

TRIUMPHS & TRIBULATIONS



And party they did!



Photos: Trouble with the lighting? What lighting?



Had you been adventurous,
you would have taken home the
elusive Road Scholar Award.
"Drive 'em if you have 'em".

ON THE COVER

*Our big turn-out for the Mid-Winter Bash...
thanks to all that helped and attended to make this another successful event.*

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PREZ RELEASE

March Prez Release

It's been a quiet start to the year. Seems most club action has been around Federal Tax ID's and non-profit status, which really is no fun at all. So I am excited to think soon we will be able to have our cars out. I'm hopeful the mild winter will continue into an early spring, but something tells me we are going to be paying for the mild winter with a massive amount of snow in March. And you know the municipalities

have lots of surplus salt they will want to get rid of.

As far as I have heard, we still don't have a fully functioning PayPal method to pay annual dues, so we might miss the main in-rush this year, but should be setup for next year. I wasn't able to attend the tech session at the engine rebuild place, but that did sound exciting. Hopefully Steve will be able to share some of the sights. Lastly, a quick note to those planning upcom-

ing events. It would be great if you have anything you can write in to the newsletter promoting the event. And even better if you could remember to do a short write up with pictures after the event so all of us that didn't go can learn what happened and maybe be a bit jealous for not attending.

Jeremy



It's NEW. Now you can keep in touch, share photos, and let other Minnesota Triumph members know what you're up to. Check in at MN Triumphs on facebook. Go ahead, write on our wall.

MINUTES OF THE MINNESOTA TRIUMPHS

February 9, 2012 Meeting

President Jeremy Fohrenkamm called the meeting to order shortly before 6:57 p.m. (at least, that's when your intrepid secretary showed up and people were already chatting about events).

Membership Chair Lenny Kukuruza announced that she is working on a method by which members can pay their dues through PayPal. Stay tuned...

Also, Lenny mentioned that so far 61 members have renewed their dues, plus one new member has paid, for a total of 62 current paid members. Of those 62 members, there are 46 households: 33 have requested the e-mail copy of the newsletter and 13 have requested the printed copy. Lenny said she will start sending gentle reminders to members in an effort to have all the membership dues paid by March 31.

While Lenny encouraged everyone to sign up for the Yahoo! group (<http://autos.groups.yahoo.com/group/mntriumphsgroup>), there was some discussion about ownership of that Yahoo! group. Joe said he would reach out to Terry, who set up the group.

Treasurer Rick Hansen reported that we had \$2,933 in the checking account at the time of the meeting, but he reminded the group that we have not yet hit the summer season, which tends to be expensive for the group.

Regalia manager Suzanne McWilliams introduced our new member, Chuck Holley, who owns a '57 TR3. She also mentioned that she has a couple of new designs that can be applied to items like T-shirts and she's looking for feedback.

There are plenty of slots available for tech sessions. Most weekends between March and October are open.

From InterMarque: the Osseo events committee is rearranging parking for the Spring Kickoff to make access and parking easier for the participants. Those planning meetings are going well and we're looking forward to the Spring Kickoff on May 12.

Newsletter submissions are always welcome.

The Walleye 1000 will be held this summer. It's a non-competitive rally tour on June 9 and 10, covering about 400 to 500 miles (they were shooting for 600 miles, which would be about 1000 kilometers, but to quote the Web site, "Why kill ourselves?"). More information is on that site at <http://www.walleye1000.com>.

Russ is planning a weekend event in Reedsburg, Wis. It's about 220 miles away. Between Aug. 17 and 19, there will be a series of events and activities to which participants may come and go as they please. There is a steam engine festival going on that weekend, too. Russ has reserved 30 rooms at the hotel (\$79 per night Friday and Saturday night and \$69 Sunday night). Contact Russ if you are interested in purchasing any of the rooms.

Nancy Gelhar mentioned that she is participating in an anti-hunger program and is looking for people to help.

Anyone with pictures from the winter bash should send them to Orrin McGill.

Finally, "Road Scholar" stickers were awarded to Doug and Orrin for driving their TR6s to tonight's meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 7:31 p.m.

Total Attendees: 35

Total Triumph Cars: 2 TR6s

Five Speed Conversions for your TR.

Drop your RPM by about 900 at 70 MPH

EagleGate Kit uses Toyota W58 transmission and retains the TR hydraulics and clutch release bearing

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VTR REPORT

MARCH 2012

The ides of March 2012 are already upon us and here's hoping no lions are roaring in this the first month of spring in the North Country.

