

Triumph Trails

Central Oklahoma VTR Newsletter

June 2023



“Enjoy the Ride”



Upcoming Events:

- Aug 5 Progressive Dinner; OKC/Edmond, OK
Holliday/Colson/Gauldin
- Aug 6 SCCA Autocross, Remington Park, OKC
Drew Holliday
- Aug 8 Triumph Club Meeting
Pelicans Restaurant MWC
5:30pm eat and visit 7pm meeting
- Aug 26 Drive-In Movie Night,
Beacon Theater Guthrie, OK;
John and Donna Barron



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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.



2023 COVTR Activities Calendar

Feb 10	Drive Your Triumph Day, email a photo to: driveyourtriumphday@gmail.com	
Feb 18	Café 33 Steakhouse and Whiskey Bar; Perkins, OK	Kay and Lonny Wall
March 11	Eischen's Chicken Run; Okarche, OK	Dave and Mary Jo Hogan
March 18-19	SCCA Autocross, Remington Park, OKC	Drew Holliday
April 8	Garage Day Get-together; Tuttle, OK	Doug and Margaret White
April 14-16	The Lodge at Sequoia State Park, Hulbert, OK	British Car Breakfast Club
April 19-22	SCVTR Regional Convention; Sugarland, TX	Doug and Margaret White
April 22-23	SCCA Autocross, Remington Park, OKC	Drew Holliday
May 6-7	McPherson College Car Show; McPherson, KS	Mike and Judy Piggott
May 20	Black Raven Pub, Harrah, OK	Hunter and Jenny Rench
May 21	SCCA Autocross, Location TBA	Drew Holliday
June 3	COVTR Picnic; Edmond, OK	Kay and Lonny Wall
June 4	SCCA Autocross, Frederick, OK	Drew Holliday
June 24	Knights Car Show and Cookout; Shawnee, OK	Mike and Judy Piggott
July 8	Route 66 Museum Tour, Sapulpa, OK	Hunter and Jenny Rench
July 9	SCCA Autocross TPC, Muskogee, OK	Drew Holliday
Aug 5	Progressive Dinner; OKC/Edmond, OK	Holliday/Colson/Gauldin
Aug 6	SCCA Autocross, Remington Park, OKC	Drew Holliday
Aug 26	Drive-In Movie Night, Guthrie, OK; Beacon Theater	John and Donna Barron
Sept 17	SCCA Autocross TPC, Remington Park, OKC	Drew Holliday
Sept 22-24	Brits in the Ozarks; Springdale, AR	Open
Sept 27-Oct 1	VTR National Convention, Dillard, GA	Doug and Margaret White
Oct 8	SCCA Autocross, Remington Park, OKC	Drew Holliday
Oct 27-29	Red River Shootout, Denton, TX	RRTC, Carlton Northrup
Oct 21	Chili Cook-Off; Edmond, OK	John and Jan Colson
Nov 5	Ponca City Veteran's Day Parade; Ponca City, OK	Kip Miles/Lonny Wall
Nov 10-11	Fall Foliage Tour; Wister State Park; Wister, OK	Rench's and Hogan's
Nov 12	SCCA Autocross, Remington Park, OKC	Drew Holliday
Dec 9	Christmas Party	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

From the Activities Chair:

First of all...John Barron is recovering well from neither expected or planned "open heart" surgery. He has been transferred to Room 254 at the Oklahoma Heart Hospital on Memorial. We all wish him a quick and easy recovery! God bless! Please keep him and his family in your prayers. I believe he is taking phone calls.

Progressive Dinner Details

Also, we have been busy preparing for the upcoming Progressive Dinner on August 5. Following is the tentative itinerary:

- 3:30 – 4:15 Gather at Drew and Kate's for appetizers
 8128 NW 18th Street, OKC 73127
- 4:15 – 5:00 Travel to John and Jan's home for the main course
- 5:00 – 7:30 Enjoy main course at John and Jan's home
 5901 Whispering Oak Rd., Edmond 73034
- 7:30 – 7:45 Travel to John and Jean's home for dessert
- 7:45 – 9:00 Enjoy dessert at John and Jean's home
 4100 Wake Forrest Road, Edmond 73034

Drew has indicated that guests are welcome to bring additional finger foods/appetizers...please let him know: Drew Holliday (carpecursusii@gmail.com)

John and Jan are serving the entire main course unless they contact you and request a specific side dish.

