

# TRIUMPHS & TRIBULATIONS



Let's party!



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## ON THE COVER

*Door prizes galore, food, beverages, lively conversation and no snow storm... what else do you need for a party in January? Thanks Leiney for setting up the Winter Bash.*

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# *PREZ RELEASE*

Winter is showing little sign of letting up but at least the east coast is getting all the snow this year. The February meeting attendance was light with some members bailing on Minnesota and heading to warmer climates. But cold brings opportunity as we rebuild and restore our beloved Triumphs to be ready for the driving season. And we even heard rumor of a supercharger installation....sounds very interesting! My TR4 ran briefly after sitting for over 20 years but then the water pump gave out so the test drive will have to wait.

March will be here in a couple of weeks and weather permitting maybe a Triumph will show up at the March meeting. Also, the InterMarque spring kick-off is set for Osseo in May. Registration has begun for our sponsored InterMarque Rendezvous event in Ashland and we are hoping warmer temperatures will pickup the pace of registration.

I must admit I will be one of those people taking a break to warmer climates for a couple of weeks, but that will get me revvvvved up for Spring and an event filled season ahead.



**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 SPORTS CAR CLUB

TR Monthly Meeting February 2, 2015  
Really Official Minutes

President Terry Neuman called the meeting to semi-order at 7:16. The mike was fixed by our able AV crew.

About thirty people were present. Outside temp was 7 degrees. That was above zero but it still did not appear any Triumphs were present.

Roger Kramer reported on tech sessions. The March 21 session at his house is now over and there may be a report on it elsewhere in this issue. The March 21 session had not yet been scheduled but the April session will see the reinstallation of a TR4's tranny. As another tech item, Larry Berg said he was putting A/C in his TR6.

Treasurer Terry Mackey said our balance is \$13.2K, but that figure includes registrations for Rendezvous that will be later spent on that event.

Membership czar Joe Demuth (TR6 & Miata) said that 40 people, slightly less than half, have renewed for the current year.

Intermarque rep Doug Burch noted that the Spring Kick Off will be May 16 in beautiful downtown Osseo. Bring your two-dollar bills again.

Historian Greg Gelhar noted a decrease in contributions to the club photo album. He blamed this on digital cameras.

Search busker organ on You Tube to see Joe Demuth's winter project.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:35.



*If not...send me a self-addressed stamped envelope and I'll send you two of 'em. One for each Triumph you have or one for your daily driver or two for your TR or one for your front door or...  
Compliments of your Minnesota Triumphs Sports Car Club.*

*Or you can pick 'em up at your next club event.*

**Terry Mackey  
1961 East River Parkway  
Minneapolis, MN 55414**

# VTR REPORT

Once again I greet you from South Florida. I know of one other Minnesota Triumph guy and his wife trying to escape the brutal February in Minnesota. John and Cyndi Myers have been in S Florida much of February, but our calendars have not permitted one another to meet as yet. Maybe many of you are escaping the cold too.

Florida has had some cool mornings that I am sure you read about up North, but usually by afternoon those real cold mornings turn into 65 degree afternoons. But most days turn into sand and sun beach days.

As I have been so busy with so many little projects I missed out on a reasonably nice and priced well '60 Austin Sprite. Photos and all looked good and it had the upgraded engine to 1275cc as most have been modified to date. My first car was a 1960 Metropolitan coupe. I loved that car and all the great memories that come back of old friends and past good times. The one I wanted was a red and white convertible, but as luck would have go, it was gone before I could get there. Probably a good thing as our TR 4 is not complete but we are trying to get that done little by little.