Well Triumphs are still used on television serials as evidenced on Parenthood, the Feb 21, 2012 edition. It looks as though Crosby Braberman was losing his fiancé when low and behold he starts his red TR6 with an after-market hardtop and pulls into a downpour of rain. She thought he was so cool in that car; she waved him down to stop. She told him that she would take him back. Right there in the rain beside the TR6 she asked him if he would marry her. Is another wedding coming in a TR6? Keep the car guys and girls!

In case you are not a VTR member highlights from the last Vintage Triumph, as produced by the VTR: Phil Eithier is really not the owner of a beautiful autocross

TR 250; Vic Hammond's, Standard Triumphs chief stylist from 1955-1960, recalls memories of the TR roadster; That's the car for you, a Gt6 in the family; Herald touring edition; Creating a "TR6A"; and another wedding made happier by a TR3 as written in "It all started with a Triumph"; and for those VTR convention folks from our club, a nice story on Bill Derksen and his TR8. Now you really want to join the VTR? Then see below. The Vintage Triumph Register was founded in 1974 and is dedicated to the maintenance, preservation and enjoyment of the Triumph marque. Benefits of membership include a bi-monthly magazine, The Vintage Triumph; technical consultants; annual convention which is held at various locations in the country and brings together hundreds of Triumph enthusiasts; support of our club and many others; Tri-

umph regalia; and special rates on insurance for your vintage Triumph.

To join, go to www.vtr.org, and check the site for membership or I will help you with the details if you wish. The cost is \$35 for the year. Please join all of your friends at MN TR who already enjoy being a VTR member.

Please join many of your MN TR members and friends this coming OCT 28-NOV 2 at the beautiful San Luis Resort on Galveston Island, TX. Room reservations at the VTR convention rate will be available next month. Details will be found at www.kingswayrc.com/txtr/. Our hosts will be The Texas Triumph Register. Respectfully,
Larry Sanderson, your MN TR VTR Liaison, 507 269 1500
myfriendlar@yahoo.com

**Galveston, TX Or Bust
Let's Go For It.
Lets see some beautiful country and have a
great time on the Gulf Coast.
This should be the best VTR ever.**

Look Who's Going!

**Orrin & Pam McGill
Larry & Gayle Sanderson**

Triumph Calendar

March

March 8
Monthly Meeting: Fort Snelling Officers Club. Extremity thawing begins at 6 p.m. and meeting starts at 7 p.m.

April

April 12
Monthly Meeting: Fort Snelling Officers Club. Tire kicking begins at 6 p.m. and meeting starts at 7 p.m.

April 21

Spring Shakedown Tour. Jeremy and Kelly Fohrenkamm, hosts. Details to come.

April 28

Midwest Motor Sports Open House/ Tech Session Party – 728 8th Ave S, Sauk Rapids, MN.

May

May 10
Monthly Meeting: Fort Snelling Officers Club. Tire kicking begins at 6 p.m. and meeting starts at 7 p.m.

May 12

Inter-Marque Council Spring Kick-Off Downtown Osseo 9:00 a.m-2:00 p.m.

May 19

Commemorative Airforce Spring Hangar Dance – Dance to the Roseville Big Band, tour the museum, see restored WWII aircraft. Open to all Intermarque clubs.

Preferred parking will be available for sports cars. \$10 admission (this is a fundraiser for the Commemorative Airforce). Fleming Field, South St. Paul. Dick Leighninger, host

May 20

Mystery Tour and Super Sausage Sunday Barbecue. Larry and Gail Berg, hosts.

May 26

Minnesota MG Group spring drive – open to all clubs. Tom and June Moerke, hosts. See Intermarque Monthly for more information.

June

June 2

Advance Distributors open house, Shakopee. Details to come.

June 9

Amery Airport Run I. For further information contact Tom Hazen myliberty@comcast.net

June 14

Monthly Meeting Fort Snelling Officers Club. Tire Kicking starts at 6p.m and meeting starts at 7p.m

June 14-17

Vintage Sports Car Rendezvous 2012. This year's location, Kenora, Ontario. www.britishcar.ca/rendezvous

June 22-24

Back to the 50's Minnesota State Fair Grounds St. Paul, Minnesota

June 24

Inter-Marque Picnic. Cherokee Park in St. Paul, Minnesota. 1 p.m. Bring a dish to pass. If it rains, it's cancelled.

June 30

Woodland Hill Winery tour. Open to all marques. Details to come. Steve Shogren, host.

June 30 – August 4

Automotive Art Exhibit. Hopkins Center for the Arts. Details to come.

