

# TRIUMPHS & TRIBULATIONS



Tech Sessioning

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## ON THE COVER

April is an iffy month to hold a driving event, so a tech session graces the May cover. Thanks Dave H. for hosting. Now YOU'RE ready for a driving event...right?

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## PREZ RELEASE

The driving season has started! I don't have an official count but there were around 8 members who drove their Triumph to our April Club Meeting. We have reserved parking spots on the north side of Ol' Mexico. Come early to the meetings and get a spot!

Driving events are fast approaching: May 13<sup>th</sup> the InterMarque Spring Kick-Off in Osseo, May 27<sup>th</sup> Spring Chicken Shakedown run, June 1st to the 4<sup>th</sup> Rendezvous 2017 in Grand Rapids, June 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> the Minnesota Walleye 1000 Vintage Rally, and June 11<sup>th</sup> Merlin's Rest All British car show in Mpls. And this folks is just the start! Start marking your calendar.

As I write this, Steve Shogren is scheduling future Tech Sessions. If you would like Club members to help addressing your car issues, contact Steve to schedule a session. Speaking of club member's tech savvy, Roger Kraemer does excellent upholstery work. He recently did work on Steve's TR250.

Planning continues for our club sponsorship of the 2018 VTR Convention. Greg Thompson has put together a list of areas where volunteers will be needed. I believe this will be published in this and/or future Newsletters. If you currently are not a member of the VTR (Vintage Triumph Register) you might wish to visit their website [www.vtr.org](http://www.vtr.org). Annual dues are \$35.00. I think

there are 8 cars from our club that will be driving to Princeton, NJ. to attend the 2017 VTR convention. I have put about a 100 miles on my TR3A this Spring and everything seems to be working as it should! My next project is to install an Addco front sway bar I have ordered from Summit Racing. Joe Demuth prompted me to do this when he said, while following me to Kenora last year, "your car leans like an old lady in the turns". I also need to pull the center dash panel, install LED gauge lights and remove 59 years of dust that has accumulated inside the gauges. Yes,

<b>MONTHLY REPORT</b> as of 4/21/2017	
<b>Club Funds Balance</b>	
Total.....	\$13,498.11
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<b>Memberships</b>	
Total paid.....	100

I know, I might be awakening the Lucas demons that have been strangely quiet since I bought the car, save for an occasional lose ground connection.

Happy Motoring  
Jon/Jack Meier  
President MN Triumphs

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<stephanie.greenstein@gmail.com>  
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### TRIUMPHANT LADIES

What's that about??? It's a casual way for us ladies to stay in touch about who is going to an event, meeting, trip or drive. We can also help each other stay informed about anything that comes up, such as if someone has surgery, or becomes ill, gets a new car or wins an award for a show. Knowing someone cares is always welcome! Also, this has the potential for growth into more, such as our own events and gatherings, etc. It's our own so it can be as much or little as we want to make of it. There are already a few on my list, and are added only by request. To be included in this fun (I hope!) venture, please email me. [nancy@gelhar.com](mailto:nancy@gelhar.com) Thank you everyone!!!

Nancy

# MINUTES OF THE MINNESOTA TRIUMPHS

Minnesota Triumphs Meeting Minutes  
April 13<sup>th</sup> 2017

It was 52 degrees at the start of the meeting, with 6 Triumphs observed in the parking lot. A sure sign that Spring is near. Jon Meier kicked off the meeting with reports from staff. No new members were in attendance.

Treasurer Jill Davenport reported. Membership dues have been coming in steadily, with our club well in the black. See Jill's current breakdown of our status in the newsletter.

Joe DeMuth reported 100 members have paid their membership dues. That is slightly down from last year. (Maybe returning sno birds will get us close to last year's numbers)

Orrin McGill, our newsletter editor requested we keep the articles coming. He does have some pic's from past tech sessions, and has requested those hosting sessions to provide a brief summary/article for him to publish along with pics.

Steve Shogren, reminded us of the April 15<sup>th</sup> Tech session at Dave Heglund's. Differential seals and the windshield on the GT6 were calling for attention. At the time of this report, two tech sessions (5/20 and 6/17 ) are still up for grabs. Contact Steve if you wish to schedule one of those.

