

Triumph Trails

Central Oklahoma VTR Newsletter

June 2024



“Enjoy the Ride”



Upcoming Events:

- Jun 1 Coffee & Cars, Remington Park, OKC Doug White
- Jun 15 [COVTR Picnic; Edmond, OK Lonny and Kay Wall](#)
- Jun 22 [Knights Car Show and Cookout; Shawnee, OK Mike and Judy Piggott](#)
- Jun 30 SCCA Autocross Event 7, Frederick, OK Drew Holliday

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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 (Saturday Outing Bunch), 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.



2024 COVTR Activities Calendar

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.

Jan 6	Coffee & Cars, Remington Park, OKC Doug White
Feb 3	Coffee & Cars, Remington Park, OKC Doug White
Feb 10	Sir John Black Drive Your Triumph Day email a photo to: driveyourtriumphday@gmail.com
Mar 2	Coffee & Cars, Remington Park, OKC Doug White
Mar 9-10	SCCA Autocross Event 1, Remington Park, OKC Drew Holliday
Mar 16	Eischen's Chicken Run; Okarche, OK Fred Broach
Mar 23-24	SCCA Autocross Events 2 &3, Remington Park, OKC Drew Holliday
Apr 6	Coffee & Cars, Remington Park, OKC Doug White
Apr 13	Military Museum, Enid, OK Dennis Eckhout
Apr 19-22	Blue Doors at Tenkiller, Gore, OK British Car Breakfast Club (more Info on Facebook)
Apr 28	SCCA Autocross Event 4, Remington Park, OKC Drew Holliday
May 4	Coffee & Cars, Remington Park, OKC Doug White
May 4	McPherson College Car Show; McPherson, KS Mike and Judy Piggott
May 11	CANCELLED Garage Day Get-together; Tuttle, OK Doug and Margaret White
May 18-19	SCCA Autocross Events 5 &6, Location TBA Drew Holliday
May 25	Route 66 Rally (66 Miles) Fred Broach, Ron Feken; Sponsored by Moss Motors. Include Green Country Club and meet in the middle on Route 66.
May 30 – Jun 1	SCVTR Regional Convention, St. Louis, MO Ron and Sandra Feken
Jun 1	Coffee & Cars, Remington Park, OKC Doug White
Jun 15	COVTR Picnic; Edmond, OK Lonny and Kay Wall
Jun 22	Knights Car Show and Cookout; Shawnee, OK Mike and Judy Piggott
Jun 30	SCCA Autocross Event 7, Frederick, OK Drew Holliday
Jul 6	Coffee & Cars, Remington Park, OKC Doug White
Jul 20	Black Raven Pub, Harrah, OK Hunter and Jenny Rench
Jul 21	SCCA Autocross TPC Event 8, Muskogee, OK Drew Holliday
Aug 3	Coffee & Cars, Remington Park, OKC Doug White
Aug 10	Progressive Dinner; OKC/Edmond, OK Holliday/Colson/Sandra Feken and Mary Jo Hogan
Aug 11	SCCA Autocross Event 9, Remington Park, OKC Drew Holliday
Aug ??	Norman, OK event Greg and Susan Tiffany
Sept 5-7	Brits in the Ozarks; Springdale, AR Open
Sept 7	Coffee & Cars, Remington Park, OKC Doug White
Sept 8-12	VTR National Convention, Nashville, IN Ron and Sandra Feken
Sept 22	SCCA Autocross TPC Event 10, Remington Park, OKC Drew Holliday
Oct 5	Coffee & Cars, Remington Park, OKC Doug White
Oct 11-13	Red River Shootout, Sulphur, OK with RRTC, Doug and Margaret White/Dave and Mary Jo Hogan
Oct 19-20	SCCA Autocross Event 11-12, Remington Park, OKC Drew Holliday
Oct 26	Chili Cook-Off; Edmond, OK John and Jan Colson
Nov 1 - 2	Fall Foliage Tour; Talimena Trail, Lonny and Kay Wall
Nov 2	Coffee & Cars, Remington Park, OKC Doug White
Nov 9	Ponca City Veteran's Day Parade; Ponca City, OK Kip Miles/Lonny Wall
Nov 16	First American Museum - Lunch at Thirty-Nine Restaurant, OKC Ron and Sandra Feken
Dec 7	Coffee & Cars, Remington Park, OKC Doug White
Dec 7	Christmas Party Greg and Susan Tiffany

Mike Piggott, Activities Chairman



A Message from the Club President

This month we canceled our attendance at the Cars & Coffee event at Remington Park, due to weather.

