



COVTR Newsletter - Central Oklahoma Vintage Triumph Register

June-July 2022

An official chapter of the Vintage Triumph Register Established in 1982

"Enjoy the Ride"



**Beautiful COVTR Triumphs at *Café 33*
Steakhouse and Whiskey Bar in
Perkin's Oklahoma**

Upcoming COVTR Events



- July 9-11, Outing to Plotkins', Salida, CO. Plotkin's Hosting, Details to follow via email.
- July 12, 2022 Monthly Meeting, Pelican's, 291 N. Air Depot, Midwest City, OK 73110 5:30 Eat and Greet, 7:00 Meeting

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MISSION STATEMENT

The Central Oklahoma Vintage Triumph Register (C.O.V.T.R.) was established in 1982 by Triumph owners and enthusiasts for the purpose of preserving the future of the Triumph Marque. Triumph ownership is encouraged but not a prerequisite for membership. The C.O.V.T.R. sponsors a monthly meeting, monthly SOB's, car shows, road tours, technical inspections and lots of fun.

Triumph Trails is the proud recipient of the National Newsletter Award from Vintage Triumph Register of America awarded at the 2012 and 2017 National Convention.



2022 COVTR Activities Calendar

March 26	Eischen's Chicken Run; Okarche, OK	Dave and Mary Jo Hogan
April 9	Garage Day Get-together; Tuttle, OK	Doug and Margaret White
April 21-24	SCVTR Regional Convention; Boerne, TX	Drew Holliday
May 6-8	McPherson College Car Show; McPherson, KS	Mike and Judy Piggott
May 21	Café 33 Steakhouse and Whiskey Bar; Perkins, OK	Mike and Judy Piggott
June 4	COVTR Picnic; Edmond, OK	Kay and Lonny Wall
June 25	Knights Car Show and Cookout; Shawnee, OK	Mike and Judy Piggott
July 9-11	Plotkin's Visit; Salida, CO	Mike and Judy Piggott
August 20	Progressive Dinner; OKC/Edmond, OK	Holliday/Delph/Colson
Aug 28-Sept 1	VTR National Convention; Galena, IL	Drew Holliday
Sept 3	Lunch Run; Stillwater, OK	Frank Steindl
October 8	Chili Cook-Off; Edmond, OK	Dave and Mary Jo Hogan
October 22-24	Brits in the Ozarks; Springdale, AR	Mike Hathaway
October 28-30	Red River Shootout; Lake Murray, OK	Drew Holliday
November 5	Ponca City Veteran's Day Parade; Ponca City, OK	Kip Miles/Lonny Wall
Nov 11-13	Fall Foliage Tour; Western Hills, Hulbert, OK	Mike and Judy Piggott
Dec. 9/10	Christmas Party; Bricktown, OKC, OK	Greg and Susan Tiffany

**We will have monthly meetings at Pelican's, 291 N. Air Depot, Midwest City, OK 73110
5:30 Eat and Greet, 7:00 Meeting, usually on the second Tuesday of each month.**



Mike Piggott, Activities Chairman

Upcoming National/Regional Events of Interest

Updated June, 2022

VTR National Convention

Location: Galena, Illinois

Date: August 29 –September 1, 2022

Web: <https://www.vtr2022.org/>

Triumphest

Location: San Diego, California

Date: September 8 – September 10, 2022

Web: <http://www.triumphest2022.com/>

Texas All British Car Day

Location: Round Rock, Texas

Date: September 25, 2022

Web: <http://www.txabcd.org/>

6-Pack Trials

Location: Lexington, Kentucky

Date: September 22 – 25, 2022

Web: <https://forums.6-pack.org/>

Rio Grande Valley Regional Rendezvous

Location: Eagle Nest, New Mexico

Date: September 22 – 25

Web: <https://baoa.clubexpress.com/>

British Iron All British Car Day

Location: Agri Park, Fayetteville, Arkansas

Date: September 22 – 24, 2022

Web: <http://www.britishironnwa.org/>

Minutes of COVTR Membership Meeting

May 10, 2022

Officers Present: President – Andrew Holliday, Treasurer – Mike Piggott, Secretary – Dave Hogan

Location: Pelican's Restaurant, Midwest City, OK

Members present: 25

Guests: None

President Drew Holliday opened the meeting at 7:05 PM. Dave Hogan led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Secretary Meeting Minutes: motioned by Roger Harms that we should accept the minutes of the April, 2022 club meeting as printed in the Triumph Trails newsletter, motion seconded by Mike Billotte. Motion carried.

Membership Report – Dave Hogan

No new members have applied for membership.

Treasurer's Report – Mike Piggott

The Treasurer's Report for April was orally made by Mike Piggott and will be published in the May 2022 issue of the Triumph Trails newsletter.

