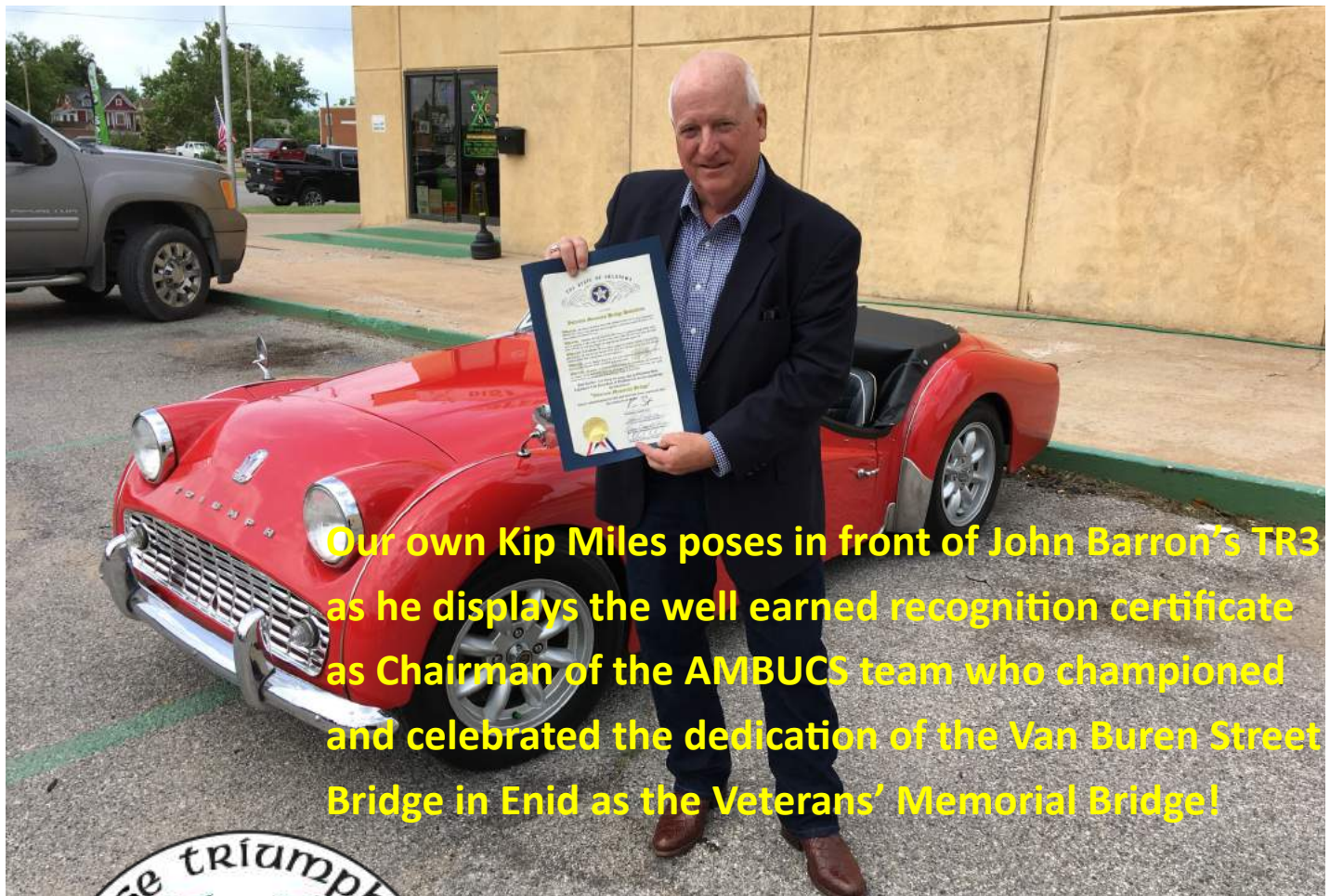


COVTR Newsletter - Central Oklahoma Vintage Triumph Register

June 2021

An official chapter of the Vintage Triumph Register Established in 1982

“Enjoy the Ride”



Our own Kip Miles poses in front of John Barron's TR3 as he displays the well earned recognition certificate as Chairman of the AMBUCS team who championed and celebrated the dedication of the Van Buren Street Bridge in Enid as the Veterans' Memorial Bridge!



