



# Triumphant Times

## Green Country Triumphs

### Monthly Newsletter for July 2019



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<http://greencountrytriumphs.org>

**Club Dues Are Due July 1<sup>st</sup> or before of each year to the club Treasurer.**

**Submit dues to be reinstated.**  
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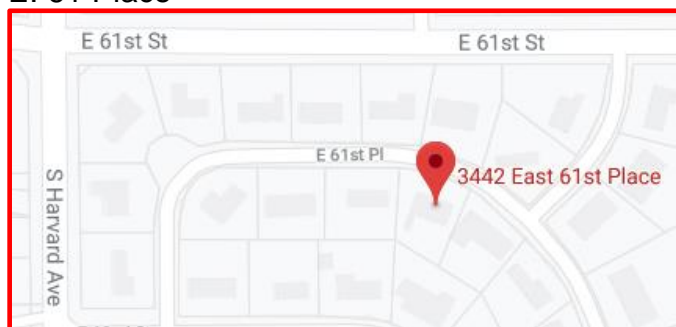
#### From President Rob Thompson

Pres Newsletter – July 2019

I pray that when this newsletter reaches you that you have enjoyed your July 4th weekend celebration. A couple of weeks of 90 plus degree of weather almost makes you forget the two months of torrential rain. Our company has been busy with responding with properties flooded by the rising waters. Mold/bacteria issues from flood waters can be a serious issue. One Cherokee Casino flooded to six feet of water and when we were inspecting the areas including closets, etc. a not-so-nice snake was waiting for us.



The next meeting is at our home at 3442 E. 61 Place



on July 16 and John has sent a couple of notices out already. Check the newsletter as well. We will be having our annual election of offices at that time. We will be electing a new Vice-President and Member at Large. If you would like to nominate someone, let me know who if you cannot attend the meeting at our house. Self-nominations are cool, as well. Adele has asked if anyone would like to do the secretary duties (meeting minutes), please step forward!

This the last newsletter article from me since I am the out-going President and marks

#### Next Club Meeting

**Tuesday July 16th**

**Dinner at 6:00PM**

**Meeting at 7:00 PM**

**Location: Home of  
Donna & Rob Thompson  
3442 E. 61 Place  
Tulsa**

#### Officers and Committees

Rob Thompson – President  
Denny Robinson – Vice President  
Al Garbart - Member at Large  
Jan Phillips – Treasurer  
Adele Blom – Secretary  
Kay Robinson - Activities  
Art Graves – Car Shows  
Jon Wood – Web Master  
John Phillips – Newsletter, Parts,  
Repairs, Appraisals, Membership  
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Have you paid your dues?

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three years of either Vice-president or President. Thank-you for allowing me to fill this position and hope I served it well. See everyone at our place. We will provide the main dish and tea. Let Donna know if are coming so that we can have enough vittles for everyone. Her number is 919-607-0838.

**From Vice President  
Denny Robinson**



 **Dennis Robinson**  
3 hrs · 🌐

Our last day in Switzerland. The lion was done in first part of 1800's, the wooden bridge is from the 1300's. We almost didn't go in this church, it was so beautiful inside. We get up at 3:30 to go to airport in Basil to catch plane to Frankfurt then fly for over 11 hours to Dallas. Then drive on home.



Denny & Kay are globe-trotting. They should be home very late on Tuesday the 9th. Safe travels, friends. See Facebook Page.

### **Secretary's Minutes of the Last Meeting by Rolf & Adele Blom**

The June 2019 meeting of Green Country Triumphs was held at Baxter's Interurban Grill in downtown Tulsa. President Rob Thompson called for the meeting to come to order at about 7:20 pm.

The May minutes, prepared by Kay Robinson for Adele Blom, were printed in the



newsletter. These minutes were unanimously approved after a motion by John Phillips seconded by Al Garbart.

Treasurer Jan Phillips reported our club's balance. At the start of the meeting only 19 members had paid dues for the coming year which begins on July 1. There was some discussion about why membership dues were so slow to come in, but no solution was found. The Treasurer's report was also passed unanimously.

Car show master reporter Art Graves admitted that summer doldrums have arrived in the show calendar with the next big event being the VTR National Convention October 6-11 in Dripping Springs, Texas. The recent GOBMC was said to be a lot of fun with about 90 cars arriving. Art also mentioned the "Brits in the Ozarks" show in early September.

John Phillips also had little to report on with respect to parts and repairs at Greasy Hand's Garage North. Art Graves reported on his effort to adjust the window regulator in his wife's Honda Accord, and Al Garbart said his TR-7 had new carburetors and the engine work was "nearly" done. Jerry Johnson mentioned that using dielectric grease on contacts in some Lucas parts and connections will stop corrosion and therefore help to repel the dreaded "Prince of Darkness."

Kay Robinson discussed club activities. The trip to McAlester for lunch and a brewery tour originally planned for May but delayed to allow for car show preparations is still a possibility. It is not yet scheduled. Similarly, the recent flooding has set back our June trip to Grand Lake until the ground is less soggy. Dorothy Chronister hoped that July will bring sufficient drying to make this possible. **So far about five rooms have been reserved for the overnight trip to Mena, Arkansas on Sunday October 20, 2019, and returning the following Monday. The venue for this trip is the Queen Wilhelmina Lodge where a block of 10 rooms has been reserved.** Next month

the Thompson's will host our annual meeting at their house, to draft new officers for the coming year. This will occur at the usual time on the third Tuesday of July.