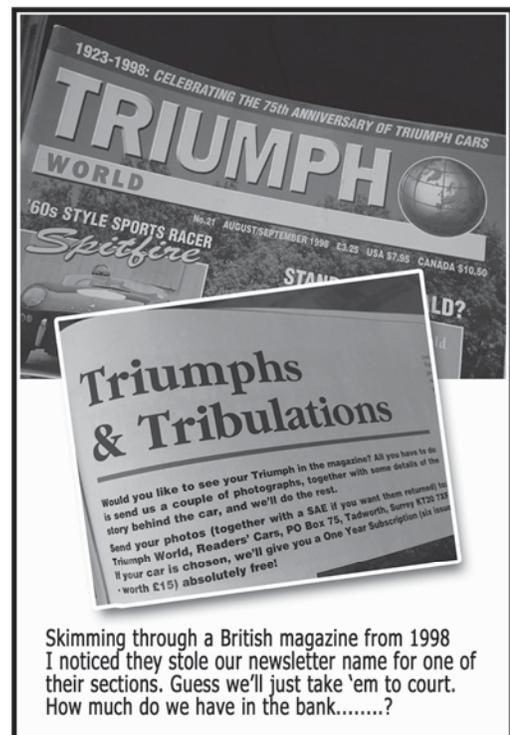
I know our club is busy with all the details of the Ashland event coming in June, but I just want all of you to be thinking beyond that and to August. So I am cheating by copying last month's blurb. Here goes.

The 2015 VTR will be in Fontana, WI on beautiful Lake Geneva. It will be hosted by the Illinois Sports Owners Assoc. and held Aug 11-15 2015. You may make your room reservation with the Abbey Resort and that phone is 262 275 9000, [theabbeyresort.com](http://theabbeyresort.com) to view the rooms and the resort. The rate is \$145/room for a king or two queens. This rate is for poolside or resort view. Resort view, I'm told, may be quieter than the pool. Harbor view has a \$30 upgrade charge and those rooms are limited to just a few. They will guarantee now with your credit card and you may cancel up to 3 days b4 arrival. You may now register for the 2015 VTR using PayPal at [www.vtr2015.com](http://www.vtr2015.com). The cost is \$135 for 1 car and 1 driver but you may deduct 15 if you register b4 June 15 of 2015. Additional driver is 15 and each non driver will be 10.

Do yourself a favor and for the small price of \$35 please join VTR. If you never have been a member check the VTR sight and you may still be able to get the deal of 2 years for the price of one.

I hope you will all join us in Lake Geneva, WI.

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



Skimming through a British magazine from 1998 I noticed they stole our newsletter name for one of their sections. Guess we'll just take 'em to court. How much do we have in the bank.....?

# Triumph Calendar

## January 2015

08 - Club Meeting

17 - Tech Session TDB

25 - Triumph Mid-Winter Bash

## February 2015

12 - Club Meeting

21 - Tech Session TDB

## March 2015

12 - Club Meeting

21 - Tech Session will be held at Phil and Sue Ethier's home, 44 Robie Street West, St. Paul MN 55107. Phil and Sue have a Stag, He didn't say what type of work we going to be doing but seeing it's a Stag it probably needs a lot of work. Starting time is 10:00 as usual.

## April 2015

09 - Club Meeting

18 - Tech Session will be hosted by Gary Reineccius he lives at 2359 Valentine Ave, St. Paul, MN 55108. Last fall we removed the transmission from his TR4 and this time we will be putting it back in. Starting time is 10:00.

## May 2015

14 - Club Meeting

16 - Tech Session will be hosted by Patrick Holt, 642Quincy St NE, Minneapolis MN 55418. Pat has a TR4 and a TR8. More on what we will be dismantling at a later date.

## June 2015

11 - Club meeting

11-14 - South Beach Rendesvous hosted by MN Triumphs. Ashland WI on the beautiful south shore of Lake Superior. Make your reservations today.

AmericInn Ashland  
3009 Lakeshore Drive East  
Ashland, WI  
866-378-9950

20 - Tech Session TDB

## July 2015

09 - Club Meeting

18 - Tech Session TDB

## August 2015

13 - Club Meeting

11-15 The 2015 VTR, hosted by the Illinios Sports Owners Association, on the shores of beautiful Lake Geneva WI. Details on pages 14-15 of this newsletter.

15 - Tech Session TDB

## September 2015

10 - Club Meeting

19 - Tech Session TDB

## October 2015

08 - Club Meeting

17 - Tech Session TDB

## November 2015

## December 2015

See Intermarque Monthly at:

[www.intermarque.org](http://www.intermarque.org)

## 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)

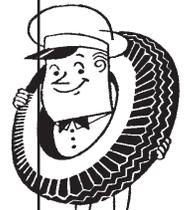
**TR8** - Greg Gelhar (763-424-6434)

**Spitfire** - Bill Gingerich (612-850-4072)

**GT6** - Pat McFarland (763-427-5612)

**Renown** -

**Citroën** - A. Lindberg (651-292-8585)



# 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, THURSDAY MAY 28TH thru SATURDAY MAY 30ST.

## 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 Wednesday morning May 27th 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. Thursday the 28th 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 Show, road tours, barbeque, noggin & natter, President's Cup Challenge. All the big sponsors will be attending such as Haggerty, Moss, Griots Garage, SCCA, British Victoria plus many others.