July

July 12

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Triumph Calendar

July 13-15	August 11-12	Lake Street in downtown Wayzata between Superior Blvd and Broadway Ave). \$20 per car. Spectators are FREE!
The Kohler International Challenge (formerly known as the BRIC). This is the big annual vintage car race event held at Road America in Elkhart Lake Wisconsin	New London to New Brighton run – Old-time cars take to the back roads.	
July 14	August 17-19	September 13
Iola Old Car Show, Iola, Wisconsin. http://www.iolaoldcarshow.com/	Reedsburg/Baraboo, Wisconsin weekend. Drive great back roads, enjoy spectacular scenery, tour fun museums. Russ and Sharon Mattson, hosts.	Monthly Meeting at Fort Snelling Officer's Club. Tire kicking starts at 6:00 p.m. and the meeting starts at 7:00 p.m.
July 21	August 25	September 29
Lexington Restaurant Triumph show. St. Paul. Sue and Phil Ethier, hosts. Details to come.	Amery Airport Event II. Watch for event flier. For information contact Tom Hazen myliberty@comcast.net	Minnesota MG Group fall color tour.
July 27	August 26	September 30
Intermarque Drive in Movie Night. Cottage View Drive In, Cottage Grove. Show starts at dusk. Andy Lindberg, host.	Inter-Marque Picnic - Cherokee Park in St. Paul, Minnesota. 1 p.m. Bring a dish to pass. If it rains, it's cancelled.	Inter-Marque Picnic - Cherokee Park in St. Paul, Minnesota. Bring a dish to pass. If it rains, it's cancelled. 1 p.m.
July 29	September	October
Inter-Marque Picnic at Cherokee Park in St. Paul. 1 p.m. Bring a dish to pass. If it rains, it's cancelled.	September 8	October 6
August	Wheels and Wings, Osceola. Triumph club picnic to follow at the home of Phil and Sue Ethier.	Minnesota Austin Healey Club color tour. Hosted by Tom Hazen. A great tour of Wisconsin backroads. Open to all clubs.
August 9	September 7-9	October 11
Monthly Meeting. Fort Snelling Officers Club. Tire kicking starts at 6p.m and meeting starts at 7:00p.m	Fall Vintage Race Festival. See vintage racing up close. Elkhart Lake, Wisconsin.	Monthly Meeting/Elections at Fort Snelling Officer's Club. Tire kicking starts at 6:00p.m and the meeting starts 7:00p.m Last meeting of the year.
August 11	September 9	October 13
Brit Fest. Details about time and location to come.	Wayzata Charity car show. Sponsored by Wayzata Rotary. 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM. Mill Street (one block north of	Minnesota Triumphs fall color tour Terry Mackey and Russ Mattson to find host.

Triumph Calendar

October 27

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THE VINTAGE VOICE

Intermarque Halloween Party,
Stillwater
Hosted by Bob and Lori
Jensen. Watch for details in
Intermarque Monthly.

October 31-November 3

VTR - Galveston TX

November

November 11

High tea
Hosted by Russ and Sharon
Mattson (tentative)

January 1, 2013
Toast the New Year at sun-
rise. Birkmose Park, Hudson,
Wisconsin. Then on to break-
fast. Open to all clubs.
Doug Burch

2012 NORTHERN LIGHTS RENDEZVOUS, KENORA—JUNE 14-17, 2012

In case you hadn't heard, the **2012 Rendezvous** will be held in Kenora, Ontario – a magnificent resort community in the heart of the Lake of the Woods. The event has the usual three day program starting on Thursday, June 14th and is designed to let everyone make their way home on Sunday, June 17th, 2012.

Kenora is an ideal location for a Rendezvous and almost all our attending clubs can make their way there in a reasonable day's drive. Hosted by the four Winnipeg LBC clubs: The Triumph Driver's Club, the Austin-Healey Club, the Jaguar Club and the Mid-Canada Mini Group, the event itself will be held at the Best Western Lakeside Inn in downtown Kenora right on the water's edge. In fact, the Lakeside Inn and its parking lot look over the fabulous Kenora harbour and you'll be able to watch tour boats, float planes and many kinds of wildlife right from the edge of the LBC parking lot or from the roof-top restaurant and bar in the circular Lakeside hotel.

Our three day program will offer many of the traditional events that everyone has come to expect at a Rendezvous such as a paved road car rally, a funkhana, a Saturday afternoon car show under a spectacular tent and the opening Thursday afternoon golf tournament. To spice things up a bit, our program will also include a few treats such as a 'foot rally', a guided driving tour to Rushing River provincial park, a number of tech challenge events, self-guided walking tours past the many murals in the town of Kenora and a Friday evening boat cruise through the islands of Lake of the Woods on the MS Kenora – all included in the cost of your basic registration! To top it all off, we've engaged Dennis Gage – the handlebar moustached star of TV's 'My Classic Car' – to spend Saturday afternoon with us at our car show and to be the guest speaker at our Saturday evening Awards Banquet.