May 18th - SCCA event for the month, it was held in Clinton, OK.

May 25th - The club members participating in the Route 66 Rally hoped to hone their rally skills by driving in the May 25th rally from Tulsa to Stroud and from OKC to Stroud using Richta Rally Software. Richta states; "These applications were written to automate the timing of competitors in time-speed-distance road rally events with no requirement for the traditional checkpoint crews to be physically present at the checkpoint locations. Timing and scoring data are automatically sent to the organizers."

Fred Broach (Rally Master), Doug White (OKC Rally Chief), Art Graves (Tulsa Rally Chief), Mike Piggott and Drew Holliday all contributed to create what should be an outstanding event for the Green Country Triumph Club and the COVTR Club. Mike and Art Graves assisted Fred with the coordination of the Tulsa club's route. As previously shared, Fred agreed to be the Rally Master and did an amazing job!

Moss Motors donated three nice prizes for the event to award 1st, 2nd and 3rd Place Winners.

The winners were; **1st - Jim/Debbie Murray** (Green Country Triumph Club), **2nd - Steve/Ellis English** (COVTR), **3rd - John Phillips/Glen Larson** (Green Country Triumph Club).

O'Reilly Auto donated some trinket giveaways for this event. I am looking forward to the new O'Reilly/VTR Agreement.

I believe much was learned by those that participated.

May 29th - Some of our club members are preparing to travel to the South Central region Vintage Triumph Register (SCVTR) Convention, in St. Louis, MO. Last year, all COVTR participants won an award at the Sugarland, TX SCVTR event. Hopefully, next month I can report the same results.

Ron Feken, President

Details of Future Events

Club Picnic June 15

5 pm

Lonny and Kay Wall's Backyard

3000 E 40th, Edmond, OK

Lonny will be grilling bratwurst. Please bring a side or a dessert and a beverage of your choice. RSVP to Kay at 4kwall4@gmail.com.

We will have a mini car show in the back so drive your Triumph. Drive down the gravel drive toward the shop area.

Knights Car Show

June 22, 2024

Boy Scout Park

Shawnee, OK

Registration 8-11am Voting 11am-1pm

Mike Piggott will go down to the show field and place markers staking out an area for our club, so that you don't have to arise super early to get here. Voting starts at 11 am but if you are serious, plan to be in place and ready by 10. The ladies are invited also and depending on the number who want to come to Shawnee for the day, Judy and I will arrange a luncheon or whatever to make your attendance worthwhile. After the show, typically 3pm, we gather at the Piggott home for Brats and refreshments and camaraderie!

Red River Shoot Out October 11-13

The Red River Shootout will be held at the beautiful Chickasaw Retreat & Conference Center near Sulphur, OK

Use the promo code: **RRSO24** for the following room rates:

Standard Room \$125

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September 8 - 12, 2024
Nashville, Indiana

Hosted by Indiana Triumph Cars

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Join us in Nashville, Indiana for the 2024 VTR National Convention. The event will be based at the Abe Martin Lodge in Brown County State Park, just outside Nashville. Brown County, the "Little Smokies" of Indiana, has amazing topography and great driving roads for you to explore. Between Columbus and Bloomington, Nashville's downtown is home to many artists, tasting rooms, distilleries, and restaurants.



Registration is OPEN now!
Seats for Banquet are limited. Register Early!



