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CALENDAR



14 Jun 25—Andy's Garage Drive. Meet at Cars & Coffee/Fast Lane, 427 Little Hills, St Charles, after 8 AM, followed by a 10:00 AM departure for a drive through north St Charles and St Louis Counties to Andy Stark's garage. Figure on pizza or something similar for lunch.

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>.

17 Jun 25—Annual SLTOA picnic/meeting. Schroeder Park, Pavillion No. 1, 359 Old Mera-mec Station Rd. Catered by McAlister's, please RSVP ASAP to Creig Houghtaling at creig55@live.com or text to (314)401-7817 so he can get an accurate count.

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/.

19 Jul 25—SLTOA drive, winding up at the Cruisin' Lindbergh event at 6303 S Lindbergh Blvd. Stay tuned...

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>.

Oct 25—Annual SLTOA Fall Colours Drive. Details to follow.

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 Nov 25—Annual SLTOA Veterans Run. All cars welcome, donations go to a veterans' service organization. Details to follow.

6 Jun 25—Friday Nights at the Sonic, Big Bend and Kirkwood, every Friday through October.

7 Jun 25—Cars & Coffee West/Sunrise Church, 7116 Twin Chimneys Blvd, O'Fallon, Missouri, 8-10 AM.

7 Jun 25—Annual Cars & Guitars, Kirkwood. Morning pancake breakfast, sponsored by the Kirkwood Fire Department and Kirkwood Rotary, live music from six bands, vintage car show, beer wagon, food and drink, vendor booths. Info including online vehicle registration at <https://www.downtownkirkwood.com/events/route-66-festival/>.

7 Jun 25—Missouri Route 66 Festival. Cruise-in and US 66 parade downtown, Lebanon, Missouri. Monitor <https://www.lebanonroute66.com/festival/>.

8 Jun 25—MG Club of St Louis Bluffs Drive. Meet at the Target lot, 197 Gravois Bluffs Plaza Dr at 9:30 AM.

8 Jun 25—St Louis Region SCCA Autocross/Solo No. 3, Family :Arena, St Charles. Call up <https://www.stlscga.org/autocross/schedule/> for info/fees/requirements.

8 Jun 25—2025 European Auto Show, hosted by Mini of St Louis, 40 Sunnen Drive, 11 AM-2 PM. More info at <https://www.facebook.com/StLouisEuropeanAutoShow/>.

13 Jun 25—Memories Car Club Cruise, aka "The Zoo," Faith Church, 13001 Gravois Rd, 4 PM-?. Pre-1979 vehicles, music, food available, please bring canned goods for donation to local food pantries.

14 Jun 25—Freedom On Wheels Car Show & Veterans Expo, Jefferson Barracks VA Hospital, 1 Jefferson Barracks Dr, 9 AM-3 PM. Expo available to assist veterans receive information about VA services, \$20 in advance, \$25 day of show, live music and food vendors, all proceeds go to support veterans receiving care within the St Louis VA healthcare system. Pre-register at <https://form.jotform.com/243314623814149>, or call Richard Layton for info at (602)793-1287.

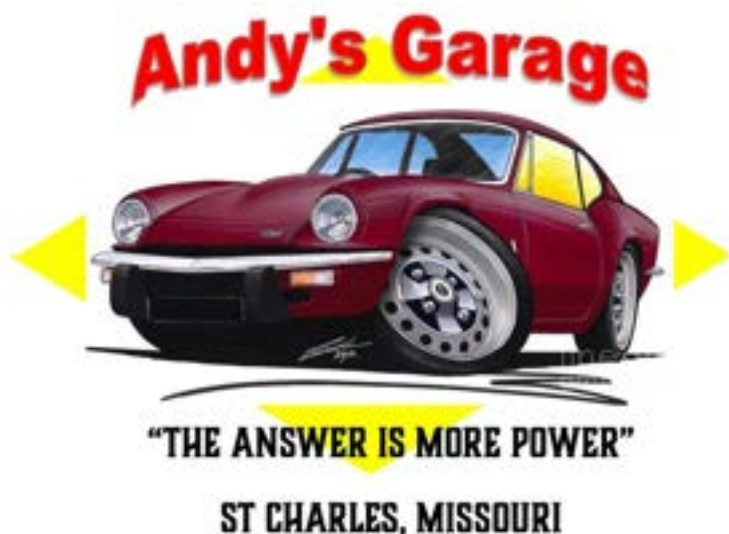
14 Jun 25—Cars & Coffee/Fast Lane Classic Cars, 427 Little Hills Industrial Blvd, St Charles, 08-10 AM.

