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COVTR Newsletter - Central Oklahoma Vintage Triumph Register

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An official chapter of the Vintage Triumph Register Established in 1982

“Enjoy the Ride”

COVTR Annual Events Planning Meeting

A number of members of COVTR gathered at Andrew Holliday’s home on Sunday, January 25 at 3 PM to create the club Activities Calendar for 2020. Attendees included Andrew Holliday, Kate Golden, Lonny & Kay Wall, Mike & Judy Piggott, Jerry & Sue Stewart, John Colson, Mike & Bonne Billotte, Linda Speegle, Stephen England and Dave & Mary Jo Hogan. Several members volunteered to either host events, lead drives, or assist in planning and coordinating future outings throughout the coming calendar year. Individuals brought various food and dessert items to share during the friendly discussion as well as some liquid refreshments. You will find the results of those planning efforts posted in the rear of this newsletter on page 16.



Upcoming COVTR Events

March 3 — COVTR Club Meeting

**March 14— Eischen’s Chicken Run
(Okarche, OK)**

**March 28— Breakfast Run to Meeker
Trading Co (Meeker, OK)**

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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.

President's Page. . .

Greetings to all:

Spring is just around the corner - despite the snowflakes that fell for some time this morning! Time to complete those tasks we were bound and determined to do on our cars this winter but may have kept on postponing. (Supply your favorite quip here about working better under pressure, etc.)

Despite the chilly weather we had a nice turnout for "Drive Your Triumph Day". A good lunch and conversation brightened an over-cast mid-winter's afternoon for all of us. Thanks to Mike Hathaway for leading, hosting and introducing some of us at least to a new eating place in Yukon, USA.

We're looking forward to the Frostbite Tour and Wine Tasting this Sunday. It appears they are forecasting somewhat warmer temperatures for the weekend. Hope to see you there!

Have fun and be safe...

John



COVTR Membership Meeting of February 4, 2020

Officers Present: President – John Colson, Vice-President – John Barron, Treasurer – Mike Piggott, Secretary – Mike Billotte.

Location: Chequers, Midwest City, Okla.

Members present – 21

Guests – 0

Membership—Dave Hogan

New members – Jim & Carolyn Glidewell, 1962 TR3.

President John Colson opened the meeting at 6:50 with the Pledge of Allegiance led by Dave Hogan.

A motion to approve the minutes of the previous meeting was made by John Gauldin and seconded by Judy Piggott. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report – Mike Piggott

January 2020 COVTR Treasurer's Report

Previous bank balance - \$11,482.05

Total income - \$491.53 - \$210 Regional, Reg. \$16.53 Exchange rate reimbursement, \$265 – Misc. dues.

Total expenses - \$0

Previous petty cash - \$29.00

Pay Pal balance - \$2,110.78

Current bank balance - \$11,973.58

Current Total in treasury - \$14,114.36

A motion to approve the Treasurer's report as published in the January newsletter was made by Lonny Wall and seconded by David Hogan. Motion carried.

Activities – Mike Piggott

Mike commented on the December 14 Christmas party held at the Hidden Trails Country Club. It was greatly enjoyed by everyone present and everyone also thought that the magician's act was good.

The Annual Planning meeting for scheduling the yearly activities was held at Drew Holliday's home in January. Many members attended and brought dishes for all to enjoy. The 2020 Calendar of Events was decided and is published in this newsletter.

A lunch run is scheduled for February 10 (Drive Your Triumph Day) to Yukon, OK. The COVTR Drive Your Triumph Day Drive is being led by Michael Hathaway to a Yukon restaurant named "The Lokal".

A Frostbite run is scheduled for February 23 and is being led by Lonny and Kay Wall. Participants will meet at the Oklahoma Travel Center located on 122nd and I-35. Time and destination to be announced via e-mail.

Brits in the Ozarks is being held on September 10-12 this year. Contact Michael Hathaway if interested in going.

Dave Hogan showed some parking signs given to us by the RRTC for the upcoming Regional. Signs will need COVTR Regional logos installed to cover up the 2019 SCVTR Regional Logos used by the Red River Triumph Club when the event was held at Lake Texoma.

Old Business:

Dave Hogan told everyone that there is a Classic License tag that is available for our Triumphs that is good for up to 10 years and is less than half the price of what we pay for our tags today. Go to Department of Motor Vehicles website to find out the details.

New Business:

Drew Holiday commended John Gauldin , owner of at Triumph World Services for his generous donation to support the moving events at our upcoming VTR SC Regional. Drew said that the future planning for the April Regional is progressing well with the autocross, rallies, breakfast and dinner runs. The Funkhana and car washing duties are being handled by Green Country Triumph Club members. Discussion was held on the Regional t-shirts as to base color and whether light or heavy material is desired. Also discussed was the type and color of tees for COVTR members so they could be easily identified if participants needed to locate a club member to get questions answered. A motion was made to pick the lighter weight T-shirt. Motion carried. Drew also mentioned that the ladies t-shirts were to be a V-neck style and after another motion, it was agreed that they would be a V-neck style. After a brief discussion on tee shirt color choice, a group of ladies volunteered consisting of Kate Golden, Linda Speegle, and Ann Reedy to research and advise the club on what color they choose.