Doug Burch reminded us that the InterMarque spring kickoff is May 13<sup>th</sup> in Osseo. Two "feature" cars were requested from our club. This year's

cars will be Greg Gelhar's 73 TR6 and Bob Swanson's 59 TR3A. See newsletter for other upcoming InterMarque events.

Jon Meier talked about upcoming volunteer positions needed, referencing and email that was sent out earlier. Please review the list and sign up to assist our club at these upcoming events.

A special thanks to Carol Thompson, for taking minutes at the March meeting in my absence.

Bob

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The Meetings will be held here:  
**Ol' Mexico Restaurante & Cantina**  
1754 Lexington Ave North  
Roseville, MN 55113  
Phone: 651-487-2847  
Email: info@olmexico.com

## 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 MAY 2017

This will be the last report from South Florida. Things are heating up here. Humidity is still low and the S FL drought continues even after 6" of rain yesterday. By morning today one would not know we had so much rain. Sad to read that I missed the British Gold Coast Car Club meeting this past Saturday. Sad because it was right across the street in another condo sight. Have been meaning to contact these folks and this would have been perfect. Lots of very nice cars in that club, but just about all have been refurbished to the max. But I do look forward to seeing what's up at Mn TR's and to see the cars that have been spiffed up this past winter. Should be on the road out of here about May 9 or 10. Routing through Pennsylvania to visit relatives and then back on the toll roads of Ohio, Ind and Ill. Anxious to see the toll winter has taken on our house and yard. See you soon.

The Rendezvous will be back in MN this year in Grand Rapids from June 1-4. Most all know that the VTR convention will be in Princeton, NJ for 2017. Here we will celebrate 50 years of the Triumph GT6 from August 16-20. Convention headquarters is the Westin Princeton at Forrestal Village about an hour from the Philadelphia and the Newark Airports. Block your calendar as this again will prove to be a fun packed drive and adventure to the East Coast. Visit the website at [vtr2017.org](http://vtr2017.org). Take a chance. Let the fun begin in 2017. You must be a member of the VTR. With the upcoming 2017 VTR convention, our latest VTR magazine has a nice article as Mike Cook remembers the GT6. Since you are a Mn TR member, you should join VTR. The VTR magazine is always loaded with tidbits and Triumph history that as

a passionate TR owner I know you will enjoy The Vintage Triumph. All you have to do is spring for \$35 and go to the Vintage Triumph Register website, [www.vtr.org](http://www.vtr.org), or just send \$35 for one year subscription to The Vintage Triumph Register, PO Box 655, Howell, MI 48844. No Triumph, no problem. This will help you discover what you need to know to buy one more easily. Your benefits include a bi-monthly magazine, The Vintage Triumph, technical consultants; annual convention which brings together hundreds of Triumph enthusiasts, support of local and regional clubs like us here in Minnesota. You can also find more TR regalia and maybe a better rate on your insurance. Be loyal to the VTR and join today.

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

### **Princeton, NJ Or Bust**

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

**Lets see some beautiful country and have a great time at the The Westin Princeton .**

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

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

**Pat & Marsha Holt  
Bill Nelson  
Joe & Karen Demuth  
Joe Soucheray**

**Larry & Gayle Sanderson  
Greg & Carole Thompson  
Terry & Sharon Neuman  
Terry & Bernadette Mackey**

**Please refer to [www.VTR2017.org](http://www.VTR2017.org)**

# Triumph Calendar

## MAY

11-Club meeting

13- \*Intermarque Spring Kick-Off in Osseo, MN

**See Page 15**

20- Tech session 10AM, at Reg Tulk's house,

5154 148th Path West,

Apple Valley, MN,

cell 612-240-6711,

[reggieTR3@gmail.com](mailto:reggieTR3@gmail.com).

Reg has a '58 TR3A which has not run for a while and needs help to get it running. If we run out of things to do on the TR3, Reg has a Spitfire that also needs some work.

27 - Spring Chicken Drive (Think Shake Down Cruise) May 27, 2017 **See page 9**

## JUNE

**1-4 Rendezvous** At Sugar Lake Lodge **See pages 12, 13**

8-Club meeting

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

11-Merlins Restaurant Pub is having a British Car Show on Sunday June 11th. They are located at 3601 E. Lake St., Minneapolis. This is in conjunction with the Lake Street Block Party. Merlins blocks off the side street for Brit car parking.