15 Jun 25—Father's Day Car Show, Kimmswick. Registration 9 AM-11 AM, awards at 3 PM, selected and presented by town merchants. \$15 registration, cash only day of the show. 50/50 drawing, BBQ from Missouri Pit-

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fire available, all proceeds benefit Kimmswick's Visitor Center. Pre-register at gokimmswick.com, contact the visitor center for info or to sign up with cash (636)464-6464

- 19 Jun 25**— MG Club of St Louis **British Invasion**, Fritz's Frozen Custard, 815 Meramec Station Rd, Valley Park, 7 PM.
- 21 Jun 25**— **Cars & Coffee/Amp Up Action Park**, 13901 Manchester Rd, 8-11 AM.
- 21 Jun 25**—Jaguar Association of Greater St Louis **Trip to the St Louis Art Museum** for "Roaring: Art, Fashion and the Automobile in France, 1918-1939." 10 AM-2 PM, lunch follows at Panorama's. No charge for art museum members, \$14 for others.
- 21-29 Jun 25**—**The Great Race 2025**, St Paul, Minnesota to Lake Murray, South Carolina. The route includes an overnight stop in Springfield, Illinois, on Monday, **23 June**. SLTOA will send a contingent to join in on the festivities.
- 22 Jun 25**—Boeing Sports Car Club **autocross No. 4**, Family Arena, St Charles. Grab a helmet, show around 9-9:30, \$50 for six runs. For more information or to get on the mailing list, contact Racer Steve at sshab@yahoo.com.
- 22 Jun 25**—St Louis Region SCCA **Rallycross No. 2**, 10 AM-5 PM, 10 Auto Xing, St Charles. Monitor <https://www.stlscca.org/rallycross/schedule>.
- 27 Jun 25**—**St Louis Art Museum Car Show**, 7-9 PM, in association with the "Roaring: Art, Fashion & the Automobile" exhibit, which runs 12 April through 27 July. First 100 to sign up get a free dash plaque. For info, contact Maryclaire Pavlick, maryclaire.pavlick@slam.org.
- 11 Jul 25**—Jaguar Association of Greater St Louis **Concours d'Elegance 2025**. At the St Louis Elks Lodge No. 9, 12481 Ladue Rd, 9 AM-3 PM.
- 14 Jul 25**—Jaguar Association of Greater St Louis **Annual Birthday Party**, at Glen Echo Country Club, 3401 Lucas & Hunt Rd, Normandy. Cocktail hour 12-1 PM, luncheon 1-3 PMish.
- 27 Jul 25**—St Louis Region SCCA **Lewis and Clark to Daniel Boone Regional GTA Rally**. Start at Lewis and Clark Boat House and Museum on the riverfront in St Charles, ending at Good News Brewing in Defiance. Figure 60 miles and two hours duration, simple route-following with questions based on signs found along the rally route. Info at <http://msreg.com/STL2025GTA-1>.



ANDY'S Garage DRIVE

Saturday, 14 June 2025

- Meet at the Fast Lane Classics Cars & Coffee (8-10 AM), 427 Little Hills Industrial Blvd, St Charles (MO-94 at MO 370)
- 9:45 drivers meeting, 10:00 departure for a drive through north St Charles and St Louis Counties, winding up at Andy's Garage in north St Charles
- Pizza for lunch, feel free to bring a cooler with your preferred refreshments

EDITOR'S CHALLENGE FOR MAY

Take a photo of your Triumph with a 4th of July theme 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.



By the editor

Man, I'll tell you, with LBCs there's always something...as we all well know. Case in point, Memorial Day weekend, where I was able to get the TR8 to the weekly automotive gathering on Friday night, to be followed by my finally, *finally* getting the TR8 to a Boeing Sports Car Club autocross. For one reason or another I'd missed the first two events, here was my chance to once again roort around the course at Family Arena in my 45-year-old Wedge.

The gathering at Sonic went fine and I got to spend time with Dave Massey and David Pollard. As usual, the collection of vehicles on the parking lot was eclectic (see the photos elsewhere in this issue of the Notes) with a good mix of classic America muscle cars, hot rods, and smallish number of European and Japanese vehicles. I left the proceedings around 6:30 or thereabouts and drove back to my house via the scenic route: Big Bend > Old Big Bend > Ballas > Dougherty Ferry > Barrett Station > Manchester. Was cruising along, happily running up and down the gears...when the car hiccupped, majorly, right in front of the ZX station on Manchester.

I had just enough time to think "Uh oh, that'd didn't feel right" when the TR8's engine died. I rolled to a stop in the eastbound turn lanes for the Home Depot complex. Got the car started...and it immediately died again. I set the parking brake and left the car in gear (I learned early not to trust the parking brake), stood alongside the TR8 and warned off the usual large volume of eastbound cars.

Once there was a break in the eastbound traffic I release the brake, popped the car out of gear and attempted to steer towards the access

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MEETING NOTES—30 MAY



Third Tuesday in May, time for the monthly gathering of the Triumph faithful of St Louis, with Maggie O'Brien's on South Kirkwood serving as the venue for the evening. The good news was they had a separate room; it was a tad tight, what with our turnout of 21 members, but everyone managed to squeeze in and enjoy the Irish fare and sports bar atmosphere (save for the one member who ordered a pizza. Response: "No one goes to an Irish pub and orders *pizza!*").

Anyway, the usual small talk took place during the dinner session, including discussions on our cars, upcoming events and (no surprise) the weather, particularly the recent tornados. Promptly at 7 PM, Vice President Dave Massey called the group to order, so to speak...