Old business discussion included mention that the website invoice had not yet been received.

New business included a discussion of how to obtain Club shirts. At this time members are free to put a club logo on any shirt of their choice. The whereabouts of the logo design was uncertain. Art Graves said the logo had been sent to Land's End where it could presumably be found with a number that Land's End assigned to it. Art was drafted to see if he could determine what the number was or how this could be done.

Another item, mentioned by John Phillips, was that starting July 1st **Oklahoma law requires us to have automobile registration papers in our cars**, not in the home filing cabinet. License plates will now stay with the person to whom they were issued, rather than going with the car upon ownership changes.

With no further new business, the meeting was adjourned at about 7:45 pm.



## **The Silver Summit Trip**

By Art Graves

We have been ready for the 2019 Silver Summit since the end of the 2018 event. The Silver Summit is a driving event through Colorado on secondary and tertiary roads. It is open to all pre 1980 automobiles of any make.

The link to Classic Car Adventures' Colorado and Canadian driving events web site is. There you can find the links to the entry form, vehicle inspection form, supplementary regulations and the entry list from the past several years. This is 'just for fun' information now. Registration for the 2020 event will open in February of 2020. Here is a link to official photos of the cars during the rallye. You can find Karen & I in photos 19, 39, 71, 105, 135, 186, 227, 239, 279, 345, 358 & 421. There is not much detail of the car, but you can get an idea of the fabulous views.

There was a threat of rain on our day of departure, but we put the top down anyway and left for Dodge City, KS via Wichita. Our optimism did not pan out and we were soaked before reaching Bartlesville, OK. That did not deter us and with the top still down we eventually out-ran the rain. In order to avoid toll roads, we took US75 north and once inside Kansas, turned west on US166, then north on KS96, then west on US400 to Wichita. I had scouted out Norton Brothers Brewing Company for lunch and they did not disappoint. After lunch we continued west on US400 to Dodge City, KS.

Dodge City was much anticipated, because, well, it is an iconic town name and we have been watching the old TV series 'Gunsmoke' lately. We checked into our hotel and soon after the boys from Oklahoma City arrived: Michael Hathaway in a 1972 MGB, Ryan Reaves in a 1963 Austin Healey Sprite,





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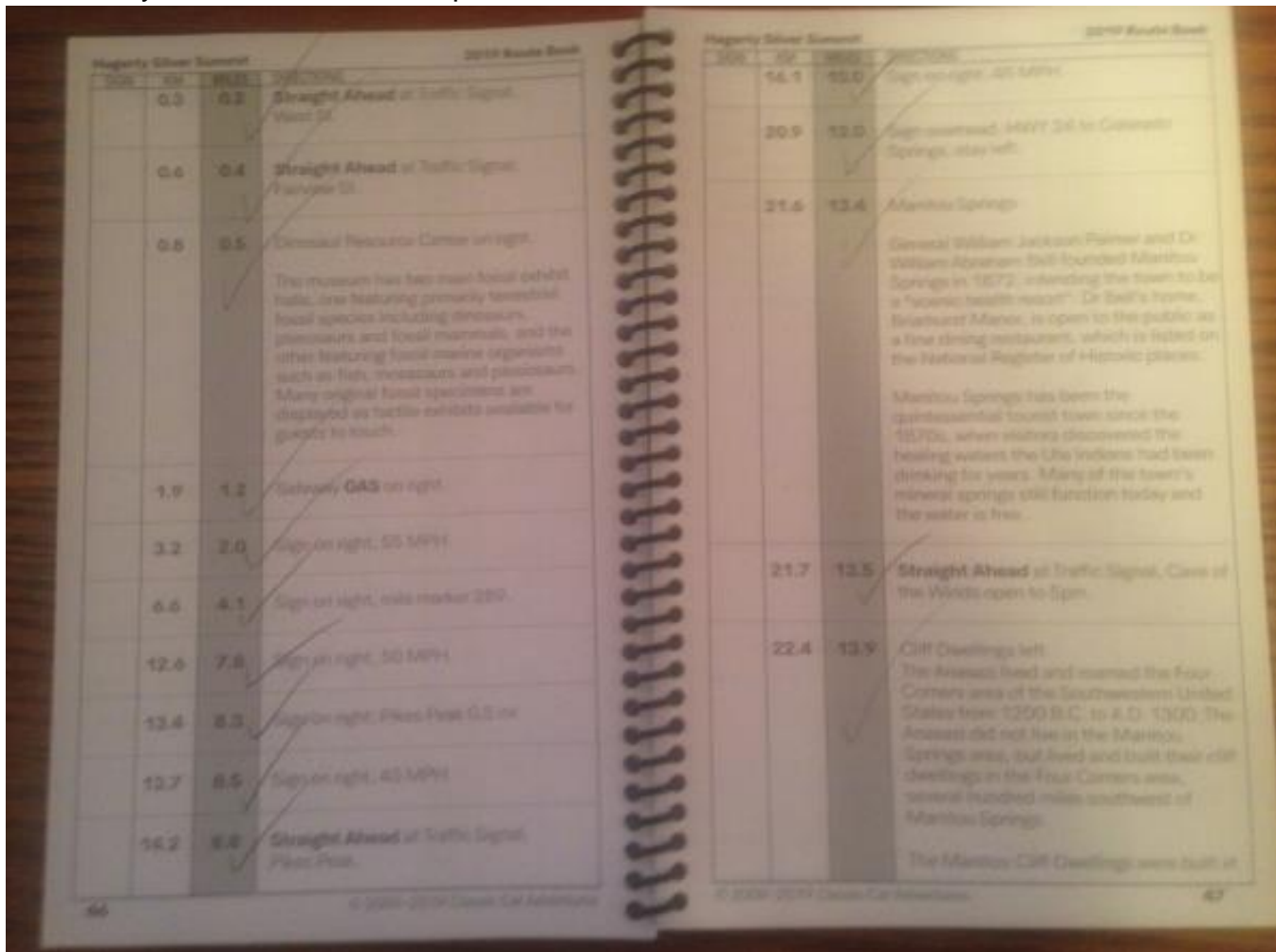
Michael Downes in a 1968 Datsun, and Tim Lloyd in a 1972 Triumph GT6.

