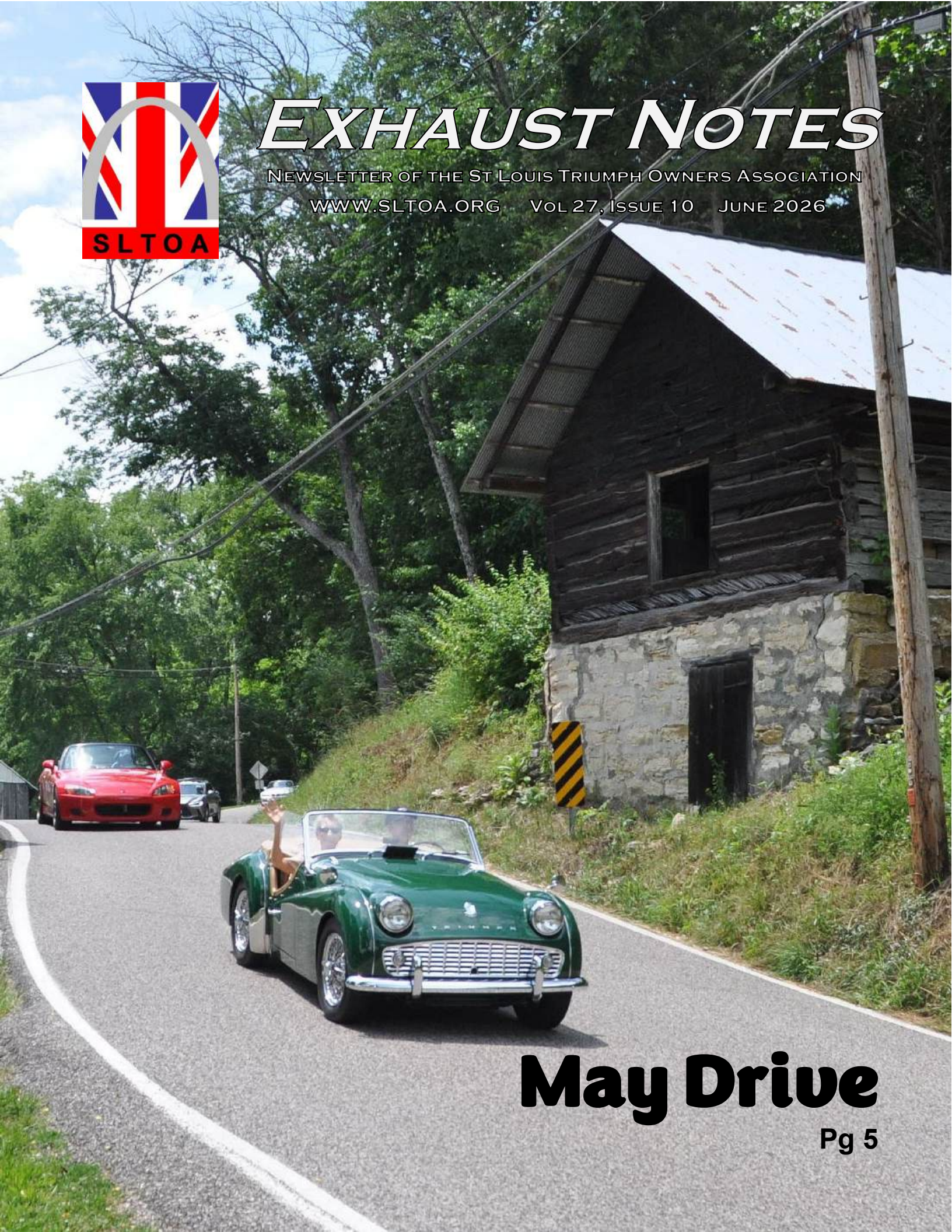




EXHAUST NOTES

NEWSLETTER OF THE ST LOUIS TRIUMPH OWNERS ASSOCIATION

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May Drive

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CALENDAR



15-19 Jun 26—TRA National Meet, in Madras, Oregon. Info at <https://www.triumphregister.com/national-meet>.

16 Jun 26—SLTOA monthly meeting, Civil Life Brewing, 3714 Holt Ave, St Louis

27 Jun 26—SLTOA Winery Drive to Cedar Lake Cellars, 11008 Schreckengast Rd, Wright City. See pg 3.

18 Jul 26—SLTOA Sweat Fest Drive to Eckert's Orchard, Belleville, details TBA.

21 Jul 26—SLTOA monthly meeting.

17-19 Sept 26—6-Pack TRials in Nashville, Indiana at the Abe Martin Lodge in Brown County State Park. More to follow. The event's 243 miles east of here, road trip, anyone?

Oct 26—Annual SLTOA Fall Colours Drive, details to follow.

9-11 Oct 26—Proposed Triumph & MG mid-state gathering at the Vintage Sports Car Drivers Association (VSCDA) Ozarks Vintage Festival, Ozarks International Raceway, Gravois Mills, Missouri. More shall be revealed...

14-18 Oct 26—VTR 2026: Deep In the Heart of Texas. In Kerrville, host hotel is the Y.O. Ranch Hotel & Conference Center. Hosted by South Texas Triumph Association, full list of events—including a run to Luckenbach, Texas, yee-haw! - at <https://stta.wildapricot.rog/VTR2026/>.