Minutes

The members approved the minutes for the April meeting, as posted in the May *Exhaust Notes*.

Treasurer

The club account totals \$6051.89. A recent \$20 membership renewal constituted the only transaction since the last report.

Membership

The group welcomed returning member Mike Lewis, from Southhampton, England, owner of 1972 and 1976 TR6s.

Creig Houghtaling noted that with the recent addition of new members Matt Hirsch and Murray Baker, membership now totaled 101. Applause all around...

Old Business/Events

Yr Fthfl Ed advised the local Cars & Coffee events were up and running, first four Saturdays each month.

- In sequence: Sunrise Church, O'Fallon; Fast Lane Classic Cars, St Charles; Amp Up, Town and Country; and 1st PHORM, Fenton.

Concerning the 20 April Forest Park Easter Concours, Creig said we had about half of the people/cars who had signed up, plus one Corvette.

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CHAMPAIGN BRITISH CAR FESTIVAL 30 MAY–1 JUNE



Photos by Linda and Dave Massey and Ed and Mary Kaizer.

Another big turnout at the event, hosted annually by the Illinois Flatland British Car Club. Expect get a short presentation on the festival at our next club meeting.



Lodging at the Chateau Bloomington



Linda Massey with one of the locals



Dave Massey and his TR8



Connie & Dan Goodrum, TR7



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Rover P6/2000



Spirited discussion at the Triumph contingent...



"And then I said..."



Somewhat modified MG Midget...



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Corrine and Dan Goodrum



Dave and Linda Massey



Ed and Mary Kaizer



ADMIT IT, YOU WANT THIS CAR

Third week of May and what should appear on *Barn Finds* (<https://barnfinds.com>), but this Mini mod (mod'd Mini?): a 1980 Midas Bronze. Manufactured in kit form by D&H Fiberglass Techniques (later Midas Cars, Ltd.) of Oldham, Manchester, the vehicle was the follow-on to the Mini Marcos. D&H acquired production rights of the Mini Marcos from Marcos in 1975, redesigned it and this was the result.

The cars featured a steel and GRP body, with the Mini's engine, trans and subframe up front and a modified rear suspension. The manufacturer claimed a top speed of 100 mph with 0-to-60 in 9.9 seconds. It came with rear seats; per *Barn Finds*, this worked "...so long as the back seat passengers are children or gymnastically flexible, or both." Concerning the vehicle's small size, the writer added, "Do you picture yourself traversing today's world of giant pickup trucks, SUVs and 5000 lb Teslas in this composite mini-powered Midas?" Still, who doesn't love the original Mini, or any of the fair number of modified versions which hit British roads over the years?

Anyway, this one came up for sale in Nashville, Tennessee (hmmm...not all that far from here), at a price of \$7500. No word on sale but obviously, a Midas Bronze or other Mini-related vehicle would be a big hit at the annual ABCCS.



MAIFEST DRIVE—18 MAY

Photos by Creig Houghtaling

Good weather, good turnout with a number of Triumphs and other cars, great time (and food) at the finish point, Donau Park near House Springs.



FRIDAYS AT THE SONIC—23 MAY



Two-liter VTEC engine, wings fore and aft...



V8-powered English Ford Anglia



Corvair low-rider

JS Performance Motoring (JSPM) Oil Filter Adaptor for GT6/TR6 – Fumoto Oil Drain Valve

By Stephen Paur

I had attempted to install the available old style hanging spin-on oil filter adapter conversion but could never get the device to seal properly. In many years I had never had any issues with leakage from the stock canister but was overjoyed to find that there was a new adapter option provided by JS Performance Motoring (<https://jspmparts.com/>).

This redesign of the hanging type filter adapter positions the oil filter in the same area as the stock canister filter. It addresses differences in the outer oil seal groove for some engine blocks leading to oil leaks with the old-style adapter.

The JS Performance adapter is high quality and was easy to install. It provides for a good selection of spin-on filters including the option to use larger diameter filters. The kit provided by JSPM included everything needed: adapter, gaskets, and a well written installation instruction document. This item is available from The Roadster Factory or JSPM.

I installed the adapter and finished an oil change on my 1976 TR6 in about an hour and a half including putting in a new Fumoto oil drain valve. Though the instructions were very detailed, I was also helped by a good Gruesome's Garage video (<https://youtu.be/N8bkqB5QJFc?si=aJgwmW-AHkcl HsU>) on YouTube demonstrating the installation of the new adapter on a GT6.

After the installation, I did not experience any leaks and on startup, oil pressure came up very quickly. The only issue encountered was the tight squeeze getting the new spin-on filter on. Last year I had to replace the rear brake line connected to the brake pressure differential warning assembly. (PDWA). The new line extended further from the frame than the original factory brake line, making it a little challenging to fit the filter onto the adapter.