Karen and I were underwhelmed with Dodge City. The town was in need of maintenance and though there was a Boot Hill museum, it was difficult to find. Then we discovered that the brew pub in town was closed on Tuesday (what's that all about?). We did find another spot for dinner, but the food and beer were so-so and the waiter was so bad that he's probably looking for another job by now.

The next day, Wednesday, our group headed for Colorado Springs, CO, the starting point for this year's tour. Three days were allotted for the two-day drive to Colorado Springs, giving ourselves plenty of time in the event of delays such as road side repairs. But

there was very little of that. The remainder of Wednesday and all-day Thursday was spent relaxing, minor repairs, car washing, eating and drinking beer. In fact, one lunch spot, Bristol Brewing Company deserves a special note. It is an old elementary school repurposed to a Brew Pub, coffee shop and distillery.

Even though the TR6 was running well, I leaned out the carburetors a little more and increased the idle speed. Tim did the same on his GT6. The MGB was running hot and so Michael retorqued the cylinder head and changed the thermostat. He did not have any other trouble until the trip home. By midafternoon Thursday the other classic cars began to arrive, among them Mike & Vicki Sabelhaus (Red River Triumph Club) in their 1975 TR6.



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Most everyone was preregistered, but we needed to go to the Colorado Mountain Brewery to pick up our registration packets (which included the much-anticipated Route Book), meet new and old friends and eat some dinner. The next day we would start the rallye. Each day begins with a driver meeting at 8:45 AM. A rallye overview, last minute course changes, and other announcements are made and then the cars are 'released'. The drive each day is about 300 miles, but it takes all day due to low speed 11 Hill Country Triumph Club and curvy roads. Day one would take us south, then west and then north, back to Colorado Springs. The highlights of the day were Bishop's Castle on CO165 and Garden of the Gods, a National Natural Landmark, just west of Colorado Springs. According to Wikipedia, Bishop Castle is an 'elaborate and intricate one-man project' named after its constructor, Jim Bishop. It has become a roadside attraction in central Colorado. [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Bishop\\_Castle](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Bishop_Castle).

We only drove through the Garden of the Gods, but you could easily spend a day there. A lowlight of the day was a huge thunderstorm coming at us as we headed west on CO69. We had the top down and decided it

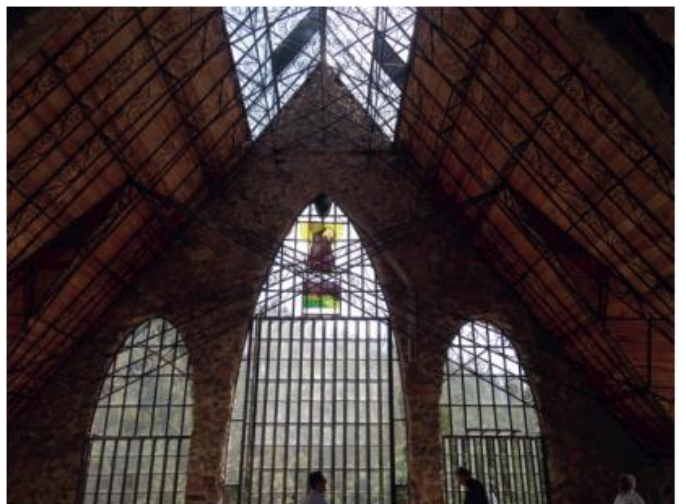


Bishop's Castle

would be prudent to put the top up, as it was already sprinkling and the Bishop's Castle temperature had dropped to the mid 40's. Luckily the route soon turned north and we



Bishop's Castle from a distance.



Inside the great room of Bishop's Castle



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missed the rain, but the top stayed up for the remainder of the rallye.

