas-Fort Worth region, the Red River Triumph Club held their Polar Bear Rally "...despite the weather being as bad as it could possibly be WITHOUT having to cancel." A total of 9 Triumphs, a Morgan and a mini participated in the drive, which finished at the Chicken N Pickle in Grapevine.

Farther down the road, in the greater Houston area, the Texas Triumph Register ran its annual Wayne & Jackie Switzer Polar Bear Run, on 18 January. Per *The Bluebonnet*, "This event provides the opportunity to loosen up the mechanical joints in our favorite Triumphs, and test drive some of the latest updates and

modifications made over the winter season."



Photos courtesy of the Texas Triumph Register



They lucked out, with 58 degrees clear skies. and procession The drove from Houston through Brenham to La Grange, with stops in Chappel Hill; and visits to the Czech Heritage Museum and the Timeless Tex-Classics car as dealership in La

Grange. The participants, in ten Triumphs and three "lesser cars" made the 90-plus-mile drive.



Photo courtesy of Georgia Triumph Association



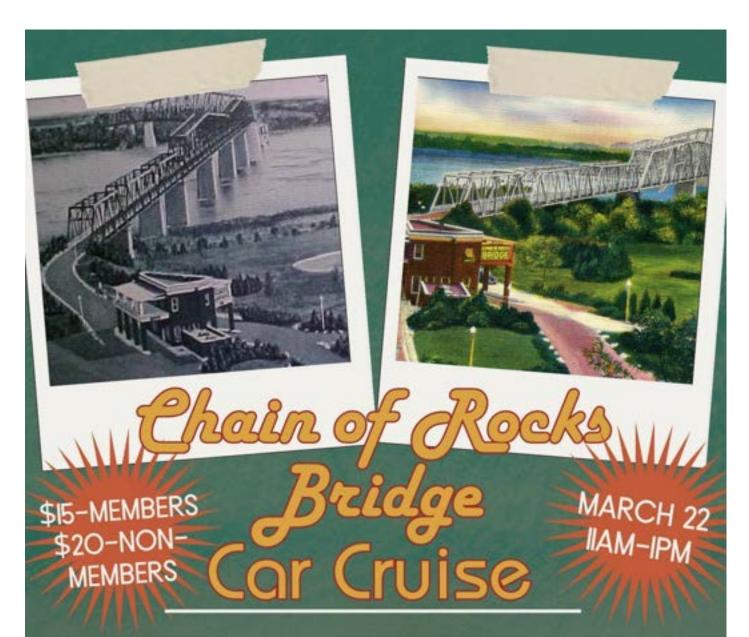
The Georgia Triumph Association raised over \$1100 for ALS research at their Polar Bear event, in a joint effort by the north and south divisions of the club. They scheduled their drive for 28 December, but cold weather forced a push-back to the following weekend.

The northern division contingent started from Atlanta Motorsports Park with 10-plus Triumphs, "...a bevy of BMWs, assorted Alphas, a multitude of MGs and Mazdas, a couple of Corvettes and a plethora of Porsches, among others." The River :Remedy Brewing Company on the Etowah River in Rome served as the meeting and meal location.











Join Us for the Kickoff of Our Year-Long Membership Drive! As we gear up for the Route 66 Centennial, we're working harder than ever to preserve, promote, and celebrate the road that connects us all. Be part of the movement and help keep the spirit of Route 66 alive!



Meet us at North Riverfront Park. then join the group drive up to the bridge for a special double crossing! Space is limited—don't miss out!

North Riverfront Park 10550 Riverview Dr. St. Louis, MO

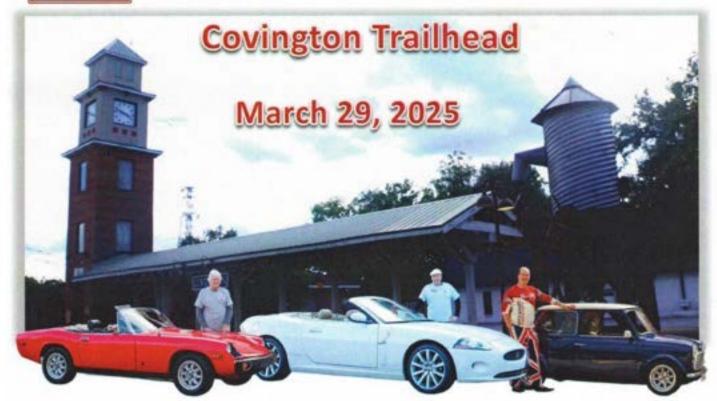


Your registration also includes an evening social—a great chance to connect with fellow roadies and share experiences. Details are still being finalized and will be shared soon!

— Register Now — www.missouri66.org/events

Save the Date!

British Motoring Festival





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 33rd 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

Meet Me in St. Louie, Louie...at the ...

ST. LOUIS EASTER Concours d'Elegance

Easter Car Show, Sunday, April 20, 2025 Upper Muny Opera Parking Lot — Forest Park Free, Opens at 11:00 am to the Viewing Public







Original Restored and Unrestored Judging Classes
Gates open for classic cars at 8:00 am
All cars must be in place by 11:00 am









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

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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.