To prevent my annual oil spillage on the garage floor from the oil change, I decided to install a Fumoto engine oil drain valve with a drain tube nipple. This valve, part number F110N (3/8 -18NPT) for the TR6, allows a tube to be attached to easily drain your dirty oil without the splash or stained forearms and hands into a container of choice. A secure valve locking system is integrated into the valve, if does not extend below the bottom of the oil pan, and with millions sold, it is a mature and well tested upgrade. The valve for the TR6 is not listed on the <https://www.fumotousa.com/> website but was provided by a quick and pleasant call to the vendor. These are available from Moss, but you can buy them directly from Fumoto for less than \$40.

Both these vendors were very good to work with and provide high quality products and in the future, I will not dread making oil changes.



SOUTH CENTRAL VTR 2025—AUTOCROSS TALES

As mentioned last issue, Dave Massey and Jeremy Dearing won their classes in the South Central VTR autocross, held in Bellmead, Texas. Ah, but according to the host club, the Red River Valley Triumph Club, some additional effort was involved in preparing the autocross course. Here's RRTC member TD Hathcock's writeup and photos, from the May issue of the *Red River Ramblings*.

Autocross Setup Challenge

When setting up the Autocross and Funkhana tracks, we found there were three cars that were left in the parking lot after a concert in the same place the night before. Calling the police did not help, and I don't think anyone wanted to pay a wrecker to move them. So, there was a stop at Harbor Freight to pick up a set of car dollies, then the low profile big floor jacks came out and the guys started lifting the car wheel by wheel and placing a dolly under each. Once the dollies were in place the team began to push the car away from the middle of the autocross track. The rough surfaces made the move particularly tough and one of the dollies caught on gravel and fell away. The team was still able to get the car moved using just the three dollies. Then they turned their attention to a Mercedes SUV that was in the Funkhana course.



I did see the lady that owned the Mercedes come and get her car; she said nothing, just got in and drove away, but I had to wonder what she was thinking about the placement of her car and how it got there.



Once that was all cleared up, then the racing could commence. We saw the Cone Bandit making an appearance after 10 years, she was back. Different car, same assault on a poor cone, drug it a good 200 ft. This one, while not tangled up in the suspension of the TR6, was tightly caught under the TR7, took two people to pull it out.

Seems like there should be a new award category for stealing cones.



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BSCC AUTOCROSS SERIES—EVENT 3

Slow Roller Racing Team

Results

South Central VTR—26 April 2025

BSCC Event 3—25 May 2025

Summary—And the autocross season is off and running, albeit with some twists. BSCC event 1, 30 March, was cancelled due to weather and no Triumphs or other LBCs competed in the second autocross, 27 April. Ah, but on 26 April, two of our members recorded class wins at the South Central VTR confab, in the 6-cylinder and 8-cylinder modified classes (SM and VM, respectively...hey, points are points). Finally, at BSCC-3, 25 May, Dave Massey and Creig Houghtaling doubled up in Dave's TR8.

BSCC-4 is scheduled for Sunday 22 June at Family Arena. Come on out and give your Triumph a spin, or come out to watch the proceedings and cheer the team.

South Central VTR

| Driver | Car | Class | Overall Finish | Time |
|---------|--------|-------|--------------------------|-------|
| Massey | 80 TR8 | VM | 1 st in class | 25.17 |
| Dearing | 71 TR6 | SM | 1 st in class | 27.63 |

BSCC Event 3

| Driver | Car | Class | Overall Finish | Time |
|-------------|--------|---------|----------------|--------|
| Massey | 80 TR8 | E Stock | 30 | 46.451 |
| Houghtaling | 80 TR8 | ES | 34 | 46.717 |

SRRT Standings

Total Events: 3

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|-------------|----|
| Massey | 20 |
| Dearing | 10 |
| Houghtaling | 9 |

Next Event: 22 June



Dave at one of the 2024 autocrosses, Family Arena



Break in the action at Bellmead (photo courtesy of the Red River Triumph Club)



THEY'RE ALL WORKS IN PROGRESS

Rich Etz—Rich's Triumph has a fuel pump problem, he'd hoped it was a problem with the fuel filter. He hasn't worked on the car much yet, hopes to get to it soon but right now the main effort is fixing his "cruising machine" (presumably his '72 Corvette). Also, he's been helping neighbors who sustained damage from May's tornado.

YFE—No major updates; still need to replace the vacuum brake assist, change the oil, plugs and plug wires.

Sam Sheppard—Graduation on Saturday (applause!), have a slow leak with the yellow Spitfire affecting the idle. Otherwise, am working on reorganizing the garage so they can work on the other car.

Glenn Frasca—Working on an overheating issue. Recently bought an MG Midget, reasonably priced, I successfully resisted buying it for five days. The Midget's a '73, prepared for autocrossing, it has a supercharged 1275 plus a five-speed Datsun transmission.

Ed Kaizer—Not working on anything right now, have a lot that needs doing including bodywork on the TR6, solving the starting issues. (verbal troubleshooting by the group followed). Stephen Paur retold the tale of the world record backfire generated by Ed's TR6 during the fall colours drive some years back. Ed rsp: "I got an award!" the discussion segued into the value of keeping hammers in your Triumph. Rsp: "It's important to have a hammer, but don't get hammered."