We are trying a different approach to registration for 2012. We would like everyone to register, sign up for our events and pay for their registration on our Rendezvous web site. You can still register by mail, but there will be a \$5 registration up-charge for mail-in registrations to cover for the associated bank charges.

Our 2012 Rendezvous web site is located at <http://www.britishcar.ca>. We are in the process of finalizing our registration details and intend to have the on-line registration with credit card payment available before the end of November, 2011. We will contact each club when the web site registration is available for your use.

After our launch presentation last June at the Fargo Rendezvous, we had a very good initial response and as of several months ago, all the rooms at our primary hotel, the Lakeside Inn in Kenora have been booked. **We still have rooms available at our second Kenora hotel, the Super 8 Hotel.** To reserve your room at the Super 8, please call the hotel directly at (807) 468-8016 and ask for the 'Rendezvous 2012' room rate of \$95 Cdn plus tax. The Super 8 is located at 240 Lakeview Drive in Kenora; it has a very good view of the Lake of the Woods as well and is a short drive from our main event hotel.

If you haven't already made plans to do so, come to Kenora, Ontario in June, 2012 for a memorable Northern Lights Rendezvous experience – and a great Lake of the Woods holiday. Better yet, come early, or stay a few days longer and enjoy the many things that Kenora has to offer on the water's edge in the heart of some of the more breathtaking lake country around.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact our 2012 Rendezvous co-chairs: Brian Lanoway (204) 261-0915, blanoway@shaw.ca, or Tom Struthers (204) 771-5214, tstruthers@gmail.com.

See you in Kenora in June, 2012!

Brian Lanoway

2012 MULTI MARQUE CALENDAR

ALL classified, calendar and event submissions are due by the 5th of the month PRIOR. (April issue due by March 5).
For a computer-savvy Twin Cities Car Club Event Calendar go to <http://calendar.mnhealey.com/>

ONGOING

Multi-Marque Breakfast EVERY* SATURDAY MORNING! 8:30 a.m., Square Peg Diner, 2021 East Hennepin in the Hennepin Square Building, Minneapolis, Minnesota. Everyone is invited! Special room for the auto-afflicted. Attendance on recent Saturdays has been twenty to thirty or more. Women are invited every Saturday but the second Saturday of every month is Lady's Day. All marques and nationalities invited. Info on and map to the Peg: <http://www.squarepegdiner.com/> (*The Peg is sometimes closed on holiday weekends.)

East Ender's Saturday Morning Breakfast A group of vintage foreign motoring enthusiasts have started a semi-monthly East Ender's Breakfast Group for those that want Breakfast a little later and not drive to Minneapolis. Join the East Ender's on the 1ST AND 3RD SATURDAYS each month, 9:00 a.m. at: Sail Away Café, 1321 St. Croix Trail, Afton, MN. North of County Road 18 and St. Croix Trail.

Cars and Café FIRST SATURDAY APRIL–OCTOBER. 8:00 a.m. until 11:00 a.m. Auto MotorPlex, 8200 Audubon Road, Chanhassen, Minnesota. Largest monthly gathering of auto enthusiasts in Minnesota. Info: www.automotorplex.com See the NEW THIRD SATURDAY event details on page 18.

Duluth Multi-Marque Breakfast? This is a call to any British car enthusiast that lives within driving distance of Duluth. Randy Zimmerman would like to see if he could generate some interest in finding a Saturday am breakfast place to gather in Duluth like folks do in the Twin Cities at the Square Peg. Contact Randy at zimme008@yahoo.com

February 26: Annual All British Swap Meet. DuPage County Fairgrounds in Wheaton, Illinois. 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Over 100 vendors last year. Hosted by the Chicagoland MG Club with guest appearances from other Chicago British car clubs.
<http://www.chicagolandmgclub.com/swapmeet/>

March 17 & 18: John Twist Tech Session. John Twist Coming To Quality Coaches. Twist is THE MG guru in the U.S. Two separate days of instruction. Please contact Dave Braun (dave@dbraun99.com) or Quality Coaches (<http://www.quality-coaches.com/>) for more information. Suggestions sought on topics to cover. Agenda similar to last year, \$100 per day per person.

April 14: Tech Session. 9:00 a.m. at Steve Rixen's garage, 729 Paul Burch Dr., Hudson, WI.
(scrixen@gmail.com)

April 28: Tech Session/Open House. Midwest Motor Sports, 728 8th Ave. South, Sauk Rapids, MN. Hosted by Dan Iberg and the Minnesota MG Club.