8 Nov 26 –Annual SLTOA Veterans Run, details to follow.

12 Jun 26—Friday Nights at the Sonic, every Friday through October, Big Bend and Kirkwood.

13 Jun 26—C&C Fast Lane Classic Cars, 427 Little Hills Industrial Blvd, 8-10 AM.

14 Jun 26—38th Annual St Louis European Auto Show, 10 AM-2 PM at the Lit Cigar Lounge, 17049 N Outer 40 Suite 189, The District, Chesterfield.

14 Jun 26—1st Annual All Saints Car Show, 7 McMenamy Rd, St Peters, 12 Noon-4 PM. \$10 per car, live music, food and beverage available for purchase,

17 Jun 26—MGCStL Golf Outing, Creve Coeur Golf Course, Dielmann Recreation Complex, 11400 Olde Cabin Rd, Creve Coeur, 9 AM-1 PM.

20-28 Jun 26—Hemmings The Great Race 2026, Route 66! Starts in Springfield, Illinois with the first overnight (the 20th) in Collinsville (yes, Collinsville). The competitors then proceed west to Pasadena, California, via extended portions of the original US 66.

20 Jun 26—Jaguar Association of Greater St Louis Route 66 100 Years-Springfield Rallye. Drive up old US 66 to Springfield, Illinois, for the Great Rae, lunch and a tour of the Dana Thomas House. Monitor <https://www.jagstl.com/events/>.

20 Jun 26—C&/Amp Up Action Park, 13901 Manchester Rd, 8-11 AM.

21 Jun 26—Boeing Sports Car Club Autocross No. 4, Family Arena. Show about 9-9:30 AM, \$55 for six runs. For more information or to sign up for the event, contact Racer Steve at sshab@yahoo.com.

21 Jun 26—Father's Day Car Show, Kimmswick, Missouri, registration 8 AM-11 AM or until spaces are filled. Registration \$20, all proceeds benefit the Kimmswick Visitor Center. 50/50 drawing, basket drawing, merchant bingo, BBQ available from Missouri Pitfire. Online registration at <http://gokimmswick.com>, for more info call the visitor center at (636)464-6464.

21 Jun 26—Father's Day Car Show, at the National Museum of Transportation, 9u AM-3 PM. Hosted by the Horseless Carriage Club of Missouri.

26-27 Jun 26—Greater Ozarks British Motoring Club Car Show, at American Legion Post 639, 2660 S Scenic, Springfield, Missouri. Featured car this year is the Mini. More info at <https://gobmccarshow.com/>.

27 Jun 26—MG Club of St Louis British Invasion, 7-8 PM, Silky's Frozen Custard, 12810 Olive Blvd, St Louis.

- 27 Jun 26**—Gateway Classics **Caffeine and Chrome**, 1237 Central Park Dr, O’Fallon, Illinois. No admission fee, come on in for donuts and coffee.
- 27 Jun 26**—**Annual Pacific Car Show & Block Party**. Car show 8 AM-4 PM, block party 4-11 PM. Live music, kids zone, food and drinks, fireworks at 9:30 PM, www.pacificimo.org/event/pacific-car-show.
- 3 Jul 26**—Annual **Twin Oaks Presbyterian Car Show**, 9 AM-2 PM, 1230 Big Bend Rd, Ballwin. Bring canned goods for the church’s food pantry.
- 3 Jul 26**—**Memories Car Club Cruise**, aka “The Zoo,” Faith Church, 13001 Gravois Rd.
- 3 Jul 26**—**Friday Nights at the Sonic**, every Friday through October, Big Bend and Kirkwood.
- 4 Jul 26**—**C&C West/Sunrise Church**, 7116 Twin Chimneys Blvd, O’Fallon, Missouri, 8-10 AM.
- 8 Jul 26**—**JAGSL Pre-War Cars at Hunter Engineering**, 9:30 AM to 1 PM, 11250 Hunter Dr, Bridgeton.
- 11 Jul 26**—**C&C Fast Lane Classic Cars**, 427 Little Hills Industrial Blvd, St Charles, 8-10 AM.
- 18 Jul 26**—**Cars & Coffee/Amp Up Action Park**, 13901 Manchester Rd, 8-11 AM.
- 19 Jul 26**—**MGCStL Pre-Dawn Rally**. Starting point is the gas mart at 18403 Convenience Way at 5:30 AM, the drive will end at The Original Pancake House in Chesterfield. Monitor <https://stlouismgclub/events-calendar/>.
- 19 Jul 26**—**Boeing Sports Car Club Autocross No. 5**, Family Arena. Show about 9-9:30 AM, \$50 for six runs. For more information or to sign up for the event, contact Racer Steve at sshab@yahoo.com.
- 25 Jul 26**—**Oh London Car Show**, sponsored by It’s Alive Automotive, The Kaufmann Fund and Acendas Vacations. At Oh London Restaurant and Lodge, 11411 Olive Blvd., 12 noon. Great cars and tasty food, European beer specials, trophies, prizes and fun, 10% of all food and beverage sales during the car show will go directly to The Kaufmann Fund supporting veterans. Info at <https://ohlondonusa.com/>.
- 25 Jul 26**—Gateway Classics **Caffeine and Chrome**. No admission fee, come on in for donuts and coffee.
- 1 Aug 26**—**C&C West/Sunrise Church**, 7116 Twin Chimneys Blvd, O’Fallon, Missouri, 8-10 AM.
- 7 Aug 26**—**Memories Car Club Cruise**, aka “The Zoo,” Faith Church, 13001 Gravois Rd.
- 7 Aug 26**—**Friday Nights at the Sonic**, Big Bend and Kirkwood.
- 8 Aug 26**—**C&C Fast Lane Classic Cars**, 427 Little Hills Industrial Blvd, St Charles.
- 15 Aug 26**—**Cars & Coffee/Amp Up Action Park**, 13901 Manchester Rd, 8-11 AM.
- 30 Aug 26**—**Boeing Sports Car Club Autocross No. 6**, Family Arena. Show about 9-9:30 AM, \$50 for six runs. For more information or to sign up for the event, contact Racer Steve at sshab@yahoo.com.



