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TOMCC Dealer of the Month : Charleston Triumph

Charleston Triumph is an independent, family-owned motorcycle dealership and service shop. Operating out of its facility off Leeds Avenue in North Charleston, the shop has evolved from a solo custom garage into the premier Lowcountry destination for British, European, and American motorcycles.

Founded in 2006 as North Ridge Custom Cycles out of a two-car garage, they focused on custom work and service for American V-Twins. They moved into their first commercial retail space in 2007 to cover parts and accessories, then relocated to a larger facility in North Charleston in 2012 to address growing service demand. In 2017, they expanded into OEM motorcycle sales as South Carolina's exclusive dealer for Royal Enfield motorcycles.

In 2019, Triumph joined the team and they officially became Charleston Triumph, restoring a Triumph flagship presence to the Lowcountry region. Charleston Triumph offers new and pre-owned bikes, expert maintenance, and active community engagement.

The best things about Charleston Triumph are the family-owned vibe, where customers get personal attention,

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MID YEAR MEMBERS MEETING 2026

BECAUSE TOMCC CAROLINAS SPREADS ACROSS ALL OF THE CAROLINAS, WE DO A SEMI-ANNUAL MEETING ON A ZOOM CALL FOR ALL OUR MEMBERS.

This year the mid-year call was in early August. We normally save the call minutes during the meeting, but this time there was a faux-pas. The Branch Secretary will be sacked. We'll summarize as best possible.

As it's our first year being a local TOMCC branch, our discussion largely centered around growth updates of the new local sections, how things are going and what members want from the club. Then we discussed plans for next year's regional rally event.

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Charleston Triumph (continued)

versatile expertise on Triumph motorcycles, while also serving Royal Enfield customers and servicing Harley-Davidson and other American V-twins. They also recently added Ducati to their lineup! Their dedicated service team of factory-trained technicians handle everything from tire changes to routine checkups to major custom builds. The service department is known for squeezing in last-minute maintenance for riders out on long cross-country road trips.

Charleston Triumph provides support to the local motorcycle community through demo days, where local riders can test out brand-new motorcycle models, community track events at nearby Roebling Road Raceway, complete with professional rider coaches and safety support. The staff at Charleston Triumph take the time to answer questions, show riders replaced parts during services, and tailor customization plans directly to individual tastes.

TOMCC Carolinas does not yet have a supporting branch at Charleston Triumph, but we are interested in supporting the local community through forming one! Just like them, our focus is on building local community, hosting rides and events, while staying connected to a global network of Triumph clubs. Reach out if you are interested in participating and getting involved.

Members Meeting (continued

So we discussed what members wanted from the branch, the overwhelming response was MORE RIDING!! The Chapter leadership agrees! Reach out to your local leaders and ask them how you can help, we want to hear about your favorite rides, maybe even have you show them to us!
We also discussed the Regional Rally for next year. A poll was then run in the Facebook group, and most people want to return to Maggie Valley. A destination ride to the Triumph National Rally was suggested, we create an event on the Facebook group!





Chairmain's Chatter - Scot Dail

One Saturday morning, fog just lifting off the Blue Ridge tarmac, a rider breaks down on the side of the road. Twenty years ago, the next rider to pass by would have pulled over without hesitation, pulled out a tool roll, and spent an hour helping them get back on two wheels. Today? Most people just ride right past, or worse, someone snaps a quick photo for social media before moving on.
Somewhere between trading garage days for online discussion groups and real handshakes for digital "likes," we lost the soul of the motorcycle world. Maybe it was social media, maybe it was Covid, but it seems a big part of what it meant to be a motorcyclist disappeared.
The Carolinas Branch of the Triumph Owners' Motor Cycle Club (TOMCC) is set up here to hopefully change that. We came to restore the authentic, unfiltered camaraderie that used to define two wheels and the open road.
The idea is to move past all the online noise and focus again on real, human connections. Build friendships back. Host local meetups and rides and create a space where you actually know the rider next to you. Real community, trading comment sections for Sunday morning coffee at local diners and roadside spots. Shared grease, reviving the tradition of helping a fellow rider wrench on their bike or project, solve a technical dilemma. We want to blow out hidden agendas and cut the BS, building a club run by riders, completely free of corporate red tape, but not losing sight of the businesses who support us.
So why Triumph? It's a brand that represents a deep piece of that past. Our Carolina home offers some of the best riding in the country, but the roads are always better with a trusted squad.
We want to welcome every Triumph lover, while accepting a love of two wheels beyond the brands.

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Local TOMCC Section Highlights



Charlotte Photo: Mike Mehren

Charlotte TOMCC

Contact - Scott Kelly, Mike Martin

Scenic Blue Ridge Loop - A small group of us rode out from Huntersville up to the Blue Ridge Mountains on Saturday, 8/8. We started our trip from the south side of Lake Norman and rode up to have coffee at Mountain Dog Coffee in Boone. We then rode the great twisty roads in the area, that took us to the nearby towns, a scenic fun loop known as the Scenic Blue Ridge Loop. The Blue Ridge Parkway was opened up again so we rode that for a while and took 181 and Old NC 18 back towards Lake Norman. Total trip from the lake and back was 250 miles, we left at 7am and got back around 3pm. The weather was great and the temperature was comfortable for most of the day - Mike