17-Antique tour  
The Antique Tour will meet at the River Falls WI City Hall 222

Lewis Street, River Falls WI 54022 at 10:00 am.

Lunch at Belle Vinez Winery around noon. After lunch a scenic 22 mile drive meeting at the Emporium in old downtown Hastings MN for more Antiquing. For those interested stay and show our cars, we'll be there already! In the Historic Downtown Hastings Cruise- In Classic Car Show from 5 to 9 or till whenever time for a great mix of cars, food, music and fun!

Hosted by Dale Simpson  
Home 715-426-9529 or Cell 715-307-5435

Thank You Dale Simpson.

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

23-25 Back to the 50s at MN State Fair

25-Intermarque Cherokee Park picnic

## JULY

13-Club meeting

xx-yy \*Iola Car Swap & Show in Iola, WI

xx-**Super Sausage Sunday**  
See Larry Berg

30- @ 2:00pm Meisville Mud Hens Vs Northfield Knights  
See Jon Meiers.

30 - \*10,000 Lakes Concours in Excelsior, MN

30- Intermarque Cherokee Park picnic

## AUGUST

x-Queen Mum Tour (host needed) ?

xx- \*Wine Tour  
See Christina Bigelow

10-Club meeting

12- \*Britfest in Hudson, WI  
12 - New London to New Brighton Antique Car Run

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

## SEPTEMBER

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

9- \*Wheels & Wings in Osceola, WI

9-Summer Picnic (host needed)

14-Club meeting

xx-yy \*Waumandee Hillclimb in Alma, WI

zz-Mystery Tour  
Host is Terry Mackey

## OCTOBER

12-Club meeting

xx-Color Tour, See Eric Paulson

xx-High Tea (host needed).

See Intermarque Monthly at:

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

**HAVE AN EVENT TO SHARE?** We're always happy to add new events (or update current listings). Send additions, deletions and corrections to [andyrlind@gmail.com](mailto:andyrlind@gmail.com)

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## ONGOING

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**Multi-Marque Breakfast** EVERY\* SATURDAY MORNING! 8 a.m., Elsie's Restaurant Bar and Bowling, 729 Marshall Street N.E., Minneapolis, MN 55413. 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. Map to the Elsie's at <http://elsies.com>

**East Ender's Saturday Morning Breakfast** Now gathering at the The Brookside Bar and Grill in downtown Marine on St Croix on the first and third Saturdays at 9am. Brookside has outside tables, plenty of parking, and great Bloody Marys (for those who are so inclined). Feel free to post comments on the InterMarque Facebook page.

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**April 22, Midwest Motorsports Open House**, 728 8th Ave. S., Sauk Rapids, Minnesota 56379. Open house/tech session starts at 9:00 a.m.; lunch at noon. Info: 320-251-0676, [sportscarguys.com](http://sportscarguys.com)

**April 22, Vintage Sports Car Racers Swap Meet**, Quality Coaches, 20 West 38th St., Minneapolis, Minnesota.

**May 13, Intermarque Spring KickOff**, Downtown Osseo, MN. 9 AM to 2 PM. Celebrating 25 years of rain, shine and snow, don't cha know. All vintage foreign cars and bikes are welcome. British, French, German, Italian, Japanese, Czech, etc. First 200 cars to register at the event receive a free 25th Anniversary commemorative dash plaque. Info: [intermarque.org](http://intermarque.org)

**May 19-21, SVRA Spring Vintage Festival**, Road America, Elkhart Lake, Wisconsin. More laid-back and less pretentious than the July vintage event. Walk through the pits. Talk to the many upper Midwest drivers. Info: [roadamerica.com](http://roadamerica.com)

**May 27, Spring Chicken Drive**, A tour of Wisconsin's rolling hills and twisty roads. Meet at the Family Fresh Market in Hudson before the mandatory drivers' meeting at 9 AM sharp. See flyer in this issue. Rsvp to Diane Rindt by May 19. [drindt4271@yahoo.com](mailto:drindt4271@yahoo.com) or 715-379-6001