cedar lake cellars drive
saturday, 27 june

Meet at the BP station, 18403 Convenience Way, Chesterfield, 10:30 AM
Depart at 11 AM
Arrive Cedar Lake Cellars around 12:30-1 PM

If the lawn is dry, we might park our cars on the levee next to the lake for an impromptu Triumph show

NEGATIVE CAMBER



By the editor

A few days ago the Bride of Morganstein and I returned from a one-week trip to Vancouver, Washington/Portland, Oregon. The main event of the visit was the graduation of grandson number three up in Battle Ground, north of Vancouver. This marked the third year in a row that one or both of us have headed to the Pac Norwest for a graduation ceremony involving one of the grandkids.

Truth be known, I didn't see any Triumphs on this trip but I did run across an MGB, a TVR 280i Tasmin and an, er, "mystery car" parked among a number of businesses (the photo's parked on page 24) immediately east of Fort Vancouver National Historic Site/Vancouver Barracks. The TVR was particularly entertaining; if you're into "max wedge" styling, this'd be one to look at.

In any event, pardon me while I engage rant mode.

Our rental for the Northwest excursion was a mid-size SUV, a product of Detroit (the make is being withheld to protect the innocent). The vehicle was comfortable, had plenty of room for our luggage and the turbocharged 1.5 liter four-banger provided adequate power.

Unfortunately, the vehicle also proved a perfect example of technology gone rampant.

A few months back one of the editors of *Car & Driver* noted that these days most manufacturers try to improve their vehicles by cramming in more and more technology. This seemed certainly true with the rental SUV, which had a couple of modern "enhancements" which made controlling various functions more difficult.

First up was the multi-function display or MFD. Nearly a foot wide and with the exception of the HVAC, it con-

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MEETING MINUTES—19 MAY

Spring meeting, outdoor venue...and this being the Midwest, we had cold, wet and the threat of rain. As a result, no Triumphs in the parking lot of Sugar Fire in St Charles, but Glenn Frasca said he'd brought his MG Sorrento SUV. We did have 13 members turn out, including two prospective members.

Prez Dave started the meeting at 7 PM by introducing Troy Duncan, St Louis, owner of a 1974 TR6 and Charles Bell, Webster, 1962 TR4. Tony said his son also had a TR6, which he'd driven from Pittsburgh; Creig Houghtaling said he'd seen Tony out driving, followed him home and told him about SLTOA. Charles said his TR4 hadn't been driven in 44 years, making it an obvious candidate for restoration. Both gentlemen are architects.

Minutes

The members approved April's meeting minutes, as published in *Exhaust Notes*.

Treasurer

The current balance is \$5642.11. The club made a payment of \$225 to the Horseless Carriage Club of Missouri for the group Forest Park Easter Concours registration.

- The club also got hit with another \$3.00 bank fee, treasurer Ben Franklin said he'd talk with bank management.
- Dave Massey said several members of the club leadership, in and around the monthly fee, are getting regular "thank you customers" emails.

Events

Pop-up event, 30-31 May in Ste Genevieve, reenactment of the Battle of Fort San Carlos, 10 AM Saturday to 3 PM Sunday.

- At Moses Austin Park, featuring reenactors, drill demonstrations and a Colonial Ball Saturday night.

Targa de Soto III drive, held 18 April, all who participated agreed it was a fun drive with lunch at a good restaurant.

Planned 23 May drive: per Events Chair Creig, Steve Moore "...has an awesome drive laid out."

- Creig and Steve did the test run of the route on Thursday, noted one portion of the drive will incorporate a one-way, scenic loop drive through a park. The drive will end up at Lazy River Grill on Big Bend

Kirkwood's 6 June "Cars & Guitars" street car show. Dave Massey said he had two cars registered, others who plan to participate include Ben, Creig, the Shepards and possibly John Willerton.

- Prez Dave said last year's event "...was a madhouse." About 180-200 cars.
- Webmaster Sam Sheppard noted the link to the event web site was now on the SLTOA web site.