Stephen L. Paur—Put BlueTooth in the TR6. For years, he wanted to put in an spin-on oil filter adaptor, bought one from JS Motorsports, "it's brilliant!" Installation was easy, the adaptor's a bit pricey, \$180 to \$250. Discussion followed on filter installation (NOTE: see "TR Tech," pg 10, this issue)

Pat Kasate—Still have a TR3 in the garage..."I'm in a dream state, it doesn't run, not currently." Rsp: "did it run when parked?" Rsp2: "You could light a fire under it. Rsp3: "Do you need an intervention?"

Ben Franklin—"I actually did something" (gasps from the crowd): "I changed the steering wheel" (applause). Motolite, 13-inch, was a gift, very nice. Next up, during Sunday's drive, noted a squeak when turning left, could be a bearing or bushing. Rsp: "Just turn the radio up." Rsp2: "Stop making left turns."

John Moore—Finally decided to pull out the old speedometer on the TR6, David Yannayon very graciously provided a replacement; "they are a bear to get in" (Dave Massey: "You've gotta be a contortionist." The TR3's sitting, waiting for a steering wheel (everyone immediately looked at Ben; Jesse commented, "I know where you can get one"). Other than that, John's working on his BMW Z4: "I remodeled the front end." Rsp: "How big was the deer?"

Jesse Lowe—Hasn't been working on cars lately.

John Willerton—Used leather cleaner on the interior of his TR3, "it shined up pretty good."

Creig Houghtaling—Got a new transmission to install in "The Monster," he and Dave would do the job the next day.

Mike Lewis—Working on the gearbox of the '72 TR6, the engine's in the car right now.

Dave Massey—Haven't done any work on the TR6, did change the oil prior to the trip to Waco. Also worked on the pressure regulator for the fuel system, hot starting issues. Has a bunch of ideas on what to do. As for the TR8, it remains a work in progress...running great but it has what they call coil on plug, where each plug has a coil. He's working up a sensor so he can monitor sequential firing and "spark events." Rsp from the floor: "Man, that is way over my head."

Dave: "That's the beauty of the hobby. You can focus on mechanical stuff or you can focus on the systems. There has been a lot of progress in engine management systems over the last 45 years."



Negative Camber (Continued from page 4)

road/parking lot in front of the Armed Forces Recruiting Center.

Quickly learned a valuable lesson: steering and stopping a one-ton vehicle going (slightly) downhill from outside the vehicle – ie, left side, right hand on the steering wheel – particularly a car with power steering that isn't functioning because the engine's off, is damn near impossible. Despite my best efforts, BOOM, up and over the curb in front of the recruiting center. Well, at least that stopped the car and there was no immediate indication of serious damage, no oil dump although I have to wonder how the under-bumper spoiler managed to remain attached the vehicle.

About the time I succeeded in getting the car off the curb, two good Samaritans jumped out of their vehicles, ran over and said "get in and steer, we'll push you!" Flailed a bit getting into the driver's seat while the car was moving, fortunately I didn't fall under the wheels (that would have truly marked the end of the perfect day, eh? The headline in *Exhaust Notes* would've probably been "Editor run over by own Triumph"), but God love 'em, we got the TR8 safely off Manchester and parked. Phew...

So now the Wedge sits in the garage, awaiting the initial trouble-shooting session with a panel of experts. My guess is that it's a fuel feed issue, perhaps a failed fuel pump or clogged fuel filter. We'll see...

BTW, this is the first time I've had to get the car towed in several years, probably since "the great radiator failure" event at one of the Boeing autocrosses. I can't complain...I am thankful that with help I was able to get the dead vehicle off one of the busiest roads in the region and am thankful we have the expertise in SLTOA to help me get it back on the road and track.

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- Weather concerns drove the reduced turnout, show-wide. The event organizing group, the Horseless Carriage Club of Missouri, stated total participation was down about 33 percent.
- But, as it turned out, it was “not such a bad day...still a nice show.”
- MG club retained the British Leyland participation trophy, 14-10
- The lineup of brass-era cars included a 1920 Moon.
- A brief discussion followed on both Moon and Dorris vehicles

Dave Massey gave a report on the South Central VTR gathering in Bellmead, Texas, hosted by the Red River Triumph Club, “Great show”

- It was about a 12, 13-hour drive down there from St Louis
- Dave drove down in his TR8, with Jeremy Dearing driving the TR6
- Good weather except for one day, “we had a real toad-choker rain storm”

YFE gave a brief update on the Boeing autocross series

- Next event is Sunday, 27 April, Dave Massey and Creig Houghtaling will compete in Dave’s TR8, YFE’s running his TR8.

New Business/Events

Creig asked if anyone was planning on joining the MG club on their drive to the Evergreen Museum, 24 May.

- He said he’d get the word out
- “It’s a legendary, seldom-seen collection,” would be worth an SLTOA excursion at some point in the future.

Rich Etz said he and Veep Dave Massey had visited the “Roaring: Art, Fashion & the Automobile ” exhibition at the St Louis Art Museum earlier today

- Stephen Paur stated the exhibition included “...cars you’ll only see at Pebble Beach.”
- Dave added there was something for everyone, ie, cars, artwork, fashion.
- Be advised parking’s “a bear.”