Example page from Route Book. The driving instructions are very clear, interspersed with facts and descriptions of sights seen along the route.



Garden of the gods.

Our hotel for the night was a Marriott on the north side of Colorado Springs. After dinner we listened to a recap of the day's drive. Two guys in a 1973 Jaguar XJ6 only made it 33 miles before it overheated due to a bad (probably original!) head gasket. Another car, a 1972 Datsun 240Z also experienced mechanical problems. Both drivers procured other cars and completed the rallye. After all that excitement I was pretty tired and since it was cold and breezy in the parking lot, I called it a night.

The next day took us on a mostly direct route to Idaho Springs. There were a lot of altitude changes and bicycle riders, both of which called for attentive driving. Even though

the navigator must read the route book to keep us on course, they have the

The parking garage at the Doubletree in Breckenridge.

Garden of the gods. These fellows looked a lot better than their Jaguar



These fellows looked a lot better than their Jaguar ran.

ran.

opportunity to sightsee much more than the driver. You'll never believe this, but we found a nice brew pub (among many) in Idaho Springs and enjoyed a light lunch. After filling our bellies, we filled the gas tank and took a circuitous route to Breckenridge, our stop for the night. It was snowing on Hoosier Pass, just south of Breckenridge and in Breckenridge itself. The hotel reserved for us was a Double Tree with underground parking. Surprisingly, it was able to accommodate all the rallye cars. Karen & I were among the first to arrive, and since the path to all rooms leads through the hotel bar, we grabbed a cocktail and greeted all the other

participants as they came in.

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Looking back, I may have to rethink my driving strategy on these type events and stop along the route to take in the scenery and take pictures. We missed too many photo ops and breaks to stretch our legs.



The parking garage at the Doubletree in Breckenridge.

When we woke the next morning, the temperature was 26 degrees F, and not snowing. This last day of the rallye would be short. From Breckenridge we headed



A lot of snow on Loveland Pass, with many skiers and snowboarders

north over Loveland Pass, to Boulder and the end of the rallye in Golden, CO.

Hagerty Insurance is a sponsor of the event and was kind enough to open their offices and provide a buffet lunch of fried



The Hagerty office in Golden Colorado. The white GT6 was formerly owned by Sam Clark

chicken, as- sorted sides and deserts. After lunch we migrated to the parking lot for final announcements, awards and goodbyes. The awards are Hard Luck, Spirit of the Summit (both self-explanatory), and the MacGyver. The last is awarded to the team who creates the best emergency fix. If I remember correctly, this year's fix was a credit card cut to re- place a broken piece of Porsche accelerator linkage. Yeah.

Karen and I took off on our own for the return trip. The Oklahoma City boys were head- ed south to Trinidad, CO, which I thought was a bit out of the way. Plus, we were concerned about the rain forecast and were hoping to miss the storms by using a more east then south route.

So much for hoping. Our route took us east on IH70 to Salina, KS then south to Wichita and east to Tulsa.

We stayed the night in Burlington, CO, just west of the Kansas border. We skipped dinner because of the late lunch. The next morning was cold and over- cast, but still had

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hope of missing the rain. Well, guess what, we didn't. Did anyone notice all the water in the Arkansas River the last two weeks of May? Well, we saw it firsthand. It rained buckets all day. We could barely see through the windshield and could not see at all when a car



**This is the best visibility I could hope for driving through Kansas**

or especially a truck passed. I was able to keep my speed between 55 & 65 MPH, but I didn't like it. Pulling off to the side of the road wasn't an option for fear of being rear-ended; besides, the rain didn't stop all day. I also didn't think it a good idea to get off the interstate for fear of flooded back roads.

Fortunately, we made it home without incident, but it was a hell of a ride. Probably the worst drive ever in the Triumph. Al- though we



*Figure 1 Back home drying out seats and carpets.*

stayed dry in the cab- in, our luggage was absolutely soaked, as well as the carpets. Make that two months in a row that I have had



*Replacing MGB's front wheel bearing near Clayton, NM.*

to remove seats and carpets to dry. The Oklahoma City boys didn't fare much better. They were delayed in Clayton, NM with a bad wheel bearing on the MGB and did not arrive home until near midnight. Of course, they encountered tons of rain also, but at night!

But, would we do it again? Hell yes- next year!



A view of the Arkansas River from the Blue Rose Café on Riverside Drive. We first encountered this water while driving through Kansas.



## 2019 Scheduled Club Activities

WHEN	WHAT	WHO
TBD	Annual Lake Tour	Rob/Tom
September 6 <sup>th</sup> – 7 <sup>th</sup>	British Iron Fayetteville	Art
September?	Pops / Round Barn/Arcadia	Al
October 20, 2019	Halloween/Fall Drive or Party Rolf Blom <i>Make your reservations now at Queen Wilhelmina Lodge</i>	Rolf
November Friday 1 or 8	Guy Fawkes	Jan
December	Christmas Party	TBD

## Upcoming 2019 Car Shows

### Roadster Factory Summer Party

Location: Armagh, Pennsylvania

Date: August 1 – August 3, 2019 (Tentative)