Activities Report – Mike Piggott

Mike Piggott provided an Activities Report for April and early May club activities:

Mike provided an overview of the recent **South Central VTR Regional** held in Boerne, TX. The Bevy Hotel (host hotel) was very nice and centrally located to most of the driving events. The Autocross was conducted on the site of the Harley Davidson Motorcycle Facility in Boerne, TX. The Autocross was a bit tight, but the driving surface was excellent. The Concours event was held in downtown Boerne at the Town Square Park – a centrally located nice grassy field to display our cars. The Car Show attracted numerous downtown Boerne shoppers to stop by and view all the various Triumphs on display.

The event was well orchestrated by the Host Club – South Texas Triumph Association, with several of our COVTR club members participating including: Andrew Holliday and his father Chris Holliday (Spitfire), Hunter Rench and his fiancée Jenny Hayne from Somerset, England (driving Mike Piggott's (TR4); Art Graves (1976 TR6); John, Donna and daughter Jennifer Barron (1959 TR3); Mike and Judy Piggott (Spitfire & TR4); Jim and Carolyn Glidewell (1962 TR3A); Jim Thompson (1980 TR7); Mike and Vicki Sabelhaus (1962 TR3B); Dave & Mary Jo Hogan (1980 TR7 Spider). T.D. Hathcock and Samantha Wood (no vehicle this time – TR6 and TR7 both have issues).

Our club's Triumphs performed and showed quite well at the Regional in both the Autocross event and the Concours d'Elegance Car Show:

Autocross – Drew Holliday – 1st Place in Class, Mike Piggott 2nd Place in Class.

Concours d'Elegance: Hunter Rench/Mike Piggott – 1st Place in Class (TR4), Jim & Carolyn Glidewell – 1st Place (TR3 – first time entered in a Concours event), Dave & Mary Jo Hogan – Senior Award (TR7 Spider).

Mike Piggott outlined and described the **McPherson College Car Show** that was held on the College campus in McPherson, Kansas on May 7. Several club members traveled to McPherson on May 6 – 8 to participate in the Car Show.

This annual event attracts over 400 cars of all makes and models. This is the 23rd year for that event. Roger Harms spoke about the McPherson locale and its history. Mike Piggott elaborated on the Programs that McPherson provides to train students on all facets of restoring and maintaining classic automobiles. A photo op was provided to our club members as a result of our donation to the College. Mike Piggott plans to create an article about the McPherson College, its Programs and the annual Car Show to share with our National VTR Magazine in the near future.

Another event remains on our schedule for May > a COVTR drive to dine at the **Café 33 Steakhouse and Whiskey Bar** located in Perkins, OK. This event will be led by Mike and Judy Piggott on Saturday, May 21. Details will be forthcoming.

Mike announced that the next Regional will be held in Sugarland, TX > April 19-22, 2023.

Upcoming events in June include the COVTR Picnic at Lonny and Kay Wall's home on June 4, and the Knight's Car Show and Cookout in Shawnee, OK on June 25.

The Brits in the Ozarks event has announced its schedule > October 22-24, 2022.

Old Business

None discussed.

New Business

John Gauldin provided information about the recent passing of former long-time COVTR club member Fred Rave. John described how Fred loved to drive his beautiful Blue TR3 on many outings. Fred and his wife were members from Shattuck, OK.

Bitch & Brag

John bragged that John Harms drove his 1975 Spitfire to the Car Show in McPherson, KS. John accompanied him on this trip and noted that there were zero problems throughout the entire drive to/from the event.

Door Prizes

Jim Glidewell – Magazine

Mike Billotte– Rausch Hat

Meeting Closure

John Barron made a motion to close the meeting, seconded by Kate Golden. Motion carried.

Drew Holliday closed the meeting at 7:38 PM.

Minutes of COVTR Membership Meeting

June 14, 2022

Officers Present: President – Andrew Holliday, Vice President – Greg Tiffany, Treasurer – Mike Piggott, Secretary – Dave Hogan

Location: Pelican's Restaurant, Midwest City, OK

Members present: 24

Guests: None

President Drew Holliday opened the meeting at 7:04 PM. Dave Hogan led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Secretary Meeting Minutes: Roger Harms motioned that we should accept the minutes of the April, 2022 club meeting as printed in the Triumph Trails newsletter, motion seconded by Mike Billotte. Motion carried.

Membership Report – Dave Hogan

Jennifer Barron has joined COVTR.

Treasurer's Report – Mike Piggott

The Treasurer's Report for May was orally made by Mike Piggott and will be published in the June 2022 issue of the Triumph Trails newsletter. The club currently has a total balance of \$12,703.