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- Kids Pick
- And More...

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28TH BI-ANNUAL

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2025 FEATURED MARQUE



CBCF-Bloomington.com May 30 to June 1, 2025

Car Show: The weekend will culminate with the Champagne British Car Show on beautiful Clover Lawn of David Davis Mansion, Bloomington, IL. The David Davis Mansion provides a wonderful backdrop to display over 125 British cars at this popular annual event, organized by members of the Illinois Flat Land British Car Club.

ALL Jaguar cars get the Featured Marque spotlight at this year's Champagne British Car Festival

All registered vehicles will be entered into one of +/- 30 marque specific classes. Voting will be a "Popular Vote" by registered participants.

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Welcome Reception: Pre-Registered entrants will have the opportunity to pick up their weekend information packet early and stay for our British Pub Mixer welcome reception Friday evening at the Chateau Hotel's Conference Center. Along with the cash bar, the IFLBCC will be providing a variety of sandwiches and snacks to enjoy as you renew old friendships and make new ones. We'll have lots of group parking outside the Conference Center where an impromptu car show is sure to develop.



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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.



If you would like extra time to explore the area before or after the National Meet, rooms at the same rate are available starting Sunday, June 15th thru Sunday, June 22.

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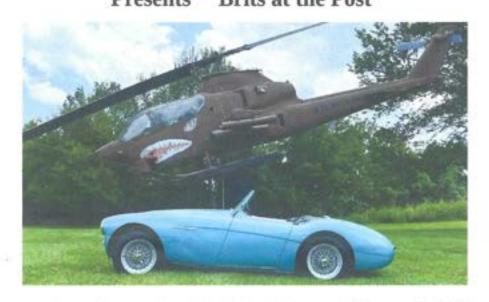
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June 27 - 28, 2025

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

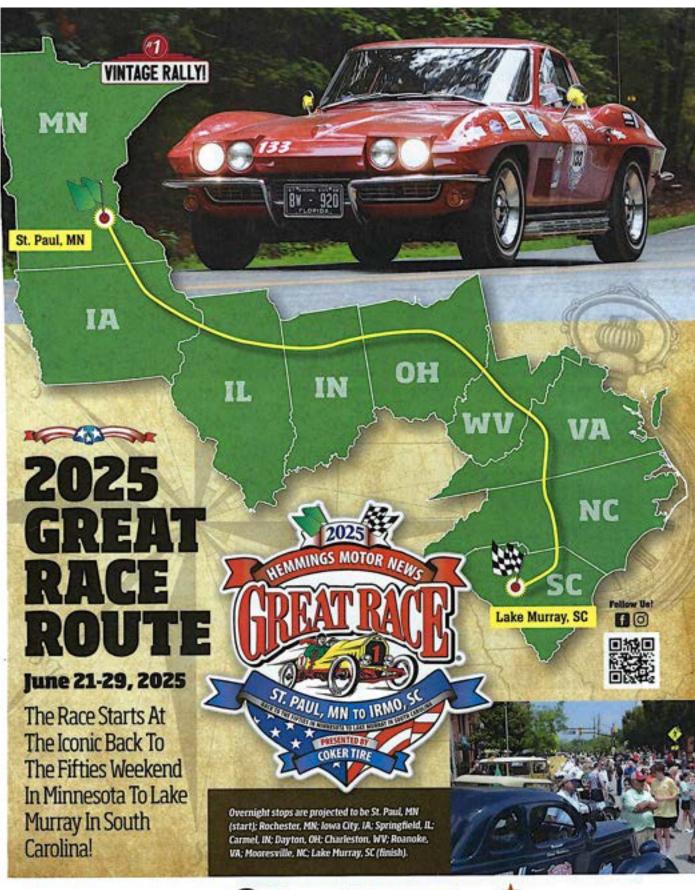
There will be a BBQ picnic for all registered participants at our host hotel, The hotel will have a special room rate for all participants. See our web site for details soon.

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.





















Registration 9am-Noon. Judging Noon-1pm, trophies will be awarded at 2:00pm TOP 15 PICK AWARDS (All judges decisions are final.)

There will also be a "People's Choice Car" award - chosen by our spectators!

ENTRY FEE*: Canned goods or non-perishable food items to restock the church food pantry. *DASH PLAQUES --- Given to the first 75 entrants!

REFRESHMENTS & GREAT FOOD - Will be available for purchase!

The City of Twin Oaks will have a Huge Fireworks Display, launched from City Park (behind our church) starting at around 9:15pm. Please feel free to stick around after the Car Show, or come back later - the City's fireworks display is always a great addition to your holiday celebration!





FOR MORE INFORMATION call Gary @ 636-225-5625

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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!

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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

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Backup hotel: Home 2 Suites

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 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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Car Show on Main Street in St. Charles, MO

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\$25.00 ENTRY FEE REGISTRATION 9 AM to 12 PM ***NO MODIFIEDS, STREET RODS OR CUSTOMS***
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- ANTIQUE 1943 50
- ANTIQUE 1951 56
- ANTIQUE 1957 60
 ANTIQUE 1961 65
- 9. ANTIQUE 1966 71
- 10. ANTIQUE 1972 76
- 11. ANTIQUE 1977 81
- 12. ANTIQUE 1982 2000
- Cars eligible for
- classes 13-19 are
- excluded from
- classes 1-12.

