

# TRIUMPHS & TRIBULATIONS



## TECHMASTERS

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### ON THE COVER

*Great turn out for a tech session, and not surprisingly(?)...the "Spitty" ran afterwards!  
Thanks Linda and Alex for food and beverages in a HEATED GARAGE.*

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## PREZ RELEASE

### MAY 2013

The first order of the day is to apologize to Orrin McGill our editor for being so late in getting this release to him. It's April 29<sup>th</sup> and his deadline was way back on the 20<sup>th</sup>. Gail and I have been so busy with our move that I simply let it slip by. There hasn't been time this month to do much Triumph related or anything very presidential. Larry Sanderson's TR6 did get a new brake system and the engine and transmission is ready to be installed in the TR6 that Joe Bisanz and I are working on but that's about all.

This isn't Triumph related however, I thought this may be a good opportunity to fill you all in on our unusual move. Back in 1972 Gail and I purchased our first home, a three bedroom rambler, in New Hope and we lived there with our three children until 1988. We then had a new home constructed, a modified two story, just two miles away in Plymouth. In 2005 our oldest

daughter, Sidne, spotted a for sale sign on our old home in New Hope and she purchased it. So now Sidne was now back in the home she grew up in. Life goes on and in 2010 Sidne was married and moved to her new home in Minnetonka leaving the home in New Hope vacant, she just couldn't part with it. We are all getting a little older every year and the thought of living in a rambler again started looking pretty good to us, no more stairs to climb, a lot less yard to take care of. After much deliberation we decided to make the move so Gail and I are now back in New Hope in the very same house we purchased in back in 1972. I just can't imagine that happening too often. Now it's remodeling time. Our plan is to give it a complete going over and updating in the next year or so as only a few changes had been made to the home since we moved out in 1988.

Back to Triumph business. Former member John Hagen and the

Vintage racing group are asking for our help with an event at Brainerd International the weekend of May 25<sup>th</sup> -26<sup>th</sup>. The Vintage group is helping run/promote the Track Touring and need help with inspections and general administration. From the information that I received from John it looks like you can join the SCCA for the weekend, and be insured to run the track for \$40. It should be a fun weekend and it's always great to get on the track and see what the big boys do. Event information, although quite limited, is posted on the BIR and VSCR websites. John may be reached at (612) 590-1248. Additional information will be emailed to members as it becomes available.

Let's not forget about the 2013 Spring Shake Down Drive on May 4<sup>th</sup>. John Kallaus and Steve Shogren have been working hard to make this a challenging, fun filled event. Larry



**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

## April 11, 2013 Meeting

President Larry Berg called the meeting to order at 6:58 p.m.

Three new members were at tonight's meeting:

- Gene Kimball is the proud owner of a 1975 TR6 whose starter went out in the fall.
- Gary Blesi has been restoring a 1929 Buick but is looking for a Triumph to enjoy something a little more sporty.
- Kevin Heath is a proper Englishman who owns a TR3.

Newsletter editor Orrin McGill said he always appreciates nice write-ups (with pictures) of anything Triumph-related, so feel free to send those in.

Secretary Fred Olson mentioned that the "Members' Cars" section of the website ([www.mntriumphs.org](http://www.mntriumphs.org)) could use some updating. There's a link at the bottom of that page to send pictures and info to Fred.

John Kallaus gave a great preview of the Spring Shakedown tour coming up on April 20. The drive will be about 60 miles, but will include a questionnaire of about 80 questions/riddles. The answers to the questions can be found along the drive, but you might need to keep your eyes peeled, so a co-driver is highly recommended. Or you could just enjoy the drive without worrying about the questions.

John also mentioned that he's hoping to have a tech session sometime in which we'll install an automatic transmission into a TR6, since the auto from a Triumph 2000 pretty much drops right in. The 2000 wasn't sold in the U.S. but there are lots of them overseas.

Event coordinators Terry Mackey and Dick Leighninger mentioned that there are still a couple of events in need of organizers. Anyone willing to help can contact Terry and Dick.

Larry made a little public service announcement reminding everyone to check their brakes. He said brakes can deteriorate pretty quickly if not serviced regularly, and you don't want to be caught without them.

Pat Holt mentioned that the InterMarque Spring Kick-off is still planned for May 11. This year will be a little different in that each organization will have only two spaces for cars, plus a space for some promotional table/tent, around the Osseo, Minn., town

square. All of the other cars will be scattered along the streets in no particular order, in an effort to provide a little more variety to visitors.

Larry finally presented Bill Nelson with his calendars for winning last year's calendar photo contest. He also reminded everyone that this year's calendar competition will involve pictures of our cars at barbecue restaurants.

Mark Stephens brought a bunch of pictures from one of the InterMarque picnics from 2011. He had extras in case anyone wanted to keep one – the rest will go to Greg Gelhar.

Phil Ethier invited everyone to take part in the upcoming autocross events, which can be found online at [www.mnautox.com](http://www.mnautox.com).