The annual Champagne British Car Festival is scheduled for the weekend of 29-31 May, in Bloomington at the David Davis Mansion

- Karl Schmitt's planning on participating, any others?
- Discussion followed; expect a heavy turnout from Brit clubs in Chicago, lots cars

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MAY DRIVE—30 MAY 2026

Hoo-ha, what a time...14 cars—including 8 Triumphs—about 20 participants and another outstanding route conjured up by Steve Moore. We had six TR6s in the pack, along with a single Spitfire and a TR3, along with two—count 'em, 2—Honda S2000s (believe that's a first), a Toyota MR2, a BMW Z3 and Z4 and a Lexus SUV.

The roads were dry and the scattered cloud cover helped keep the temperature at a reasonable level. The route provided the requisite amount of twisties and elevation changes, including the scenic loop at Greensfelder Park. At the end of the trail 11 gathered at one of the club favorites, the Lazy River Grill, for lunch and some serious story telling.

Our thanks to Steve for the route and to the staff at the Lazy River, including our server Amanda.





Photo by Maria Moore



Greensfelder Park: the "Rockwood Rockin' Horsefest" was underway as we drove by.



Photo by John Moore

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TRS IN PRINT



When you get the chance, hie thee to your local B&N and grab a copy of May's *Classic & Sports Car*. This issue features a buyer's guide for the GT6, as well as two articles on the TR8.

The first is a comparison between stock and modified 8s while the second article focuses on several variations of the car, including the Grinnall, the Group 44 race car, the Crayford Tracer wagon/estate and the Eurosport UK TR40, which primarily consisted of a body kit designed to transform the Wedge into something like a Ferrari (seriously...).

ROUTE 66 CARS & GUITARS—5 JUNE 2026

By Ben Franklin

Photos by Ben Franklin and Dave Massey

Cars and Guitars was a fun event, super busy all day. Loads of non-car people lusting after all of the cars. Stores of, "I had one," "I want one," "I still want one," to "Can I drive t home?" Just don't ask Sam about his t-shirt, or lack of.

I'd do this again, the six hours flew by.





TR SWAG



Hey there bunkie, you say you need to replenish your SLTOA gear, garb, geedunk and swag? Well, stand up and cheer and call up <https://sltoa.printful.me> (we should have a direct link on SLTOA web page within a few days).

You'll be able to show your SLTOA pride with our exclusive, one-of-a-kind customized products! Each item is created specifically for your order, giving you a truly personalized piece

you won't find anywhere else.

Because every product is custom-made, we're unable to accept returns or exchanges—so please review sizing and product details carefully before completing your purchase.

Promote the SLTOA brand with gear crafted uniquely for you!

SLTOA BLOG: News, commentary, events, opinion and seasoned immaturity. www.sltoa.org/blog/



REPORT FROM BELGIUM



Triumph TR car clubs European Meeting

Discover Europe

Triumph TR classic car clubs across Europe hold an annual meeting to share their passion for their cars whilst experiencing a wide diversity of culture, language, heritage and scenery; all that Europe has to offer from the seat of your Triumph sports car.

A new journey

Each year one of the clubs acts as host to plan and deliver an event that captures the spirit of their region or country. The event usually occurs over a weekend in early September. It can be extended either before or after the weekend for those with the time and desire to see and experience even more.

Join the family

By participating in these events, friendships develop across borders and time. We encourage all club members to join in and see what the events have to offer. We welcome new clubs into the family, expanding the network of European Triumph TR classic car clubs. Our most recent new family member is the Triumph Classic Owners Club in Ireland.



REPORT FROM SCOTLAND



I am Andrew Milne based in Scotland who has contributed to your magazine for many years via your member Craig Ingraham. Last weekend I thought of him when an Austin 7 rally came to my village. It was the kind of event he would've forwarded to the magazine.

The Austin 7 was the UK equivalent of the US Model T Ford when, in the 1930s, many could afford to buy one. The Austin 7 was the car on which Collin Chapman based the original Lotus.

I bought a 1938 model in 1963 as my first car for \$10. Two years ago, when I was 80 years old, my son found that car in Glasgow and the current owner allowed me to drive it. Great event.



This is the car I bought in 1963 for \$10 (blue Austin 7)



THEY'RE ALL WORKS IN PROGRESS

Murray Baker—I'm good.

John Willerton—Creig and I have decided the TR3 needs a new distributor; I also want to replace the steering gear. I did sell the TR6 to a sweet little old lady from Petosi. She had an MGB when she was younger, after driving the TR6 she was giddy.

YFE—Same as last month, *still* need to finish swapping out the plugs and plug wires and do an oil change, then I'll do some test drives to see if the fuel flow problem was successfully resolved. If the car proves reliable I'll be able to get it out on drives and for autocrosses.

Tony Duncan—I have a non-running TR6, it probably hasn't run in eight years. Lots of rust, have bought a lot of parts and components. **Dave Massey**: The gas is probably no good. **Tony**: We'll use an external gas can once it's running.

Glenn Frasca—I'm done spreading oil across the state of Missouri. I went through four quarts during the endurance rally. More on the use of Sea Foam: Turns out the carbon buildups on the rings were maintaining the compression. I lost 3 psi each cylinder! Kind of a "NS" moment, good lesson here.