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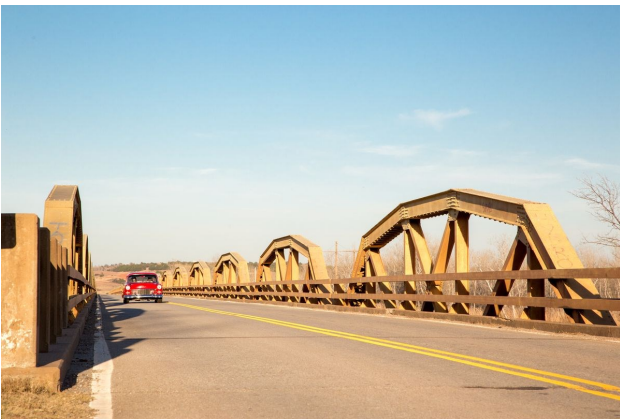
Pony Bridge Reopening

Contributed by Fred Broach

Along Route 66, west of El Reno near Bridgeport, OK, is a bridge over the South Canadian River known as the “Pony Bridge”, for its pony trusses. It is named on the National Register of Historic Places, as the longest bridge on Oklahoma's stretch of Route 66 that spans 3,944 feet with 38 trusses. This same bridge also made an appearance in the 1939 film “The Grapes of Wrath.”

The bridge was built in 1933-1934 along Oklahoma’s Route 66, which was created in 1926 and ran from Chicago to Los Angeles. In 2022, work began to restore and rebuild the bridge. The steel trusses were removed and revitalized. The deck and supports were replaced with modern materials and standards. Then the original trusses were reattached, but not supporting the bridge.

On May 10th, 2024 the old “Pony Bridge” was reopened for traffic. There was a ribbon cutting and festivities, with LOTS of American Muscle Cars and Hot Rods. The Little British Cars did make a showing though, with a Triumph TR4A and MG MGB in attendance.



1st Annual Route 66 Rally

Contributed by Fred Broach

After a weather delay, we finally were able to run our Route 66 Rally on May 25th. We planned this event in conjunction with the Green Country Triumphs club in the Tulsa area. The plan was to have both the COVTR and GCT start the rally from the respective ends, drive Route 66 and meet in the middle at Stroud.

Since the Time, Speed, Distance (TSD) rally was new to most of us, there was a bit of a learning curve. However, one of the reasons to undertake this project was to close the gap on that curve in anticipation of the TSD at Regionals in St. Louis. We learned a lot, both from the setup and the driving aspects.

All in all, I believe it was a great success. We had four cars from GCT and six from COVTR actually run the rally, with a few other cars just driving the route for fun and fellowship. We converged on the Rock Café for lunch and it was wonderful. The staff were great, and I think they enjoyed and appreciated our group.

I believe there were about 25 people (give or take). I didn't get an actual count. We also neglected to get a group photo of our cars in front of the Rock Café. Oh well. There will be a next time!



1st Annual Route 66 Rally Pix



VTR South Central Regionals 2024

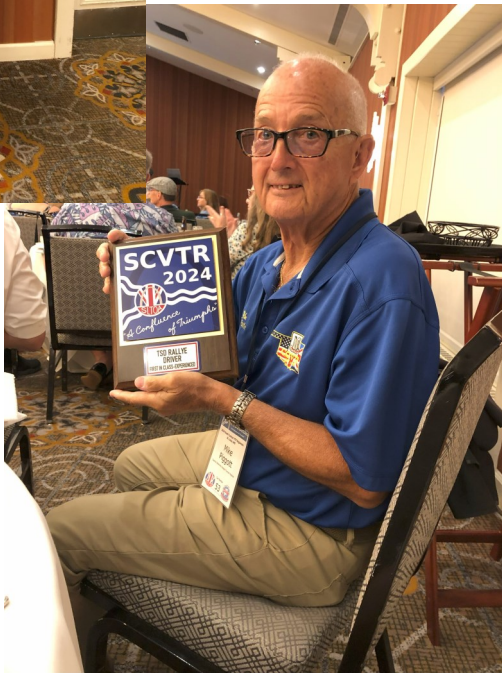
A Confluence of Triumphs



South Central Regional Car Show



South Central Regional Banquet



COVTR Members
At
South Central Regional 2024



South Central VTR Regional 2024 Awards



Doug and Margaret White

1st in Class Autocross (Doug)
 2nd place Participants Choice Spitfire/GT6
 2nd in class Autocross Margaret
 Highest Hand in Poker Run