Larry adjourned the meeting at 7:42 p.m.

Total Attendees: 43

Total Triumph Cars: 0 (another snowy day in this long winter)

## 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)



# VTR REPORT

## VTR REPORT MAY 2013

By the time this is published the weather probably will have turned on a dime and all the snow will be gone and the daffodils and apple trees will still get to bloom this year. For now the report from Byron is 4 more inches of snow for tonight. My son reports over 30" of snow for April in Duluth. Clean those cars up cause you will be out and about soon. I look forward to new shoes and new calipers that should be installed soon on the 6. Maybe it will stop when I want to use the brakes without locking up whenever it feels like it wants to stop.

As you know, the 2013 VTR National Convention will be held in the greater San Francisco Bay area in coordination with Triumphest. Please join all of us

listed below From October 2 through 6, 2013 for this exciting venue in San Rafael, CA. The hotel sight is the Embassy Suites. This should be another great VTR as the Greater San Francisco Triumph Clubs will be our hosts. We will be on the edge of the wine country of Napa north of San Francisco. **Now is the time to plan for a great California vacation while seeing some of America's best Triumphs. Contact the Embassy Suites San Rafael-Marin County, CA at 1 415 499 9222 for hotel reservations or complete details at: [www.triumphtravelers.org](http://www.triumphtravelers.org).**

If you are not a VTR member please consider joining VTR now

as you need to be a member to go to VTR. The cost is \$35 which includes the bi-monthly magazine, the Vintage Triumph, technical consultants, the annual convention, support of our club and other regional clubs, Triumph regalia and special rates on insurance for your vintage TR. Please back the club who works so hard to help keep the TR badge alive so that others may continue to have an interest in our cars in hopes of keeping our values high. Please call me with questions or go to [www.vtr.org](http://www.vtr.org) to join.

Larry Sanderson, your MN TR VTR Liaison, 507 269 1500  
[myfriendlar@yahoo.com](mailto:myfriendlar@yahoo.com)

## **San Rafael, California Or Bust**

### **Let's Go For It.**

**Lets see some beautiful country and have a great time on the West Coast.**

**This should be the best VTR ever.**

### **Look Who's Going!**

**Orrin & Pam McGill  
Joe & Virginia Bisanz  
Larry & Gayle Sanderson  
Greg & Carole Thompson  
Terry & Sharon Neuman  
Wayne Morris & Joan Ostenson  
Terry & Bernadette Mackey**

**[See Flyer on Page 12](#)**

# Triumph Calendar

4/29/13

**MINNESOTA TRIUMPHS  
SPORTS CAR CLUB  
2013 EVENTS CALENDAR  
(tentative)**

**Does not include \*Cherokee  
Park picnics (last Sunday of  
each month)**

**MAY**

4-Shakedown / Spring Tour John  
Kallaus will be hosting

.9-Club meeting

11-\*Intermarque in Osseo, MN

18- Tech Session,  
@ Jim Larson's  
10424 Wyoming Ave. S  
Bloomington, MN 55438  
10:00AM Brakes and Leaky  
Differential, Exhaust Gas Ana-  
lyzer available for carb. tuning.

19- @ 2:00pm Meisville Mud  
Hens vs. Lake City Serpents.  
More info to come...Gary  
Stephenson to host.

Memorial Day Weekend:  
Drive the Brainerd International  
Race Track with your Sports Car  
See the BIR web site:  
[www.brainerdraceway.com/  
2013-schedule/eventsbydate.html](http://www.brainerdraceway.com/2013-schedule/eventsbydate.html)

29-June 1 \*British Car Week  
National Meet in Hot Springs,  
Arkansas

**JUNE**

2-\*10,000 Lakes Concours in  
Excelsior, MN

08-CAF Hanger Dance, 6PM to  
Midnight (host: Dick  
Leighninger)

6-9-\*Rendezvous in Grand  
Rapids, MN

13-Club meeting

15- Tech Session @  
Tom Meader's  
5104 Colfax Ave. N.  
612.267.9885  
Shocks and springs on a TR8

15-Antique tour (host: Steve  
Shogren)

21-23 Back to the 50s at MN  
State Fair

29-\*Amery Auto Cross & Speed  
Run in Amery, WI

30-MNTR Cherokee Park picnic  
(host: Phil & Sue Ethier)

**JULY**

11-Club meeting

11-14 \*Iola Car Swap & Show  
in Iola, WI

26-\*Drive In Movie Night @  
Vali Hi (host: Andy Lindberg)

27-\*Wine Tour (host: Steve  
Shogren)

**AUGUST**

4-Queen Mum Tour?