Web: <http://www.the-roadster-factory.com/indexmain.php>

### Kansas City All British Car Day

Location: Kansas City, Missouri

Date: August 31 – September 1, 2019

Web: <http://www.heartlandallbritish.com/index.html>

### British Iron All British Car Day

Location: Agri Park, Fayetteville, Arkansas

Date: September 6 – 7, 2019

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

### Triumphest

Location: Santa Maria, California

Date: September 12 – September 14, 2019

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

### Texas All British Car Day

Location: Round Rock, Texas

Date: September 27 – September 29, 2019

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

### 6-Pack Trials

Location: St. Louis, Missouri

Date: October 3 – October 6, 2019

Web: <https://ckeefe4.wixsite.com/6-packtrial2019/>  
<https://www.facebook.com/events/2065984406955406/>

### VTR National Convention

Location: Dripping Springs, Texas

Date: October 6 – October 11, 2019

Web: <http://hillcountrytriumphclub.org/vtr2019/>



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**Thursday, Sept 5**  
Driving Tour

**Friday, Sept 6**  
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Parking Lot Party

**Saturday, Sept 7**  
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The British Iron Touring Club invites you to attend the 18<sup>th</sup> annual Brits in the Ozarks All British Car & Cycle Show in Fayetteville Arkansas. This year's schedule includes driving tours on Thursday and Friday, September 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup>. The Thursday tour will be a little shorter this year with more stops for, umm, sight seeing and relief. The route will take us from the host hotel to Low Gap for lunch with a stop on the way at the historic Kingston square. The route home will include a stop at the historic Stamps Store in Osage, Arkansas. Figure about an hour and a half each way plus stops. The popular Friday tour is likely to include War Eagle Mill, the Hobbs Estate visitors center, and, maybe, Crystal Bridges museum of American Art. There is no charge to participate in either tour. Departure will be at 10:00 each morning from the host hotel.

The legendary parking lot party takes place the evening of the 6<sup>th</sup>, the car show on the 7<sup>th</sup> and the awards banquet the evening of the 7<sup>th</sup>. This year we are excited to feature as our special guest



legendary story teller, broadcaster, and racer David Hobbs (left). David is sure to entertain us with wonderful tales of his racing and broadcast career.

As always this is all for a good cause. Every dime in excess of event costs goes to charity. Our primary beneficiary is the ALS Association, Arkansas Chapter, whom we help with its fight against Lou Gehrig's disease.

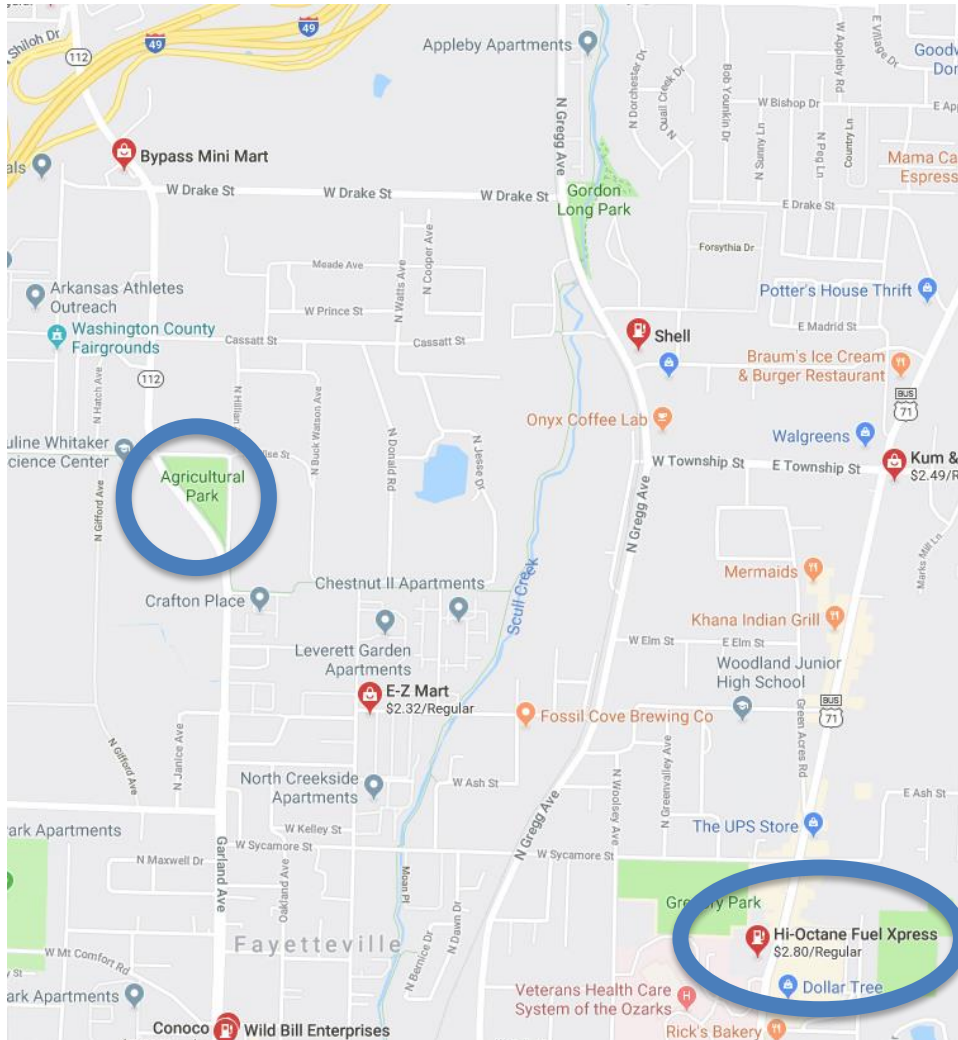
For a registration form and other information please go

