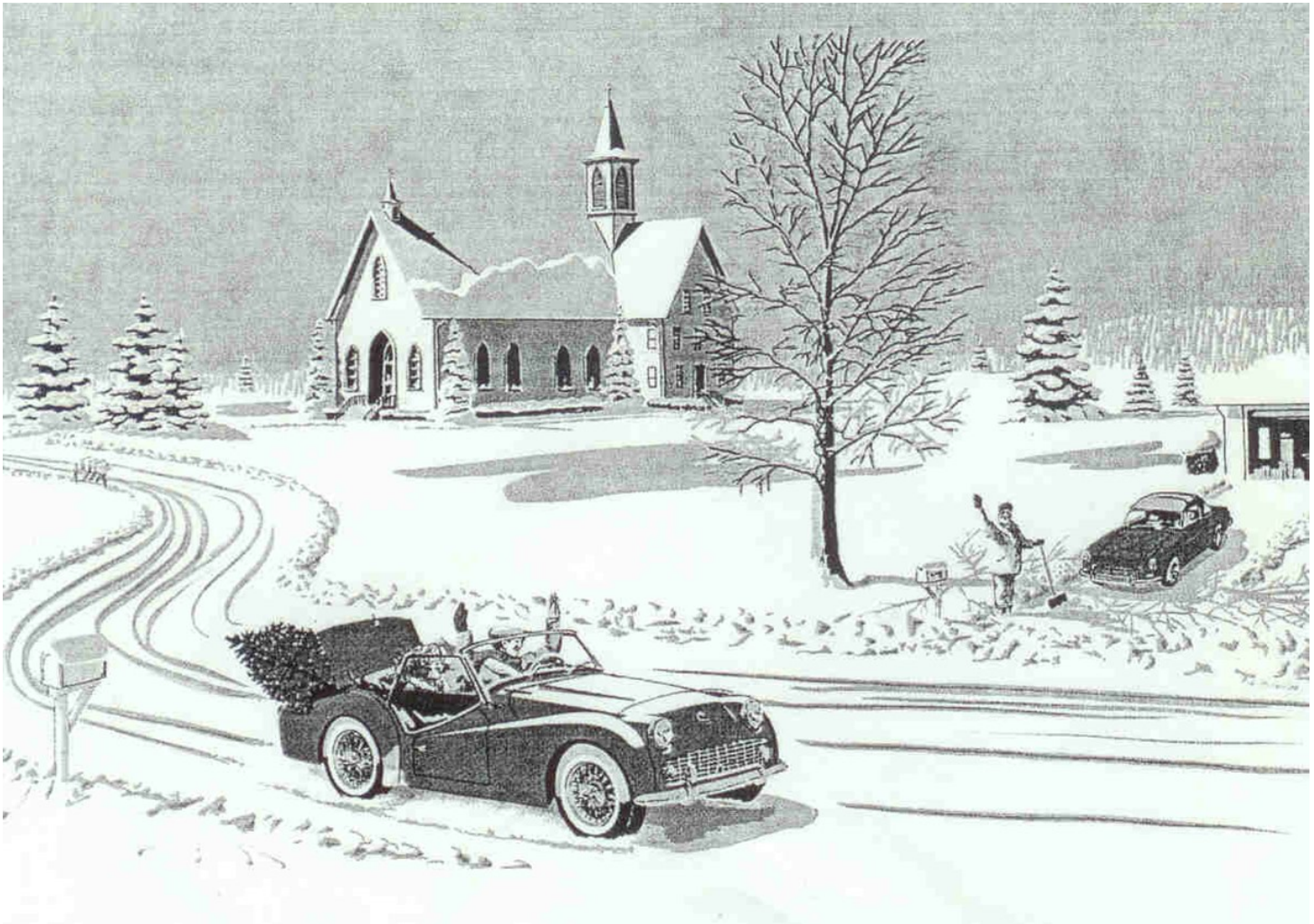


COVTR Newsletter - Central Oklahoma Vintage Triumph Register

December, 2017

An official chapter of the Vintage Triumph Register Established in 1982

“Enjoy the Ride”



Upcoming COVTR Events

December 9—Christmas Lights Tour, hosted by Jerry and Sue Stewart.

December 14—Christmas Party; River Oaks Country Club, 10909 Clubhouse Road, Edmond, OK .