8-10 New London/New  
Brighton Antique Car Run

8-Club meeting

10-\*Britfest in Hudson, WI

24-\*Amery Auto Cross & Speed  
Run in Amery, WI

**SEPTEMBER**

07-\*CAF Hanger Dance 6PM to  
Midnight (host: Dick Leighninger)

07-\*Wheels & Wings in Osceola,  
WI

12-Club meeting

14-Summer Picnic (host: Phil &  
Sue Ethier)

20-22 \*Waumandee Hillclimb in  
Alma, WI

22-Mystery Tour (host needed)

**OCTOBER**

2-6 \*VTR in San Rafael, CA

10-Club meeting

12-Color Tour (host needed)

20-High Tea (host: Carole  
Isakson)

**JANUARY**

**JANUARY 2014-Winter Bash  
will be Jan 26, 2014...venue TBD**

\* Intermarque events

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

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## O N G O I N G

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**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.

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**April 20-21 MAC NOVICE AUTOCROSS DRIVING**

**SCHOOL.** MAC will again host a 2-day driving school for NOVICE (less than 1 season experience, no previous autocross school) autocrossers who want to learn more about the sport, how to get started, what to bring, how to prepare, how an event is conducted, how to get the most from your driving experience, and more! Saturday classroom session at Dunwoody College of Technology, Minneapolis, MN. Sunday driving instruction at Midway Stadium, Saint Paul, MN. Cost: \$50  
<http://www.mnautox.com>

**April 27 Midwest Motor Sports Open House.** 728 8th Ave. S., Sauk Rapids, MN 56379. Info: [www.sportscarguys.com](http://www.sportscarguys.com)

**May 3-5: Super Popular Awesome Miata Rally** We will be traveling southeast to the area made famous by fur trader Zebulon Pike, who saw Native Americans playing a game with sticks and a rubber ball, naming the great Midwestern city "La Crosse" WI. We will begin our journey in Prescott, WI (details later). This will be a fun tour of winding river roads and lots of Miata springtime fun! We will be staying at the LaCrosse Days Inn on Friday and Saturday night. For lunch on Friday, please bring your own lunch with you for a picnic style outing. On Saturday a drive or two will be planned, then a Saturday night dinner is provided by the club. We also have a Sunday drive towards one and activity planned. The fee for this event is \$60/per person. Registration Forms and checks should be returned by Friday, April 5. Checks should be made out to Miata Club of Minnesota. Questions? Contact: Dave or Deb Brinkman 612-369-3492, [dbrinkman@charter.net](mailto:dbrinkman@charter.net)

**May 4: British Car & Motorcycle Display at the Minnesota**

**Scottish Fair & Highland Games** (See flyer) Dakota County Fair Grounds, 4008 220th Street West, Farmington, MN <http://www.mnscottishfair.org/> In return for displaying a British car or motorcycle, we will provide two free passes per vehicle so the owners can enjoy an entire day of Scottish activities as well as being part of the British Car & Motorcycle Display. Please distribute the flyer on page 23 to your membership so they will have the information needed to attend and display their vehicle if they choose.

**May 5 Autofair.** Brats, hotdogs, soft drinks, door prizes, and cars! Porsche, Audi, Mercedes. Hosted by Maplewood Imports, 2780 Maplewood Drive, 55109. Contact [gandeweg@hotmail.com](mailto:gandeweg@hotmail.com)

**May 11 InterMarque Spring Kick-Off,** Osseo, MN. See flyer and article in this issue.

**May 17-19 Road America, Spring Vintage Weekend,** Sportscar Vintage Racing Association

**May 18 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

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**May 25–26 Brainerd International Raceway VSCR and SCCA's LOL** will be racing Memorial Day weekend, along with NASCAR road racing, muscle car drag racing, and track touring. Don't race? VSCR and SCCA invite you to drive the race track during lunch break touring sessions on Saturday and Sunday. Details will be available at [www.vscr.org](http://www.vscr.org). Also see the BIR web site: [www.brainerdraceway.com/2013-schedule/eventsbydate.html](http://www.brainerdraceway.com/2013-schedule/eventsbydate.html).

**May 29–June 2 British Car Week National Meet.** Hot Springs Village, Arkansas. Some Triumphs are going. Can any MGs, Healeys, Jags, etc. make the trip?

**June 2 10,000 Lakes Concours d'Elegance**, Excelsior, Minnesota. Historical and superbly-conditioned cars displayed along the shores of Lake Minnetonka. The event will benefit the Courage Center Foundation. Information: [10000lakesconcours.com](http://10000lakesconcours.com)

**June 6-9 Rendezvous: Brake at the Lake.** Ruttger's Sugar Lake Lodge, Grand Rapids, Minnesota. This year hosted by the Minnesota Austin-Healey Club.

**June 8 Hangar Dance** Commemorative Air Force, Fleming Field, 310 Airport Road, So. St. Paul, MN, 55075 This is a fund-raiser for the CAF, and a great way to see some WWII aircraft, people-watch, and dance. Prizes are given for period costume, civilian or military. Gates open at 6 PM, Swing Dance lessons start at 7 PM, and the Roseville Swing Band plays from 8 PM to Midnight. Separate parking will be available for British Cars. Cost is \$15/Person. For more information go to [www.cafmn.org](http://www.cafmn.org).

