TOMCC Carolinas

NEWSLETTER OF THE TRIUMPH OWNERS MOTORCYCLE CLUB CAROLINAS REGION





Happy 250th Anniversary of "Too Cool for British Rule" day!

TOMCC EVENTS

LOOKING OUT TO FALL

Summer in our neck of the woods gets sultry, so most usually look to a cooler and more colorful fall for events. This year will not disappoint!

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TOMCC RIDES

BIBR REPORT

British in the Blue Ridge occurred just over in the NC line in Hiawasee GA in early June. Several members of the TOMCC attended. It was a hot event with hot roads and hotter bikes!

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TOMCC LOCAL GROUPS

GROUP EVENTS ARE GROWING

Groups in Raleigh and Greensboro are really starting to launch. Charlotte and Asheville are formative, and we are looking to grow in other areas.

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The Evolution of Motorcycles of Charlotte

Motorcycles of Charlotte started its life over 20 years ago as a dedicated BMW shop, run by Mark and Gail Engel alongside Tony Ryan. At the time, if you wanted a premium European machine in the Carolinas, choices were pretty sparse. That was about to change!

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THIS MONTH'S FEATURED DEALER:
MOTORCYCLES OF CHARLOTTE
CHARLOTTE, NC



A Mess of Fall Events!

Cooler Weather and Many Choices!

When our sweltering Southern summer finally gives way to crisp air and bright leaves, there is no better place to be than in the Carolinas on a motorcycle. Here are some of the premier motorcycle events–including can't-miss highlights for Triumph enthusiasts in the Southeast this fall!

Thunder in the Smokies Fall Rally occurs in Maggie Valley, September 11-13. As many discovered at our TOMCC event this year, Maggie is the perfect base camp for exploring routes like the Blue Ridge Parkway and The Tail of the Dragon. This rally offers guided rides, a large swap meet, live music and stunt shows.

For coastal cruising, there is the famous **Myrtle Beach Fall Rally.** This occurs September 25 – October 4, 2026. It's a more laid-back alternative to the spring counterpart, with all the popular hangouts.

The newcomer this year will be the **Highside Vintage Motorcycle Gathering,** in Hendersonville, October 3rd. Hosted by DonRaven Appalachia, Highside is being planned as a vintage gathering for classic bikes pre 2000 vintage. TOMCC is also participating, along with other local riding groups. It promises a relaxed, community-focused meetup of gorgeous machinery and great local riding.

The crown jewel, of course, is the annual **Barber Vintage Festival,** held October 9-11 in Leeds, Alabama. This event is an absolute bucket-list for classic, vintage, and modern riders. **The Triumph Connection is the "Isle of Triumph", held in the famous Ace Corner.** It's an exclusive fan zone for the Triumph community.

If the haul to Barber is a bit much for your schedule, the **Denton AMCA Southern National Meet** is closer to home, in our own yard of Denton FarmPark, Denton, NC, the same weekend. There is a large swap meet, an antique parade and field games. It does tend to focus more on American iron than British, but still worth checking out.

Have a blast this year enjoying the fall colors, and let's get our local groups out to these events!

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As the regional riding community grew, MoC recognized folks that love the precision of German engineering often had a soft spot for all things European. Thus they transformed the Independence Boulevard shop into a powerhouse multi-brand destination, with a trifecta of Motorrad reliability, British soul and Italian passion. Together, these three brands allowed the shop to cover every base of premium motorcycling. It's success eventually tranformed into a large 19,000 square foot facility on Westinghouse Boulevard, and became a solid destination for the motorcycle community.

Today, Motorcycles of Charlotte is navigating a massive structural shift–transitioning from its 20-year history as a locally owned, family-run shop into a major corporate player of Sonic's Powersports division. Sonic has consciously kept the focus on the premium/luxury European segment that the Engels spent two decades building.