When we depart Sunday May 31st 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

## **Hot Springs, AR or Bust**

### **Let's Go for It!!**

**Lets see some beautiful country and have some great BBQ in Arkansas.**

**Look who's going:**

Joe Bisanz

Larry Berg

Orrin McGill

Joe Soucheray

Gary Stephenson

Larry Sanderson



Host hotel:  
**AmericInn Ashland**  
1-866-378-9950  
More information  
to come at  
[mnrtriumphs.org](http://mnrtriumphs.org)



**be sure to  
wear your  
TROPICAL  
attire**



# 25th Annual Intermarque Lake Superior Rendezvous

- Rallye Superieur
- Tropical theme deck party
- Touring
- Tech Sessions
- Car Show
- But wait! There'll be so much more...

Situated on the  
Tropical South Beach  
of one of the world's largest  
natural air conditioners.

**Dip your rims in the cool of Superior!**





**SOUTH  
BEACH  
RENDEZVOUS**  
on Lake Superior  
ASHLAND, WI  
JUNE 11-14, 2015  
hosted by  
**MINNESOTA  
TRIUMPHS**  
Anniversary **25<sup>th</sup>** Rendezvous

## EVENTS SCHEDULE

### THURSDAY:

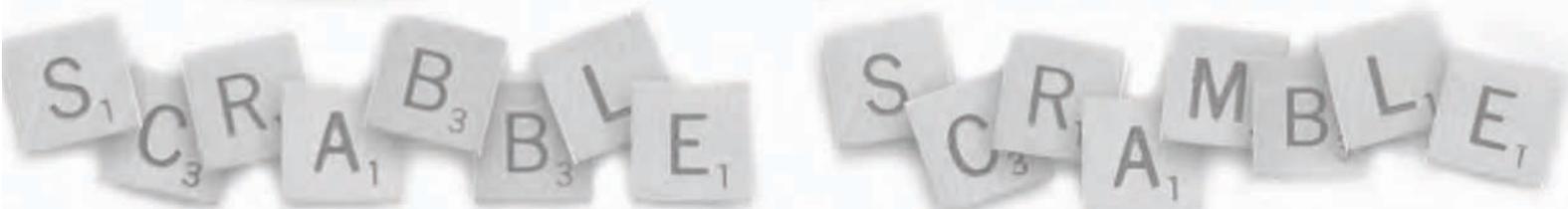
- Registration
- Rallye Superieur  
Welcoming Event
- Parking Lot Party
- Funkhana

### FRIDAY:

- Registration
- Madeline Island Tour
- Autocross/Speed Run
- Scrabble Scramble
- Deck Party (Hotel Chequamegon)
- Silent Auction

### SATURDAY:

- 25th Rendezvous Car Show
- Waterfall Tour
- Silent Auction
- Banquet



# 2015 South Beach Rendezvous Registration Form

Check a box: registering one person  or registering two people

Name Person 1 \_\_\_\_\_

Name Person 2 \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_  
Street City Zip

Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone/s \_\_\_\_\_  
Primary Phone Other Phone

Car 1 \_\_\_\_\_  
Make Model Year

Car 2 \_\_\_\_\_  
Make Model Year

Car Club \_\_\_\_\_

T-Shirt Sizes Person 1 Shirt Size Person 2 Shirt Size  
 XXL  XL  L  M  S    
 XXL  XL  L  M  S

Fees: Check Boxes: one person \$40 US  \$45 CA  / two people \$80.00 US  \$90CA  = \_\_\_\_\_

Banquet Tickets : one ticket \$30 US  \$33 CA  / two tickets \$60 US  \$66 CA  = \_\_\_\_\_

Total = \_\_\_\_\_

Make checks payable to:  
 Minnesota Triumphs

Mail this form and your check to:  
 Joe DeMuth, Registration Chair  
 4018 Emerson Ave N  
 Minneapolis, MN 55412

I am aware of the hazards inherent with motor vehicle events and specifically release and do indemnify the organizers, supporting sponsors, and Minnesota Triumphs, collectively and separately from any and all liability from personal injury and property damage incurred by me or my guests while participating in Rendezvous 2015.