B&B:

Linda Speegle bragged on the 4 guys who came over to her home, retrieved her Spitfire (Harriet) and worked together at Lonny Wall's garage to get Harriet back on the road. Harriet is now totally roadworthy once again.

Door Prizes:

Drew Holiday – Special Tool

Mike Billotte – Flashlight

A motion to end the meeting was made by Lonny Wall and seconded by John Barron. Meeting ended at 7:14 pm.



Respectfully submitted,

Mike Billotte

Secretary



Regional Logo Revised

The 2020 VTR South Central Regional logo to be used on all COVTR regalia, shirts, signs, placards, stickers, etc. has been revised to reflect a more “British” flavor to better represent the Triumph marque and the Route 66 theme surrounding the marquee road passing through Edmond, OK. Do note that the wording of EDMOND, OKLA reflects a look back in time to the state abbreviations prior to the assignment of two-letter state abbreviations.

COVTR to Host South Central Regional

COVTR members are working diligently on our planned hosting of the 2020 South Central Regional to be staged from April 30 to May 2, 2020 in Edmond, OK. Several club members have stepped forward to accept responsibility for various activities and events. However, additional volunteers are needed in order to stage and coordinate a Regional of which we can all be proud. Regional Chair Andrew Holliday plans to poll club members for their preferred assignment. This is an ALL HANDS ON DECK event.

Some events will be staged at the Host Hotel, the Hilton Garden Inn & Conference Center located at 2833 Conference Drive, Edmond., OK. The hotel has a large parking lot that will readily accommodate trailer parking. The hotel is very convenient and accessible to Interstate 35 at the northbound I-35 Covell Road Exit. Reservations can be made at 1-888-728-3027. A block of rooms is reserved under:

Other events will be staged in the surrounding areas of Edmond as well as breakfast drives and dinner runs in nearby communities. A walking Rallye is also planned for downtown Guthrie.

I hope each of you are planning to participate in many of the events and the process begins with your Registration. Registration can be completed on-line at our COVTR website. In case you have misplaced our website address, it is: **<http://www.triumphsokc.org>** .

COVTR — Drive Your Triumph Day February 10, 2020



The less than ideal weather conditions provided a British-style weather backdrop for our first Triumph driving outing of the new year. Our group of Triumph enthusiasts met at the parking lot next to the McDonalds located at the corner of Council and Northwest Expressway. Five Triumph drivers braved the weather with their trusty steeds after uncovering their sleeping British beasts from their long winter's nap. There were 5 Triumphs driven by new member Stephen England in his red TR 3, Michael Hathaway in his blue Dolomite, Bud and Ann Reedy in their brown Stag, John and Jeanne Gauldin in their orange Spitfire and Dave Hogan in his red TR 6. In addition, our Present, John Colson and our Vice President did participate in the drive and the luncheon but traveled in a big Chevy SUV. John said that "it is hard to start and leaks oil, so it must be part Triumph".

We departed at 11:30 heading west on Northwest Highway, then turned south following Michael Hathaway's lead enroute to Yukon USA. We arrived at the "The Lokal" restaurant for lunch just in time to beat the regular lunch crowd and placed a variety of food orders.



Pictured above CW are: Mike Piggott, John Barron, John Gauldin, Jeanne Gauldin, Michael Hathaway, Ann Reedy, and Bud Reedy

Triumph-related conversations ensued throughout the luncheon before it was time to head back home as the wind had picked up and the temperature had dropped with pending rainfall on the horizon. Everyone made it home safely; however several of us had our spirits and our cars dampened by the rain — a very British Day to celebrate Sir John Blacks birthday.



Pictured above are: Jeanne Gauldin, Michael Hathaway, Ann Reedy, Bud Reedy and John Colson waiting to place their food orders

Below are our Triumph chariots awaiting the return ride home with "Yukon's Best Flour" grain tower showing in the background



Frostbite Rallye—Clauren Ridge Winery



It was not exactly a perfect day to take a drive in your Triumph so none of our fellow COVTR members including myself opted to drive their Little British Cars. The weather was rather warm as we assembled at the Oklahoma Travel Center for our 2 PM departure. Lonny & Kay Wall took the lead as we headed north on Coltrane to Waterloo Road in Edmond. The rain was not very intense but just enough to require headlights and wipers.

Our little traveling group was comprised of Lonny & Kay Wall. John and Jan Colson, Mike and Judy Piggott, Drew Holliday and Kate Golden, Linda Speegle and Dave and Mary Jo Hogan. So off we went in the scattered showers to our destination: the Clauren Ridge Vineyard and Winery. We arrived around 2:30 and were led downstairs to a large seating area.



The large room is apparently used for engagement parties and wedding receptions and was well-equipped and well-lit with a very long table that accommodated all of us.

Lonny and Kay had preordered some delicious trays with a variety of cheeses, strawberries, grapes, crackers with some of the cheeses drizzled with chocolate—yum yum. In addition, several trays of bacon-wrapped olives were also delivered for all to share—wow, what a nice surprise to accompany our wines.