Upcoming COVTR Events

- June 8, 5:30 Eat and Greet, 7:00 Meeting; Santa Fe Cattle Co., 7101 SE 29th St. Midwest City
- June TBD Auto Collection Tour/Rooster's Lunch
- VTR National Convention, September 14-18

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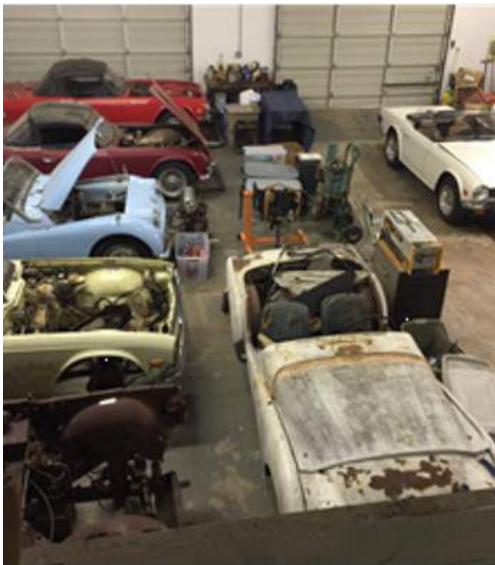
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Greetings to all:

Don't know about you, but I'm kinda' beginning to like this "new normal" - primarily because it's beginning to feel a lot like the "old normal" - AND THAT'S GOOD!

It's great to be returning to some routine - club meetings, car shows, visiting old friends and

Nationals looming ever nearer - as covid begins to recede not so graciously into the past. It's kind of like one of the unique plants growing in one of the flower beds outside our kitchen window. The previous owners invested a lot of time and effort in flowerbeds and gardens around our home, planting some foliage we are still trying to identify. But this particular plant has grown to about 4 feet tall this year, large velvet-like leaves some 20 inches long. Initially, we were unsure whether it was intentionally planted or just a weed that had sprung up. Finally, as it has grown large it rewarded us last week with a pod the size of a large pear on top which has sprouted pretty, delicate little yellow flowers. One of our granddaughters who has a more sophisticated phone and apps than ours (or is



it a matter of her just knowing how to use them?) was visiting a few days ago and took a picture to help us identify it - IT'S A WEED!

My point is this - many times given enough time and patience and understanding even bad things can carry with them their own reward. (Even as I sit here writing this I can think of some cars I have that I hope will have a similar story - likely some of you do as well!)

So as we heave a collective sigh of relief, it's time to wash the dust off our cars and begin driving more and enjoying this beautiful weather and each other's company. Hope to see you soon!



Jan and John Colson

Sorry....no quote this month

COVTR Membership Meeting - May 11, 2021

Officers Present: President – John Colson, Vice President – John Barron

Treasurer – Mike Piggott, Secretary – Dave Hogan

Location: Santa Fe Cattle Co, Midwest City, OK

Members present – 21

Membership – Dave Hogan

No new members.

President John Colson opened the meeting at 7 PM with the Pledge of Allegiance led by Dave Hogan.

President John Colson awarded Door Prizes: Rausch Performance T-Shirt to John Barron and an LED Light to Bonne Billotte.