MaiFest drive, 18 May, per Creig we had a decent turnout.

- Seven cars, 13 people
- Karl Schmitt saved seats and the group was able to get inside for food and music by the German band
- YFE requested photos from anyone who participated in the drive and festival, for use in the June *Notes*
- Creig got to drive Dave Massey’s TR8, “That’s a nice driving car”

Concerning the annual British Car Festival in Bloomington, Stephen Paur said he and Ronnie weren’t going to make it this year.

- Dave Massey said he and Linda would make it but had to return Saturday night
- General discussion followed on the event.

Route 66 Cars & Guitars Festival, scheduled for downtown Kirkwood on Saturday, 7 June.

Triumph Register of America meet, 16-20 June in Kalamazoo, Michigan. Anyone attending? Probably the Kressers

Great Race 2025—Overnight stop scheduled for Springfield, Illinois, Monday 23 June.

- Cars on display at the old courthouse
- Stephen Paur is going up Monday morning with the Miata club, will stay at the Statehouse Inn and Conference Center, about two blocks from the courthouse

Vintage Triumph Register, hosted by the Minnesota Triumphs Sports Car Club in LaCrosse, Wisconsin, 15-19 July.

- Per Veep Dave, “Good group, they’ve done this event before”
- Dave, Jeremy and Creig are planning on attending, figure on a seven to eight-hour drive.
- On the Mississippi River, “all of the good driving roads are in Wisconsin”
- Possible interesting drive: take MO 79 to Hannibal, cross the river and take US 61 north through Nauvoo, Burlington, Davenport, etc.

Cruisin Lindbergh, 19 July, discussion on the possibility of doing a club drive winding up at the event

- Additional discussion followed: “It’s a mess...kids on motorcycles doing wheelies, cars burning rubber.”
- Rich Etz commented, “Hundreds of cars of various descriptions, absolutely packed, hundreds of people lined up to watch. The later it gets, the crazier it gets”
- Five-mile cruise, used to start at the Hooters on Lemay Ferry, now starts in the lot of the closed Weekends Only store at 6303 S Lindbergh, goes from there to Tesson Ferry

Heartland All British Car & Cycle Meet, in Merriam, Kansas, 7-8 September

...Per Stephen Paur, over Labor Day weekend, he took a third place trophy last year

...Dinner and swap meet the night before

...Anyone interested in caravanning over, contact Stephen

...Veep Dave Massey noted that’s the same weekend as the Kansas City Irish Festival, which among other

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activities will feature a concert by the Red Hot Chili Pipers (Rsp: "Did you join the band?")

Mid-State Rendezvous with the Kansas City TR club

- Stephen Paur contacted the club's event coordinators, they are interested
- Possibly meet at Rocheport, on the Missouri west of Columbia
- Possible overnight event, "We need to start thinking about it"
- Dave Massey: "How about September?"
- SLP: Was thinking about early October, so as to not conflict with our annual fall colours drive. He'll look into lodging in the vicinity.
- Dave BTW: The KC club is considering hosting South Central VTR again, haven't committed yet. They last held the event in 2014

All British Car & Cycle Show, scheduled for the third Saturday in September (20 Sept)

- The MG club of St Louis has started planning and preparation for the event, date not officially announced yet
- Dave Massey: "Creve Coeur Lake Park is the most popular park in the county, they'll need to reserve the show site early."

6 Pack, scheduled for 2-5 October at Fontana Dam, North Carolina.

- Steve Moore's going
- Veep Dave said we'd look at a different weekend for the mid-state rendezvous
- One member admitted they'd never heard of "The Tail of the Dragon." He received the requisite amount of verbal abuse in response...

Fall Colours Drive will take place in October as per usual, probably late in the month

- Ed Kaizer mentioned he was looking a few changes, will possibly add some miles to the route
- He's also checking on Fountain Hill, a new restaurant in Grafton, as the possible lunch stop location

John Willerton mentioned the Nine Mile Drive in July, with food trucks.

- No date yet, more to follow.

Dave talked a bit about Triumphfest, scheduled for 5-8 October in Buellton, California

- "...It's basically like VTR or South Central VTR, organized by the California clubs, Arizona, possibly Oregon."
- Dave and Linda have been to the event twice: 2009 in San Luis Obispo and 2023 in San Rafael, immediately north of San Francisco.

Question from the floor: "Where's Buellton?" Answer: US 101 between San Luis Obispo and Santa Barbara, near Vandenberg AFB.

- Question2: "What's a 'Split Pea Andersen's?" Rsp: "Your kidding, right?"

Early planning has started for the annual SLTOA Christmas party/lunch.

- The consensus from the attendees was we should hold it at the Jefferson Grill again ("Book it!")
- The editor said he's looking for a pair of 1960 Rambler shocks...

The June meeting is the annual picnic, scheduled for 17 June at Schroeder Park.