**May 27-28, Harvey West Memorial Day Classic**, Brainerd International Raceway. Sponsored by VSCR and SCCA/LOL

**June 1-4, Race to the Rapids, Rendezvous 2017**, Grand Rapids, MN, USA. Sugar Lake Lodge. 800-450-4555. Hosted by the Minnesota Austin-Healey Club. Thursday afternoon registration 3:00-7:30 p.m. Welcoming hospitality at the lodge 8 p.m. Friday Gymkhana at the

Grand Rapids Airport at 9 a.m. 4-7 p.m. "Sweet Sixteen" Downtown Car Show benefiting the local Boy Scouts troop. Saturday morning the Fun Rally starts in front of Sugar Lake Lodge where you'll get your Rendezvous 2017 commemorative photos taken, followed by a challenging but enjoyable drive. Afternoon highlights include a Lakeshore Show & Shine, Wine & Cheese Party and Tech Sessions. The evening's happy hour and awards dinner will cap weekend activities. Info and registration: [mnhealey.com](http://mnhealey.com)

**June 10, Tom & June's 50th**, 910 Ridge Pass, Hudson, Wisconsin. A picnic celebrating fifty years of marital and fifty-plus years of automotive bliss. Info: [tcmoerke@presenter.com](mailto:tcmoerke@presenter.com)

**June 10-11, Walleye 1000 - SOLD OUT** A 500-600 mile tour starting Saturday morning in the Twin Cities, Minnesota area. Put some fun miles on that old car you probably don't drive enough anyhow. Saturday night in La Crosse, Wisconsin. Info: [walleye1000.com](http://walleye1000.com)

**June 11, Merlin's Rest's 5th Annual All-British Car show**. Noon-4 (parking can start at 10 AM) & again is part of their annual block party. The block party goes until 8 PM. Stay for all or just the show. Dancing, bands, bagpipers, food and family fun! Ask anyone who has been to the show! FFI contact Merlin's Rest or Rex ([tr2025@hotmail.com](mailto:tr2025@hotmail.com))

**June 16-18, Back to the '50s**, Minnesota State Fairgrounds. Hosted by the Minnesota Street Rod Association.

**June 17, Amery Airport Autocross/Speed run**, Amery, Wisconsin. Hosted by the Minnesota Austin-Healey Club. Info: [mahealey.com](http://mahealey.com)

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**June 24, 25th Annual Coulee Classic**, Maiden Rock Village Park, Maiden Rock, Wisconsin. 10:00 AM to 6:15 PM. An easy all-paved Monte Carlo style rally using the sports car roads in Wisconsin's coulee country. Run it as a timed event or just ignore the timing and drive it as one of the best tours that you've driven. Info: Meetup | Auto Italia

**June 25, Intermarque Picnic**, Cherokee Park, St. Paul, MN. 1:00PM. Bring a chair and a dish to share. June picnic hosted by the Minnesota Austin-Healey Club.

**June 30, Blackhawk Farms Raceway Track Day**, 15538 Prairie Rd, South Beloit, IL. Hosted by the Chicago Alfa Romeo Owners Club and the Austin Healey Club of America Midwest. Additional participants of all makes and models welcome! Roll bar not required. Info: [www.caroc.com](http://www.caroc.com) or [www.healeyclub.org](http://www.healeyclub.org)

**July 1, Blast from the Past Car Show**, Chetek, Wisconsin. Info: Steve or Diane Rindt 715-456-1174

**July 12-16, Metropolitan International Meet**, Minneapolis, Minnesota. Ramada Plaza, 1330 Industrial Blvd. Car show Saturday 9-3. There will be an area to display "other makes" on Saturday. Info: [LSchulte@visi.com](mailto:LSchulte@visi.com)

**July 15, Scottish Fair and Highland Games** Eagan, MN. Please visit the website to see car show info and all the wonderful things that will be going on. [www.mnscottishfair.org/](http://www.mnscottishfair.org/)

**July 19-23, Fiat FreakOut**, Milwaukee, Wisconsin. Fiat Club of America national convention. Info: [fiatclubamerica.com](http://fiatclubamerica.com)



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**July 20-23, Weathertech International Challenge with Brian Redman**, Road America, Elkhart Lake, Wisconsin. This is the biggest vintage race in this part of the world. Over 400 racers. Feature races this year are CAN-AM. Car shows in downtown Elkhart Lake Friday and Saturday night. Info: [roadamerica.com](http://roadamerica.com)