Meeting Minutes: John Gauldin motioned that we accept the minutes as printed in the May newsletter, seconded by Dave Hogan. However, Mike Piggott made a motion to correct the minutes to reflect a change for both the Drive-In Movie Night to Guthrie, OK and the Fall Foliage Tour to Eureka Springs, AR. The change requested by Jean Gauldin was to remove the name of Jean Gauldin from the sponsoring for each event. Both events will reflect only John Gauldin's name as the sponsor. John Gauldin concurred with the change. A motion to accept the corrected minutes was made by John Gauldin, seconded by Judy Piggott. Motion carried. The COVTR Activities Calendar for 2021 will be updated to reflect this change.

Treasurer's Report – Mike Piggott

Mike Piggott read the current Treasurer's Report to the membership. Mike announced that this report covers the club funds and activities through April 2021. Due to the impact of our hosting the VTR National event in September of this year, Mike suggests that we no longer include the Treasurer's Report in our widely circulated newsletter as our club funds have ballooned due to National registrations and sponsor donation pledges.

Mike announced that we are currently at 66 Registrations for the National event with more than 90 days remaining to accept additional Registrations. The budget plan is based upon 120 registrations so expectations are that we will meet or exceed this number.

Mike announced that the club is obligated to purchase Autocross Insurance through VTR to host the VTR National event. The cost of this insurance is \$250. Drew Holliday made a motion to pay this fee and Judy Piggott seconded. Motion passed. Lonny Wall made a suggestion that we may want to consider adding a charge to Autocross participants to offset this charge. Mike Piggott suggested that this additional fee be discussed at the National Membership Meeting held during the VTR National event this year.

Current expenses to date to support the National event are \$405 for centerpieces for the banquet tables. Additional expenses will be incurred over time as we draw closer to the event.

Mike Piggott said that he recently transferred our PayPal Club account deposits to our regular club bank account. The PayPal account is used to accept Registrations on-line by attendees.

A motion was made to accept the Treasurer's Report as read and seconded by Mike Piggott. Motion passed. Regrettably, I did not record the individual names of those that made and seconded the motion.

Activities Report – Mike Piggott

Mike briefly described the Triumph Drive and lunch event held at the Rock Café in Stroud, OK on Friday, April 30. Mike Piggott announced that the Old Chicken Farm Antique Sale event, sponsored by Jerry & Sue Stewart was cancelled as the event had already occurred.

The next event for the month of May is the outing to the Chicken Shack located in Luther, OK being hosted by Dave & Mary Jo Hogan. Dave announced that the group that would like to drive out together would meet at the exit drive from the entry area to the Life Church property located near 2nd Street and I-35 North for a departure at 1:30 PM. Reservations have been made for a 2:00 PM lunch gathering at the restaurant. Triumphs are encouraged for the drive but not required – come one come all. The weather is projected to be beautiful.

Mike also announced that on May 28 - 31, the city of Enid is hosting a Celebrate Freedom event as a Weekend Tribute to Honor Our Veterans with the dedication of a Veterans Memorial Bridge. COVTR member Kip Miles is sponsoring our participation and will host the participates for a lunch at his Enid home following the Dedication. Club members are encouraged to drive their Triumphs to participate. The dedication event will be hosted by the AMBUCS organization on Friday morning at 10:30 AM beginning at AMBUCS Park, 924 W. Oak, Enid, OK. Contact Lonny Wall at 405 206-3900 and/or Kip Miles at 508 747-0910 for additional details.

Mike Piggott also discussed the planned but not yet scheduled Bricktown Baseball Outing to Oklahoma City suggesting a date of Friday, July 2 when the OKC Dodgers will be at home for a 7:05 PM game. Mike and Judy Piggott will be sponsoring this event. The OKC Dodgers will also be at home during the VTR National event in September so this could be offered as an outing for those attendees that might be interested in attending a ballgame during our event.

Old Business

John Gauldin thanked John Colson and Lonny Wall for searching and locating the Santa Fe Cattle Co restaurant to host our COVTR meetings now and into the future.

John Colson discussed the past issues that caused us to seek another location several years ago when the restaurant would double-book the room causing two groups to attempt to use the meeting room at the same time. The Santa Fe Cattle Co representative reassured John that this would not occur again. At the present time we will be scheduled to meet at the Santa Fe restaurant on the second Tuesday of each month.

