

TXABCD 2007  
Old Settlers' Park  
Round Rock, Texas

The festivities began around noon and Saturday, September 29, 2007 with Registration and welcome snacks at the host hotel, Spring Hill Suites in Round Rock. After checking into the hotel, picking up my registration packet full of goodies and renewing old acquaintances, it was about time for the 3:00 PM Gimmick Rally. Over 40 LBC lovers mounted their steeds and sallied into the hills and meadows east of I-35 and north of Round Rock. Not having a navigator and wanting to film the event, I joined up with Barney Oldfield from Dallas in his MGB with Super-charger and settled back for navigating and filming. Well, that is what I thought anyway. I was coupled with the only person who didn't care about any of the items on the list to see, but wanted to be the first one to arrive at the dinner destination. I learned that 15 mph corners can be taken at 45 mph with some stress and that filming was out of the question. I ate my chicken fried steak, drank the wine and a cup of coffee, then hustled back to RR to dry out my car that had been left in RR at the hotel with the top down and rain in progress. Suffice it to say, Saturday was less than fun. Ah, but Sunday's coming.

Early Sunday, I got up packed the car and prepared to leave for Settlers' Park. What else, but the sprinklers came on and started drowning my car and it's contents. (Window down on the driver's side.) Got the window up and screamed at the hotel desk clerk to shut off the sprinklers. He did. Dried the driver's seat and drove to the park.

The setup was different and cars were placed even closer to the pond. Though humid, it didn't rain on TXABCD's parade. There were several Minis, old and new, lots of TR's, 2, 3, 4, 250, 6, 7, and I am not sure about 8. Numerous Jags, Rovers, an Allard, MG's, Deloreans, Spit-fires, GT6, Bentley, Rolls Royce, and more. The beauty of the day was a Triumph 2000 Roadster. It was beautifully restored and winner of the Best of Show Award. Some you may not know, there is one of those rare jewels stored in a shed behind an RV supply store on Austin Highway. It makes you sick to see something like that going to seed.

We were approaching 3:00 PM and the award ceremony began. The regulations were read and explanations were given, then Bob Karmer and Company began recognizing the winners. STTA members, Bill Hovestadt, Joe Kboudi and Mike Connally each received an award for their cars. Joe received Third Place for Early TR6, Bill Hovestadt received Second Place for his TR3 and Mike Connally received First Place for Early TR6. Former STTA member and president, Tom Schwennesen received Second Place for Early TR6.

STTA members in attendance were Mike Connally, Bill and Frances Hovestadt, Billy Hovestadt and Bonnie, Joe Kboudi, Ken and Judy Maynard and Mike Potts. The Hill Country Triumph Club agreed to loan us the category markers for our use in Boerne on November 3rd. STTA will be on the bubble that day. All of the attendees in RR received an invitation in writing to our event in Boerne. Many expressed an interest in the event and a love for Boerne. Now it is up to us to make their trip worthwhile.

It is up to every member of STTA to make our event in Boerne a success. Please contact, Mike Potts, Joe Kboudi, Mike Connally, or Judy Maynard and get on board to help with the planning and execution. Time is of the essence.