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COVTR Membership Meeting

Minutes of November 7, 2017

Officers present: Katie Plotkin—President; Drew Holiday—Vice-President; Michael Hathaway—Treasurer; Mike Billotte—Secretary. Location—Chequers—Midwest City, OK. Members present—20. Guests—0.

President Katie Plotkin opened the meeting at 7:06 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance led by David Hogan. Membership chair David Hogan reported no new members.

A motion to accept the minutes as recorded in the November newsletter was made by Drew Holiday and seconded by Jerry Stewart. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report—Michael Hathaway

October 2017 Treasurer's Report:

Previous Balance: \$11,332.18

Total Income: \$125.00 (\$110.00 Club Shirts (\$15.00 B&B)

Total Expenses: \$970.85 (Lisa Stegal—\$30 for extra shirt) (Jerry Stewart \$358.00 for margarita machine) (Jim Thompson – \$53.20 RR Shootout welcome party) (Jerry Stewart - \$255.81 RR Shootout welcome party) (Katie Plotkin – RR Shootout Saturday lunch)

Change in Treasury: \$ 845.85

Current Balance: \$10,486.33

A motion to accept the Treasurer's report was made by Dave Hogan and seconded by Rick Drapeau. Motion carried.

Activities Report – Brian Plotkin

On Saturday, November 18th, Brian and Katie will lead a group to Seba Station **Motorcycle Museum** in Warwick, Okla. Plan is to meet at Pop's in Arcadia at 10:00 a.m. drive to the museum and backtrack to the Boundary restaurant for lunch.

There will be a **Christmas Lights Tour** and gathering at the Stewart's for chili on Saturday, De-

cember 9 at 5:30. Will meet at the Travel Center at Choctaw Road and I-40. Jerry will send out an e-mail with additional information.

The annual **COVTR Christmas party** will be held at River Oaks Country Club in Edmond on December 14th. Cocktails will start at 6:00 with dinner at 7:00.

Past activities reported on were the **Guy Fawkes Bonfire** celebration held John and Jean Gauldin's on November the 5th. Well attended and a good time was had by all. Thank you John and Jean.

The other past activity was our annual meet with the **Red River Triumph Club** held on Oct. 20-22 at Lake Murray Lodge and cabins. Katie thanked the Hogan's, Stewart's, Thompson's, Wall's and Speegle's for running a very successful outing. Preliminary date for next year's Shootout hosted by RRTC will be the third week in October.

New Business

Katie asked Linda Speegle, Mike Piggott, and Jerry Stewart to serve as the **nominating committee** to elect officers for the 2018 year. All accepted the nomination. A motion to accept those mentioned was made by Drew Holiday and seconded by Rick Drapeau. Motion carried.

President Plotkin asked all in attendance to think about a **end-of-year charity donation** that will be made by the club. It was suggested that we donate to an organization that supports young people and old cars such as ours. Vote on the donation will be held at the January meeting.

John Gauldin held an excellent **tech session** on **powder coating** of an exhaust manifold. Most get a ceramic coating on their manifolds but still have excessive heat in the engine compartment. Ceramic coating radiates the heat. John suggested that you take your parts for coating to Cote Rite which is on SE 15th St., East of I-35. They will coat the inside and outside electrostatically of the part to prevent heat escape and channel it through the tail-

pipe. It is more expensive, but worth it, according to John.

B&B

Jerry Stewart bragged on the club's new margarita machine. He will test it on chili night at his home.

Mike Billotte bragged on the Stewart's, Thompson's, Wall's, Speegle's and Hogan's for the excellent way the RR Shootout was organized. Mike has been attending since 1992 and this was the Best one in years.

David Hogan bragged on Drew Holiday for all his help on his TR6 tranny repair and replacement.

Michael Hathaway bragged on Dave Hogan and Brian Plotkin for their help on solving the heat gauge problem on his TR7.

Howard Holdsclaw bragged on his Stag and his wife Lois. Both made the trip to Lake Murray to attend the RR Shootout. The Stag ran great going and coming home.