New Business

Drew Holliday provided an update on the VTR National event. GoodParts has pledged \$1,000 to support our event.

Drew also asked if any club member would be interested in designing Custom Special Awards for the following events:

Fastest Time of Day (Autocross)

TSD Rally

Best of Show (Concours)

He has budgeted \$100 to 150 per Award.

Drew discussed the Green Country Triumph Club's participation in the VTR National event with Art Graves at the recent Rock Café outing. Art has accepted responsibility for the Car Wash and the Funkhana activities/events and has a good support plan in place.

Registrations are progressing well and the host hotel is fully booked at this time. Information is on our VTR National Registration website identifying alternate hotels located near 2nd Street & I-35. No agreements or arrangements have been made with these nearby hotels.

Alternate Hotels

Fairfield Inns & Suites by Marriott, Edmond

Holiday Inn Express & Suites, Edmond

Home2 Suites by Hilton, Edmond

Hampton Inn Oklahoma City/Edmond

La Quinta Inns & Suites by Wyndham, Edmond

A motion to end the meeting was made by Mike Piggott and seconded by Drew Holliday. Motion passed. Meeting ended at 7:15 PM.

Respectfully Submitted:

Dave Hogan, Secretary COVTR



Dues Reminder!

Membership money is due as of January 1, 2021. \$15.00 per individual/\$30 for a couple . We do not send invoices but receipts are available. Please remit to:

**Mike Piggott
4600 Gracelann
Shawnee, OK 74804**

We have had a very good response so far this year but we still have a couple of folks who have not renewed membership. I will distribute the Roster soon indicating all the members who are current on their dues. Thank you.

First Post Covid COVTR Meeting of 2021

I mentioned months ago that we did indeed have a live person to person COVTR meeting in April 2021. I also mentioned that I had neglected to take any photos to document the occasion, although we did take minutes and they have been recorded. I did however recently come across a couple of photos of the post meeting get together...Mexican of course!! I apologize for the late publication but I was still learning and trying to remember!



Roger thinking??

Clockwise from the left: Drew Holliday, Dave Hogan, Mary Jo Hogan, Lonny Wall, Kay Wall, Judy Piggott, Mike Piggott, Jerry Stewert, Sue Stewert, Jan Colon and COVTR President John Colson. The Usual Suspects!

Clockwise from upper left: Roger, John G, Frank, Mike L, Norm, Dennis, John C, Jan and Jean.

Lunch Outing to The Chicken Shack; Luther, OK

Dave and Mary Jo Hogan hosted a lunch drive to the Chicken Shack in Luther, OK. We were treated to some down home hospitality and great southern fried chicken, also a full bar. Much to her pleasure Judy was able to order her choice of wine or iced tea! As you can see from the photos this place has a dirt floor and I don't think any two pieces of furniture match! There is also a huge outdoor dining area. The menu is much more than just chicken but the majority of our group ordered the namesake item. We were joined by Drew's friends, Chelsea and Adam Delph, who are very much interested in owning a Triumph and even considering membership in our club. We had a great turn out and the event was very much enjoyed by all. The "Shack" will probably become one of our annual mainstays and will definitely be considered as a destination for one of our dinner runs during the VTR National Convention Sept 14 through Sept 18.



Left clockwise: Judy Piggott, Frank Steindl, Joyce Steindl, Linda Speegle, Mary Jo Hogan, Sue Stewart, John Barron, Mike Billotte, Drew Holiday, Adam Delph, Chelsea Delph, Jerry Stewart, Dave Hogan, Hunter Rench,



Above clockwise from the left: Drew Holiday, Adam Delph, Chelsea Delph, Jerry Stewart, Dave Hogan, Hunter Rench, Judy Piggott, Frank Steindl, Joyce Steindl, Linda Speegle, Mary Jo Hogan, John Barron, and Mike Billotte



Above Hunter Rench discusses the white TR6 with Adam Delph and Drew Holliday as Chelsea looks on.

