



COVTR Newsletter - Central Oklahoma Vintage Triumph Register

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An official chapter of the Vintage Triumph Register Established in 1982

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### Upcoming COVTR Events

August 7—Membership meeting at Chequers, Midwest City, OK

August 4—Prince of Darkness evening run hosted by Plotkin's

August 18—Drive In Movie night hosted by Gauldin's

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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, car shows, road tours, technical inspections and lots of fun.*

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## **COVTR Membership Meeting**

### **Minutes of July 10, 2018**

Officers present: Drew Holiday-President, Michael Hathaway-Treasurer, Mike Billotte-Secretary.  
Location: Chequers – Midwest City, Okla. Guests: John Colson (Prospective member). Members present:  
15 President Drew Holiday opened the meeting at 7:02 with the Pledge of Allegiance led by Max Speegle.

A motion was made by Lonny Wall to approve of the minutes of the previous meeting as written in the newsletter. Seconded by Katie Plotkin. Motion carried.

#### **Treasurer's Report – Michael Hathaway**

June 2018 Treasurer's Report

Previous Balance: \$10,184.03

Total Income: \$30.00 (\$15.00 Membership dues, \$5.00 B&B, \$10.00 Litezupp Newsletter Ad.

Total Expenses: \$0.00

Current Balance: \$10,214.03

A motion to accept the Treasurer's report as read was made by Jerry Stewart and seconded by Katie Plotkin. Motion carried.

#### **Activities Committee:**

##### **Old Business:**

Drew reported that the Knight's Shawnee car show was not rained out and was well attended. The turnout for Kip Miles' car museum day in Enid was good and Kip and his wife entertained after and everyone had a good time.

The "Show and Shine" car show in Edmond was well attended by COVTR members. John Gauldin reported that there were 10 Triumphs in attendance which was the most of any car club there. Jean Gauldin won the Best of Show traveling trophy with her Spitfire.

##### **New Business:**

VTR Nationals show will be held in La Crosse, WI. On July 17-21, 2018. There will be 2 separate caravans going to the show.

The Pilot's Association has invited our club to attend a car show on Sept. 6<sup>th</sup>. Details will be forthcoming.

The annual pool party and car show will be held at the home of Max and Linda Speegle on July 14, 2018 at 6:00.

The Prince of Darkness evening run will be held on Aug. 4<sup>th</sup> this year. Katie Plotkin said that the run will begin after dinner at 7:30. Dinner will be at Casa De Los Milagros Mexican restaurant at 5241 N. McKinley. The address is listed as off 5111 N. Classen or Belle Isle Blvd.

John Gauldin announced that the details of this year's drive-in movie run scheduled for August 18<sup>th</sup> will be discussed at the August meeting.

Katie Plotkin inquired as to whether anyone in the club was checking the COVTR Facebook webpage. Some are checking it periodically.

Michael Hathaway announced that Morell LaRue, the founder of the annual Morelli Car Show, passed away last week on July 3<sup>rd</sup>. Our condolences to his family.



## **B&B**

Brian bragged that Katie's car has been rewired with new LED headlights.  
Lonny Wall bragged that his Porsche is back on the road and doing well.

## **Door Prizes**

Annette Hathaway – Frisbee  
John Gauldin – Hat  
Michael Hathaway – Cup  
Brian Plotkin – Tee  
John Colson – Headlights

Katie Plotkin made a motion to end the meeting. Seconded by Linda Speegle. Motion carried and the meeting ended at 7:20.