Charles Bell—I haven't driven the car in 44 years. **Dave Massey**: The gas is probably bad. **Glenn Frasca**: Sea Foam won't help. **Murray Baer**: At least it doesn't have ethanol. **Charles**: I cut my teeth on an Austin-Healey Sprite, rebuilt it. That's where I got my interest in British cars (discussion followed on TR4 hood bubbles)

Ben Franklin—I haven't really done anything since last meeting, am working on the snap fasteners, will do the braes soon as well (discussion followed on fasteners).

Ben: I took my son out, we spotted a TR6 and met its owner, Ed Mulligan. Incredible TR6...he's not a member yet. One other thing: I changed insurance from Hagerty to Taylor, was paying \$517. The declared value on the car is \$20K.

Sam Sheppard—I need to mess around with the ignition. There's no space in the garage to work on my '62 Spitfire MKII, the body's rusted out.

Jeff Zilch—I sold my car to some guy down in Fredericktown, had to sell it as I'm moving and didn't have any place to park it. I have some items I won't use anymore, TR6 parts are available. **Ben Franklin**: We'll still take your money.

Creig Houghtaling—I replaced the master cylinder on the red TR6. Didn't drive it due to rain, but I started the car and the brakes felt good. Kay and I took the Alaskan cruise, we actually saw a Triumph in Skagway.

Dave Massey—Just replaced the head gaskets, also have a TR6 engine up at Todd's, he called, "Do you have another crankshaft?" I'll figure out when we're going to pull it. I also replaced the brace boosters on both cars; when they get over 40 years old, they don't hold up too well. **Creig Houghtaling**: The last time I needed one I bought it from Moss.

ADMIT IT YOU WANT THIS CAR



And the hits just keep on coming, courtesy of Barn Finds (<https://barnfinds.com>). This month, a 1967 Triumph 2000 estate/wagon, located in Santa Rosa, California.

This was a second owner vehicle with 57,604 on the odometer. A 2-liter inline six provided the power via an automatic transmission.. While non-running, the car

had a solid frame and pretty much intact body. The car came with additional parts, along with books, emblems and an extra steering wheel.

Still, a project; according to the seller, the rear floor pan was rusted through and the engine head had a broken stud. In addition, "the brakes may currently be stuck, as the car became difficult to move after being loaded onto a trailer. The interior is complete but will need restoration."

According to the article, the seller acquired the car as a project but then changed his mind. "Their hope is that the wagon finds a new owner interested in preserving such an unusual British classic rather than using it for parks."

In the end, someone decided to take up the challenge. The 2000 sold for \$2025 on 15 March.



MENTIONED IN DESPATCHES

The National Museum of Transportation Celebrates 100 Years of Route 66 with New Exhibit: “Roads, River, Rooms, and Reels.”

St Louis, MO – The National Museum of Transportation is proud to announce a special exhibition celebrating the 100th anniversary of historic Route 66. Titled “Roads, River, Rooms, and Reels,” the exhibit will open to the public on March 14, 2026 and will explore the stories, memories, and modes of travel that shaped America’s most iconic highway and the communities connected to it.

Two iconic features anchor the exhibit. Visitors will experience a stunning 26-foot model of the SS *Admiral*, beautifully restored by the skilled craftsmen of Sheet Metal Workers Local 36, honoring the legendary riverboat that once defined river travel and entertainment in the Midwest. The exhibit will also spotlight the beloved ‘66’ Park-in Theater on Watson Road, owned by the Wehrenberg Family of St Louis, Missouri, a treasured symbol of drive-in movie culture and shared community memories along Route 66.

As part of the exhibition, the Museum invites the public to participate in a special storytelling initiative titled, “I Remember...” Community members are encouraged to share personal memories of the SS Admiral, the ‘66’ Park-In Theater, or any drive-in theater “back in the day.”

Submissions of 600 words or less may be emailed to the museum@tnmot.org with the subject line “I remember.” Essays must be received by January 25, 2026 and selected submissions may become part of the exhibition.

The National Museum of Transportation, 2933 Barrett Station Road, Kirkwood, MO, is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization and receives no governmental funding. The museum relies solely on the generosity of the community to continue its mission of preserving the past for future generations.

The Museum boasts “one of the largest and best collection of transportation vehicles in the country,” according to representatives from the Smithsonian Institution, and has been voted one of the top open-air museums in the nation for the past two years by a USA Today Reader’s Choice poll.

For more information about the exhibit or how to support the museum, please visit the National Museum of Transportation or contact the museum.

Minutes (Continued from page 4)

Also coming up, first weekend of June, the annual rendezvous at Fort de Chartres

- Steve Moore and Creig Houghtaling discussed a possible “mini-drive” to the rendezvous, asked if there was any interest. Watch for an email.

July’s drive to Eckerts in will constitute this year’s “Sweat Fest.” Details to follow.

We need a meeting location for June, should be at a southerly location.

- Rsp from the floor: “How about the 9 Mile Garden:?” That’d be perfect, we’ll need to determine how late the food trucks are there.
- The interior portion of 9 mile is pretty loud, would be hard to hold a meeting.
- OSP Tap House? “Great beers, don’t know if they have a meeting room.
- Tony recommended McGurk’s in Souldard, has a fairly large outdoor patio with fountain. He said he’d call and check with them.