Frank
finally

Dedication of the Van Buren St. Overpass as the Veterans' Memorial Bridge Enid, OK

The Veterans' Memorial Bridge, which carries traffic over the BNSF Rail Yard at the 600 block of N Van Buren in Enid, Oklahoma, was officially dedicated May 28 at 10:30 am at ABC Park, and COVTR was well represented.



Speakers and other program participants for the event included: State Commander Michael Merit of VFW Oklahoma, ODOT's Secretary of Transportation Tim Gatz, Commander 71 FTW Colonel Jay A. Johnson, Oklahoma District 19 Senator Roland Pederson, Oklahoma District 40 Representative Chad Caldwell,

Mayor George Pankonin, Spiritual Dancer Michael Littlevoice of the Ponca/Omaha Tribe, Pastor Wade Burleson of Emmanuel Enid, and the Enid High School JROTC.

Enid AM AMBUCS obtained approval to name the overpass the Veterans' Memorial Bridge and will fly around 200 American flags on holidays and special occasions along both sides of the bridge. Along with the American flags there will be seven service flags.



National AMBUCS, Inc. is a nonprofit charitable organization with a diverse membership dedicated to inspiring mobility & independence. The mission of the Enid AM AMBUCS civic club is

to create mobility and independence for people with disabilities. They do this thru AmTryke giveaways, scholarships for therapists, ramp builds and more.



Lonny Wall Kip Miles John Barron Mike Piggott Mike Billotte Dave Hogan Stephen England John Colson



Lonny Wall, Mike Billotte, Dave Hogan, Stephen England, John Barron and John Colson anxiously await the beginning of the dedication ceremony



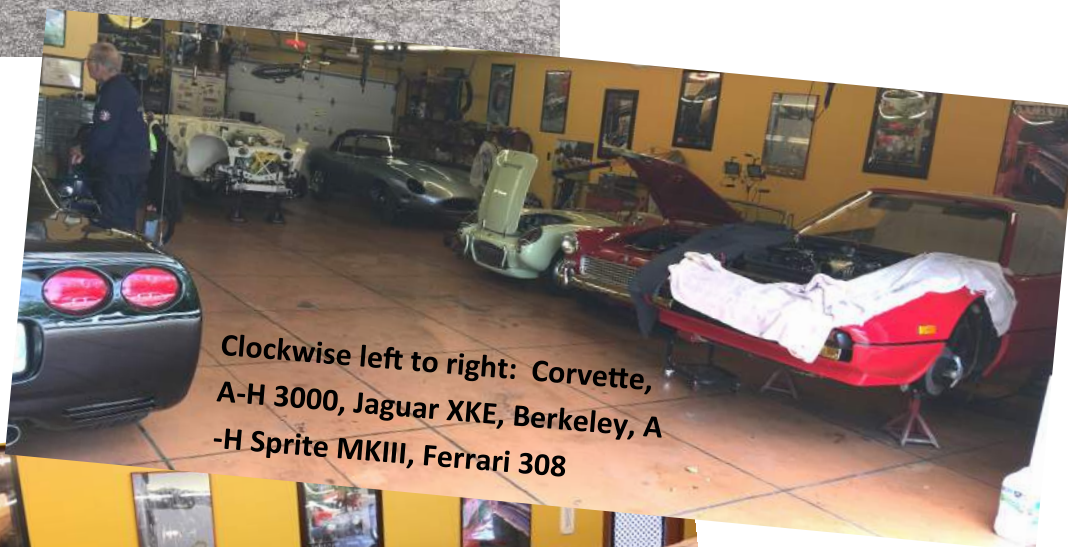
Left to right: Dave, Lonny, John, Stephen and John





Richard Crumps home and restoration shop in the suburbs of beautiful Enid , Oklahoma.