**June 15 Lake Pepin Great River Road Car Event.** Car enthusiasts come help us celebrate the 75th Anniversary of the founding of The Great River Road this June 15th 2013 by joining us in our first annual progressive car show. For additional information contact: Pat Ament, [info@stoneferngallery.com](mailto:info@stoneferngallery.com), 612-845-6000

**June 23 Celebrate 356 Porsche Heritage.** 10:00AM – 1:00PM, Central Park, Roseville

**June 29 Amery Airport Autocross/Speed Run.** Amery, Wisconsin. Hosted by the Minnesota Austin-Healey Club.

**June 30 InterMarque Picnic, Cherokee Park.** The June picnic will be hosted by the Minnesota Triumph Club. But it's still pretty much a do-it-yourself affair, so bring your own beverages, plates, silverware, lawn chairs, grills, and a dish to pass if you want. If it rains, it's cancelled. All marques are welcome and encouraged to attend.

**June 18-21 ~~June 30~~ Road America**, The HAWK with Brian Redman. One of the largest vintage racing gatherings in the United States. Over 50 classes of cars racing in several groups. The weekend will showcase CAN-AM. Featured marque is Corvette.

**July 12-13 Speed Reunion**, "A Celebration of European Motoring" Arrowhead Resort, Alexandria, MN. Learn more at: <http://www.themotoringjournal.com/motogusto>

**July 26 InterMarque Drive In Night**, Vali Hi Drive In, 11260 Hudson Blvd. N., Lake Elmo, East 94 at Manning. Friday night. Probably a bad movie but definitely a good time.

**July 27 Woodland Hill Winery tour.** Open to all marques. Details to come. Hosted by the Minnesota Triumph Club.

**July 28 InterMarque Picnic, Cherokee Park.** The July picnic does not yet have a host, but it will go on regardless. It's pretty much a do-it-yourself affair, so bring your own food, beverages, plates, silverware, lawn chairs, grills, and a dish to pass if you want. If it rains, it's cancelled. All marques are welcome and encouraged to attend.

**August 10 Britfest on the St. Croix.** New scenic location in Hudson, Wisconsin: Lakefront Park (located along First St. and the St. Croix River between Buckeye and Vine Streets). Hosted by the Minnesota MG Club.

**August 24 Amery Airport Autocross/Speed Run.** Amery, Wisconsin. Hosted by the Minnesota Austin-Healey Club.

**August 25 InterMarque Picnic, Cherokee Park.** The August picnic does not yet have a host, but it will go on regardless. It's pretty much a do-it-yourself affair, so bring your own food, beverages, plates, silverware, lawn chairs, grills, and a dish to pass if you want. If it rains, it's cancelled. All marques are welcome and encouraged to attend.

**August 31-Sept. 1 VSCR vintage race with SCCA's Jack Pine Sprints Double Regional and Trans-Am series** at Brainerd International Raceway. [www.VSCR.org](http://www.VSCR.org)

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**September 6-8 Road America, VSCDA Elkhart Lake**

**Vintage Festival.** The weekend regularly attracts nearly 300 vintage and historic racecars including a field of pre-war models. The paddock is open to spectators all weekend. On Saturday fans can watch a historic road course reenactment tour, which will leave Road America and follow a route almost identical to the street course driven in the early 1950s. <http://www.vscda.org/> Some videos of the race courtesy of Jim Perry, P and B Motorsports:  
[www.youtube.com/watch?v=gK2Zkmslsto&feature=youtu.be&hd=1](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gK2Zkmslsto&feature=youtu.be&hd=1).  
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0xxASD8etiE>.  
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vKkpcMcxxZk>.

**September 7 Hangar Dance.** This is a fund-raiser for the CAF, and a great way to see some WWII aircraft, people-watch, and dance. Prizes are given for period costume, civilian or military. Gates open at 6 PM, Swing Dance lessons start at 7 PM, and the Roseville Swing Band plays from 8 PM to Midnight. Separate parking will be available for British Cars. Cost is \$15/Person. For more information, go to [www.cafmn.org](http://www.cafmn.org).

**September 8 Wheels and Wings, Osceola, Wisconsin.**

L.O. Simenstad Municipal Airport. Car parking begins at 7:00 a.m.

**September 20-22 Waumandee Hillclimb, Alma,**

Wisconsin. Hosted by the Minnesota Austin-Healey Club. Blank Hill Road, Waumandee, Wisconsin. Vintage cars only. 1983(?) and older. Two-mile course with eighteen curves and a 400-foot vertical rise. Second annual event. The first running was spectacular. Info: Tom Hazen [myliberty@comcast.net](mailto:myliberty@comcast.net).