Ron and Sandra Feken

1st in class Concours
 3rd TSD Stock Driver/Navigator
 1st in Photo (Sandra)



Andrew Holliday

Gary Johnson Award (with Kate)
 Fastest Time Autocross
 1st in class Autocross
 3rd Modified Prepared
 TSD 1st Navigator



Fred Broach

1st Participants Choice Spitfire/GT6



Lonny and Kay Wall

1st in class Concours



Hunter and Jenny Rench

3rd in Autocross in PX Class
 3 in Participants Choice Other Cars



Mike and Judy Piggott

1st TSD Driver
 2nd Autocross M5



Brian and Katie Plotkin

2nd in Class Concours
 Winner of Free Hotel Stay



Gary Johnson Award

Our own Andrew Holliday and wife, Kate Golden, were selected to receive the Gary Johnson Memorial Award for 2024.

The **Gary Johnston Memorial Trophy** is a perpetual award presented annually at the South Central Regional to a Triumph owner who exemplifies the spirit of the late Gary Johnston.

Gary Johnston was a longtime member of the Triumph TR Register (TTR) who tragically died in an airplane crash in September 1991.

Previous COVTR members who have received this award are Mike and Bonnie Billotte, 2003; John and Jean Gauldin, 2010; Lonny and Kay Wall, 2012; and Mike and Judy Piggott, 2018.

Minutes of COVTR Membership Meeting – 14 May 2024

Submitted by Margaret White, Secretary

Officers Present: President, Ron Feken; Vice-President, Roger Harms; Treasurer, Mike Piggott; Secretary, Margaret White; Historian, Dave Hogan

Location: Pelicans Restaurant, Midwest City, OK

Members present: 25 **Guests:** 2 - Barry Powers and Greg Powers

Meeting Opening: President Ron Feken opened the meeting at 7:00 PM.

Dave Hogan led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Secretary Meeting Minutes: Ron Feken asked if everyone had the chance to review the meeting minutes from the April 2024 meeting. Lonnie Wall motioned they be accepted, MaryJo Hogan seconded. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report – Mike Piggott

Mike Piggott presented the Treasurer's Report for the month of April 2024.

Expenses: \$227.05 for Feather Flag

Income for the month: \$65.00 in club dues and \$10.00 for bitch & brag.

Motion to accept the Treasurer's Report as presented, by Fred Broach, seconded by Dave Hogan. Motion carried.

Membership Report –2 Applications Submitted

Gary Pons & Robert Massengail (Previous member). Dave Hogan has provided welcome packets.

Membership Report (cont.)

Rick Drapeau introduced Barry Powers and Greg Powers who are interested in membership.

Activities Report – Mike Piggott

13 April 2024 Dennis Eckout sponsored the COVTR Road Trip to the Woodring Wall of Honor and Veterans Park, and the Oklahoma Military Museum in Enid, OK. Seven cars were in attendance, and 3 of our club members, who are veterans, were honored by the director of the park and mall museum.

19-22 April 2024 Oklahoma British Car Breakfast Club is hosting an event at Lake Ten Killer in Gore, OK. COVTR members were not in attendance.

Meeting Minutes Continued:

27 April 2024 RICHTA Combined Rally with Green Country Triumph had to be cancelled due to weather. The event has been rescheduled to 25 May 2025.

28 April 2024 Autocross – Doug White and Drew Holiday participated, Mike Piggot was a supporting passenger, and Ron and Sandra Feken were there to cheer them on.

4 May 2024 – Coffee and Cars club participation was cancelled due to weather.

4 May 2024 – McPhearson Car Show. Club did not participate.

4 May 2024 – 24 Hours of Lemons. Roger Harms attended.

11 May 2024 – Garage Day Cancelled. The White's unable to host.

11 May 2024 – Rt.66 Pony Bridge Opening in preparation for the Rt. 66 100th anniversary in 2026. Fred Broach and Tony Brewer in attendance.

18-19 May 2024 – Autocross. Late Note: Autocross location changed to near Clinton, OK. COVTR members Doug White and Drew Holiday will not be attending.