Reminder, the Hemmings Great Race will do it’s first overnight in Collinsville on 20 June, this year’s even celebrates the 100th anniversary of the establishment of US 66.

- Discussion. The Jaguar Club’s planning a drive north on old Route 66 on the 20th, should see the southbound Great Race participants.
- The editor noted he planned to be out on some portion of the original 66 between Springfield and Collinsville or at the Illinois end of the Chain of Rocks Bridge.

YFE followed up with notification of the cancellation of the annual Randi McGory memorial Route 66 show/cruise in Glenn Carbon

- The annual European Auto Show is coming up, mid-June. This year, new location, monitor the club calendar and the *Notes* for details.

Old Business

John Willerton has 55 names for nametags, how much is he allowed to spend per nametag?

- He checked with a trophy place in Fenton, \$12 each.
- YFE said he’d check with Crown Trophies on Kehrs Mill,
- JW: “The last place was so unreliable, I don’t think we want to go back there.”

The meeting concluded at 8 PM, following the monthly update on members and their cars.



Route 66!

June 20-28, 2026

The 2026 Race Begins In Springfield, IL and Runs Along Historic Route 66 to Beautiful Pasadena, CA.



KIMMSWICK, MO

FATHERS DAY CAR SHOW



JUNE 21, 2026



RAIN OR SHINE NO REFUNDS

REGISTRATION 8AM-11AM (OR UNTIL SPACES FILLED)

NO EARLY ENTRIES ALLOWED, IF WANT TO PARK TOGETHER ARRIVE TOGETHER

AWARDS AT 3PM OVER 20 AWARDS GIVEN BY TOWN MERCHANTS

NO JUDGING - DASH PLAQUES FIRST 100 VEHICLES

\$20 TO ENTER VEHICLE IN SHOW CASH ONLY DAY OF SHOW

50/50 DRAWING

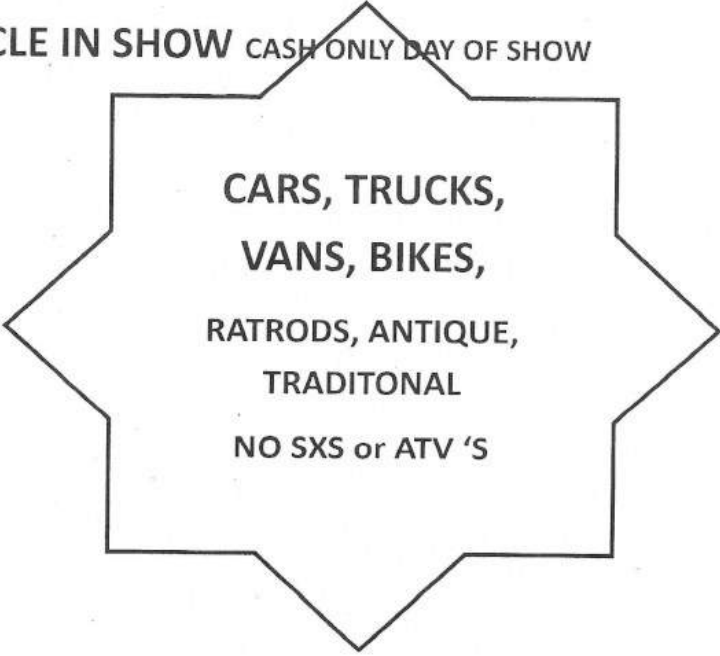
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Greater Ozarks

BRITISH MOTORING CLUB

CAR & CYCLE SHOW

JUNE 26-27, 2026

American Legion Post 639
2660 S Scenic, Springfield, MO



Featured Car: Mini Cooper



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6-PACK TRials 2026

Nashville, IN
September 17 – 19, 2026

The 2026 6-PACK TRials will be in Nashville, IN! The event will be based at the Abe Martin Lodge in Brown County State Park. Entry to the Park is included in your registration. The Park and the surrounding area have excellent driving roads, vineyards, and other sites. Located between Columbus and Bloomington, IN Nashville is an artist's colony with restaurants, distilleries, breweries, and shopping.

Event and Lodge Registration opens October 10, 2026

Abe Martin Lodge Reservations: Call **877-563-4371**

- Select Option 1 for Hotel and Cabin Reservations
- Select Option 1 for Abe Martin Lodge
- Provide Event Code **0917TR** to Reserve Rooms at Abe Martin Lodge



Event Registration Form on Facebook:
6-Pack TRials – 2026





Event Highlights

THE Y.O RANCH HOTEL & CONFERENCE CENTER



Embrace the spirit of the Old West at the Y.O. Ranch Hotel & Conference Center, located in Kerrville, TX – the heart of Texas Hill Country. Legendary stories of cowboys and frontiersmen come to life in this sprawling hotel, which takes its name from the historic Y.O. Ranch that once stretched over 600,000 acres of this rugged yet beautiful landscape.

THE THREE SISTERS (AKA TWISTED SISTERS)



As dramatic and scenic as they come, the Three Sisters or Twisted Sisters, Highways 335, 336, and 337, are legendary as one of the top drives in North America. A favorite of multiple sport car marques, as an annual pilgrimage, this is definitely a bucket list drive for any sports car enthusiast.