Door Prizes

Howard Holdsclaw – Pick set
David Hogan – Castrol oil
Mike Piggott – 4 in 1 screwdriver
Rick Drapeau – Clamps
Flo Neal – Rte. 66 stickers
Linda Speegle – Artwork
Tim Lloyd – Rte. 66 stickers
GJon Payne – COVTR stickers
Sue Stewart – Rte. 66 stickers
Drew Holiday – Stickers
Lois Holdsclaw – Book
John Gauldin – Calender
Mike Billotte – Pumpkin
Max Speegle – Tape measure
Katie Plotkin – Magazine
Dan Neal – Union Gag patch
Jerry Stewart – COVTR stickers

A motion to adjourn was made by Drew Holiday and seconded by Brian Plotkin. Motion carried and the meeting ended at 7:42 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mike Billotte

Secretary



Presidents Page .

December, 2017

Well, Thanksgiving has passed and we are now planning for Christmas and all of the winter things we can now get done. We will kick off the Holidays with an evening of lights, chili and friends. Jerry and Sue Stewart should be letting us know the details soon. The couple of times I have been able to go, it has been a good time.

I know that I am busy getting ready for the Holidays. I have a care to get the winter things done to it. I also have to figure out what car parts are on Brian's wish list. Suggestions are welcome. I am still working on my wish list, mostly centered around travel and basketball games.

We do have the Holiday Party on December 14th, which should be great fun. If you have not RSVP'd, then I am taking reservations until December 1st.

We will be trimming our tree in December and be thinking of all of you as we decorate our house for Christmas.

The Boundary on Route 66 is a great place for lunch. I recommend it, go hungry and plan to take some home. Seaba Station did not disappoint and was a fun time as usual.

Our prospective president already set the date for next year's planning meeting on January 21st at 2 p.m. Please join us to plan the 2018 activities.



Happy Christmas and Happy New Year,

Katie Plotkin



From the Activities Chairman *Brian Plotkin* Events for December

Christmas Lights Tour

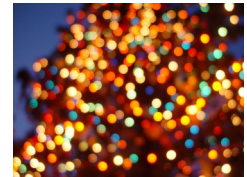
Hosted by Jerry and Sue Stewart (DRIVE YOUR TRIUMPH!)

When: Saturday, December 9, 2017 at 5:45 p.m.

Where: Pilot Travel Center at the intersection of I-40 and Choctaw Road

We will meet at the Pilot Travel Center. From there we will travel North on Choctaw Road and take a slight detour to check out Christmas Lights in a nearby neighborhood. From there we will go on to the "Stewart Ranch" for chili and all the trimmings. Feel free to bring your favorite snacks or desserts. If you do, let the Stewart's know what you are bringing so we don't get a lot of duplicates. Also, bring your own beverage. RSVP to Jerry and Sue by Wednesday, December 7 if you plan to attend.

Contact information: Jerry and Sue Stewart Phone 405-391-6392 tr7@mcloudteleco.com



COVTR Christmas Party

When: Thursday December 14, 2017 at 6 p.m.

Where: River Oaks Country Club 10909 Clubhouse Road, Edmond, OK 73013

So far 30 people have signed up to attend the Christmas Party. If anyone else wants to attend please contact Katie immediately. We will need to turn in the final dinner number to River Oaks on December 1. There will be a Dirty Santa exchange (for those who choose to participate). The cash limit has been raised to \$25 (allowing for plenty of selection at Harbor Freight—for example). The club is footing the bill for member's dinners as a celebration for all the hard work during the year. Guests (non-members) are welcome at \$26 each. There will be a cash bar.

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2018 Activities Planning Meeting

Hosted by Drew Holliday

When: Sunday, January 21, 2018 at 2 p.m.

Where: Drew Holliday's house; 8128 NW 18th Street, Oklahoma City, OK

We will plan COVTR activities for 2018.



Central Oklahoma Vintage Triumph Register

By Laws

Article IV Officers

Section 1. OFFICERS. The officers of the association shall be a President, one Vice President, a Secretary and a Treasurer.

Section 2. Election/Term of Office. Officers of the association shall be elected annually at the regular meeting of the membership. If the election of officers shall not be held at such meeting, such election shall be held as soon thereafter as convenient. Vacancies may be filled or new officers created and filled at any meeting of the general membership. Each officer shall hold office until a successor shall have qualified and shall have been duly elected.

Section 3. PRESIDENT. The President shall be the principal executive officer of the association and in general supervise and control all of the business and affairs of the association. He/she shall preside at all meetings of the members and of the Board of Directors. He/she may appoint Task Force members s needed for special projects or events.