- The meal will be catered by McAlister's, Creig said he'd put out an email blast asking for quick RSVPs from the members who plan to attend.
- BYO preferred libation

Creig followed with plans for a possible drive.

- He'd talked with Andy Stark; Andy bought a service station in St Charles and hopes to eventually host food trucks.
- The station's located on MO 94 south of Fast Lane
- "He's cleaned it up, it's really nice." The station houses a couple of his cars, some old gas pumps, etc.
- Would be a great place to meet with a brown bag lunch

Rich Etz announced the annual Bloomington Gold gathering for Corvettes, scheduled at World Wide Technology Raceway, 5-7 June

- BIG event, first time in St Louis (okay, Madison...)
- Expect hundreds of 'Vettes, including historic examples

Veep Dave followed up with the standard around-the-room who's doing what with their cars. The meeting concluded at 8:30; our thanks to the staff at Maggie O'Brien's, particularly our server, Ryan.



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CAR SHOW

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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.

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June 21-29, 2025



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CAR SHOW

THURSDAY, JULY 3, 2025



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!

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**

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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.



BRITS *in the* OZARKS

Twenty-Third (mostly) Annual All-British Car and Cycle Show

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South of Exit 67-A off I-49 September 18th, 19th and 20th, 2025, Rain or Shine

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>>Registration will be available as soon as the Guest Speaker is confirmed<<

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Brits in the Ozarks

Sept. 18th:

Driving tours through Arkansas Ozarks, for both leisurely drivers and faster cars. Routes to be announced.

Sept. 19th:

Driving tours through the Ozarks for both leisurely and faster drivers. Routes to be announced.

Show Registration (4:00 – 6:00 P.M.) walks-ups welcome. Also available on site the day of the show starting at 8:30 a.m.

Cook out and parking lot party 6:00 PM at the **Holiday Inn Convention Center of Northwest Arkansas**, until we get tired or the beer runs out!

Sept. 20th:

Car and cycle display and popular choice judging at Agri Park, North Garland Street, Fayetteville, Arkansas, 10 AM - 2 PM.

Lunch and concessions available on site. Silent Auction (donations welcomed).

Awards Dinner at the hotel 6 PM.

SPECIAL GUEST: To Be Announced.

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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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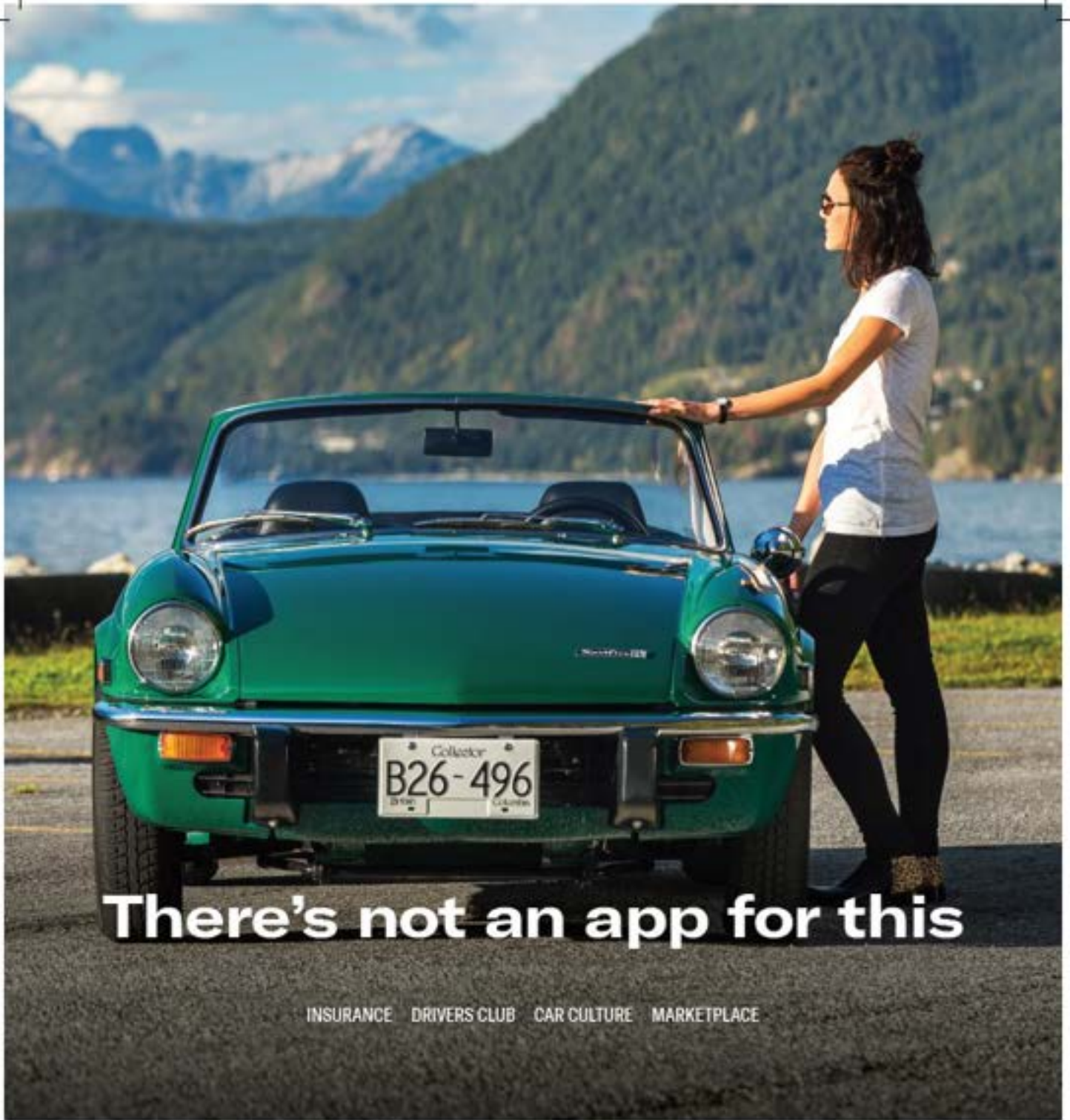
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MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