THE CITY OF KERRVILLE



- Gateway to the Three Sisters (Twisted Sisters) ride.
- Discover new wines and beers at one of the many wineries, breweries & tasting rooms in the area.
- The beautiful Guadalupe River runs through downtown where you can enjoy unique dining, wine tasting rooms, shopping and even some live music.
- Plus, The Museum of Western Art, Pictures at Stonehenge II/ Easter Island Replicas, Walking the 6 miles of river trail, Empty Cross sculpture garden, and of course, the famous Texas BBQ.

The South Texas Triumph Association is excited to be your host for the 2026 Vintage Triumph Registry National Conference.



Event Dates: October 14-18, 2026

Location: Y.O. Ranch Hotel and Conference Center, Kerrville, Texas

This years event located DEEP IN THE HEART OF TEXAS, near the center of paradise, also known as the Texas Hill Country! This easy to access region is well known for its scenic beauty, winding roads, art galleries, shopping, dining, antiques, award winning wineries and excellent back roads filled with friendly small towns to visit.

Register at <https://stta.wildapricot.org/event-62355321>

Event Highlights

THE Y.O RANCH HOTEL & CONFERENCE CENTER

THE THREE SISTERS (AKA TWISTED SISTERS)

THE CITY OF KERRVILLE

VTR 2026 Accommodations

HOST HOTEL: Y.O. RANCH HOTEL AND CONFERENCE CENTER



The hotel has opened the room blocks with our special event rate, so you can reserve your hotel room now.

- Book your room online: [VTR 2026 Nationals](#)
- Or by phone: (830) 257-4440, let them know it's for Vintage Triumph Register 2026
- Rates: Single King Bed/ 2 Queen Beds - \$119, Family Room - \$129.00, and King Suite - \$139.00

Preliminary Event Schedule

Wednesday October 14

Registration open 8am to 8pm
Vendor set-up noon to 8pm
Craft/Model/Photo contest open noon to 8pm
Wine Tour Beckers Winery - Fredricksburg TX 10:00am to 3pm
VTR Board Meeting 4 to 5pm
Car Wash open
Welcome Reception 7-9pm

Thursday October 15

Registration open 8am to 8pm
Breakfast Runs 7am to 8:30am
Silent Auction open 8am to 6pm
Craft/Model/Photo contest open noon to 6pm
TSD (3 Sisters) Rally 9am to 5pm
Tech Inspection 10am to noon
Chapter Presidents and Coordinators' lunch 12:30 to 2pm
Tech Session #1 4pm to 5pm
Dinner Run 6:30pm to 8:30pm
Car Wash open all day

Friday October 16

Registration open 8am to 8pm
Breakfast Runs 7am to 8:30am
Judges Breakfast 7am to 8:30am



Become a VTR Member

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

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

VTR National convention

Access to a large number of local clubs

Website with reference material and members-only sections

Record Trace Certificates TR2/TR3/TR3A/TR3B

Factory trace documents on other Triumph models no longer available

Clothing, regalia, exclusive items

Specific vehicle consultants and experts

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



WE WANT YOU!

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

SLTOA c/o Creig Houghtaling
36 Copper Mountain Court
Fenton,
Missouri 63026
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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.
- 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.

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

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

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

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

Send payment to: SLTOA Treasurer
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Attn: Membership

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

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 membership director Creig Houghtaling:

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See you at the next event!

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trolled just about every function. Don't get me wrong, I highly approve of the rear view cameras in new vehicles, but attempting to adjust the settings of the nav system or the stereo or the various vehicle proximity/warning systems while driving is highly distracting. Call me a dinosaur, but I definitely prefer older systems with knobs, rocker switches, whatever.

Ah, but it gets better: auto trans, where's the shifter? No stick on the console (nor rotary shifter, for that matter). The shifter's actually a eight-inch stalk on the right side of the steering column with a small diagram on how to work it? For drive, pull towards you and down; for reverse, pull and up; neutral, pull towards you; and for park, push the button at the right end.

After a couple of days of flailing around and carefully looking at the shifting device, I finally got semi comfortable with the system but good grief...I've pretty much decided I'll never buy a vehicle with this kind of shifter.

Rant mode to secure. See y'all next meeting.



The shifter...
ARRRRGH



Vancouver, Washington, 6 June 2026. The two on the left are easy, can anyone ID the car on the right?

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 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 roll-

ing 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)



74 TR6—My car for 37 years, never restored. Mimosa yellow/brown, J-Type overdrive, factory hardtop. Price \$12,400, located in St Louis. Email Paul Cotner at tr6@pb-space.com, pictures and details at

PB-Space.com. (October 2025).