Mike Piggott proposed that the club purchase a mobile portable microphone to aid in the conduct of our monthly meetings. The microphone will be used by whomever is speaking at the time during the meeting. Mike made a motion to procure a microphone at a cost of up to \$150. The Secretary was unable to hear who seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Activities Report – Mike Piggott

Mike Piggott provided an Activities Report for May and early June club activities:

Mike Piggott outlined the May 21 event which was a luncheon drive to **Café 33 Steakhouse and Whiskey Bar** located in **Perkins, OK**. This event was led by Mike and Judy Piggott and

was well-attended by club members. The restaurant provided a nice separate dining area for our group for this event.

The next event was held on June 4: **COVTR Annual Picnic** hosted by Lonny and Kay Wall at their home in their spacious back yard. The event was a rousing success with many club members in attendance. Thank You Lonny and Kay for a wonderful event. Several club members drove their Triumphs which were on display for all to see at the rear of their back yard. Mary Jo Hogan commented that this picnic was much improved over last year's picnic held in Hafer Park in Edmond. The setting was much more friendly and accommodating.

The projected **OKC Dodgers Baseball Game planned for June 11** and the **Route 66 Road Fest Car Show in OKC** were not held due to the lack of a sponsor to arrange and organize either of these events.

Upcoming events in the latter part of June and July include the annual **Knight's Car Show and Cookout @ Piggotts in Shawnee, OK on June 25** and the **Drive to visit with our remote COVTR Club Members Brian and Katy Plotkin in Salida, CO July 9 – 11**. All club members are invited to participate in these upcoming events.

The **Brits in the Ozarks** event has announced its schedule > **October 22-24, 2022**.

Old Business

None discussed.

New Business

Vice President Greg Tiffany has made the reservations for our annual Christmas Party to be held this year at the **Bourbon Street Café** on California Street in downtown OKC. Greg provided the option of Friday or Saturday evening and the membership opted for Saturday, December 10. The reservations are now set for 6 - 8 PM on Saturday evening, December 10. So do mark your calendars. Additional information will be provided as we approach the event date.

Bitch & Brag

Jennifer bragged on Mike Piggott for assisting in getting her Spitfire running. Additional assistance is needed to resolve a brake issue.

Howard Holdsclaw announced that former COVTR club member Bob Massengale has two Triumphs for sale: TR3 and a TR4. If interested, Howard has a way to contact Bob.

Judy Piggott bragged on Mike for removing damaged carpet from their daughter's home in Stillwater prior to her move-in.

Door Prizes

Hunter Rench – T-Shirt

John Barron - Koozie

Meeting Closure

Mary Jo Hogan made a motion to close the meeting, seconded by Jan Colson. Motion carried.

Drew Holliday closed the meeting at 7:30 PM.

Lunch Outing to Café 33 Steakhouse and Whiskey Bar

Perkins, OK



Lonny's Spitfire, Art's TR6, Frank's TR3,
Bud's TR6, Jean's or Roger's Spitfire, John
C's TR6, John B's TR3, and Drew's Spitfire.

Judy Piggott, Cindy and Roger Harms,
John and Jean Gauldin, Donna and
John Barron, John and Jan Colson,
and Kay and Lonny Wall...off to the
right Drew Holliday



Kate Golden, Drew Holliday,
Art and Karen Graves, Bud
and Ann Reedy, Joyce and
Frank Steindl.

COVTR 2022 Picnic at Kay and Lonny Wall's



A fine line up of Little British Cars (left to right), John Colsen's TR 6, John Barron's TR3, Mike Hathaway's Dolomite, Hunter Rench's Rotary Spitfire, Dave Hogan's TR7 Spider, Drew Holliday's TR 250 and Lonny's Spitfire.



Hunter Rench with his beautiful daughter Madeline! Good looking car also!

John Colsen, Dave Hogan, Mike Billotte,
Mary Jo Hogan and
Drew Holliday



Same folks different angle!
We can now see Jan Colsen!

John Colsen, Dave and
Mary Jo Hogan





And this is what it is all about!!

Kay Wall, Susan Tiffany, Anet Hathaway, Judy Piggott, John Barron, Donna Barron, Lonny Wall, Jennifer Barron, Doug and Margaret White, and everybody else in background. We had over twenty five attendees! A great time was had by all. Thank you hosts, Lonny and Kay Wall!

Knights' Car Show, Shawnee, OK



British car class, Tony Brewer's MGB, John Gauldin's Spitfire, Mike Piggott's A-H Sprite, Jim Glidewell's TR3, Dave Hogans TR7 Spider, and Bud Reedy's TR6



Same photograph...different angle



Jim Glidewell (left) and Bud Reedy (right) proud winners of door prizes! Jim happy, Bud maybe not so happy...food for the soul or food for the tummy! There is a story here!