Section 4. VICE PRESIDENT. In the absence of the President or in the event of his/her inability or refusal to act, the Vice President shall perform the duties of the President, and when so acting, shall have all the powers of and be subject to all the restrictions upon the President. The Vice President shall perform such other duties as from time to time may be assigned to him/her by the President or by the Board of Directors. The Vice President shall be responsible for membership recruitment, outreach and administration.

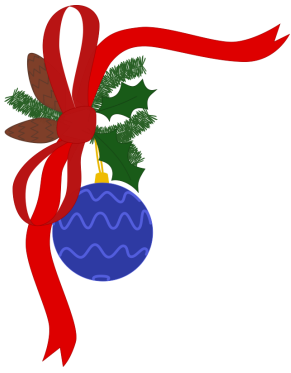
Section 5. SECRETARY. The Secretary shall keep minutes of the meetings of the members and the Board of Directors; see that all notices are duly given in accordance with the provisions of these By-Laws, or as required by law; be custodian of the association records. The Secretary shall be responsible for informing the membership of all activities by electronic mail.

Section 6. TREASURER. The Treasurer shall have charge and custody of, and be responsible for, all funds and securities of the association from any source whatsoever, and deposit all such monies in the name of the association in such banks, trust companies, or other depositories and, in general, perform all the duties incident to the office of Treasurer and such duties as from time to time may be assigned to him/her by the President or by the Board of Directors. If so required by the Board of Directors, the Treasurer shall give a bond for faithful discharge of his/her duties in such sum and with such surety or sureties as the Board of Directors shall determine.



MERRY
CHRISTMAS





Central Oklahoma VTR
Cordially Invites You to Our
Christmas Party



Thursday December 14

6:00 p.m. Cocktails

7:00 p.m. Dinner

8:00 p.m. Dirty Santa

Bring a gift wrapped item if you want to participate in gift exchange (\$25 limit on gifts for men or women)

River Oaks Country Club

10909 Clubhouse Road

Edmond, Oklahoma 73013

Dinner Cost is \$26 per person for non members of COVTR

**We must have an accurate count for
the restaurant by December so if you
have not already notified Katie,
please confirm immediately if you are
attending**

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Guy Fawkes Bonfire Night

Hosted by John and Jean Gauldin

Edmond, OK

November 5, 2017



John and Jean hosted a very enjoyable Guy Fawkes Bonfire at their country estate. John had a roaring fire going for the group and the food and fellowship were excellent.

Remember, Remember!

The fifth of November,

The gunpowder treason and plot;

I know of no reason

Why the gunpowder treason

Should ever be forgot!

HIP, HIP HOOOR-R-RAY!