*Respectfully submitted,*

*Mike Billotte,*

**Secretary**





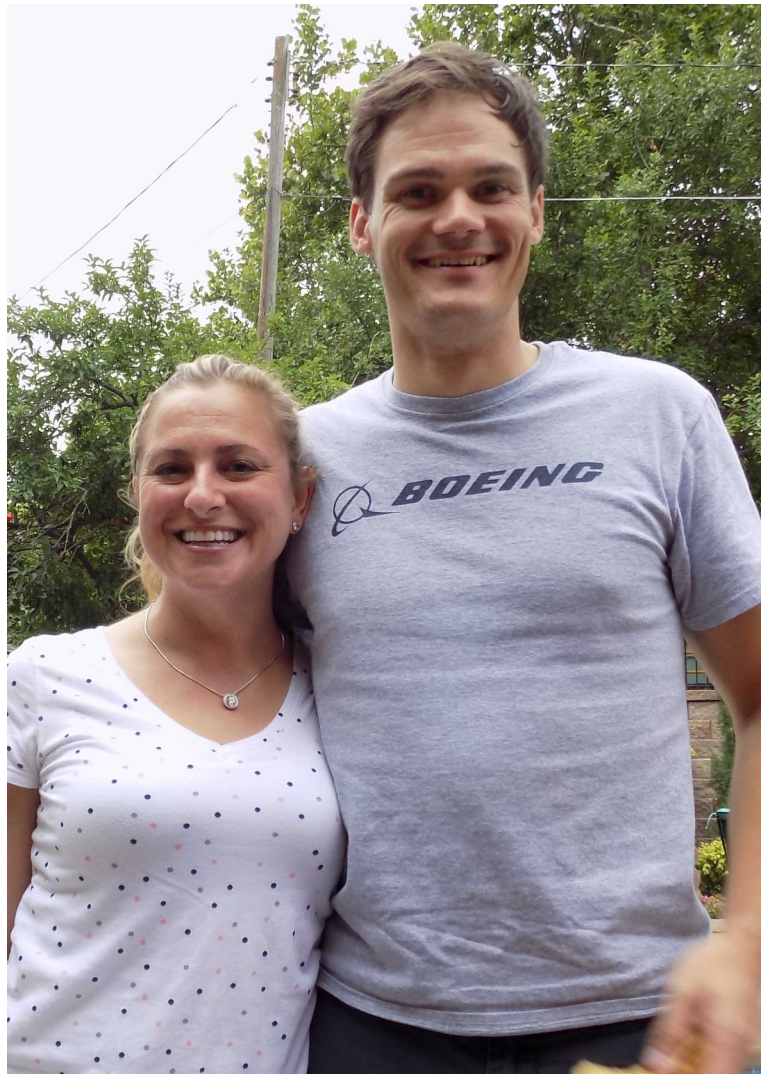
# President's Page. . .

Greetings to all:

COVTR had a busy month in July. We kicked off with a pool party hosted by Max and Linda Speegle. Many members were in attendance and had some delicious ice cream courtesy of Kay and Lonny Wall and Bonnie and Mike Billotte.

Our major event was the VTR national convention held in Lacrosse, Wisconsin, just on the banks of the Mississippi River. Over 20 members made the journey and many returned with awards to show for it. COVTR swept the concours TR250 event with Chris and Susan Holliday winning first place, Brian and Katie Plotkin in second, and Andrew Holliday in third. Max and Linda Speegle took first in the Spitfire class and Lonny and Kay Wall took second in their TR4A. Mike and Judy Piggott received a gold award Senior Class in his "Best in Show" TR4 that he has kept in immaculate condition, also receiving a gold preservation award for their TR3 was Mike and Vicki Sabelhaus, and similar awards for Paul and Jane Higley and Jim and Barbara Thompson.

With Mike Piggott at the wheel and Andrew Holliday navigating they finished second in TSD Rally just two seconds off the first place time. There is still debate over who's fault it is that they did not win. Andrew Holliday made a solo venture of the gimmick rally and pulled off a win answering all 29 questions correctly. Chris Holliday also took home an award for his picture of the "perfect garage". The club had a great event and everyone was thrilled with the high temperature of 80 degrees while we were there. Only a small rain shower passed through and had no ill effect on the events. With the major travels behind us everyone is looking forward, with headlights on, to the Prince of Darkness dinner event in early August. I hope to see everyone there with all blubs shining bright, maybe even a few of LiteZupp!



See you on the road!

*Drew Holliday*





## Minnesota Triumphs beckon you to the VTR NATIONAL 2018

July 17-21, 2018 at the  
Radisson in La Crosse, WI



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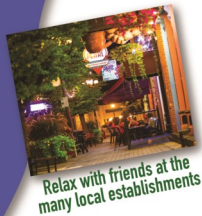
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Above photo Kay Wall, Linda Speegle, Michael and Anet Hathaway and Isabelle are preparing for the Friday morning car show on the Mississippi River in Lacrosse, Wisconsin.







## VTR Nationals Concours July 20, 2018

At left Cecil Wise and Mia Gans are closely inspecting Speegle's 1972 Spitfire *Ozzie* during the judging. Below right Lonny and Kay Wall displayed their TR4A while the clouds threatened rain but held off until later. Below left Chris and Susan Holliday watch the judging of their 1968 TR250 while Brian Plotkin and Drew Holliday discuss the fine group of TR250s that attended the VTR convention this year. COVTR members and our cars won



many awards and events during the National convention in Lacrosse, Wisconsin. Winners were

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COVTR brought home lots of hardware from the 2018 VTR National Convention, including Andrew Holliday First Place in the fun rallye; Mike Piggott and Andrew Holliday 2nd Place in TSD Rallye; Chris and Susan Holliday 1st TR250 concours; Brian and Katie Plotkin 2nd Place TR250 concours; Andrew Holliday 3rd Place TR250 concours; Max and Linda Speegle 1st Place Spitfire concours; Lonny and Kay Wall 2nd Place TR4A concours; Mike and Judy Piggott gold award Senior Class TR4; Mike and Vicki Sabelhaus gold award Senior Class TR3.