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## NATIONAL/REGIONAL MARQUE CONVENTIONS

**June 10-14 MGA Get Together**—Asheville, North Carolina, North American MGA Register, [gt38-namgar.org/](http://gt38-namgar.org/)

**June 14-16 Citroën Rendezvous**—Saratoga Springs, NY, <http://driveshesaid.com/Home.htmlg/>

**June 23-28 Conclave Charlevoix**—Charlevoix, Quebec, Austin-Healey Club of America, [conclavecharlevoix.org](http://conclavecharlevoix.org)

**June 23-29 Porsche Parade 2013**—Traverse City, Michigan, Porsche Club of America, <http://parade2013.pca.org/>

**July 4-7 West Coast Lotus Meet**—Seattle, Washington, [www.westcoastlotusmeet.com/](http://www.westcoastlotusmeet.com/)

**July 8-12 ALFACALIFORNIA**—Sonoma Valley, California, Alfa Romeo Owners Club USA [alfacalifornia2013.com/](http://alfacalifornia2013.com/)

**July 17-21 MG-2013**—Corvallis, Oregon, North American MGB Register, [mg-2013.com/wp/](http://mg-2013.com/wp/)

**July 18-22 FIAT FreakOut**—Long Island, New York, Fiat-Lancia Unlimited, [fiatclubamerica.com](http://fiatclubamerica.com)

**July 30–August 4 Ferrari Club of America International**—Elkhart Lake, WI, and Road America, [.ferrariclubofamerica.org/](http://ferrariclubofamerica.org/)

**August 19-24 Oktoberfest 2013**—Monterey, California, BMW Car Club of America, [bmwccaofest.org](http://bmwccaofest.org)

**October 2-6 Triumphest**—San Rafael, California, Vintage Triumph Register, [vtr.org](http://vtr.org)



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## BRITISH CAR & BIKE WEEK NATIONAL MEET