May 6: Maplewood Imports Auto Fair. 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. German car show. Info: George Andeweg@Maplewood Imports. Watch for flyer.

May 19: Commemorative Airforce Spring Hangar Dance. Dance to the Roseville Big Band, tour the museum, and see restored WWII aircraft. Open to all Intermarque clubs. Preferred parking will be available for sports and vintage cars. \$10 admission (this is a fundraiser for the Commemorative Airforce). Fleming Field, South St. Paul. Dick Leighninger, host

May 19: Minnesota Scottish Fair & Highland Games (British Car Display) Dakota County Fair Grounds, 4008 220th Street West, Farmington, MN
<http://www.mnscottishfair.org/>

May 26: Spring Tour. Intermarque event hosted by the Minnesota MG Club and Tom & June Moerke. Tour will end at the Laurel Inn in Wisconsin.

May 27: MN Streetcar Museum Car Show. 1-4pm Lake Harriet Depot, 4200 Queen Avenue S., MPLS. Free Admission. Cars from 1900-1970 Welcome. Free Street Car Rides. Cruise Lake Harriet and Lake of the Isles at 4pm. Contact Dave: 952-943-8357.

2012 MULTI MARQUE CALENDAR (CONT.)

June 2: Tech Session. Advanced Distributor, 17495 Marystow Road, Shakopee, MN

June 2 – 5: Diamond Jubilee. Celebrations to mark 60 years of The Queen's (that's Elizabeth for you non-Anglophiles) reign. FYI: The rules concerning the use of Diamond Jubilee-related names and titles for non-commercial purposes have been temporarily relaxed. This could cover using the titles for community events, buildings and projects to mark Her Majesty's Diamond Jubilee.

June 9: Amery Speed run/Autocross. Amery, Wisconsin. Hosted by Minnesota Austin-Healey Club. Excellent test running of your favorite Sports Car orchestrated by Tom Hazen.

June 9 – 10: Walleye 1000 Vintage Rally. No time or money to go on high dollar vintage rallies like the Colorado Grand or California Mille? Maybe your driver quality vintage car wouldn't make the cut, anyway. Maybe you've got a pristine, blue chip collectible you just don't get the chance to drive much. Do you like fun people, cool cars and the open road? If so, this just might be for you! Event is open to interesting classic, sports and grand touring cars model year 1979 and older. From the patinated to the pristine, from works in progress to completed projects, Blue Chip collectibles to vintage Fright Pigs, all are welcome and encouraged to participate. Info: walleye1000.com or Dave Tobin Phone: (651) 216-1265 Email: dave@daveknowscars.com

June 14 – 17: Northern Lights Rendezvous Kenora, Ontario. See all the info in this issue.

June 24: Intermarque Picnic. 2:00 p.m. Cherokee Park, St. Paul. All vintage foreign motorcars and their friends are invited. June picnic host: TBD.

June 24: Stillwater Fire Muster, canceled twice last year because of flood waters on the St. Croix, is scheduled on the official calendar for Sunday , with the Not Quite A Parade starting about one o'clock and fire trucks pumping in Lowell Park at the riverfront all afternoon. Kodak moments all afternoon. Ride on the trucks heading downtown. Hold on to a hose and nozzle spraying water from an antique fire truck Getting wet is optional.

June 30: Woodland Hill Winery tour. Open to all intermarque marques. Details to come. Minnesota Triumphs host.

June 30–August 4: Velocity 2: The Art of Motion. Hopkins Center for the Arts, Hopkins, MN. Opening Gala Reception: Saturday, June 30, 7:00–10:00 p.m. Free and open to the public. Some of the cars that will be at the June 30th exhibition opening: 1938 MG Sedan; 1968 Maserati Ghibli; 1972 Lamborghini Muria; 1990 BMW M3; 1965 Mini Cooper Special; 1953 Chevrolet Corvette; 1963 Chevrolet Corvette; 2003 Porsche GT3 RS; 1973 Porsche 911; and 1965 BMW 2002 tii. Velocity is the largest, stand-alone automotive fine art exhibition in the United States, and draws crowds of car buffs to downtown Hopkins. See work by some of the most-recognized names in the world of automotive art as well as rising stars. Special car shows and events will be held in conjunction with the exhibition. Watch the Velocity 2 Facebook page for details.