Asheville TOMCC

Contact - Scot Dail

The Asheville Group had a few meetups this month, these are mostly being planned on our Facebook Messenger Group, so reach out if you need to be included. There was an Eggs and Bikin July 26, and had our monthly meetup August 11. We are planning the next ride for the group Sunday, 30 August. Events are also shared on the Facebook group.
Hunter Powersports, our Triumph dealer, has bike nights 3rd Friday of the month, Motorcycles and Coffee



Raleigh Photo: Art Moto

Raleigh TOMCC

Contact - Greg James

The July meet up was washed out due to all the rain in the area but I'm looking forward to the August meet up on August 29 at Art Moto Garage. We'll head out on a group ride with our Ducati brethren and end up back at Art Moto. Speaking of Art Moto, they have a number of events going on this month, one of which is they are hosting a Bike Safe NC event on Saturday, August 22. If you haven't been to one of their classes I would highly suggest you do and even if you have been this is a new course and would be a good time to get a refresher on your technique. If you want to attend please register at bikesafenc.com. - Greg



Asheville Photo: Scot Dail

events are at Prescott in Fletcher every two weeks! We also gather at the Wedge occasionally Wednesday nights.

Chairman Chat (cont.)

OUR GOAL IS TO ESTABLISH TRUE LOCAL ANCHORS, ESTABLISHING REGULAR, PHYSICAL HANGOUTS ACROSS NORTH AND SOUTH CAROLINA. WE WANT TO PULL IN THE DEALERS TO THESE GROUPS WHERE WE CAN, BUT ALSO GROW TO SUPPORT THOSE REGIONS NOT FULLY SUPPORTED.

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Greensboro TOMCC

Contact - Nat Simpson

Select Cycle in Greensboro is our local Triumph dealer, and we like to launch events from their location when practical. Ryan at Select also supports the TOMCC events there. Greensboro alos has a chat group in Facebook Messenger for discussing and planning rides.
Next ride being discussed is to the HotSauce Festival in Oxford on September 11th. It's a great reason to ride, fall is certainly a great festival season in the Carolinas, and great for riding!



Greenville SC Ride to the Euro Car Show

Select Cycle Greensboro offers one-year free membership to TOMCC with the purchase of a new Triumph! Go there today and talk to Ryan, tell him thanks for their support!

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So, what's new? Well, we are working on a few things...

1. **TOMCC Web Prescence** - Member Louise in Hendersonville is develoiping a web page with a discussion forum for the group. While this may seem a little old- school, there are folks who aren't on Facebook and Insta, so we really it could help with communication! Who knows, maybe we'll look at something on the updated MySpace if it ever gets released!

2. **TOMCC Carolinas Merch** - Yes, we hear you - where's the merch? Truth be told, we have had a group discussing this since the beginning of the year, but there has been so much to take on as we are getting started! The idea is to have an online shopping cart where you can pick up stuff, it will get here hopefully before Christmas! In the meantime, you can order merch from the store on the TOMCC home page **www.tomcc.org**

1. **Whacha GOT?!? -** To ape off Johnny on The Wild One, we are always lookiing for more ideas to make the club better. If you got skills that you think will help, we want to hear about it! Reach out to the Chairman or a Board member and spout off!

TOMCC CAROLINAS BENEFITS, 2026

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

MAKING RIDING MORE AFFORDABLE!

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 British 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







Photo: Mike Mehren

TOMCC Carolinas Member Spotlight - Richard “Mad Man” Malpass

Known as “Madman Malpass” in his Triumph riding days, Rich was a stunt performer known for his daring motorcycle stunt work at race events, particularly in the 1970s and 1980s. He began performing at race events in 1975 and made his first appearance at Houston International Raceway in 1977
He is a great story teller, and he has a bunch of them! “Back in the 70's, Triumph really was the best bike for stunt riding.” says Rich. “It is well balanced and has the torque to easily lift the front wheel”. “But after that, other brands came along with new improved models.” Rich later competed as Crazy Keith Kardell on a Kawasaki and then Harley Davidson.
How it all started “I had a friend same age as me and just out of high school who bought a Daytona 500 and then shortly after, the engine went south. He purchased a shop manual and every evening I would run down to his house and we would stay up late into the night tearing the engine down and overhauling it. It was a successful project for us and so shortly after, I began looking for my own Triumph.”

“The bike I had purchased was a ’67 T120TT for which a previous owner had installed a head lamp and tail lamp. I had a blast street riding that bike for about a year but a friend from high school talked me into selling it. Shortly after that, I bought an insurance case a ’71 Bonneville. I always regretted selling the TT, so at the 2025 Mecum auction, I purchased another ’67 TT. I still have my ’71 Bonneville parked in my shop and cherish the good times I have had with it.” Thus began his stunt career!
“After graduating from Michigan Tech, I moved to Houston where I began my first professional job. In Houston was the Triumph dealership Russell Allen Cycles. Russell Allen helped me weld up my first pair of steel shoes. Then at Houston International Dragway I taught myself how to crawl off the back of my Bonneville and slide on the steel shoes. The Bonneville was perfect!
Come on out to some TOMCC events and you may get the chance to meet Rich! He has retired from stunt riding now, but still has some great stories to tell! We are happy to have him as branch member. He plans to take both his Triumphs to the AMCA Southern National meet in Denton NC in October 2026.



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