MAY 29 – JUNE 2, 2013  
HOT SPRINGS VILLAGE, ARKANSAS

### WHAT TO EXPECT! CROWN JEWEL CAR AND CYCLE SHOW & POPULAR VOTE CAR AND CYCLE SHOW

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The Tech Session

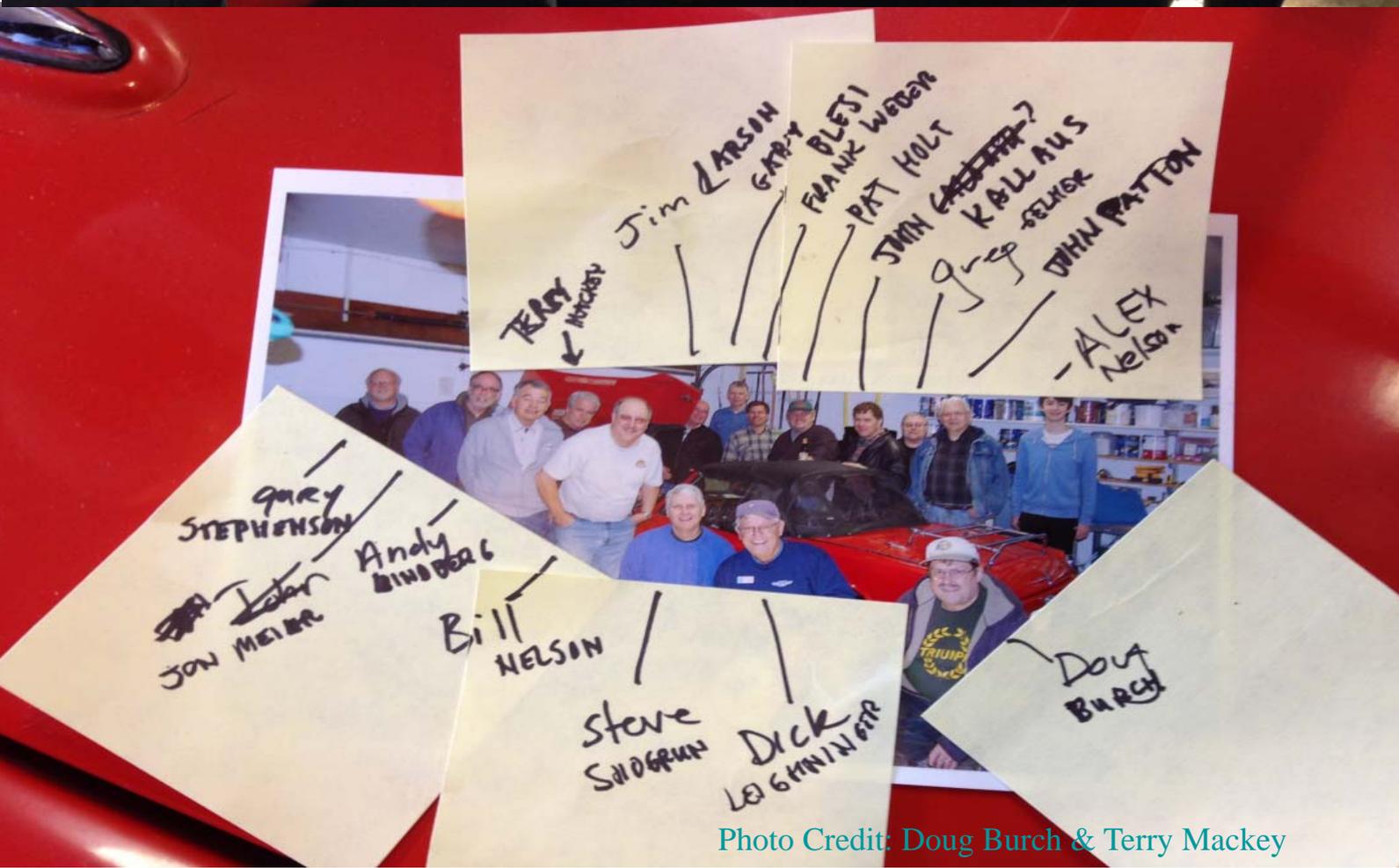


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The R&D Dept.



A 1966 Triumph 2000  
The engine is the  
predecessor to the  
TR-5, 6 engine



This is essentially a research  
project to determine the likeli-  
hood of fitting a TR-6 with an  
automatic transmission.  
To be continued...

Photo Credit: Pat Holt

# TRIUMPHHEST

Triumph Travelers

Sports Car Club

# VTR National Convention

# 2013

Greater San Francisco Bay Area

October 2 through 6, 2013

**Events:**

San Francisco Driving Tour  
Sonoma Raceway Autocross  
VTR Concours  
Hospitality Party  
Funcours Car Show  
Funrallye  
Awards Banquet  
Triumph Vendors and Regalia

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# The British Car Week National Meet Report

DON'T MISS THE 2ND ANNUAL BRITISH CAR WEEK NATIONAL MEET BEING HELD AGAIN IN HOT SPRINGS, ARKANSAS, WEDNESDAY MAY 29TH thru SATURDAY JUNE 1ST.

## Caravan with us to Hot Springs!

The "National" is being held again during British Car Week for "the purpose of bringing everyone together, no matter the margue. And what a better place than the middle of the country"!

We'll leave Tuesday morning May 28th and drive to KC, KS the first day - 450/miles where we'll stay at the conveniently located Holiday Inn Suites arriving about 4:30pm. The hotel is about 1.5 miles from the British Victoria parts warehouse if anything is needed. We have presently 10 rooms reserved and the Holiday shuttle will be taking us to an evening barbeque feed and then back to the hotel. Wednesday the 29th we drive the remaining 432/miles to Hot Springs - great roads & great weather - arriving in Hot Springs again around 4:30. We'll register and regroup for the opening night reception and meet and greet.

The Meet features all the expected national events plus lawn bowling, pontoon boat cruises, fish fry's, slalom competition, cocktail parties, Crown Jewel Car & Bike Show, road tours, barbeque, noggin & natter, President's Cup Challenge, a Liverpool Legends Beatles Tribute Band Concert and featured speakers including Dana Britton the SU & Zenith Stromberg carb guru and Scott Helms, founder of British Car Week. All the big sponsors will be attending such as Haggerty, Moss, Griots Garage, SCCA, British Victoria plus many others.

When we depart Sunday June 2nd from Hot Springs we'll drive north on Hwy 7 the beautiful two lane scenic route that National Geographic picked as Arkansas's most beautiful highway back to KC, KS Holiday Inn & Suites, again arriving about 5:00 - 432/miles. The shuttle will take us to dinner & back again. We'll leave KC after breakfast and arrive back in the Twin Cities around 5:00 - 450/miles.

This is an easy comfortable pace two day drive. I've driven to and attended meets and conventions from coast to coast and I can honestly say I've never enjoyed one more. You'll see some of the nicest examples of all marques of British sports cars from many, many states, owned by the most normal & approachable people you'll encounter at a meet or convention. It is thoroughly enjoyable, well attended and VERY well organized. Check out the Meet website at - [britishcarweeknationalmeet.org](http://britishcarweeknationalmeet.org) and Let's Go! Question - Call Joe Bisanz @ 651-324-2573 or Orrin McGill @ 612-865-6518

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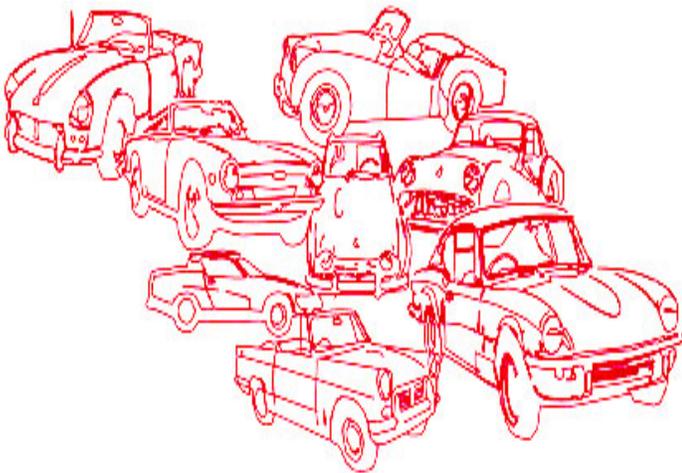
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## 2013 Spring Shake Down Drive