July 12–15: The Hawk with Brian Redman. RoadAmerica in Elkhart Lake, WI. This is the super big annual vintage car race event. 2012 will feature a Lola T70 Marque and Historic CAN-AM. <http://www.roadamerica.com/Races/RaceInformation.aspx?id=244>

July 14: Coulee Classic Rally. Contact Ed Solstad. 612822-0569

July 14: Iola Old Car Show, Iola, Wisconsin. <http://www.iolaoldcarshow.com/>

July 21: Lexington Restaurant Triumph show. St. Paul. Come and see the TRs. Details to come. Info: Sue and Phil Ethier

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The By-laws Change

In section IX. DISSOLUTION OF MINNESOTA TRIUMPHS

Old wording:

"In the event that it becomes necessary to dissolve Minnesota Triumphs, all properties and moneys of The Club shall be divided equally among the current dues paid membership list."

New wording:

"In the event that it becomes necessary to dissolve Minnesota Triumphs, after the payment of all outstanding debts and expenses, the assets of the club will be distributed to members and/or exempt organizations in accordance with relevant provisions of the Internal Revenue Code."

The Reason

Minnesota Triumphs was incorporated in 1996 and has maintained its Minnesota nonprofit status since then. The Club sends a form to the Secretary of State each year to keep our nonprofit charter in effect.

At the Federal level, the Club has operated as an informal nonprofit during this period because its low annual gross receipts did not require it to file for tax-exempt status. This changed a few years ago.

As of 2008, the IRS required all nonprofits to have been granted explicit nonprofit status by the IRS, and then to file a short annual informational return. This requirement was in response to concerns that smaller nonprofits were not keeping the IRS up to date on changes to business addresses and other key information.

On discovering this, the Clubs choices were to go forward as a for-profit corporation (from the Federal perspective), file corporate returns, and pay any Federal taxes due every year, or become a recognized nonprofit at the Federal level. The Club Officers decision was to take the second option and we are now in the process of filing for Federal nonprofit status.

Here's the catch. Unlike regular corporations, nonprofits do not have shareholders or owners. They are owned by no one person or group of persons and cannot be sold. In the event the officers of a nonprofit want to dissolve the corporation, they must distribute all of its assets to another nonprofit corporation. We are filing for a 'Social Club' status, where this distribution requirement is a little more flexible. For instance, unused member dues and fees may be returned to them.

When we apply for nonprofit status, we have to provide a lot of documentation, including a copy of the Club's current By-laws, which means our By-laws have to be changed to bring us in compliance with IRS regulations for nonprofits, or our application will probably be denied.

Minnesota Triumphs

Tech Specialists

As a service to fellow members, club members with an expertise in a particular model of Triumph have volunteered to act as tech specialists for that model. They don't know everything but they do know a lot. So, if you have a question, give them a call.

TR2/3/3A/3B - John Kallaus (952-891-5266)

TR4 - John Myers (507-633-2017)

TR4A - Larry Sanderson (507-775-6940)

TR250/TR6 - Orrin McGill (763-755-7765)

TR7 - Charles Setala (651-490-0489)

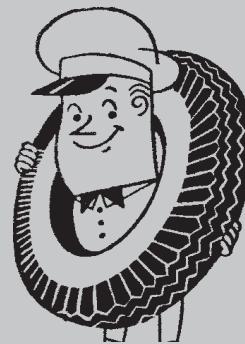
TR8 - Greg Gelhar (763-424-6434)

Spitfire - Bill Gingerich (612-850-4072)

GT6 - Pat McFarland (763-427-5612)

Renown -

Citroën - A. Lindberg (651-292-8585)



Are you looking for something to dream about this Winter? Here is a list of some web sites to make you wish it was warm enough to be out in the garage.

<http://www.carguygarage.com/> Everything you need to set up your work space.

<http://www.roonuts.com/> Although there is little Triumph content yet, here is another auction site dealing with classic cars and parts.

<http://www.britcot.com/Index.html> Here's a link I just received, to an interesting site that lists numerous small suppliers of unique British car parts, accessories, and services. Lots of Triumph-specific guys in the list, as well as other good stuff. Some US, some British-based.

<http://www.thereifixedit.com/> Are your mechanical skills less than ideal? Here is a web site that will make your work look like it was done by a professional. Check it out every now and then.

Member Notes (Continued from Page 18)

is mntriumphsgroup-subscribe@yahoogroups.com. Don't forget to address it to Ron, state your name, etc.

Paypal. For those of you who can't always make it to club meetings and don't like mailing checks to me for renewals, our current club Treasurer, Rick Hansen has set up a Paypal account for our club. More information will be coming about this in the very near future. There will most likely be a new sign-up form that will include some sort of Paypal confirmation code to include for bookkeeping purposes. If you do use Paypal, you will still need to send me a filled out sign-up form to me so that I can include you in our club roster.