After the Veteran's Memorial Bridge dedication we were graciously invited to visit with Richard Crump to enjoy a presentation of his vintage auto collection. Richard has been a notable contributor to our hobby for many decades. He is best known to us as the curator of the Gruendyke Collection which we were privileged to view a few year's ago.



Clockwise left to right: Corvette, A-H 3000, Jaguar XKE, Berkeley, A-H Sprite MKIII, Ferrari 308



Ferrari 308 motor



Interior view of the beautiful A-H Sprite Mk III



Clockwise from left: Dave Hogan, Richard Crump, Stephen England, and John Colson.



Three cylinder motorcycle engine with manual inline shifting tranny with neutral between each gear!



All fiberglass and weighs <850 lbs!



Left: The Austin Healey 3000 is a work in progress with intentions of completing in time for that “little” British Car Show in Arkansas, i.e., Brits in the Ozarks, 2021



Left: If you want to get a car lover’s attention...just open the bonnet! Richard opens the bonnet on his Amelia Island award winning Jaguar XKE.

Below left to right: Richard Crump, Dave Hogan, John Colson



Below: Mike Billotte admires the XKE and looks toward the XK120



Above left to right: Richard Crump, John Barron, Dave Hogan, John Colson





Left: The gang gathered around the Amelia Island Concours winning XK120, What a story. Left to right: Richard Crump, Dave Hogan, John Colson, Stephen England, John Barron

Right: Mike Billotte and John Colson kicking the tires on the XK120



Left: Richard and Stephen having a discussion with the Ferrari motor, Berkeley, Sprite and Ferrari in the background

Road trip to Shattuck

By Dennis Eckhout

One of the first things I did with the club when I moved here in 2003 was travel to Shattuck, OK for an open car show that our members Fred and Darlene Rabe had organized. Fred, who owned a beautiful baby blue TR3, set up a very special category for British cars and invited COVTR members to join. I was looking forward to participating in the festivities. Perhaps most members caravanned together the morning of the show. However, being new to Oklahoma and with only my state map to figure out where Shattuck was, it seemed like a daunting trip to make in one day.

I don't remember how it came to pass that Fred and Darlene invited me to stay at their house the night before the show. I have a vague recollection of being out in the middle of nowhere as

the sky was darkening and I was running out of radio stations. Finally, I made it to the Rabe's home and was welcomed with their warm hospitality, something to eat, and comfortable lodgings.



I was grateful for a place to rest my head and their generous meals. Here I was a stranger to this couple, yet they accepted me into their home and treated me with the kindness of family. It made an indelible impression on me that has lasted to this day.

The Rabes organized another car show in 2004. Mike Lake and I both drove there and found lodgings at a local motel. It was brutally hot on show day, and that was apparently the last year it took place. After that, we occasionally met Fred and Darlene at COVTR meetings and have

stayed in touch with them from time to time over the years.

Road trip to Shattuck (continued)

Since I was off work the week after Memorial Day this year, and Covid apparently being mitigated, I thought it would be a good time for a road trip to see them again. With fairly short notice*, John Gauldin joined Lu-Anne and me for the long drive there and back. We hit some rain as we headed west, but it was otherwise ideal weather to be on the road.



Their house looked just as we remembered it. Fred and Darlene were very happy to see us while we reminisced about the car shows, Fred's TR3 and T-bucket hot rod, their late faithful companion Lucky, and COVTR members past and present. Like many of us, health issues have taken their toll, but they are both in great spirits. After a little over an hour of lively conversation, we said good-bye. At John's suggestion, we enjoyed an ample lunch at Ed's Cafe, well-fueled for the drive home.

**I realized this was perhaps not the best time to suggest a long road trip on short notice to get robust participation. We offered well-wishes on behalf of the COVTR members who would have liked to join us but couldn't. DE*



For Sale



Sam Clark is selling his truck and trailer. He no longer uses them and says they are in great shape. The truck is an early 99 model with all the bells and whistles and a diesel engine. The truck and trailer can be purchased for \$15,000. Call him at (918) 625-6798 Location: Broken Arrow, OK.