Sign Person 1 \_\_\_\_\_

Sign Person 2 \_\_\_\_\_

# *The February Tech Session*

The February Tech Session was hosted by Roger Kraemer at my home in NE Minneapolis. There was a very good turnout considering the cold weather, but the garage was warm and we got started.

I purchased another TR7 that had been sitting in a garage for a number of years. The clutch pedal went right to the floor so I had ordered up a new slave cylinder but found out it also needed a master cylinder. That's on order now. It also needed repair on the driver's door window glass. Andy and Greg dug into that and successfully installed a new regulator. Good job guys.

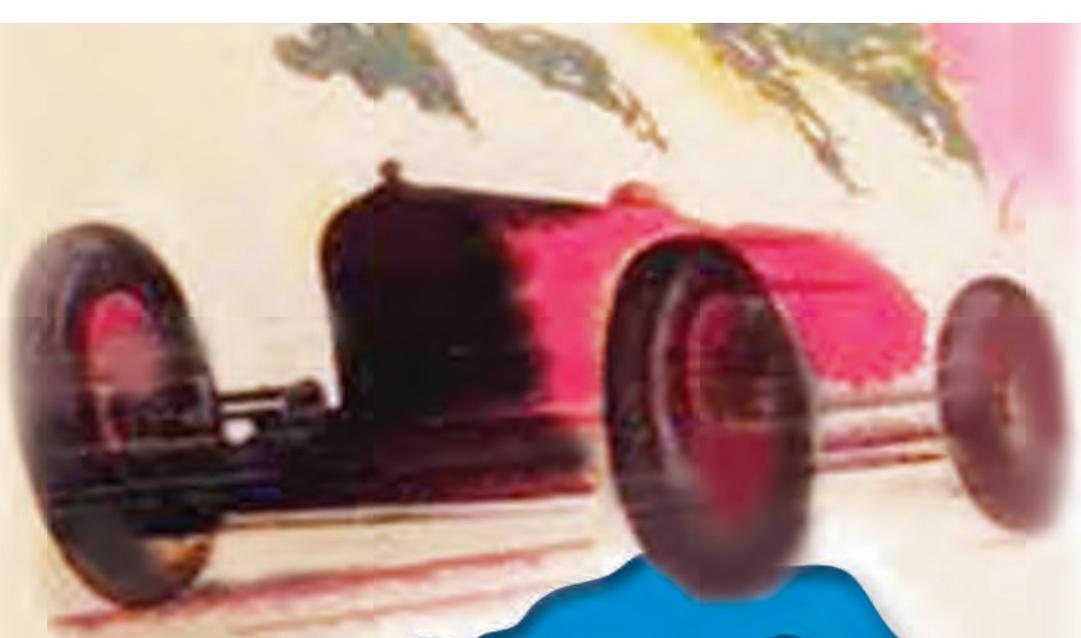
I also had purchased new front and rear brakes ,shocks/struts and springs. In taking out the front struts I was able to destroy the lower ball joints, so those are on order too.

The old gas was removed (boy did that stuff smell) and we proceeded to try to tune it up only to reach another setback. The carbs were stuck and need to see if the pistons can be freed. Maybe I'll install the brand new SU carbs I have. We'll see.

All in all, even with the setbacks, we got a lot of work done, a lot of problems found and remedies discussed. The guys really helped me out and as always it is really appreciated.







# RENDEZVOUS RALLYE SUPERIEUR

**Fun Run  
June 6-11, 2015**

Rendezvous Rallye Superieur is a tour around Lake Superior. The rallye will embark from Ashland, Wisconsin, USA, on June 6, circumnavigate Lake Superior and arrive back in Ashland on June 11. Many (but not necessarily all) of its participants will likely be the more adventurous souls in their vintage cars attending the 25<sup>th</sup> annual U.S./Canada International Sports Car Rendezvous that kicks off on June 11. Some of the cities through which the Rallye will pass include Duluth, Grand Marais, Thunder Bay, Wawa, Sault St. Marie, and Marquette.