- AMERICAN MUSCLE CARS to 2000 (excluding those eligible for classes 14, 15, 16 and 17)
- 14. 'T-BIRD 1955 2000
- 15. MUSTANG/COUGAR 1965 2000
- 16. CAMARO/FIREBIRD 1967 2000
- 17. CORVETTE 1953 2000
- 18. FOREIGN CAR 1900 2000
- 19. FOREIGN SPORTS CAR 1900 2000
- 20. TRUCK 1900 50 **
- 21. TRUCK 1951 2000 **
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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:

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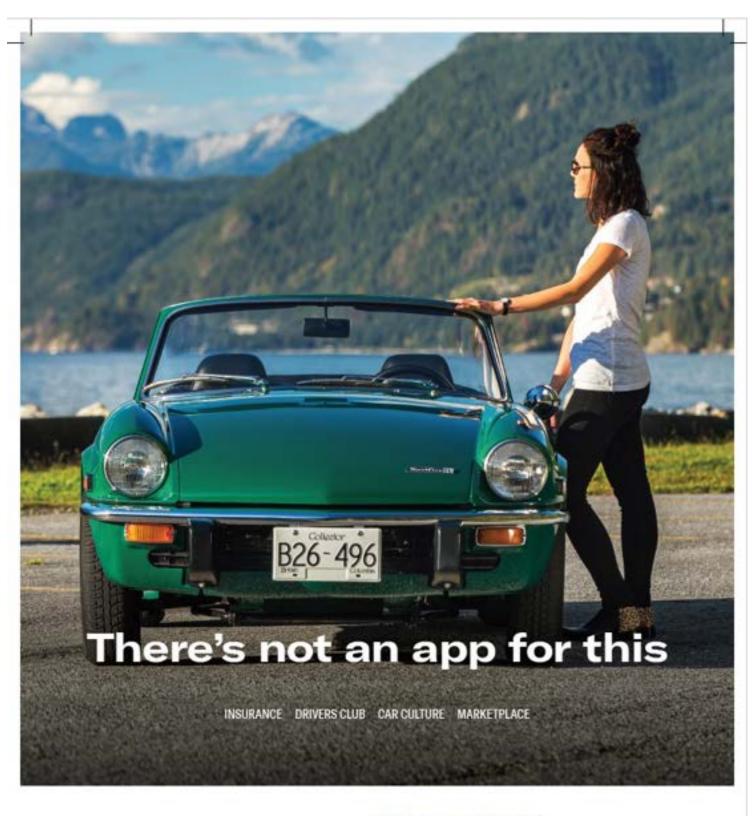
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As a member, you will receive the SLTOA monthly newsletter *Exhaust Notes*, which includes:

- Articles about SLTOA drives and events, both planned and past
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- Technical tips and tech sessions.
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- Local, regional and national British car shows and conventions
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- 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!	
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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

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OR, re-up via Pay Pal at https://sltoa.org/membership/

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If you have any questions about membership, please contact SLTOA membership director Creig Houghtaling: creig55@live.com



SLTOA CLASSIFIEDS





71 TR6— Sienna, unmolested with very few modifications.

Very well sorted car. Starts, runs, drives and

stops as it should. Newer wire wheels and tires. Will send pictures and videos if you are interested. I just don't have the time to drive it. \$16,500. Darold Johnson (314)835-8522 or email darold@dicejohnson.com (Mar 25).



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)



76 Spitfire 1500—

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256-7790 (Mar 23)

80 **TR7**-Orange convertible with Webers. aluminum radiator. Shelby wheels. \$7000 OBO. contact Jesse Lowe at (636)



Have had it for about two to three years, acquired at auction. The car has air conditioning and is in out-

standing 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)

BEST OF BARN FINDS

You want something different? You got it, with this 1962 MG Midget re-engined with a Fiat twin cam 1438cc four, replacing the original 948cc A-Series four. Also has a Fiat five-speed transmission. As stated by Barn Finds, "The hood scoops, fender flares, side exhaust, aftermarket wheels, and lack of a grill, all scream that this is a custom building that might offer something special under the skin.

The car went up for sale in Cincinnati; the last time we checked, the bidding stood at \$4151.



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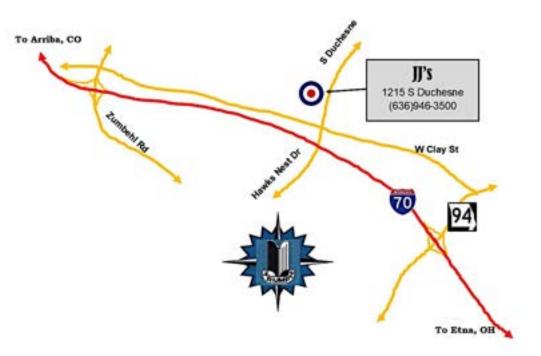
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And Finally....

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