

Triumph Trails

Central Oklahoma VTR Newsletter

April 2024



“Enjoy the Ride”



Fred Broach TR4a



Upcoming Events:

- Apr 6 Coffee & Cars, Remington Park, OKC Doug White
- Apr 9 Triumph Club Meeting Pelicans Restaurant MWC
5:30pm eat & visit 7pm meeting
- 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 27 Route 66 Rally (66 Miles) Fred Broach, Ron Feken; Sponsored
by Moss Motors.
- Apr 28 SCCA Autocross Event 4, Remington Park, OKC 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

Monthly meetings second Tuesday at Pelican's, 291 N. Air Depot, Midwest City, 5:30pm Eat 7:00pm Meeting

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 -Café 33 Steakhouse; Perkins, OK Lonny and Kay Wall
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
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Apr 27	Route 66 Rally (66 Miles) Fred Broach, Ron Feken; Sponsored by Moss Motors.
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	Garage Day Get-together; Tuttle, OK Doug and Margaret White
May 18,19	SCCA Autocross Events 5 &6, Location TBA Drew Holliday
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, Location TBD 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 Drive, 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

I recently shared a funny DIY mechanic video with some COVTR club members and other car enthusiast friends of mine. In the video, the mechanic used his bath tub to clean car parts and got caught by his wife.

One of my car enthusiast friends, who attended the Dillard, GA Nationals event with me, shared he used his wife's toaster oven to heat up a bearing and race. He said the toaster got grease in the bottom of the oven and it was thereafter relegated to the garage. Funny what we DIY mechanics will attempt, when we do not have the correct tools for the job. In some cases, our wife's do not think it is so funny.

Spring is attempting to arrive early and our events are reaping the reward. The March Car and Coffee was well attended by the COVTR members. The event was held at the State Fairgrounds, in conjunction with a large car show. I believe we had a dozen Triumphs attend the event. Fred and Doug flew a British flag, on the feather flag pole, as the feather flag did not arrive on time for the event, but the pole arrived in time. The British flag and our cars were well received. I believe we will have a new club member, as a result of our attendance at the event.

The March Chicken Run, to Eischen's Chicken Restaurant, in Okarche, was a success and a lot of fun. Several of the club members meet at Vladislava's Czech Bakery & Café, in Yukon, for some warm and delicious Kolaches, before meeting at the Rally point for the run. Fred and Doug flew our new feather flag, at the Rally point. A passersby stopped to ask about the flag and the club.

During the March Chicken Run, Fred introduced the club to Richta Rally software, which will aid those using this software at the forthcoming Regional and National events.

To aid us in Richta use, in April, Fred has agreed to be the Rally Master for the Green Country Triumph Club and the COVTR club for our Route 66 Rally. Mike Piggott is assisting Fred with the coordination of the Tulsa club's route and to aid our entire club in the software use.

Thank you, Fred and Mike, for your leadership.

Please plan on participating in Route 66 Rally. Moss Motors has donated some nice prizes for us to award to the 1st, 2nd and 3rd Place Winners.

Ron Feken ,President

Details of Coming Events

COVTR April Road Trip—Saturday, April 13

Woodring Wall of Honor and Veterans Park and the Oklahoma Military Museum Enid, Oklahoma

A road trip is planned for April 13 to Enid to visit the Woodring Wall of Honor and Veterans Park and the Oklahoma Military Museum. You may want to use the web page at <https://woodringwallofhonor.com> for information about the exhibits at each location. Veterans Park is located at the Enid-Woodring municipal airport (not to be confused with Vance Air Force Base); the military museum is in the former Oakwood Mall.

This trip is about 75 miles one-way with the majority of the route on Hwy 74. We'll depart at 9:00 AM sharp from the shopping strip in N. Edmond at the intersection of Waterloo and Broadway. There is a Phillips gas station directly across Broadway for fill-ups and other pre-departure needs. There are also several places along the way for rest stops or emergency repairs if needed.

We will have lunch at The Bricktown Brewery on Garriott which is directly between the two locations. When I talked to the manager, he stated they will have sufficient staff to accommodate our group and can seat us together. Please RSVP to me at dreckhout@yahoo.com before April 10 so I can have a headcount for our lunch accommodations. Thank you.

Dennis Eckhout

Fall Foliage Tour—November 1,2

Start planning to attend the Fall Foliage Tour on November 1,2. We will be driving the scenic Talimena Drive with a stop at the Queen Wilhelmina Lodge for lunch. We will be staying in a hotel with trailer parking in Poteau, OK. We plan to arrive on Friday evening, take the tour on Saturday, and travel home on Sunday. This should allow those working to be able to attend.

More details will be given prior to the date.

Details of Coming Events

COVTR Route 66 Rally

Ladies and Gentlemen, Start your Engines. It's time to Rally!