**Date changed to MAY 4th**

**Start: 10:00 at Harmon Park**  
1642 Upper 55<sup>th</sup> Street  
Inver Grove Heights

Harmon Park is located just southeast of the intersection of 494 and Roberts Street.

1. Exit 494 on Roberts Street
2. Turn right and get immediately into the left lane since it is a very short distance for your next turn.
3. Turn left onto Upper 55<sup>th</sup> Street.
4. At the bottom of the hill turn right into Harmon Park.

**Drive:** The drive winds it's way through Inver Grove Heights, Eagan, Apple Valley and Rosemount before exiting into the countryside. There are only a handful of stop lights and very little congestion. Total length of the drive is 60 miles. A feature of the drive is a 75 question sign challenge.

**Finish: House of Coates Restaurant**  
**16588 Clayton Avenue, Rosemount**  
13 miles south of 494 on Highway 52  
(651) 437-2232

### **Questions:**

Steve Shogren 651-454-2037 home 612-247-5608 cell  
John Kallaus 952-891-5266 home 651-269-1903 cell

# Triumph Trader

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## FOR SALE

Pair of new.in the box, SU carbs for Spitfire, 1 1/4 dia. \$525.00

Used 1 season DCOE 45 Weber card with air horns, no air cleaner, been sitting a while, should probably be rebuilt. \$325.00

New rear sway bar for Spitfire. \$150.00  
Contact Roger At 651 207-3920

### Triumph TR3's For Sale

3 TR3's available 2X3A's Red or Silverstone plus a Lt.Blue 3B restored and for sale. Trades considered!

Overdrive, Alternator, 5 speed and other upgrades available  
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These carburetors were on a 1974 TR6 that we purchased last fall. The car has only 18,000 total miles, so the carburetors have less than that on them. **These Webers are like new.** You will find these listed in the Moss catalogue for \$1,046.95. If your Strombergs are getting tired out this may be the deal of a lifetime for you.

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Trader information *Members' notices run three months — unless you tell the editor to drop them earlier or keep them running longer. Dates in parentheses indicate the first month in which they ran. Non-member notices are published at a rate of \$5 per month.*

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## **Five Speed Conversions for your TR.**

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

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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.

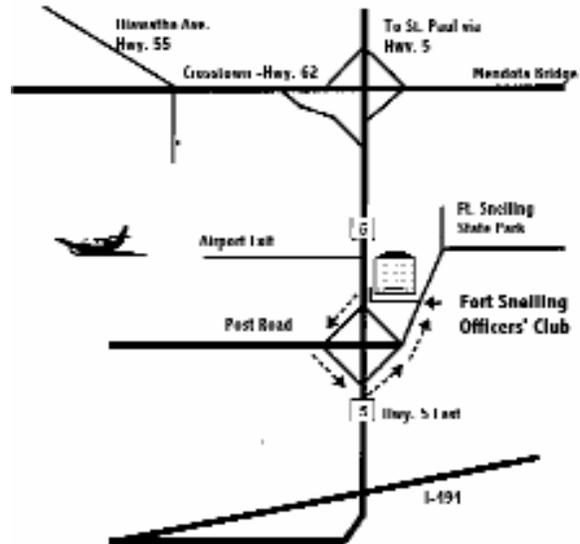
Annual membership is \$25 (an additional \$1 provides your partner with voting privileges at our annual election of officers). With this membership fee, your newsletter can be seen on-line or you can pick up a hard copy at the monthly meetings.

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

Join after September 1<sup>st</sup> 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.



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# Membership Notes

I have completed the club roster containing contact information for all 2013 paid members. I will be emailing a copy to each of you early in the month for proofing. Please look at your entry and if there are any mistakes, email back. I want the roster to be as accurate as possible before the club goes to the expense of running copies. If you do not wish to have your information included in the roster, please email me to that affect.



**Paying Dues:** There are two levels of dues, \$25 gets you access to newsletters each month via the club website, January through October. \$35 entitles you to a mailed hard copy of the newsletters (\$10 to cover mailing costs.) Family memberships are available for an extra \$1.00. This allows couples two votes at club meetings determining the many weighty issues that arise throughout the year. You have three options for paying dues: Pay at the monthly meeting; pay using PayPal - visit our web page at [www.mntriumphs.org/join.htm](http://www.mntriumphs.org/join.htm) - or mail payment to me along with the handy-dandy form below to: 4018 Emerson Ave. N, Minneapolis, MN, 55412. Note that the PO address the club has maintained for the last couple of years is no longer valid.