Ann Reedy and Judy Piggott
ending the car show with To-
ny Brewer and Dave Hogan in
the background!

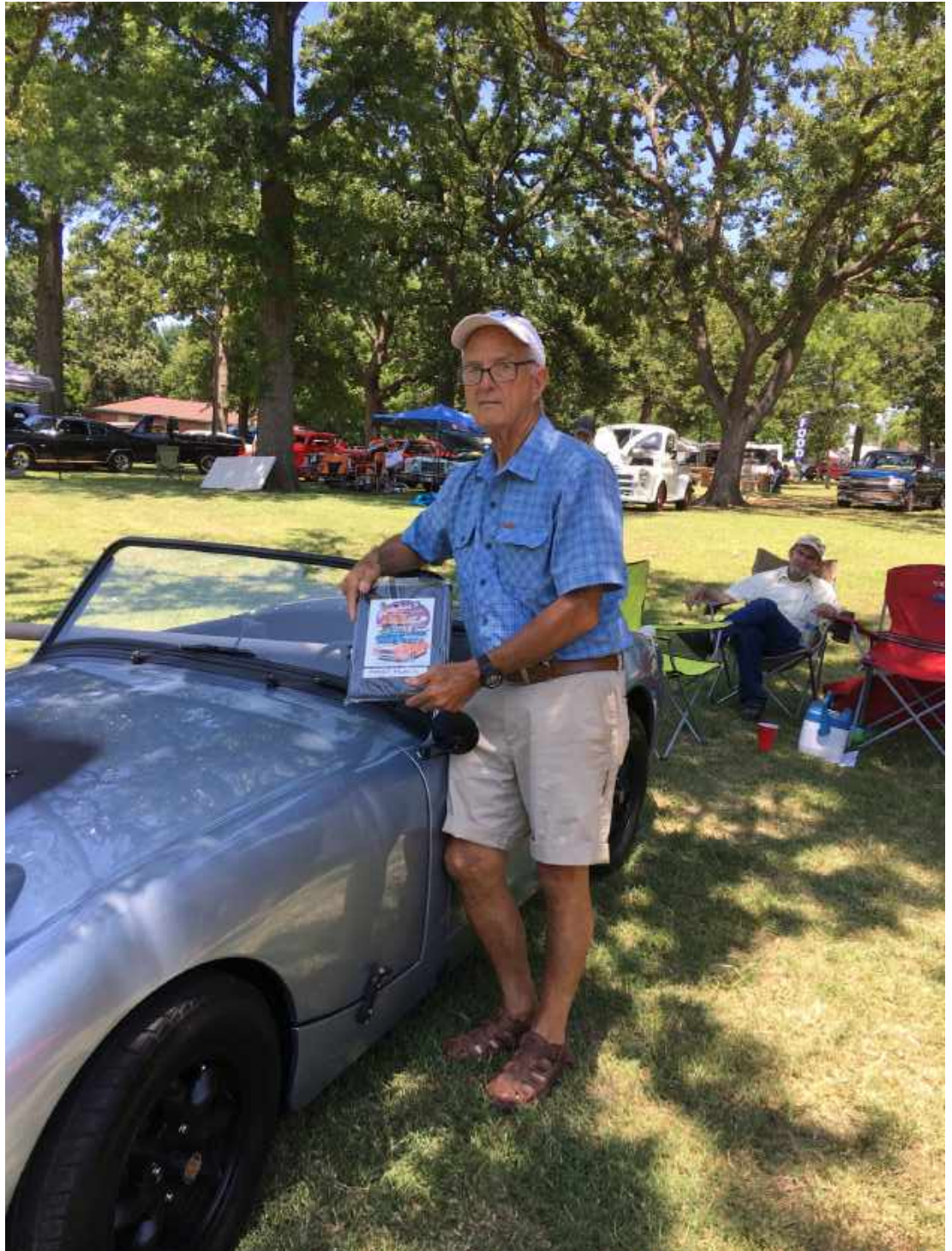


A view over the Sprite's interior of Dave Hogan, Jim Glidewell and John Gauldin enjoying the beautiful summer day.

First place winner...(there is a story here too!)

First trophy ever for “Tom” the Piggotts’ 1961, Austin-Healey Frogeye Sprite.

Bud Reedy looks on in the background.



Update on Jennifer Barron's new Spitfire "Elmer"



Roger Harms admiring Jennifer's car. We actually have videos of Jennifer driving the car. Another Triumph saved to fight another day! Wonderful! Good looking car!

Dues Reminder!

Membership money is due as of January 1, 2022 \$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 approximately 75“dues paying” members/23 active members for insurance purposes. Many of our members are only “inactive” because of geographical locations. Thanks to all our faithful supporters /members!

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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