25 May 2024 - RICHTA Combined Rally with Green Country Triumph.

29 May – 1 June 2024 – SCVTR Regionals. Caravanning options available. Contact Ron Feken.

1 June 2024 – Coffee and Cars. Members not attending the Regional are welcome to attend and bring along the new feather flag.

15 June 2024 – COVTR Annual Picnic at the home of Kay and Lonnie Wall.

22 June 2024 – Knight's Car Show. Mike and Judy Piggott to host.

26 July 2024 - Bricktown Ball Field Baseball Game. Greg and Susan Tiffany hosting. 22 tickets available along the 3rd base line. Start time 7:00 pm. Confirming reservations at next month's meeting.

Special Committees – Christmas Party. The Tiffany's are open for suggestions.

Unfinished Business – None

New Business

Drew Holiday offered 2 Hotel Rooms for Nationals at the host Hotel. The Whites requested one of the rooms. One still available.

Fred Broach suggested using the club email address for club business instead of personal emails. Decided to leave as is for now.

Meeting Minutes Continued:

Ron Feken presented information from “The Garage” restaurant that they would like to sponsor local car clubs. The restaurant enjoys the extra interest/advertising and is willing to provide 10% of their profits from the day to the club. Great fund-raising activity. Dave Hogan and Ron Feken gather additional information and present it to the club.

Bitch and Brag:

John Gauldin informed the club that past president, Colonel Michael Lake, USAF, is retiring from the Air Force at Hurlburt Field near Pensacola, Florida. The Gauldin’s will be attending. Congratulations for an honorable career.

Gordon Fury thanked Drew Holiday for discovering a gear shaft issue, and for Drew providing the parts and assistance to help fix it.

Sandra Feken thanked Kay Wall for the great newsletter we receive every month. We appreciated her hard work and effort to provide a wonderful and interesting newsletter.

Fred Broach is not happy about his ongoing garage project. It’s been taking longer than anticipated. It has been a real pain for him not being able to work on his cars.

Rick Drapeau thanked Drew Holiday for his continued support and expertise.

Judy Piggott complained that Mike Piggott is working on a project to fix his son-in-law’s truck’s air conditioning. The family is traveling back to Nevada and need air conditioning. A lot of time and effort has been spent, and AC still not working.

Ron Feken countered with a good experience with his air conditioning problem in North Carolina. Turned out they did a good job.

Door Prizes: Door prizes provided by Jimmy & Carolyn Glidewell. MaryJo Hogan and Rick Drepeau were the winners.

Meeting Closure: John Gauldin made the motion to close the meeting, seconded by Hunter Rench. Motion carried.

President Ron Feken closed the meeting at 8:01PM.

Dues Reminder!

Membership money is due as of January 1, 2024 \$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 Group?

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

COVTR Web Page

Check out our webpage created by our webmaster Drew Holliday.

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Join The Vintage Triumph Register

The Vintage Triumph Register was founded in 1974 and is dedicated to the maintenance, preservation and enjoyment of the Triumph marque. Membership includes technical consultants, connections to other Triumph enthusiasts, National and Regional conventions, club support and more. Ownership of a Triumph is not a requirement for membership.

To join, or send \$35 for one-year in US (\$45 for Canada/Mexico., \$50 elsewhere) to The Vintage Triumph Register, PO Box 229, Avilla, IN 46710, or to join online, go to the Vintage Triumph Register website, www.vtr.org

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For Sale

Parts for Sale or Trade or Needed

Several years ago, I purchased a '59 TR3 in Houston and had it delivered to my house here in San Antonio. Several members of the club came by for a visit and offered a lot of valuable advice on the restoration process. Unfortunately, I had to move, and the new house did not have space for the TR restoration project, so I had to sell it. I am now looking for a TR4, or preferably a TR3 that is in good enough shape to be a "semi-daily driver". Is there anything available with members at STTA?

Back in the 1990's I refurbished about 8 TR6's, one TR4, two MGB's and 2 MGBGT's.

I miss having an English s

Thanks for your help.

Blessings, Pat Hile

If interested contact Pat at PatH@oakhillschurch.com