John and Jean will be providing the entire dessert unless they contact you with a specific request.

The entire menu remains a mystery but come and join us for what we know will be delicious food and great comradery! As usual bring your own adult beverages as desired. Please RSVP by Thursday, August 3th to me and I will pass it along to the chefs. We need an accurate count to ensure we have ample provisions. Considering the weather, you may be more comfortable and safe driving your "real" car...we'll understand! Drive whatever, but please plan to join us!

Mike



Greetings, Team Triumph,

I want to begin with wishing John Barron a speedy recovery. John had emergency by-pass surgery on July 25th. He is home and doing much better. Please keep John and his family in your thoughts and prayers.

The Nationals are in Dillard, GA, September 27-Oct 1st. We'll discuss details for those caravanning from Oklahoma at the upcoming monthly meeting August 8th.

We had a great club drive July 8th to the Route 66 Car Museum in Sapulpa. The turn-out was awesome and the weather supported a great time.

Our annual Progressive Dinner is Saturday, August 5th. Please plan on joining us for another great time.

On a personal note, I'm happy to report that Margaret and I have added another Triumph to our garage. As you know, Bondo (pictured above) is finished. So, without wasting time, we picked up a barn-find '66 Spitfire, MK2. It is running and has great "bones". As normal, it will be a lot of work, but fun to see come back to life.

Many thanks and Happy Motoring,

Doug White

President

Heart of Route 66 Museum– Sapulpa, OK

On Saturday, July 8, COVTR members took a run up Route 66 to the Heart of Route 66 Museum in Sapulpa Oklahoma. The group drove by the Arcadia Round Barn which is an icon of the Old Route 66 highway. They continued east through Chandler through Stroud and on towards Depew where they turned off onto an original part of Old Route 66. They traveled on through Bristow where they made their way to the museum in Sapulpa. The museum is curated and cared for by true enthusiasts. It is Northeast Oklahoma's premiere automotive attraction.



Lonny Wall in his Spit



The round barn icon on Route 66.



The original section of Route 66

Attendees were: Hunter Rench, Doug White, Art Graves, Bud and Ann Reedy, John and Jan Colson, Ron and Sandra Feken, Dennis Eckhout w/friend, Jim Glidewell, John and Jennifer Bar-ron, Lonny Wall with his sister aboard and Dave & Mary Jo Hogan. Thanks to Hunter for hosting this interesting tour and luncheon stop.

Minutes of COVTR Membership Meeting

July 11, 2023

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

Location: Pelicans Restaurant, Midwest City, OK

Members present: 21

Guests: None

Meeting Opening: Doug White opened the meeting at 6:59 PM

Mary Jo Hogan led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Secretary Meeting Minutes: Mike Piggott motioned that we should accept the minutes of the June 2023 club meeting as printed in the Triumph Trails newsletter, seconded by Fred Broach. Motion passed.

Membership Report – Dave Hogan

Dave Hogan reported that there were no new members joining COVTR since our last club meeting in June. Doug White contacted last month's new member Keith Littrell and he sounds like a great addition to our club. He works a great deal and will have difficulty attending club meeting and other activities. He owns a 1972 TR6.

Treasurer's Report – Mike Piggott

Mike Piggott read the Treasurer's Report for the month of June 2023. COVTR has a current balance of \$12,967.37. Our club incurred one expense this past month for flowers for a recently deceased past COVTR club member.

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

Meeting Minutes Continued:

Activities Report – Mike Piggott

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

June 24 – Knight's Car Show in Shawnee, OK at the Boy Scout Park. A real HOT ONE this year! Mike Piggott cordoned off an area under the trees at our usual location for all COVTR members in attendance. Members attending included Mike's Spitfire, Bud Reedy in his Triumph Stag, Jim Glidewell in his recently purchased 1974 TR6, Fred Broach in his Spitfire, Dave Hogan in his TR7 and MG club friend Tony Brewer in his MGB.

Fred Broach won a tool bag door prize. Tony Brewer's MGB won the First Place trophy in the British Car entry category. Following the judging, we were all invited to Mike Piggott's for a cookout style luncheon of: brats, beans, potato salad and cherry pie provided by Judy Piggott. Many thanks to our gracious hosts.