We certainly hope that you will want to join the ranks of other proud Triumph owners or, for members, use this page to renew your membership in the St Louis Triumph Owners Association. An annual membership fee of \$20.00, due each January, covers your membership through the calendar year.

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.
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- 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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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!** →

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If you have any questions about membership, please contact SLTOA membership director Creig Houghtaling:
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See you at the next event!

SLTOA CLASSIFIEDS



59 TR3A—Donor car with clear title and ID tags, four fenders, two bonnets, two trunk lids, frame, front apron assembly, complete drivetrain with extra transmission and differential,, plus all of the components from the disassembly of a complete car. The steering wheel and instrument panel are very nice. Asking \$2000, contact Bill Anton at wda888@yahoo.com or (618)462-1843, in Alton. (Jun 25)



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 Stag—Project car, needs completion. Many new parts including tires, battery, brake rebuild, distributor, carb, spark plus, spark plug wires, timing chain and water pump. The

motor is a 1978 Buick 3.8L V6 backed by a Chevrolet 350 automatic. In Mount Olive, Illinois, \$10,000, email for more info and details:

b19da5552f093be1be86a264432772c5@sale.craigslist.org. (Jun 25) (*Craigslist*)



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—Totally restored, body off frame, rebuilt from the ground up. Everything replaced or re-



built. 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)

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78 Spitfire 1500 Custom—all bodywork is steel. Chevy 4.3 V6, 5 speed manual New tires, both tops. Text only, voicemail not working. Call John (810)347-9036, In Goodrich, Michigan (SE of Flint), \$5000 (*Craigslist*)(Jun 25)

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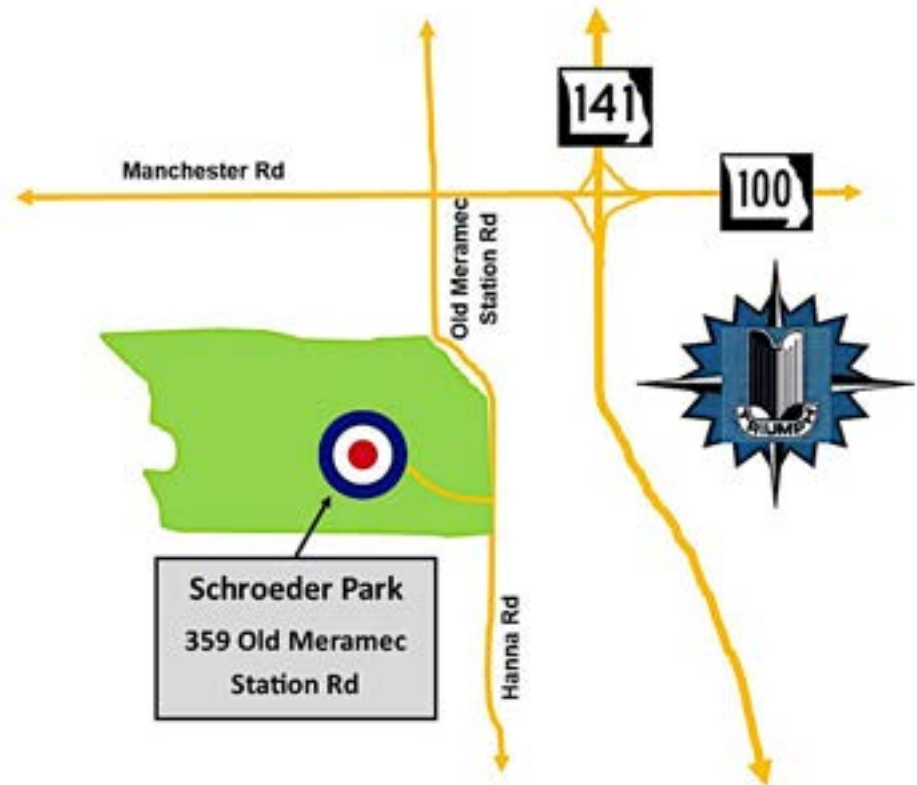
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