to our website, [www.britishironnwa.org](http://www.britishironnwa.org) and click on the "2019 Car Show" link. There you can also find information about the host hotel and directions to Agri Park where the car show will take place. Also, be sure to "like" us on Facebook. Search for British Iron Touring Club.

Come join us for a great time and a great cause.



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TR3 looks  
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# Welcome to 6-Pack TRials 2019

## An Unforgettable Event

Note: The First 50 cars to register with the host hotel (click on 'hotel information' above.) will be entered into a drawing to win 3 nights base room charge + tax (approx. \$418 value). Club officers and event organizers not eligible.

Welcome. We're excited to extend an invitation to our upcoming event, which has been months in the making. Please find all the details that you need on our site and get in touch if you need more information. For general questions contact Kevin Blume at KBlume1@gmail.com

This is the 6-Pack Triumph TR250/TR6 Owners Groups Annual Meeting

Drive our scenic 2-lane roads stopping at wineries and other venues along the way. Explore our city sites, including historic Route 66.

Follow us on Facebook by clicking the link at the bottom of the page to get the latest updates.

<https://www.facebook.com/events/2065984406955406/>

Oct 3, 2019 - Oct 6, 2019



Attention all rumph' lovers...TRials planning for St. Louis is in full swing now and there is still time to register at the hotel to be in the first 50 entries and eligible to win a free stay!! Here's a link to wet your appetite...Cheers, Kevin

<https://www.planetware.com/tourist-attractions/-st-louis-us-mo-sl.htm>



6-Pack  
Gateway TRials



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Visit Luckenbach, TX  
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as we celebrate



Enjoy the roads at the  
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# **VTR National 2019**

in Dripping Springs, Texas October 6-11, 2019





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## GOBMC

I knew the 2019 Greater Ozarks British Motoring Club's (GOBMC) car show was getting close because I was waking up earlier and earlier. Even after all these years I get nervous and excited as a road trip nears. Part of the reason is that even with a well sorted out car, you never know what kind of adventure is ahead.

The morning of June 7 was no exception, as I woke from a fitful sleep to make the last preparations for the short drive to Carthage, MO. The world seemed foggy as I threw a change of clothes in the duffle bag, packed some beer and ice in the cooler and checked that all trunk items were stowed: tools, folding chairs, spare parts, etc.

The weather forecast did not look good – in fact it hadn't looked good for the past week. Rain – and lots of it – was the order of the day. At the agreed upon time of 1:00 PM, club members began to arrive at the QuikTrip in Verdigris: Glen and Carol Larson in their TR3, Jim & Debbie Murray in their TR3, Tom & Dorothy Chronister in a TR4. Al & Janice Garbart in their TR7, Rob Thompson in an early TR6 (couldn't convince Donna to make the trip), Denny & Kay Robinson in their road-worthy Spitfire and John & Jan Phillips in the air-conditioned TR8. Eight cars including me making the trip to Carthage – sure to be a new club record!



## Triumph TR6's on display

It is only a two-hour trip by interstate, but since we had plenty of time, we decided to take some state and US highways. Departing from the QuikTrip parking lot, we took OK66 north to Vinita, where we then hopped on US60, which took us to Afton, Fairland and Seneca, MO. Once in Missouri we continued on US60 until it turned into MO59 where it turned north. Eventually MO59 crosses IH44 where it turns into IH49. Carthage was only a few miles away!

I led the way, followed by the Murrays, Rob, Chronisters, Robinsons, Garbarts, and Larsons with the Phillips bringing up the rear. Somehow, we managed to dodge all the rain. Seems like every time dark clouds loomed ahead; the road took us in another direction. When we got close to Carthage, the Chronisters, Murrays and Garbarts took advantage of the moment and did some shopping at the Precious Moments Chapel (pun intended).



## MG 'T' series on display

Once at the hotel it did sprinkle some, and tops went up just in case. We all checked into the hotel and picked up our registration packages. The parking lot party was just starting and burgers and brats were already cooking. Side dishes and desserts were



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plentiful, as well as soft drinks, water and beer. I chose a Dos XX Amber and sat down to wait for the food line to go down. Our group set up our chairs together and in between mouthfuls of food caught up on each other's lives. Janice & Debbie showed off new additions to their Precious Moments figurine collections. Dorothy had never been to the Precious Moments Chapel and remained unimpressed with the whole concept.

Most of the attendees are from GOBMC, but there are also many from Kansas City, Northwest and Little Rock Arkansas. Most times the Jaguar Club of Tulsa has a showing, but not so much this year. Other than GOBMC we had the largest club attendance



The blue TR3 was absolutely immaculate.