**July 30, Auto Lieben 2017**, Afton Alps. Third annual German car show. Celebrating Audi, BMW, Mercedes, Porsche. Spectators welcome. Register your German at [www.autolieben.org](http://www.autolieben.org)

**July 30, 10,000 Lakes Concours d'Elegance**, Excelsior, Minnesota. Not Pebble Beach, but a very nice location and many interesting cars at a much lower entry price. Info: [10000lakesconcours.com](http://10000lakesconcours.com)

**July 30, Intermarque Picnic**, Cherokee Park, St. Paul, MN. 1:00PM. Bring a chair and a dish to share. July picnic hosted by the Minnesota MG Group.

**August 12, BritFest, Hudson**, Wisconsin. Hosted by the Minnesota MG Group. Info: [mn-mgggroup.org](http://mn-mgggroup.org)

**August 12, New London to New Brighton Antique Car Run**, A 120-mile tour between its namesake cities for 1908 and earlier vehicles. The lunch stop in Buffalo is a fun viewing spot. Info: [antiquecarrun.org](http://antiquecarrun.org)

**August 19, Royal British Car Show**, Jaguar Minneapolis, 8905 Wayzata Blvd., Golden Valley, Minnesota

**August 26, Amery Airport Autocross/Speed run**, Amery, Wisconsin. Hosted by the Minnesota Austin-Healey Club. Info: [mnhealey.com](http://mnhealey.com)

**August 27, Intermarque Picnic**, Cherokee Park, St. Paul, MN. 1:00PM. Bring a chair and a dish to share. Hosted by MUM-MN United Minis.

**September 8, 9 and 10, Ephraim Hill Climb and Concours**, Ephraim, Wisconsin. (Door County. Across Eagle Harbor from Peninsula State Park) Info: [ephraimhillclimb.com](http://ephraimhillclimb.com)

**September 9, Wheels and Wings**, Simenstad Municipal Airport, Osceola, Wisconsin. More a Wing show and a muscle car parking lot. Big news: Last year there was free admission to the car show.

**September 10?, Wayzata Rotary Motorsports Show**, Minnetonka Avenue, Wayzata, Minnesota. An impressive gathering of foreign and American vehicles.

**September 15-17, VSCDA Elkhart Lake Vintage Festival**, Road America, Elkhart Lake, Wisconsin. In addition to watching the races and touring the pits, on Saturday fans can see a tour on almost the original '50s road course. Info: [roadamerica.com](http://roadamerica.com)

**September 22-24, Waumandee Hill Climb**, Waumandee, Wisconsin. Hosted by the Minnesota Austin-Healey Club. Info: [mnhealey.com](http://mnhealey.com)

**September 24, Intermarque Picnic**, Cherokee Park, St. Paul, MN. 1:00PM. Bring a chair and a dish to share.

**September 30?, Intermarque Banquet?, Elsie's?, Minneapolis, MN**. More details later. Maybe.

**InterMarque Sunday Picnics!**

**1 P.M. CHEROKEE PARK**

On the west side in St. Paul. Bring a dish to share. If it rains it's cancelled.

**June 25: Hosted by the MN Austin-Healey Club**

**July 30: Hosted by MN MG Group**

**August 27: MN United Minis (MUM)**

**September 24: Open**



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# Spring Chicken Drive

## Saturday May 27, 2017

Join us on the first drive of the season. Travel on some of the most beautiful country roads in Wisconsin with rolling hills, spectacular bluffs, scenic rivers and picturesque countryside. All roads will be paved and are guaranteed to be full of twist and turns.



- Saturday morning meet at the *Family Fresh Market* parking lot in Hudson, WI at Address: 2351 Coulee Rd, Hudson WI, 54016  
*Arrive early to get a cup of coffee and a sweet roll at the Caribou Coffee Shop.*
- The drivers meeting will be at **9:00am sharp!** Every car will receive easy to read detailed directions that are spouse friendly.
- Our lunch destination will be *The Six String Saloon* in Maiden Rock, WI  
Lunch choices: *Pulled Pork Sandwich, Chicken Sandwich or Hamburger.*  
Prices **start** as low as \$6.50 Pay your server that day but please **R.S.V.P. to Diane Rindt by May 19<sup>th</sup>** with food choice and how many attending – email [drindt4271@yahoo.com](mailto:drindt4271@yahoo.com) or call **715-379-6001.**
- After lunch, socialize as long as you like. There is no organized drive to return home. Your trip will be simple, follow HWY 35 North back to Hudson.