Is this a pretentious, big-deal rally like the California Mille or the Monte Carlo? Well, it's a big deal for us and it will cover some exquisite roads and locations, but there the similarities end. Most importantly, there is no competition. No fast driving awards, no checkpoints, and no incentive to trash your old car. Just an extended tour on which you can enjoy your vintage car with other aficionados.

Is participation limited to older vehicles? Yes. By old we mean 25+ years old. For the arithmetically challenged that means 1990 and older. Exceptions may be granted by the rallye master for retromobiles that he believes maintain the classic spirit and vintage joi de vivre.

Is this as expensive as Hemmings' Great Race? No. You will pay for five-and-a-half days of food and lodging, and for maybe 1500 miles of gasoline. All as you go and all on your own Visa card. Once we have an idea of how many will participate, arrangements will be made so that moderate lodging and restaurants is available. The only extra cost to which you will be liable covers your prestigious Rallye Rendezvous Superieur magnetic emblem (a nice compliment to the free Circle Tour window sticker).

**How do I register or get more information? Email Andy Lindberg ([andyrlind@gmail.com](mailto:andyrlind@gmail.com)).**





# MEMBERSHIP NOTES

## Are you a member of the VTR?

Please consider joining the Vintage Triumph Register. This national association of Triumph car clubs offers various benefits to chapter member clubs and individual members including The Vintage Triumph quarterly newsletter, free classified advertising in the newsletter, access to VTR's staff of volunteer vehicle consultants, various VTR Triumph car club regalia, an annual convention hosted each year by one of VTR's many local chapters, and low-cost collector car liability insurance for club sponsored events. Yearly dues are \$35. For details, go to their web site at [www.vtr.org](http://www.vtr.org) or pick up a form from Larry Sanderson at a club meeting.

Well, this is it, the last month to pay dues so you can rightfully brag to friends . ☐ a member of the Minnesota Triumphs Sports Car Club.☐Also, membership entitles you to guilt-free monthly access to the newsletter, continued updates by email concerning club activities, access to the combined knowledge of club members, a most useful benefit, I think, and of course, attendance at tech sessions. Almost anything that goes wrong with these cars has happened to some other members☐car previously and they are willing and able to help with any problem for the price of lunch and beverages. You can☐beat that. Additionally, to be listed as a member in the next roster, which will be available next month, I must have your dues payment by the end of the month. Thanks.

Please,

- 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 at 4018 Emerson Ave. N, Minneapolis, MN, 55412

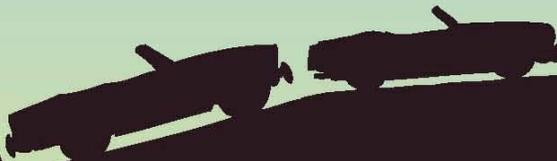
### Membership Form

\$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

Name	
Partner	
Address	
City, State, Zip	
Day Phone	
Evening Phone	
E-mail Address	
Cars	



# Triumphs in the Heartland



VTR 2015 - Fontana, WI

August 11-15, 2015

Celebrating Fifty Years of the  
Spitfire Mark II and the TR4A

Hosted by the  
Illinois Sports Owners Association



[2015vtr.com](http://2015vtr.com)

**Base Registration**

VTR Member 1 car, 1 driver \$135.00 \_\_\_\_\_  
Non-VTR Member\* 1 car, 1 driver \$170.00 \_\_\_\_\_

\* includes 1 year VTR Membership

If postmarked or registered on-line before June 15 deduct: -\$15.00 \_\_\_\_\_

Additional Driver \$15.00 \_\_\_\_\_

Each Non-Driver \$10.00 x \_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_

Additional cars, same driver(s) \$25.00 x \_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_

Additional cars attach separate registration sheet

**Optional Events**

Breakfast Tour (includes meal & souvenir coffee mug) \$12.00 x \_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_

Excursion Boat Ride of Geneva Lake \$22.00 x \_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_

Awards Banquet \$50.00 x \_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_

**Regalia** (All embroidered except T-Shirt. No orders taken after 8/1/15)

Baseball Cap \$18.00 x \_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_

T-Shirt\* S  M  L  XL  XXL  (add \$2.00) \$18.00 x \_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_

Denim\*\* S  M  L  XL  XXL  (add \$2.00) \$35.00 x \_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_