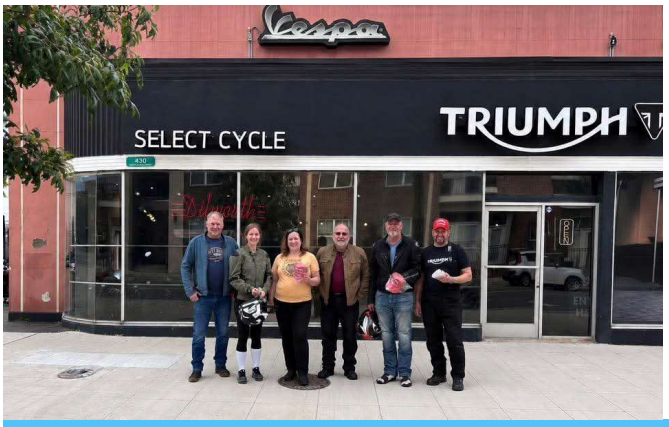
In short, Motorcycles of Charlotte has successfully survived the transition that often kills classic shops: it didn't close its doors when the founders retired. Instead, it evolved into a modernized, corporate-backed powerhouse–ensuring if you need a factory part for a modern Triumph triple or twin, the lights are on and the bays are fully staffed.

Motorcycles of Charlotte also had one of the first Triumph Groups (aka RAT) solely focused on modern Triumph Motorcycles. We are happy to be bringing Triumph groups back with the support of MoC! (Photo - Charlotte RAT 2025)









LOCAL EVENTS ARE GROWING!

The Carolinas Triumph Owners Motorcycle Club (TOMCC Carolinas) USA serves as a vibrant hub for British motorcycle enthusiasts across North and South Carolina. These local sections bring riders together through regular meetups, organized scenic rides through the Blue Ridge Mountains, and technical wrenching days.

By fostering a tight-knit community, local chapters help members maintain classic vintage bikes while celebrating modern Triumph engineering. Whether hosting rides or casual garage hangouts, the local sections keep the spirit of Hinckley and Meriden alive in the Carolinas.

We are a new branch as of late 2025, and we are looking to grow groups throughout the region. There are current active chapters in Asheville, Greensboro and Raleigh, and just beginning in Charlotte. We'd like to see groups form throughout all the major metro areas of the Carolinas.

If you want to be involved and help organize rides and events, please reach out! We'd be happy for the help.

British in the Blue Ridge 2026 – Our first year representin', we'll discuss helping to support further for the next!











TOMCC CAROLINAS BENEFITS, 2026

MAKING RIDING MORE AFFORDABLE!

Stay tuned! We are working on more deals and benefits for club members.

OK, so folks often ask about the club, "what's in it for me?". We think it is obvious, fellowship, community, help with your bikes, local and regional events and riding! We like to think of ourselves as a family. This is a formal club also, with rules and bylaws, offering a safer and more secure environment to ride.

Some people want more though! So we have reached out to our local dealers and merchants for help. Here is what we have thus far - to sweeten the pot for TOMCC members. Present your TOMCC membership card to partake!

1. **Art Moto Garage**, Raleigh NC – 10% off parts, accessories and merch
2. **Hunter Powersports**, Hendersonville NC - 10% off parts, accessories and merch for members
3. **Old Towne Cycle Center**, Piedmont SC – 15% of parts for vintage Brit Motorcycles, scbritish@gmail.com 864-350-0067
4. **Motorcycles of Charlotte**, Charlotte NC – 15% off on all Triumph merch in stock, 10% off on other merch and ordered merch.10% off on parts.
5. **Select Cycle**, Greensboro NC - 10% off parts, accessories and merch for TOMCC members

TOMCC - Community - Rides - Events - Support - Adventure!!

Local Section Events - July 2026

Asheville – "Motorcycles and Coffee" at Prescott, July 19th. Bike night at Hunter, Aug 21. North side ride, date TBD. There is an ongoing Facebook chat group for local members. Scot Dail, scotdail@gmail.com

Charlotte – Sunday Ride, Jul 19, Brit Bike Breakfast July 12, SoMoto meetups are 1st Thursdays. There is an ongoing Facebook chat group for local members. Scott Kelly, spckelly@comcast.net

Greensboro - Cycle Gear Bike Night, 2nd Satrurdays, Section meetup and ride, Select Cycle, 4th Satrudays. There is an ongoing Facebook chat group for local members. Nat Simpson, hnsimpson@gmail.com

Raleigh - Meet up and member raffle at ArtMoto, July 25th, An evening of British Excellence at ArtMoto Jul 23rd. Greg James gregjames@gmail.com

Greenville, SC - New group is forming, There is an ongoing Facebook chat group for local members. Scot Dail, scotdail@gmail.com (looking for a local group lead)

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