

# Triumph Trails

Central Oklahoma VTR Newsletter

July 2023



*“Enjoy the Ride”*



## Upcoming Events:

- July 8 Route 66 Museum Tour, Sapulpa, OK  
Hunter and Jenny Rench
- July 9 SCCA Autocross TPC, Muskogee, OK  
Drew Holliday
- July 11 Triumph Club Meeting  
Pelicans Restaurant MWC  
5:30pm eat and visit 7pm meeting

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*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.*

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## A Message from the Club President

Greetings, Team Triumph,

I want to begin this month's note by introducing and welcoming our newest member, Keith Littrell. Keith lives in Edmond and is the proud owner of a 1972 TR6. His interests are Showing, Restoration, Driving/Touring, and Auto Crossing/Racing. I called Keith last week to introduce myself and formally welcome him to the club. We had a great conversation and I know he will fit right in.

June also saw the annual Knight's of Columbus car show in Shawnee. Mike Piggott hosted that event. We had five club members present and our friend Tony Brewer from the MG club joined with us. Impressively, Tony took 1<sup>st</sup> in Class. Nice job!

On July 8<sup>th</sup>, Hunter and Jenny are hosting the Route 66 Museum Tour to Sulpulpa. I understand the museum is offering us a discount ticket price, so please join us for drive.

The July meeting will be at Pelicans in Midwest City on the 11th. Until then, happy motoring.

Doug White

President

# Picnic and Backyard Car Show





# Picnic and Back- yard Car Show



# 2023 Knights Car Show, Shawnee

The Shawnee car show was once again well supported by COVTR. Host Mike Piggott, 1964 Spitfire welcomed Dave Hogan, TR7 Spider; Fred Broach, 1967 Spitfire; Jimmy Glidewell, 1974 TR6; Bud Reedy, 19?? Stag; and Tony Brewer, 19?? MGB to the show at Boy Scout Park in Shawnee. The show has continued to grow over the years and this year was graced by many first-time participants. Of the 200+ cars present there were ample examples for nostalgic conversations, debates, and discussions! The weather was hot but tolerable and the day proved to be very enjoyable as COVTR's only strictly car show event of the year. This is one of the few "hot rod" shows in the state with a British Car class. This class was established several years ago and is sponsored annually because of our continuing support of their causes. Jimmy Glidewell was able to showcase his newly acquired Pimento Red TR6. We were all able to scrutinize Bud's rarely seen beautiful Stag. Our good friend, Tony Brewer won the class this year with his beautiful MGB! All our group were able to join the Piggotts at their home for a relaxed debrief and refresh cook out after the show. We certainly enjoyed the day and the opportunity for fellowship and camaraderie! We look forward to continuing this car show event tradition. Thank you all for joining us!

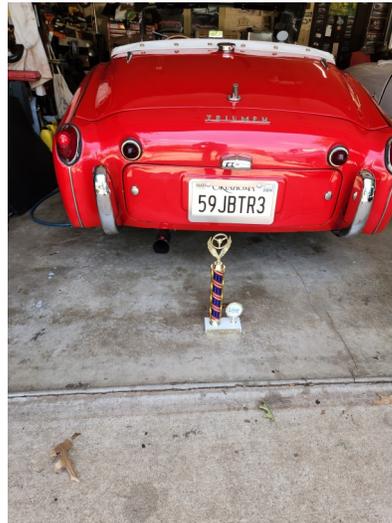
Mike and Judy



# Liberty Fest Car Show



Edmond



John Barron entered his TR3a in the 20th Annual LibertyFest Car Show. Each year cars are judged separately by class (either by decade, make, or specialty group). FREE T-Shirt & Dash Plaque are awarded to the first 200 entries. Trophies are awarded to first and runners-up in all classes, plus sponsor trophies and Best of Show.

# Minutes of COVTR Membership Meeting

**June 13, 2023**

**Officers Present:** President – Doug White , Vice President – Hunter Rench, Treasurer – Mike Piggott, Secretary – Dave Hogan

**Location:** Pelicans Restaurant, Midwest City, OK

**Members present:** 26

**Guests:** None

**Meeting Opening:** Doug White opened the meeting at 6:40 PM

Lonny Wall led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Secretary Meeting Minutes:** Donna Barron motioned that we should accept the minutes of the May 2023 club meeting as printed in the Triumph Trails newsletter, seconded by Margaret White. Motion passed.

## **Membership Report – Dave Hogan**

Dave Hogan reported that there we have one new member – Keith Littrell. Keith owns a 1964 Spitfire and a 1972 TR6. We look forward to meeting him at a future event.

## **Treasurer's Report – Mike Piggott**

Mike Piggott read the Treasurer's Report for the month of May 2023. COVTR is in excellent shape financially with a balance of \$13,057.74. Our club incurred no expenses this month. One check remains outstanding for flowers for a recently deceased past COVTR club member.

Mary Jo Hogan made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report as read with Bonne Billotte seconding the motion. Motion passed.