COVTR Activities Calendar 2021

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|----------------------|--|------------------------|
| May TBD | Old Chicken Farm Antique Sale; Jones, OK | Jerry Stewart |
| May 15 | Chicken Shack Outing; Luther, OK | Dave and Mary Jo Hogan |
| May 28 | Dedication of Veteran's Bridge; Enid, OK | Kip Miles/Lonny Wall |
| June TBD | Auto Collection Tour/Rooster's Lunch | Kip Miles |
| June TBD (Cancelled) | Knights Car Show, Shawnee, OK | Mike and Judy Piggott |
| July 10 | Hafer Park Outing; OKC, OK | Kay and Lonny Wall |
| July TBD | Bricktown Baseball Outing; OKC, OK | Mike and Judy Piggott |
| August 7 | Knights on Bikes Car Show, Tulsa, OK | Mike Piggott |
| August 21 | Drive-In Movie; Guthrie, OK | John Gauldin |
| September 14-18 | VTR National Convention; Edmond, OK | COVTR/GCT |
| Oct 29-Nov 1 | Fall Foliage Tour; Eureka Springs, AR | John Gauldin |
| November 6 | Ponca City Veteran's Day Parade | Lonny Wall |
| November 13 | Chili Cook-off | Jerry and Sue Stewart |
| December 11/12 | Christmas Party | Sue Stewart |

In-Person Dinner Meetings will resume on May 4th at the business meeting. Site and time of the meeting is being established and will be communicated via email distribution as will all the TBD items in the schedule. Breakfast Runs and other impromptu events will be amended to the schedule and be reflected in the next newsletter or, if time does not permit, will be communicated via email.



Mike Piggott, Activities

Knight's Car Show Event Cancelled!

I regret to inform you that the Knight's Car show in Shawnee has been cancelled. The

Knights are experiencing difficulty in returning to the new "normal" and hope to resume the show in 2022. I have recently been informed of a car show in Tulsa hosted by one of my favorite organizations, the Knights of Columbus and benefiting one of my favorite groups, veterans. The event is two-fold, a poker run and a car show, both located very close together on E 41st St. Perhaps we can join our brothers/sisters of GCT and make this an annual co-event. I suggest this event

**1st Annual
Coffee Bunker
Knights on Bikes
Rally for Veterans**

Saturday, August 7, 2021
Poker Run Registration day of - 10 am to 11 am at the
Coffee Bunker - 6365 E. 41st St., Tulsa - Cost is \$25.00

Car Show Registration day of - 11:00 am to 1:00 pm at the Knights of
Columbus - 5226 E. 41st N. Tulsa - Cost is \$25.00 - **Open to public at 11:30 am**

You may pre-register for both events at coffeebunker.org. The cost to
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for more information: Mike Atwell - 918-637-3878 & Matt Buckendorf - 918-527-5093

as a substitute for the Shawnee Knights car show. I have added this event and date to our activities schedule and listed myself as the host. Save the date and we'll see what develops!

COVTR now on Facebook

How do I join the COVTR Group?

To join a group, go to COVTR Group and click Join Group in the top right corner. This will send a request to join to Drew Holliday. Drew will accept the request to join the group.



Keep in mind when you join the COVTR Group:

- People may see when you join a public or closed group or that you're a member of that group, like in News Feed or search.
- When someone adds you to a public or closed group, other may see that you have been invited (ex: News Feed or search). Once you visit a group you are invited to, you will become a member and other people may see you joined.

COVTR Rules:

- This is a group for COVTR activities and fun things that our members do with our cars, pictures of cars, fun Triumph postings, technical articles, events, etc.
- Please post other items on your personal pages and invite folks to be friend on Facebook.

Drew Holliday

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