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The VTR fun rallye took us to the top of the bluffs overlooking the Mississippi River into Minnesota. Above Brian and Katie Plotkin took the time to walk to the scenic overlook to take in the beautiful countryside. At right photo the group had a fine dinner at a historic railroad station restaurant, and Drew and Susan Holliday and Judy Piggott even served a dessert to celebrate Mike Piggott's birthday.



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# Summer Party Triumph Car Show

July 14, 2018

6 p.m.

Hosted by Max and Linda  
Speegle



Enjoying the evening *above photo* were Howard Holdsclaw, Andrew Holliday and Kate, Lonny Wall, and Michael Hathaway. Isabelle Hathaway won the best swimmer award and was rarely seen out of the water.



The annual summer party was held at the Speegle's as usual. Jerry Stewart was the hit of the party with the gasoline powered Margarita Machine. Attending were Drew Holliday and Kate, Brian and Katie Plotkin, Mike and Bonnie Billotte, Jerry and Sue Stewart, Michael and Anet Hathaway and Isabelle, John and Jean Gauldin, Lonny and Kay Wall, Howard and Lois Holdsclaw, Jackie Wall.





# 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 Katie Plotkin and Brian Plotkin. Katie or Brian 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, other 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 you 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 friend on Facebook.

*Katie Plotkin*





## COVTR Activities Calendar 2018

February 10	Drive Your Triumph Day/Frostbite Outing	Lonny and Kay Wall
February 23-24	Leake Auction	Dave Hogan
March 10	Eischen's Chicken Run	Dave and Mary Jo Hogan
March 24	Breakfast Run	Jerry and Sue Stewart
April 6-8	Breakfast Club Spring Tour	TBD
April 14	Pre-regional Garage and Craft Day	Lonny and Kay Wall
April 18-21	VTR Regional, Lake Conroe, TX	Drew Holliday
May 5	Chickasaw Cultural Outing	Brian and Katie Plotkin
May 6	All European Car Day, White Rock, TX	TBD
May 17-21	Silver Summit, Colorado	Michael Hathaway
May 19	Breakfast Run	Dave and Mary Jo Hogan
June 9	Enid Classic Car Museum	Kip Miles
June 23	Knights Car Show, Shawnee, OK	Mike and Judy Piggott
July 14	Pool Party	Max and Linda Speegle
July 17-21	VTR National Convention, Lacrosse, WI	Drew Holliday
August 4	Prince of Darkness Evening Run	Brian and Katie Plotkin
August 18	Drive-In Movie	John and Jean Gauldin
September 7-8	Brits in the Ozarks	Michael Hathaway
September 15	Winery Outing	Tim Lloyd
September 22	Dinner Rally	Brian and Katie Plotkin
September 27-30	6 Pack Trials, North Carolina?	TBD
October 6	Outing with GCT	Mike Piggott
October 19-20	Red River Shootout	Drew Holliday
November 2-4	Eureka Springs Outing	John and Jean Gauldin
November 17	Lunch Run	Brian and Katie Plotkin
December 8	Winter Drive and Dine	Jerry and Sue Stewart
TBD	Christmas Party	Bonnie Billotte



*Mike Piggott, Activities Chairman*



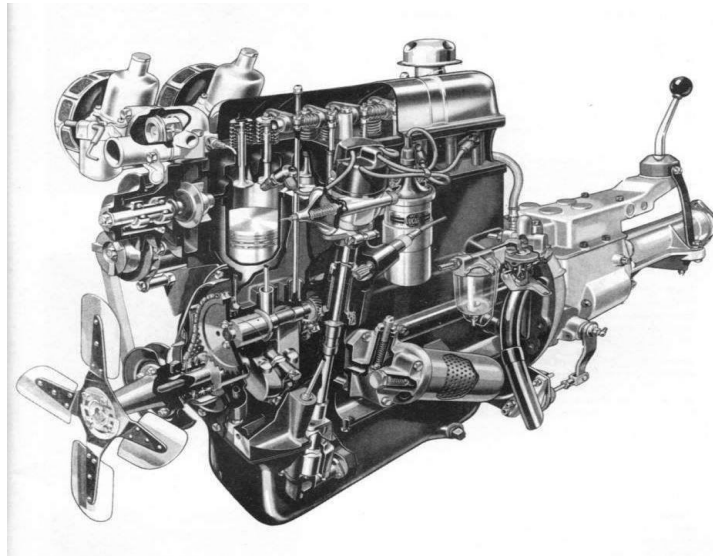
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