Polo Shirt-M S  M  L  XL  XXL  (add \$2.00) \$35.00 x \_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_

Polo Shirt-W S  M  L  XL  XXL  (add \$2.00) \$35.00 x \_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_

Sweatshirt\*\*\* S  M  L  XL  XXL  (add \$2.00) \$35.00 x \_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_

\*Ash Gray \*\* Long Sleeve Shirt \*\*Hoodie Style, zip front, Ash Gray

**Grand Total** \_\_\_\_\_

Make check or money order (in U.S. Funds) payable to: **2015 VTR Convention**

Mail to: Tim Buja  
1173 Butler Road  
Rockford, IL 61108-4702

**You can also choose to register online  
using Paypal at: [www.vtr2015.com](http://www.vtr2015.com)**

VTR Membership # \_\_\_\_\_ Club \_\_\_\_\_

Driver A (Name as you would like it to appear on name badge)

Driver B (Name as you would like it to appear on name badge)

Additional non-driving family members for convention name tags

Street address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Year: \_\_\_\_\_ Make (Non-Triumph): \_\_\_\_\_ Model: \_\_\_\_\_

Commission # \_\_\_\_\_

Indicate events you plan to participate in (*Note: maximum 2 drivers/car/driving event*):

- Funkhana**  Art/Craft/Model Display  Welcome Reception  **TSD Rallye**  **Gimmick Rally**  **Ice Cream Run**   
**Breakfast Run**  Scavenger Hunt  Mecum Tour  Excursion Boat Ride  Panoramic Photo  **Self-Guided Tours**

**Autocross:** Stock  Modified  Prepared

*\*Participation in at least one Moving Event is required to enter the Concours and Participants' Choice car shows. Moving Events are denoted by **bold** print.*

**Concours\*** please indicate:

Stock  Modified  Senior  Preservation  Modified Touring  Modified Prepared

**Participant's Choice**

Are you bringing an item(s) to auction? Yes  No

Are you bringing a trailer? Yes  No

Would you be a Concours Judge? Yes  No



## FOR SALE

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

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

**New rear sway bar** for Spitfire. \$150.00

**Spitfire and GT6 parts.** '76 Spitfire chassis, NEW door skins, Spit & GT6 doors, seat frames, A arms, Spitfire suspension towers, steel wheels, gauges, speedo, tach, soft top frame, 3 rail gearbox, '71 1300cc engine, Spitfire roll bar, 4-1 header, rear axles, GT6 suspension towers, steering racks, rear springs, late Spitfire radiator & fan, lots more. Ask and I'll email the current list. Make an offer. Bill 612-850-4072 or wringgerich@gmail.com

**'72 TR6** in great shape. This is a great driver with many new and upgraded parts including: New tires (Dunlop Signatures), new soft top, steering stabilized, full tune up, new seat belts (un-

stalled) as well as some mechanical work. This is a really nice driving TR6, fun in the corners and pretty much original, aside from the new parts mentioned. There are collector plates on it which means you never buy tabs again. Includes: Original tonneau cover (in great shape), soft top rear cover, manual and new full car cover for winter storage. \$7500. Scott - 612.339.0010

**2 - late TR6** mufflers, one steel, one stainless, \$100 ea.  
2 - 1974 TR6 rotors, used, good condition. \$25  
1974 TR6 battery box w/drain tube. \$10 Joe Bisanz 651-324-2573.

**73 Spitfire complete** - for sale as project/parts car, engine turns over freely but has not been started recently. \$800, Doug Burch - 763-780-4706

## WANTED

**Seats For TR-6 or Spifire**  
1969-1972 high back seats that recline preferred. Call Mark (651) 450-9504

**Stock Steel Wheel** for 1972 TR-6. Only need 1 rim.

Jim Larson (952) 944-6064

**Wanted for 1976 TR6:** one wheel beauty ring, brushed finish. Must be in excellent condition. One black boot cover. One left rear chrome bumper in excellent condition. Set of new inertia reel seat belts. Wood steering wheel. Rick Morris 612-207-7990

**Boot (trunk) floor** for a TR7. will take the hole body shell if necessary. Also looking for **Custom wheels** for a TR7, prefer 14in or 15in. with or without tires. Contact Roger Kraemer 651-207-3920 or [kraemer@q.com](mailto:kraemer@q.com)

**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.

Drop your RPM by about 900 at 70 MPH

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

Complete conversion, installed about \$2,300  
Contact Larry Berg (763) 228-0072 for details.