July 8 – Route 66 Museum Tour – Sapulpa, OK. Hunter Rench with Doug White aboard led our COVTR club members on a drive from the Oklahoma Welcome Center to the Route 66 Auto Museum in Sapulpa, OK. Several stops along the way included a photo op at the Round Barn in Arcadia and a stop to meet up with Art Graves from Tulsa on an old original section of Route 66. Attendees also included: Bud and Ann Reedy, John and Jan Colson, Ron and Sandra Feken, Dennis Eckhout w/friend, Jim Glidewell, John and Jennifer Barron, Lonny Wall with his sister aboard and Dave & Mary Jo Hogan.

The museum contained some very beautifully rare and fully restored autos. My favorites included a 55 T-Bird, Jaguar XKE, Corvair Spider, 57 Ford Fairlane Skyliner with a retractable hardtop, an Isetta and a Triumph powered Amphicar. Several engines and old automotive tune up machines were also on display.

Thanks to Hunter for hosting this interesting tour and luncheon stop.

Most members of our group traveled to a nearby Sapulpa restaurant for additional camaraderie and a late lunch.

Meeting Minutes Continued:

July 9 – SCCA Autocross > cancelled

Upcoming Activities/Events

August 5 – Our annual Progressive Dinner is planned for Saturday, August 5. Progressive stops include the Holidays for hors d'oeuvres, followed by dinner at the home of John and Jan Colson, concluding with a dessert stop at the home of John and Jeanne Gauldin. Additional information will be provided via email.

August 6 – SCCA Autocross @ Remington Park

August 26 – Drive-In Movie Night @ Beacon Theatre, Guthrie, OK to be hosted by John and Donna Barron

Old Business

Margaret White read a very heartfelt thank you card from the McCarty's in appreciation for the lovely flowers from COVTR.

Ordering of club shirts for new members was discussed and Margaret White has offered to gather the information for club members wanting a shirt to submit to Drew Holiday for order placement. Information regarding style and size will be required. A discussion ensued regarding a red club-logoed shirt that Dennis Eckhout was wearing on the Route 66 Museum tour. Over the many years of the club, several colors were chosen; however, in recent years, the color BLUE has become the club preferred standard.

New Business

Fred Broach offered his ideas on how to associate COVTR members names, types of vehicles owned, etc. for a connection and collection on our COVTR website. Fred offered to gather and organize the information in a manner to identify club member's owned vehicles as well as identify expertise and technical knowledge on the various Triumph models. This will include member's information and photos of their Triumphs. Participation will require a Google Account for inclusion and access. The website will be secure and accessible only to club members.

Meeting Minutes Continued:

Doug White made a motion to authorize Fred to form a connection to our website to harvest and store this information. The motion was approved by acclamation. Fred will create a submission format to gather the info about our members and their Triumphs to be linked to our COVTR website.

Bitch and Brag

Judy Piggott bragged about a recent trip to Atoka with Mike, Mike's brother and his brother's girl friend to visit Reba McEntire's new restaurant (Reba's Place) in Atoka, OK. Judy described it as very nice but also very pricey. She also announced that Mike's birthday is in a couple of days. Margaret White asked the club members to sing Happy Birthday to Mike.

Bud Reedy announced that he and Ann are celebrating their 56th anniversary this coming Saturday.

John Colson announced that it was John Barron's birthday and he had been celebrating all day.

Greg Tiffany announced that he and Susan celebrated their 44th anniversary last weekend and are planning to jump out of an airplane together this coming Sunday .

Doug White bragged on Hunter Rench & John Gauldin for their assistance with his GT6 transmission following some significant damage to his transmission at the shop he had taken it to for some repair work. Apparently, the repair personnel thought it was a hotrod and should be driven like one. However, these old Triumphs cannot standup to such abuse. Bondo is back on the road.

Door Prizes

A Door Prize was awarded at this meeting with the following winner: Bud Reedy

Meeting Closure

Judy Piggott made a motion to close the meeting, seconded by Hunter Rench. Motion passed. President Doug White closed the meeting at 7:30 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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AND THE BRITISH AUTO OWNERS GROUP



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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

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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.

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