That's when the real fun began as our winery hosts proceeded to bring various bottles of their red and white wines to sample. I believe that there were actually 12 different wines to taste but each of us was limited to the 6 wines that we preferred for the Wine Tasting activity. We were allowed to choose those wines that we thought that we would enjoy. Not everyone found each wine to satisfy their pallet, but everyone ultimately settled on their favorite(s).

Once we concluded the wine tasting and conversation we returned to the first floor to pay for our participation in the wine tasting and some members chose to take home a bottle or two of their favorite sampled wine.

Several members had evening plans for dinner but eight of us opted to go to dinner at a nearby Upper Crust Pizza at Drew Holliday's suggestion. The Colson's, Piggott's, Hogan's, Kate and Drew all opted for a pizza dinner meal. The pizza was hot and delicious and the beer was cold. It was a nice way to close out the afternoon and all headed for home in the increasing rain showers.

Maybe at our next outing the weather will be more conducive to taking our Triumphs out for the Run to Eischen's Chicken in Okarche. Mark your calendars for that upcoming event on Saturday, March 14. Hope to see you there!





COVTR Activities Calendar 2020

February 10	Drive Your Triumph Day	Michael Hathaway
February 23	Frostbite Rally (Clauren Ridge Winery)	Lonny & Kay Wall
March 14	Eischen's Chicken Run (Okarche, OK)	Dave & Mary Jo Hogan
March 21	Autocross Test and Tune (Remington Park)	Piggott/Holliday
March 28	Breakfast Run (Meeker, OK)	Mike & Judy Piggott
April 18	Garage & Crafts Day @ Wall's	Lonny & Kay Wall
April 30 – May 2	South Central VTR Regional (Edmond, OK)	Drew Holliday
May 9	Old Chicken Farm Antique Sale (Jones, OK)	Jerry & Sue Stewart
May 23	Breakfast Run (Surprise Location)	Jerry & Sue Stewart
Jun 6	Picnic @ Hafer Park (Edmond, OK)	Lonny & Kay Wall
June 20	Knight's Car Show (Shawnee, OK)	Mike & Judy Piggott
July 11	OKC Dodgers Baseball Outing (OKC)	Dave & Mary Jo Hogan
August 31 – Sep 4	VTR Nationals (Galena, IL)	Mike & Judy Piggott
August 15	Drive-In Movie Night (Guthrie, OK)	John Gauldin
Sep 12	Brits in the Ozarks (Fayetteville, AR)	Michael Hathaway
Sep 26	Progressive Dinner Rally	Holliday/Hogan/Colson
October 9 - 11	Western Hills Outing (Hulbert, OK)	Mike & Judy Piggott
October 23 -25	Red River Shootout (Ardmore, OK)	Red River Triumph Club
Nov 6-7	Veterans Day Parade (Ponca City, OK)	Kip Miles
Nov 21	Chili Cookoff (Choctaw, OK)	Jerry & Sue Stewart
Dec 12	Christmas Party (Hidden Trails, OKC)	Kay, Sue, Linda, Mary Jo



Mike Piggott, Activities Chairman

COVTR now on Facebook

How do I join the COVTR Group?

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



Keep in mind when you join the COVTR Group:

- People may see when you join a public or closed group or that you're a member of that group, like in News Feed or search.
- When someone adds you to a public or closed group, others may see that you have been invited (ex: News Feed or search). Once you visit a group you are invited to, you will become a member and other people may see that you have joined.

COVTR Rules:

- This is a group for COVTR activities and fun things that our members do with our cars, pictures of cars, fun Triumph postings, technical articles, events, etc.
- Please post other items on your personal pages and invite folks to be your friend on your personal Facebook page.

Drew Holliday





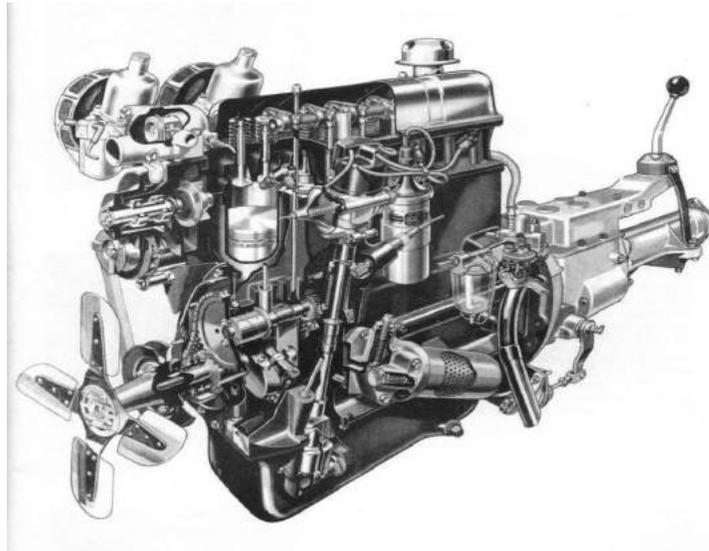
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