As the party ended, we made our plans for the next day. The Larsons, Murrays and Garbarts would likely sleep late and said not to wait for them. The rest of us met in the breakfast area, ate, loaded up the cars, checked out of the hotel and drove to a car wash to remove bugs and rain spots.

As we entered the downtown square, volunteers directed us to southeast corner where pictures were taken and directions given to the Triumph's assigned parking area. The Phillips and Rob Thompson were already set

up when we arrived, and soon all eight cars were proudly displayed.

After all the rain and gloomy skies over the past several weeks, weather for the car show couldn't have been better. Temperatures were in the low eighties with light winds and low humidity. The parking location for each marque is different each year so as not to stick any one marque in the sun year after year. It was Triumph's turn to be in the shade which made the experience all the better.

We broke into several groups to wander about the square, talk to owners and fill in our Participant's Choice ballots. We didn't always agree on the best car in each class, which started many a lively discussion. But that is the nature of a participant's choice ballot: vote for your favorite car, regardless of the reason.

Lunch options are few in downtown Carthage these days, but a very nice deli, located in the northwest corner of the square offers a wide selection of sandwiches and salads. I suggested getting a lunch to go and dining (picnicking?) on the courthouse lawn near the cars. Others were in agreement and soon we were enjoying sandwiches and chatting among ourselves on the courthouse lawn without a care in the world on this warm summer day. Sandwiches gone, the talk died down and soon I fell asleep.

I woke with a start, wondering where I was. Oh yeah, I'm in my own bed and finally it's the day of the GOBMC car show. Time to get ready to drive the short two hours to Carthage. Hopefully the weather will cooperate. Wow, what a dream!



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**Charlie Brown**

16 hrs · 🧑🏻🧑🏻



It's official...I have a trophy wife. Paula Sammons-Brown won another trophy today at Hero's and Hotrods. She spent two hours shining on the TR6 last night. A little, ok.. sometimes a lot of rain, did not keep her from trophy hunting today. Very proud of her.



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**Julia Cross** is 😊 feeling happy at McAlister's Deli (Tulsa 91st).

15 hrs · Tulsa · 🧑🏻‍🤝‍🧑🏻



Brought the TR3

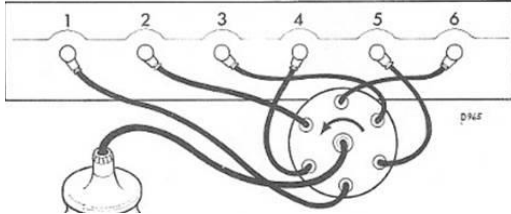




### JOHN'S QUICK TIPS

#### Plug Lead Positions (Fig. 55)

Ensure that the plug leads are attached to the sparking plugs as shown. Firing order is 1, 5, 3, 6, 2, 4, taken in anti-clockwise order, as viewed from the top of the rotor arm.



## TR6 Soft Top Folding

To prevent window damage when top is down fold TR6 top as shown.



1 Release top from windscreen, rear bow snaps and snaps at the rear sides then spread out over back of car.



2. Fold top forward without folding back



3. Fold side windows on top without folding side windows, tuck top down behind seats, add cover.

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IS2FhnWK6\\_o&feature=youtu.be](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IS2FhnWK6_o&feature=youtu.be)

## Products Appropriate for Your Car

*Not the only option but good ones.*

Standard TR6 Tire Size: 215 X 65 X 15

**This web site is terrific for selecting a tire size that will work with your speedometer.**

<https://www.tacomaworld.com/tirecalc?tires=215-65r15-205-70r15>

Classic Car Motor Oil

<http://www.classiccarmotoroil.com/>

Spin on oil filter sizes: TR6 Wix 51516. TR8 WIX 51515

\*Coolant: Option 1; Evans Waterless High-Performance Coolant is specially formulated for gasoline engines in classic cars and high-performance vehicles.

<http://www.evanscooling.com/>

Coolant: Option 2; Peak anti-freeze, no water.

Transmission: 40 Wt. Non-detergent Motor Oil or Gear Oil: GL4 grade which is lower in sulphur. GL5 not recommended

Differential: Red Line Heavy Shockproof Gear Oil



Brake Fluid: Valvoline Synthetic DOT4/5

Spline Lubricant – CV Joint Grease

Star Tron Fuel Additive: For use with ethanol fuel if you have to use it.

Lubrication for front trunnions on TR6



**JOHN'S QUICK TIPS**

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How does one know the alternator belt is tight enough? If you can turn the fan/pulley with your hand, it is not tight enough. If you can twist the belt 90° or more, your belt is not tight enough.