Approximately 12 club members showed up on a bright, sunny and seasonably warm Saturday morning to help replace the leaky timing chain cover oil seal on my TR6 which had been the source of my spotty and oily garage floor and the brown drops I left wherever the 6 and I traveled. Given the number of parts that had to be removed to gain access to the timing chain cover and to

make the session as efficient as possible, over the preceding two weeks I removed some of the emissions plumbing, the radiator, fan, fan belt, fan extension, front cross member and supports, steering rack and crankshaft pulley. Although the condition of the removed parts wasn't bad, the obsessive part of me took hold and I took the opportunity to clean, sand and repaint (chassis black) many of the parts- all clean, nice and shiny now for my upcoming guests!



While several folks happily enjoyed the warmth of a heated garage and the conversation and comraderie of fellow members, a subset of the 'crew' proceeded to remove the timing cover securing hardware after which Joe Demuth and Larry Berg pried off the timing chain cover with some persuasion. Both the cover and engine plate were well coated with remnants of the old gasket and sealant (well done by Larry Berg when he re-built the motor several years ago). With his drill and wire brush



attachment, Greg Gelhar made short work to clean up the cover flange while a team of several flexible bodied folks (Terry Mackey, Phil Ethier and yours truly) took turns over and under the car scraping the engine plate clean of old gasket and sealant. While we were scraping, Larry and Joe conspired to insert the new oil seal in the cover. At this point, it occurred that the original cover

securing hardware didn't include the recommended flat copper washers for the three bolts that penetrated the block and water jacket so yours truly was dispatched to the nearest FLAPS while the

crew started lunch. One small problem though– I have been known not to listen very well (a fact Stephanie can attest to) and thought I needed split copper washers which, it turned out, were impossible to find after racing in and out of five stores along Robert Street in West St. Paul. After returning home to learn my mistake, another 20-minute round trip back to Harbor Freight on Robert St. secured the flat copper washers (including a stop at the local package store to augment the supply of suds). With parts in hand (and more refreshments for the eager hoard), Joe affixed the new gasket to the cover with sealant and finessed the cover to the front plate taking care to move the chain tensioner out of the way in the process. Terry Mackey and I attached the cover with an assortment of bolts, nuts and screws and those ‘must have’ copper washers.

After a new oil seal sleeve was smeared with grease and inserted into the cover, the job was done except for re-assembling all the parts originally removed to access the cover. The crew graciously helped me re-attach the steering rack with (Goodparts) solid rack mounts and the front cross member and supports at which time we called it quits leaving me to just finish up bolting on the fan and radiator. The next day’s warm weather encouraged me to start up the 6 and go for a drive to clean out the winter cobwebs and check the seal. Upon returning home – no leaks on the motor or on the floor!

Thanks to everyone who came – a job well done and hopefully a good time had by all.

### **David Poinar’s Tech Session**



**Photo Credit: Jon Meier**



**T**he shores of Sugar Lake and banks of the Mississippi in Grand Rapids beckon you to “Race to the Rapids” for the 2017 Vintage Sports Car Rendezvous June 1-4.

With Sugar Lake Lodge as the focal point of weekend activities and accommodations at other Grand Rapids inns, there are plenty of rooms for everyone to enjoy the hospitality of the Minnesota Austin-Healey Club and citizens of the Greater Grand Rapids area.

Those wanting an early start on the weekend, can arrange a relaxing – or at least challenging – round of golf Thursday at the lodge’s 18-hole course. Tee times can be made directly with the pro shop. The official good times begin Thursday afternoon with registration from 3-7:30 p.m. At 8 p.m., welcoming hospitality begins at the lodge with refreshments, announcements and activities that renew existing friendships and foster new ones.

Friday will dawn on a variety of activities. Gymkhana enthusiasts will gather at 9 a.m. for the drivers’ meeting at the Grand Rapids Airport, followed by pulse-pounding runs until 3 p.m. on an autocross artfully designed by Greg Willodson. If you prefer more sublime driving, take one of several self-guided tours of the surroundings, or meander into downtown Grand Rapids for nearby shopping and lunch.