Joe DeMuth, Membership Chairman



## Membership Form

- \$25 for a single membership + emailed newsletter   
  \$26 for family membership + emailed newsletter  
 \$35 for a single membership + mailed newsletter   
  \$36 for a family membership + mailed newsletter  
 Mail to: Joe DeMuth, 4018 Emerson Ave N, Minneapolis, MN, 55412

I am a member of VTR Yes  No

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I would love to volunteer to lead this activity \_\_\_\_\_

The Minnesota Triumphs Club is dedicated to the preservation and enjoyment of the Triumph Marque. It was formed in 1981 and is a charter member of the Vintage Triumph Register. Correspondence can be addressed to:

Minnesota Triumphs  
4018 Emerson Avenue N  
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Check our web site at:

[www.mntriumphs.org](http://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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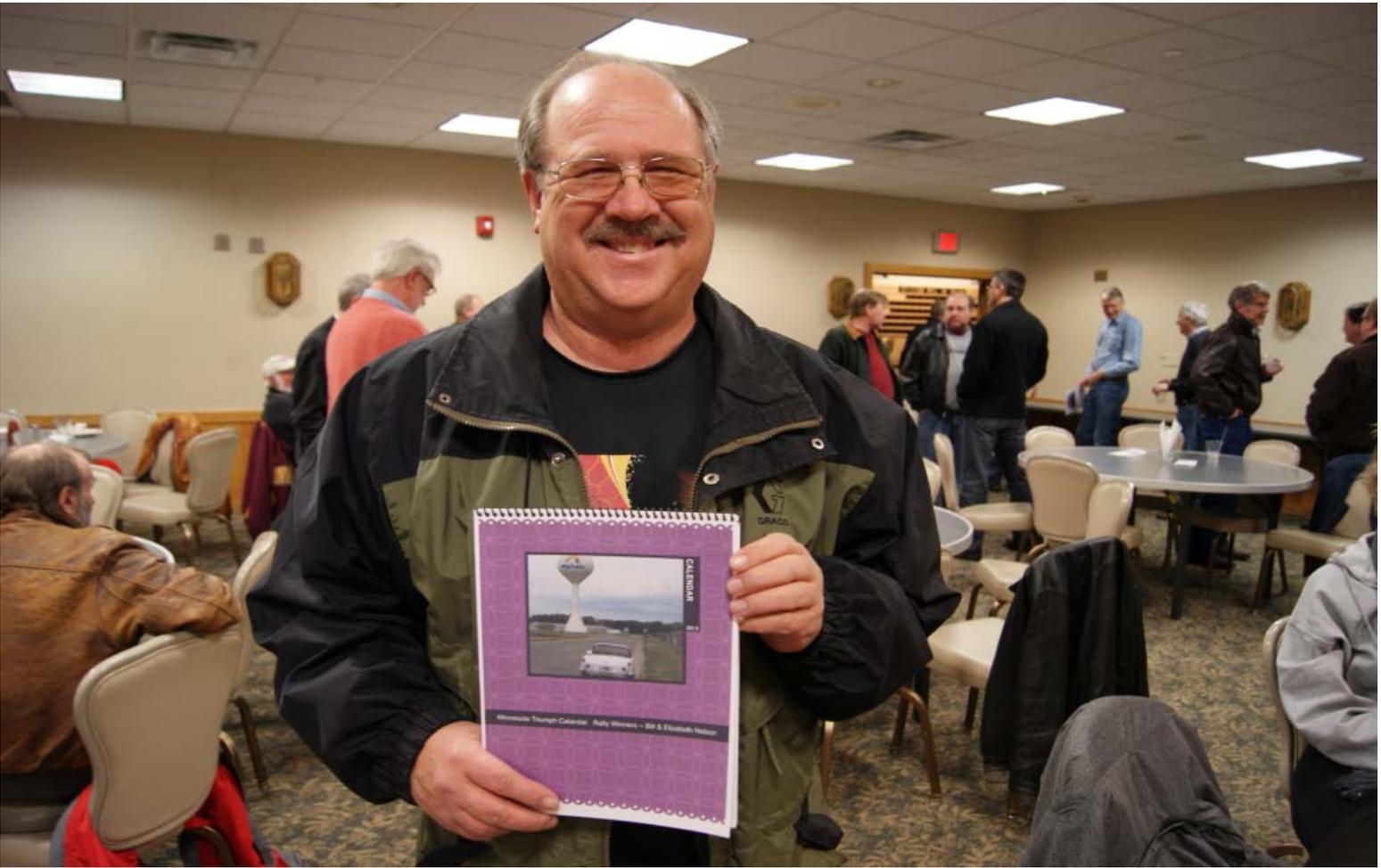
**Are you connected to the group? Do you get in on the latest information?**

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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