Birthday Wishes: A **HAPPY BIRTHDAY** to Dick Leighninger (March 30), Joe Messacar (March ?), Chal Setala (March ?), Steve Shogren (March 10), and any other club members who are celebrating their birthdays in March!

See you all at the March 8th club meeting. Limb thawing commences at 6 PM; meeting starts at 7 PM.

Lenny Kukuruzza,
Membership Chair
Minnesota Triumphs Sports Car Club
612-501-5908
70GT6plus@gmail.com



30th ANNIVERSARY

MINNESOTA TRIUMPHWEAR



T-Shirts/Sweatshirts:

Logo

- "Life's Too Short...."
- "We Service What We Drive"

Style

- Short T (\$13)
- Long T (\$21)*
- Crew Sweatshirt (\$26)*
- Hooded Sweatshirt (\$32)*

Size

- M
- L
- XL
- XXL

Color

- White
- Gray
- Ash

Sweatshirts only



*Long Sleeves includes "MN Triumph" on sleeve

Embroidered Shirts:

Logo



- 30th Anniversary Logo
- "Lifes Too Short.." Logo*

Style

- Polo (\$36)
- Crew Sweatshirt (\$32)
- Hooded Sweatshirt (\$37)

Gender

- Mens
- Ladies

Size

- S (ladies only)
- M
- L
- XL
- XXL

Color

- White
- Black
- Gold
- Navy
- Lt. Blue
- Forest Green
- Ash
- Athletic Gray



* Embroidered "Lifes Too Short.." logo includes Union Jack flag w/o Triumph

Leather Sleeve Wool Jacket with 30th Anniversary Logo on front \$120:

Logo

- "Lifes Too Short.." text only on back (Add\$20)
- Name on right side (Add \$8)

Size

- M
- L
- XL
- XXL
- XXXL

Color

- Black/Black
- Black/Tan
- Blue/Tan



Microfiber Pullover Windjacket \$45:

Logo

- 30 Anniversary Logo
- "Lifes Too Short.." Logo*

Size

- M
- L
- XL
- XXL
- XXXL (add \$5)
- XLT (add \$5)
- XXLT (add \$5)

Color

- Black/Black
- Black/Putty
- Cobalt/Black
- Cocoa
- Steel Gray
- Ivory
- Navy
- Red
- Dark

* Embroidered "Lifes Too Short.." logo includes Union Jack flag w/o Triumph

Oxford Shirt \$35:

Logo

- 30 Anniversary Logo
- "Lifes Too Short.." Logo*

Size

- M
- L
- XL
- XXL
- XXXL (add \$5)
- XLT (add \$5)

Color

- Denim
- Black
- Blue
- White
- Denim
- Yellow
- Red
- Forest
- Navy
- Gold



* Embroidered "Lifes Too Short.." logo includes Union Jack flag w/o Triumph

Embroidered Hats:

Logo

- 30th Anniversary Logo
- Pink
- "Lifes Too Short..."

Style

- Champion (\$22)
- Flexfit Drivers (\$22)
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- Khaki
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- Olive
- Black
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- Olive
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- Gray



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Subtotal \$ _____ Name _____
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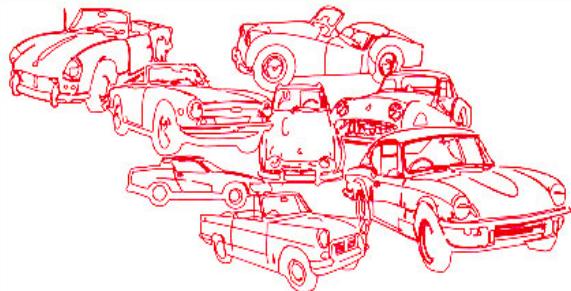
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Patrick Holt

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About Minnesota Triumphs Car Club

Minnesota Triumphs formed in 1981 when a group of Triumph enthusiasts met for an afternoon of fun and conversation at Fort Snelling Park.

Since then, the club has grown to more than 150 members from throughout the Midwest.

Our activities include:

- Monthly meetings
- Social gatherings
- Tech sessions
- Road rallies
- Regional and national events

We welcome all Triumph enthusiasts, whether you own a concourse-winning showpiece, are restoring a diamond in the rough, are searching for just the right addition to your garage or just appreciate the marque.

Together we can locate those hard-to-find parts and assist one another in keeping our vehicles on the road. But most of all, the club offers opportunities to explore some of the best roads in the region with others who enjoy the Triumph experience.