Earlier this year it was suggested that we sponsor a rally along Route 66 and include the Green Country Triumphs club. The COVTR would leave the OKC area, the GCT would leave from the Tulsa area, and we would meet in the middle at Stroud. We are going to make it happen on Saturday, April 27th.

This is a first for me, and has been a learning process. I have never participated in a rally before, let alone set one up. We were informed that the Regional and National events were going to use the Richta GPS Checkpoints app to time and score their events, so we wanted to become familiar with how it works.

Our first go at it was for the Eichen's Chicken Run, and I think it was a success. There were a few hiccups, but we learned a lot and gained some experience. Now for the real deal, and there are prizes at stake provided by Moss Motors.

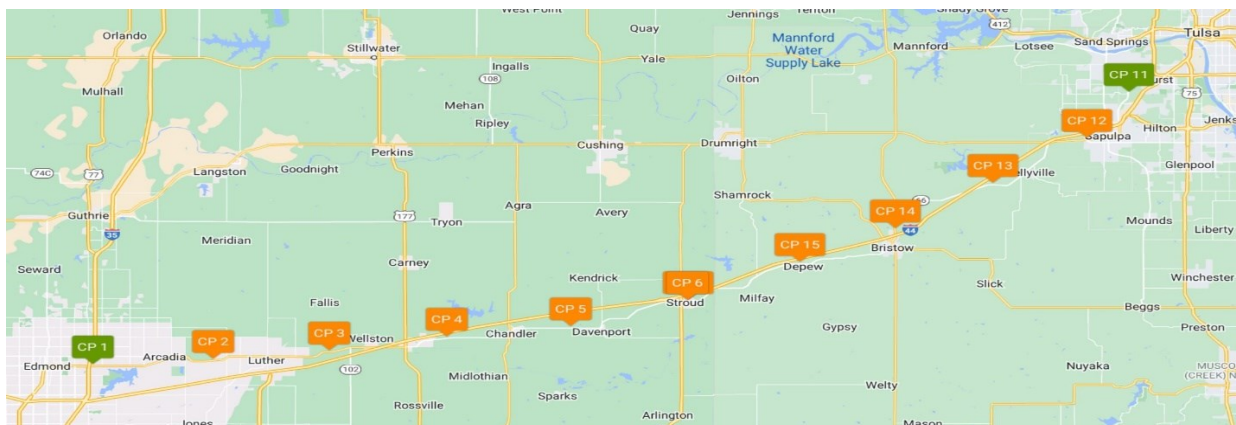
Each side of the route consists of a Flying Start and five Timed Checkpoints, with the finishing checkpoint being at the Rock Café in Stroud, OK. The goal is to make it to each Timed Checkpoint at the appropriate time. Your score is calculated by how early or late you are to the checkpoint. The lower the score the better. It is up to you to regulate your speed accordingly. All speed limits and traffic laws will be adhered to.

The day of the rally, we will gather at the start location and make sure all of the participants have the Richta app installed and running on their phone. This will be a staggered start, with 1-2 minutes between each car. You will want to ZERO your trip odometer when you cross the start checkpoint.

It will be beneficial to have a navigator to help with directions, distances and speed control. The route is pretty straight forward, stay on Route 66. However, there are numerous speed adjustments along the way. Timing is based on distance and the posted speed limit, which is included in your Roadbook created with another new software, Rally Navigator.

Good Luck and happy rallying.

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Past Events

Coffee and Cars, March 2

By Dennis Eckhout

For the past several months, COVTR members have been gathering at the monthly Coffee and Cars in Oklahoma City. Now in its 13th year, it's an opportunity to display our vintage British Iron among a vast array of mostly American cars, many fairly new, but also any number of unique cars you're not likely to see elsewhere. Our ad-hoc display usually has a good crowd of hobbyists, enthusiasts, and spectators stopping by to chat. Often heard are familiar comments like: "I (or my dad, brother, uncle) used to have one just like that," "Wow, the hood opens backwards," and the despised "Is that an MG?"

March 2nd was a bright, comfortable morning; really nice for the first of March. As has been the custom for the past few years, Coffee and Cars was held in the parking area in front of the Bennet Center in conjunction with the dealer new car show at the State Fair Grounds. The monthly turn-out for C&C at Remington Park (the regular location) is usually sizeable; this month it was enormous. There are no "club" group parking reservations, but our new Union Jack flag, courtesy of Fred Broach, made a good rallying point. Doug White and Hunter Rench, who got there early, held eight more places for later-arriving COVTR members. We had a few more than that show up, but with a bit of improvising, we didn't have to be scattered about.

With the number of people milling around and into the frame, I had a heck of a time trying to capture a clear picture of everyone's car. My apologies to the folks whose cars are hidden at the far end of the row. That being said, COVTR members sharing in the event this morning were, in order: Ron Feken with his TR6 (left); then Gordon Furry, TR4A; Fred Broach, TR4; John Colson, TR6; Kip Miles, Sunbeam Tiger; Hunter Rench, Spitfire; Doug White, GT6; Bud Reedy, Stag; Steve England, TR3; and me, with my TR6. A for-sale Jensen-Healey MK1 (not seen), seeking familiar friends, joined us for the festivities.