## **Activities Report – Mike Piggott**

Mike Piggott reported on the club events and activities that occurred during the months of late May and early June:

On **May 22**, Hunter and Jenny Rench planned and coordinated a COVTR Lunch Run to the Black Raven Pub in Harrah, OK . The Black Raven is an Irish Pub with the menu consisting of traditional Irish dishes. The location was on Harrah's main drag (Church Avenue) right through the center of town. It was a great turnout with 11 Triumphs which filled the small restaurant to capacity. Following the luncheon, a group photo of the Triumphs and owners

## **Minutes of Meeting June 13, 2023 Continued**

was taken in front of the restaurant. The little British cars attracted a lot of attention from passing motorists. Thanks to Hunter and Jenny for arranging this outing.

On **June 3**, Lonny & Kay Wall hosted the annual COVTR Picnic at their home and back yard in Edmond. The turnout for this annual affair was exceptional. The weather cooperated and it was comfortable to be picnicking outside on their deck. Lonny Wall stayed busy grilling brats for everyone. Everyone brought some type of food and/or dessert item to share so no one left hungry. The crowd was larger than last year and a total of 15 Triumphs filled the back yard for an excellent display of old British Iron. A group photo of the Triumphs lining the Wall's back yard was taken and shared by John Barron. Thanks to Lonny and Kay for hosting this event at their home.

Mary Jo Hogan motioned to accept the Activities Report, seconded by Bonne Billotte.

### **Upcoming Activities/Events – Mike Piggott**

**June 4** - SCCA Autocross > location yet to be determined

**June 24** – Knight's Car Show in Shawnee, OK at the Boy Scout Park

**July 8** – Route 66 Museum Tour – Sapulpa, OK

**July 9** – SCCA Autocross > location yet to be determined

### **Old Business**

None Discussed

### **New Business**

A question arose regarding the desirability to order a COVTR club shirt by our new club members. Drew Holliday offered to accept orders from club members and pass along those requests to his father, Chris Holliday, in Honeoye Falls, New York. Club members desiring to order a club shirt will need to provide their request directly to Drew Holliday. Shirts of any style can be ordered - i.e.: polo, denim, long sleeve, short sleeve each sporting the COVTR club logo. Margaret White will create a listing of desired shirts, sizes, styles, color, etc. to provide to Drew Holliday for ordering.

Fred Broach, new member, asked about how to identify someone within the club to provide information and technical assistance regarding paint and body work and other questions about his car. COVTR has a Facebook Page and a Website that may be able to serve the purpose of communications within the membership. However, new members may not know

## **Minutes of Meeting June 13, 2023 Continued**

who to contact with specific questions. Doug suggests that the club think about a process that would assist new members to learn about who may be able to assist with car questions and problems that club members may be able to aid in resolving. Further discussion is warranted on this topic so members should bring their ideas to the next meeting.

### **Bitch and Brag**

Dave Hogan bragged about Mike Piggott and Drew Holliday for their on-site assistance at Dave's garage in an attempt to get Dave's TR7 running properly and back on the road. Mike Piggott installed a new Throttle Cable as the previous one was distorted and dragging inside its sheath resulting in high and unpredictable idling speeds. Drew Holliday came over to Dave's on a different day to assist with removal and adjustment of the pair of TR7 Zenith Stromberg carburetors. The results of each effort have been quite successful. Dave was able to drive his TR7 to the COVTR picnic and plans to drive it to the Knight's Car Show in Shawnee.

Mike Piggott thanked Dave Hogan for his assistance with recovering the seats for his award winning TR4 during his visit for the TR7 throttle cable replacement. Mike is now preparing for the upcoming VTR Nationals to be held in late September in Dillard, Georgia.

Lonny Wall bragged on his 2 running Triumphs that are running well which he drives in various outings.

Doug White bragged on Hunter Rench for his assistance in providing many hours of technical support and wrench turning at Doug's garage in getting "BONDO" running and on the road. Doug has been able to drive his GT6 in several recent COVTR driving events.

### **Door Prizes**

Door Prizes were awarded at this meeting with the following winners: Judy Piggott, Drew Holliday, and Ron Feken.

### **Meeting Closure**

Drew Holliday made a motion to close the meeting, seconded by Hunter Rench. Motion passed. President Doug White closed the meeting at 7:28 PM.



# BY DESIGN VTR NATIONALS 2023



Original Giovanni Michelotti artwork modified by Rick Andreoli.

## Vintage Triumph Register National Convention

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## Celebrating the Vision of *Giovanni Michelotti*

This year's event will be held at The Dillard House in Dillard, GA. The Dillard House boasts breathtaking views of the surrounding Blue Ridge Mountains. These beautiful cars, many of them from the mind of Giovanni Michelotti, were designed to draw you to such places and experience all that they were created for. Your drives will take you to places of beautiful waterfalls and folklore and even a day experiencing a German-inspired mountain village. Come prepared to satisfy your driving desires, take in the breathtaking scenery and enjoy southern cooking like you never have before.

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# Dues Reminder!

**Membership money is due as of January 1, 2023 \$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**

## **COVTR now on Facebook**

**How do I join the COVTR Facebook Group?**

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

## **COVTR Web Page**

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