Membership

Our membership year runs January 1 through December 31.

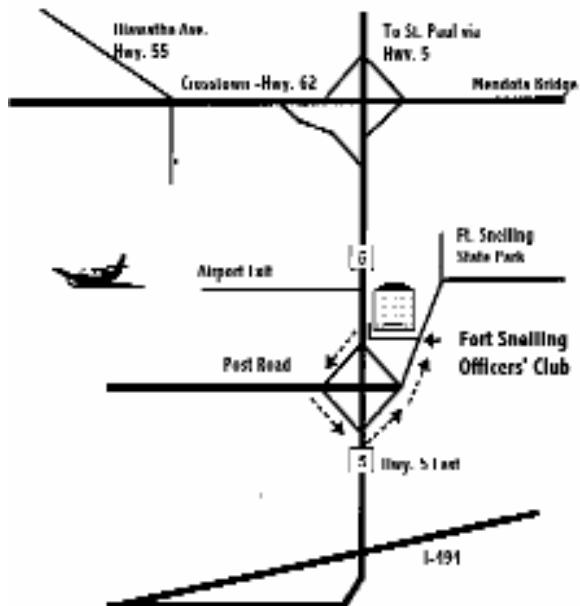
Annual membership is \$25 (an additional \$1 provides your partner with voting privileges at our annual election of officers). With this membership fee, your newsletter can be seen on-line or you can pick up a hard copy at the monthly meetings.

If you prefer to have your newsletter mailed to you, membership fee is \$35 (plus \$1 for partner's voting privileges).

Join after September 1st and enjoy full membership benefits through the remainder of the current year and the entire next year.

Monthly Meetings

Minnesota Triumphs meets the second Thursday of each month, January through October. Club members gather at the Fort Snelling Officers' Club at the intersection of Post Rd. and Hwy. 5 across from the Minneapolis/St. Paul International Airport.



Membership Notes

Membership Notes for March 2011

Currently, we have a total of 63 new, returning and Lifetime club members for 2012. Membership year runs January 1 through December 31. New members who joined after September 1, 2011 are able to enjoy their membership privileges through December 31, 2012.

Due Date. If you haven't renewed your membership yet, please do so by **March 31st**. Otherwise, your name will not appear on the 2012 club roster, and you will no longer be receiving email announcements about upcoming events, including "spur-of-the-moment" impromptu get-togethers that occur now and then during the summer.

As of October of 2010, a few minor changes were voted on regarding membership fees; there are two levels:

- Annual membership is **\$25** (an **additional \$1** provides your partner with voting privileges). With this membership fee, your newsletter will be emailed to you, and/or you can pick up a hard copy at the monthly meetings.
- If you prefer to have your newsletter mailed to you, membership fee is **\$35 (plus \$1 for partner's voting privileges)**.

Please use the new sign up form when you send in your membership dues. It has the correct address to mail your membership renewals to. Also, we're asking for more information to update our database.

Yahoo Group. If you haven't joined the MN Triumph club Yahoo group, I strongly urge you to do so. If you need help in setting up a Yahoo profile to do this, you might want to see Joe DeMuth, Fred Olson or Orrin McGill. They should be able to help you out with this. If you already have a Yahoo Profile, you can join our Yahoo group by going to the home page at <http://autos.groups.yahoo.com/group/mntriumphsgroup/>, click on "**Join this group**" and include a note in the "**Comments**" section of the application. Address it to Ron, state your name and indicate that you are a club member of the MN Triumphs interested in joining the Yahoo group. Or you can email to the Yahoo group. The email address

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Membership Sign Up

Name: _____

Partner: _____

Address: _____

Phone (day): _____

Phone (evening): _____

Cell Phone: _____

E-mail: _____

Newsletter Delivery Preference:

On-line Mailed Pick Up

Model of Triumph(s) Owned

Member of Vintage Triumph Register (www.vtr.org)?

Yes No

Referred by: _____

Am't paid (circle): \$25 \$26 \$35 \$36

Date of Birth (month & day only):

Send membership fee to:

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Minnesota Triumphs
P.O. Box 6115
Minneapolis, MN 55406



Check our web site at:

www.mntriumphs.org

Membership meetings are on the SECOND THURSDAY of the month (except no meetings in November and December). Meetings begin at 7:00 p.m. and are held at the Fort Snelling Officers' Club, just south of the Minneapolis St. Paul International Airport. Everyone is invited to attend, whether you are a member or not.

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We have an e-mail site you can easily join. It is Minnesota Triumphs Yahoo mail.

Simply send an e-mail to

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You don't have to ask for anything, they will see your e-mail address and take it from there.



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