## What's on the [Web Site](#)

Seat Belt Refurbish  
Service After Storage  
Rear Wheel Bearing End Float  
Speaker Box Install  
TR6 Wind wings  
Rear Sway Bar Installation  
Triumph Rain Cover  
Flywheel Ring gear rework  
Rebuilding Triumph TR Trans/Overdrive  
Rebuilding Stromberg Carburetors

## LESSONS LEARNED

- When using an electronic ignition system by the **ballast resistor** is highly recommended. The resistor is for protection of ignition points (which is no longer part of the system) and lowers voltage to the plugs.
- Coolant hoses get loose over time. Be sure to tighten them periodically.
- The rear hubs on IRS cars are known to shear causing the wheel to separate from car while moving. Check by moving the raised wheel in the caster/camber attitude to check for play. There should be none.
- Thrust bearing end float should be .011" max. Push the crank shaft (fan) rearward as far as it will go. The crank should move forward when the clutch is depressed. It should move between .004" (0.1016 mm) and .011" (0.2794 mm).
- Find paint codes at [PaintRef.com](#)

Spark plugs for TR6 – NGK BP6ES  
Spark plugs for TR8 – Champion RN12YC

## AIR PRESSURE VIDEO

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wqLcxyTpVfA&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_campaign=DTC\\_AirPressure\\_Reminder&utm\\_source=Reminder&utm\\_content=Air+Pressure+Video](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wqLcxyTpVfA&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=DTC_AirPressure_Reminder&utm_source=Reminder&utm_content=Air+Pressure+Video)

**GCT Merchandise**

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### **Greasy Hands Garage North Update by John Phillips**

**6/10/2019** – Still no work in the shop but a very nice day so what else could I do; I took a drive in Tinkerbelle. The unplanned route took me towards Claremore then north to Oologah via the back roads.

The turnoff to an old friend's house was coming up so I said why not and took the turn and parked in their driveway. I rang the bell but was met at the side of the house and ushered to the back where they spend most of their days.

Gary and Joyce have been friends for a long time so we visited about various things then it was time to move on and pick up milk+ at the grocery on the way home.

The car ran great. The weather was terrific. The drive was just what I needed.

Back at the shop I decided to try to move the steering wheel one tooth on the shaft to get a better alignment. It was turned a little to the left so the attempt was to get it straight. Not sure yet whether success was achieved.

A later test drive showed the steering wheel was much straighter but now biased slightly to the right. I can live with that.

**6/13/2019** – I touched base with Al about the state of his tuning of the new carbs on the TR7. His response was that he had sent his distributor

off for a rebuild and would start fine tuning when the new distributor was in and working.

**7/2/2019** – Well the shop is experiencing its longest layoff without some type of project, large or small, for as long as I can remember. There are still a few projects that just have not made it here yet but not many.

**7/4/2019** – Yesterday was tag day. I like the fact that registration can now be accomplished via internet so two trips to the agency are not needed due to my forgetting to bring something like evidence of insurance.

Last month it was time for the TR8. This month it was time for the TR6 and Subaru. The Frontier gets registered in January.

I struggled with my memory a little bit thinking the vin on the title was different than on the car. That turned out to not be true. The title and car match so the paperwork is all clean.

I got a little confused when comparing the description of the car on the British Motor Heritage (BMH) certificate to what it actually is. The BMH cert says the car is green. Dr. Hart just told me my distance vision is 20/20 so I am saying the car is Midas Gold.

I am not sure why or how the BMH records were contaminated but they obviously were. They can swear up and down all day long that the car is green, it is not green but it is legal. Ha!

## Classified Section



**Sam** is selling his trailer. He

no longer needs it and says it is in great shape. It has served him well but is no longer used.

I suspect he would also entertain the idea of selling the truck as well.





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**MESSAGE FROM FRANK WOOD!**

**I am going to sell my car. I have developed problems from my Feb. back surgery. I cannot get in the car nor bend over the fender to work on it. Will try to send you a photo to add its sale for next newsletter and add to web site.**

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## Land's End Merchandise & Club Logo

Inbox



**Art Graves**

to me, Rob, Dennis

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Hi John, Rob & Denny,

Please review my message below and set up your own accounts with Land's End. If all looks good, John, please distribute to the club.

Thanks,  
Art

Green Country Triumph Club Members,  
As a result of some discussion at the June business meeting, I have taken steps to make available shirts and hats with our club logo using Land's End as the retailer. Actually, you can get almost anything embroidered with our club logo from Land's End. (Even pajamas, as I half-jokingly stated at the meeting.)

Each member can order as many items as desired; we do not have to make a bulk order.

To do this, log in to Land's End using this link: <https://business.landsend.com/>. In the top right corner click on the "MY ACCOUNT" icon to create or sign in to your account. You must have an account to order merchandise. Once you have an account, click on your "name" icon, located in the same place as the "MY ACCOUNT" icon, and select 'My Logos'. Then click on "ASSOCIATE A LOGO TO MY ACCOUNT". Enter Logo Reference Number "1617508" and Customer Number "4853648" and click "ADD TO LIBRARY".

Now that you have an account and the club's logo associated to it, 'Commence to shopping', as Jed Clampett would say. The charge to add the logo to any garment is \$6.95, so a \$50.00 pajama bottom with our logo will cost you \$56.95.

The logo size is 3.5" X 3.22". The colors of the stitching may be changed at any time for any color fabric. For example, if the fabric were black, the Oklahoma outline could be made white. This example shows the logo on a light blue garment.

I believe Land's End products are of high quality and are priced accordingly. However they are forever having sales, promotions offering to add a logo at no charge and free shipping.

Cheers,