72 Spitfire MkIV—53 years young with only 88,000 miles on it, that's less than 2K per year. Owner over 37 years, selling due to medical issues. Never fooled with the engine because it ran fine. Never fooled with the engine because it ran fine. Over the years pretty much everything else replaced. With a throaty Monza exhaust, dual HSB-4 carbs and larger manifold. Interior redone, brand new top last summer. Transmission is smooth as can be. All chrome replaced and lots of upgrades. New bumpers imported from England and replaced. Even have the unobtainium chrome window edging for front windshield as a spare part. Stock dash. Panasport aluminum wheels. Many spare parts, Electric fuel pump. Emergency flashers and windshield wipers did but presently don't work. I know they are on the

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same fuse but I have checked that, Probably pulled a wire off somewhere in center console when attempting to changer bulbs. Might be a minor issue. Parking brake needs to be tightened either from center armrest or on brakes but brakes are ok and upgraded

with stainless hoses. Quick disconnects on pos/neg battery poles make it easy. Great paint color combo—Ford metallic blue with white racing stripes. I call it a 10 foot paint job 0 after a few years there are some chips etc but nothing distracting and mostly on the sides of the car. Lots of manuals and books. Except for a few years my son had her she has always been garaged and well loved.

Asking \$8,000 and well over \$30k in parts in it

I have a rare parts poster from British Leyland about 4 foot x 3 foot will throw in, along with all the awards she has won. I think there are 15 - 1st, 2nd, 3rd 4th in class. They only made 32000 of these and one of the tightest turning ratio of any car, She is just fun and would make a great car – most of the main project stuff is done. I'm sure I've forgotten something but so much replaced and restored. Time to take it to the next level or just enjoy it as is. Contact Jeff Weintrop at theslvrduke@aol.com (May 26)



76 Spitfire 1500—Totally restored, body off frame, rebuilt from the ground up. Everything replaced or rebuilt. Overdrive transmission, full stainless exhaust,

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



80 TR7—Orange convertible with Webers, aluminum radiator, Shelby wheels. \$5000 OBO, contact Jesse Lowe at (636)226-8082 (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)

Free to a Good Home—I have a transistorized ignition system that I acquired many years ago. It is a Velleman, made in Belgium, and was not a “cheapie” back then. I’m downsizing now, so it is available to most any



member for a “kind word.” Electronic skill level #2 is required. I thought it would be fun/interesting to build it for one of my older cars. If a club member is interested, have them text me at (636)209-7891—Karl Schmitt.



For Sale— Wiring harness for an early AH Sprite, \$100. Contact Karl Schmitt

BEST OF CRAIGSLIST



1979 TRIUMPH SPITFIRE 1500 : CLEAR TITLE. THIS WAS MY FATHER N LAW'S CAR. WE DON'T KNOW MUCH ABOUT THIS VEHICLE. IT HAS BEEN COVERED AND GARAGED MOST OF IT'S LIFE. THERE IS SOME SLIGHT SCRAPPING AROUND THE WHEEL WELLS. MOSTLY RUST FREE. I'VE TRIED TO SHOW WHERE THE RUST IS. WE COULDN'T FIND THE KEY FOR IT. THE BODY LOOKS PRETTY GOOD AND IT HAS THE ORIGINAL COLOR BRITISH GREEN. DEPOSIT OF \$500.00 IS NEEDED WITHIN 48 HOURS OF LISTING CLOSE. FULL PATMENT WITHIN 7 DAYS OF LISTING CLOSE. CASH AT PICK UP. ANY QUESTIONS PLEASE CONTACT ME. In St Louis, \$2200, (314)688-2899 (Craigslist)(June 2026)

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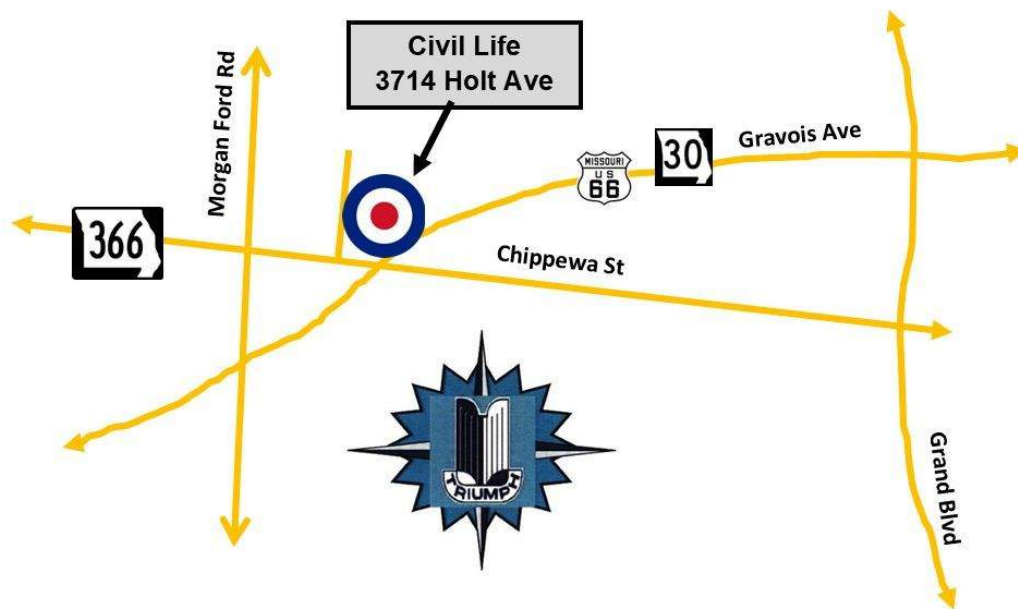
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