The COVTR added Coffee and Cars to the calendar as a monthly activity. For the rest of the year, it will be held in the parking lot at Remington Park on the first Saturday of the month. You need merely show up and head in the direction of our Union Jack flag. Time is 8:00 to 11:00 AM.



Past Events

Chicken Run to Eichen's Bar in Okarche, Okla

In addition to driving and showing off their LBCs, this was a test run for the upcoming Route 66 Rally. Members used an app for their phones called Richta GPS Checkpoints. (This app will also be used at regional and national VTR events.) Members met at 9:30 am at the OnCue on Route 66 just east of the Kilpatrick Turnpike. Some members met early for a breakfast at Viadislava's Czech Bakery & Cafe in Yukon for authentic Kolaches before meeting at OnCue. Starting time was ten am. The route went west on Route 66 through downtown Yukon, continued west on Route 66, turned north onto Hwy 81. This led into Okarche and to Eichen's Bar. Members enjoyed fellowship and eating the famous chicken.

"Great. It was a good day, I think. Had to wait a while for the food but at least we were sitting down visiting and were warm. We beat the crowd because by the time we left, it was packed." Jan Colson



Past Events

More Chicken Run to Eichen's Bar in Okarche, Okla



Doug White and Hunter Rench. Doug is modeling his Presidents Jacket

Minutes of COVTR Membership Meeting – 12 March 2024

Submitted by Margaret White, Secretary

Officers Present: President, Ron Feken; Treasurer, Mike Piggott; Secretary, Margaret White

Not Present: Vice-President, Roger Harms; Historian, Dave Hogan

Location: Pelicans Restaurant, Midwest City, OK

Members present: 29 **Guests:** None

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

Ron Feken led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Secretary Meeting Minutes: Ron Feken asked if everyone had the chance to review the meeting minutes from the February 2024 meeting as printed in the Triumph Trails newsletter. Doug White motioned they be accepted, Bonnie Billotte seconded. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report – Mike Piggott

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

Motion to accept the Treasurer's Report as presented, by Bud Reedy, seconded by Donna Barron. Motion carried.

Membership Report

We have a new/returning member, Rick Drapeau. Welcome back!

Activities Report – Mike Piggott

SCAA Autocross was held 10 March 2024. Members not available to race. Next race, 23 and 24 March 2024.

Coffee & Cars held on 2 March 2024 at Oklahoma State Fairgrounds. 10 cars participated. British Flag was flown which drew a lot of attention and inquiries about the club. Next Coffee & Cars is 6 April 2024. (Cards and Flyers were discussed and is under "new business.")

Standing Committees

16 March 2024 Eischens Chicken Run. Fred Broach to host. Rally APP for Time, Speed, Distance to be tested in preparation for Regionals and Nationals. The APP is RICHTAGPSCHECKPOINTS

13 April 2024 Aircraft Museum and Land Run Museum. Roger Harms and Dennis Eckhout to host.

27 April 2024 Route 66 Rally Fred Broach and Ron Feken to host.

11 October 2024 Red River Shoot Out. Hogan's and White's to host. Location TBD.

August 2024 Driller's Baseball Game. Date TBD

Meeting Minutes Continued:

.Special Committees – None

Unfinished Business – None

New Business

Margaret White stated that the monthly club minutes are currently included in the monthly newsletter. The newsletter is available to the public, and it was previously determined not to include financial information for the public to view. A proposal was made to send the minutes separately from the newsletter.

The Secretary will send the Treasurers reported activities, including financial status, in the meeting minutes, to club members only. Doug White motioned to accept the proposal, seconded by Donna Barron. Motion carried.

Due to increased public interest in the club at the recent Coffee & Cars, Ron Feken proposed to update the club's business cards and create an official flyer to distribute to interested persons. Gordon Furry volunteered to update the cards and create the flyer. An amount not to exceed \$200 was recommended. The official COVTR email address will be used as the contact address. Doug White motioned to accept the proposal, seconded by Donna Barron. Motion carried.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Drew Holliday announced that O'Reilly's is offering a special deal to national VTR Members. Special pricing is good on behind the counter parts only, up to 30% to 40% off. There will be a number in the next edition of the VTR magazine to use at O'Reilly's to receive this discount.

Bitch and Brag:

Greg Tiffany bragged about Mike Piggott. Mike is helping Greg get started on his GT6.

Door Prizes: Donna Barron and Jan Colson were our winners.

Meeting Closure: Drew Holliday made the motion to close the meeting, seconded by Judy Piggott. Motion carried.

President Ron Feken closed the meeting at 7:54 PM.

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.

Triumphsokc.org

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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