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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 concours-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.

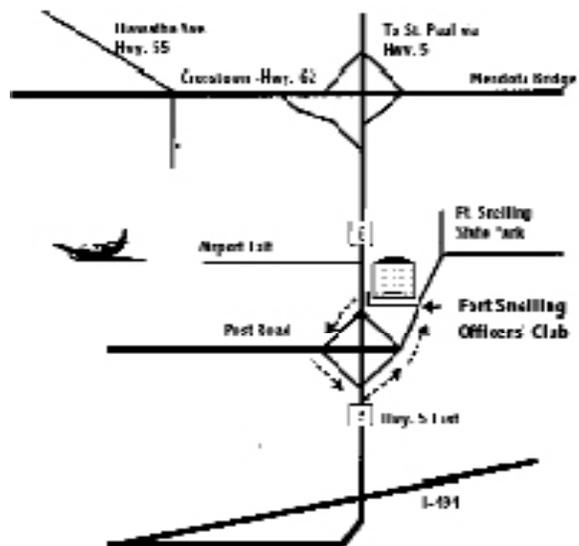
Annual membership is \$25 (an additional \$1 provides your partner with voting privileges at our annual election of officers). With this membership fee, your newsletter can be seen on-line or you can pick up a hard copy at the monthly meetings.

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.



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/>

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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 26: Vintage Sports Car Racing Spring Swap Meet.**

(You don't need to be a VSCR member to attend. All car nuts welcome!) Quality Coaches, 20 West 38th St., Minneapolis. Bench Racing and Swap Meet. Explore Quality Coaches cars and facility. Bring your car stuff to sell or buy. Meeting & Preview of 2014 Events. Memorial Day, July 4th and Labor Day Weekends at Brainerd International Raceway with Spectator Lunch Time Touring – Coordinated by VSCR. Refreshments served. Info: [www.vscr.org](http://www.vscr.org)

**April 26: Midwest Motors Sports Tech Party** – 728 8th Ave. S., Sauk Rapids, MN 56379. The 2013 event was cancelled but Dan and the guys are hoping for less snow in 2014. Check this web site for up-to-date info: [http://www.sportscarguys.com/Midwest\\_Motor\\_Sports/Open\\_House.html](http://www.sportscarguys.com/Midwest_Motor_Sports/Open_House.html)

**May 10: InterMarque Spring Kick-Off** – Osseo, Minnesota. The InterMarque Council will again sponsor this well attended event in downtown Hey we need some hyper verbiage for this hyper event!!!!

**May 16-18: Spring Vintage Weekend** – Road America in Elkhart Lake, Wisconsin. Over 300 participants are expected to race in ten separate groups, from production and grand touring cars to sports racers, prototypes and formula cars. <http://www.roadamerica.com/>

**May 24-26: VSCR vintage race.** Tentative at Brainerd International Raceway with LOL SCCA's Harvey West Regional/National race. Check BIR site or <http://www.vscr.org/> for updates

**May 29—June 1: Rally in the Valley** (A Northern Exposure) — Eau Claire, Wisconsin. Come to Wisconsin's spectacular country roads. Get out of the city and re-vitalize while enjoying the breath taking countryside that has bountiful rolling hills, creeks, rivers, lakes, bluffs and wildlife. All viewed from the seat of your classic sports car. Best Western Plus Trial Lodge Hotel and Suites. \$79.99 for standard 2 Queen and \$89.99 for King Suite. Call (715) 838-9989. Hosted by the Minnesota MG Group and Steve and Diane Rindt. <http://mn-mggroup.org/rally-in-the-valley-2014-2>

**May 31—June 8: British Car Week.** British Car Week is an annual British car awareness week intended for promoting British cars everywhere. Participants don't need to travel very far for this event because it takes place in their own community. This is a calling for all owners of classic British cars to get together with other car owners in their own communities to show their cars, meet new enthusiasts, catch up with old friends, share stories about their cars, answer questions, and best of all, have a good time. Contact your local Brit club to see if they've got anything planned.



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:

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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.



Could have been the whiskey, might have been the gin...



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