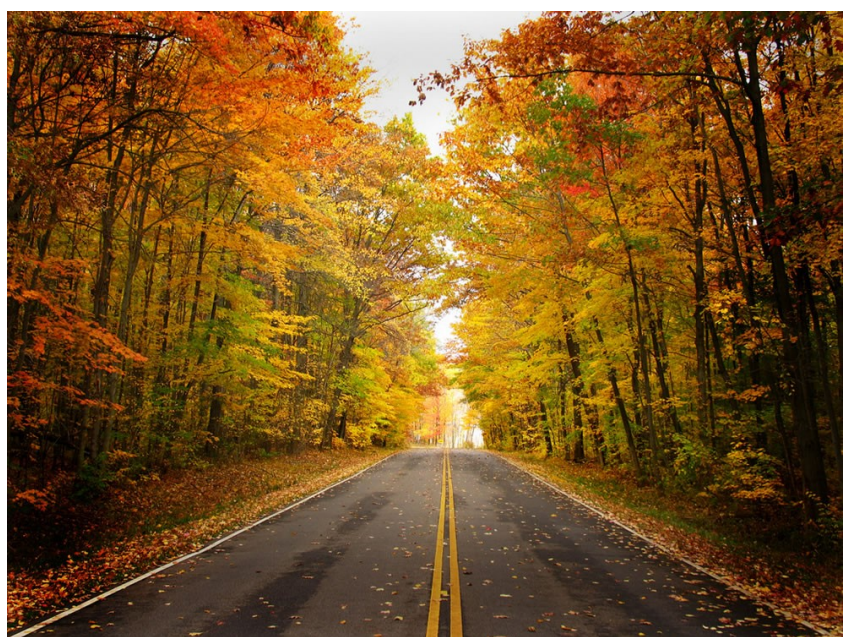
Fall Lunch Drive

Hosted by Brian and Katie Plotkin

November 18, 2017



A beautiful but chili day greeted the COVTR group as we met at Pop's in Arcadia and enjoyed a great autumn drive on Route 66 to Warwick, OK for a tour of the Motorcycle Museum located there. The museum is full of vintage motorcycles, including a 1908 Triumph. Thanks to Katie and Brian for the planning. Making the trip with Katie and Brian Plotkin were Jerry and Sue Stewart, Dave and Mary Jo Hogan, Lonny Wall, and Max and Linda Speegle. A lunch stop followed to warm up and enjoy a fine meal at the Boundary Restaurant located on the historic East boundary line of the Great Land Run of 1889. A nearby historical marker explains that particular land run was held to open up for settlement the Unassigned Lands in Central Oklahoma. Aren't our Triumphs great for an enjoyable Fall drive.



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Come join the Texas Triumph Register as we host the 2018 South Central VTR Regionals along the shores of Lake Conroe, north of Houston on *April 19th – 22nd, 2018*. Our event will be held at the beautiful, lakeside **LA TORRETTA** Resort and Spa, offering such amenities as onsite restaurants, private beach, adult and children's pools, lazy river, tennis courts, golf course, fitness center and spa. Catch up and enjoy some fun with your fellow Triumph lovers and friends. Join your fellow Triumph owners for local tours and scenic drives, Concours show, Funkhana, Gimmick Rally, Autocross and more!

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2-BDRM Lake Villa \$339.00++ per 2-bdrm/per night

Book your hotel room now at La Torretta, before the reduced rates end, at: <https://aws.passkey.com/gt/213249224?gtid=886489001b036f55b1bbbcfb340861d>

The resort is offering the same rates for April 18th, for early arrivals. Look for Registration information and forms to be posted on our website, www.texas triumph register.org, later this fall. We look forward to seeing you next April. Drive Your Triumph – We Do!



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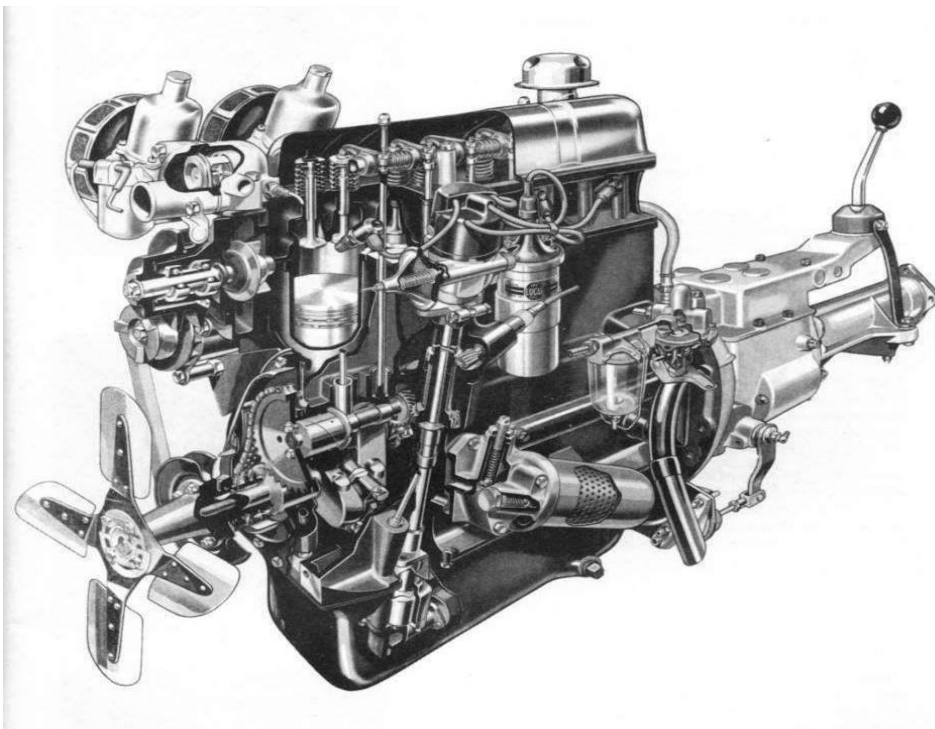
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