Starting at 3:30 p.m., Dave Herreid’s team will begin aligning our sports cars around the Grand Rapids town square for a 4-7 p.m. “Sweet Sixteen” Downtown Car Show benefiting the local Boy Scouts troop. Each driver will receive a bucket with their registration number on it to place before their car. Townspeople and tourists will be encouraged to cast as many votes as they wish for their favorites using \$1 bills to buy ballots. All proceeds go directly to the scouts. Car owners also may vote for their cars as often as they like. The byword



**Friday’s “Sweet Sixteen” Downtown Car Show will be a fundraiser for Grand Rapids area Boy Scouts.**

is “Vote Early & Often” – just like they do in Chicago. The 16 sports cars receiving the most ballots will be recognized at Saturday’s awards dinner. Food and beverage options will be available on the square and at local restaurants throughout the late afternoon and early evening.

Saturday morning is all about rallying or otherwise enjoying the beauty of the area. Afternoon highlights include a Lakeshore Show & Shine, Wine & Cheese Party and Tech Sessions for the guys. That evening’s happy hour and awards dinner will cap weekend activities.

**Register Now: [www.mnhealey.com/rendezvous](http://www.mnhealey.com/rendezvous)**

# 27th Annual Can/Am Rendezvous

June 1-4, 2017

Vintage Sports Car Gathering  
Grand Rapids, Minnesota



Host: Minnesota Austin-Healey Club

## Weekend Schedule

Thursday -- Registration: 3-7:30 p.m. Hospitality: 8-9:30 p.m.  
Friday -- Registration: 8 a.m.- Noon, Airport Autocross,  
Self-Guided Tours, Downtown Car Show  
Saturday -- Fun Rally, Lakeshore Show & Shine,  
Wine & Cheese Party, Awards Dinner  
Sunday -- Breakfast & Goodbyes

**ON-LINE REGISTRATIONS PREFERRED @ [www.mnhealey.com/rendezvous](http://www.mnhealey.com/rendezvous)**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Spouse/Guest \_\_\_\_\_  
(PRINT LEGIBLY first and last name/names as they should appear on badges)

Street \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_

State/Province/PostalCode \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail address \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
(Include e-mail address if you want a confirmation of registration – none will be sent otherwise.)

Club Name \_\_\_\_\_

Vehicle/s to be registered: Yr. \_\_\_\_\_ Make \_\_\_\_\_ Model \_\_\_\_\_  
Yr. \_\_\_\_\_ Make \_\_\_\_\_ Model \_\_\_\_\_

**On-line Registration \$75 Mail-in Registration \$80 After April 20: \$90 (All fees in U.S. \$\$s) \$ \_\_\_\_\_**  
(Registration includes one vehicle, two adults, one child under 18 & one free event ball cap)

Each additional person: \$5.00 x \_\_\_\_\_ \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Each additional vintage car: \$5.00 x \_\_\_\_\_ \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Extra ball caps: \$15.00 x \_\_\_\_\_ \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Wine & Cheese Party: \$15.00/person \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Awards Dinner tickets: \$40.00/person x \_\_\_\_\_ \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**SIGN ME UP FOR: Autocross \_\_\_ Downtown Car Show \_\_\_ Rally \_\_\_ Total \$ \_\_\_\_\_**

**IF MAILING REGISTRATION, make checks payable to Minnesota Austin-Healey Club (U.S. \$\$s) Send completed form to:**  
Greg Lauser, W12349 694th Ave., Prescott, WI 54021 Registration questions to: [glauser@centurylink.net](mailto:glauser@centurylink.net)  
Cancellations before April 20 are subject to a \$15.00 fee. No refunds after April 20.

**HOTEL RESERVATIONS:** Sugar Lake Lodge at [info@sugarlakeridge.com](mailto:info@sugarlakeridge.com) or call 1-800-450-4555 or 1-218-327-1462

Other Grand Rapids Lodging: AmericInn, 1-218-326-8999  
Super 8, 1-218-327-1108  
Sawmill Inn, 1-800-667-7508 (Special Group Rate \$79/night for Rendezvous)  
Timberlake Lodge, 1-866-800-2200

Visit the Website  
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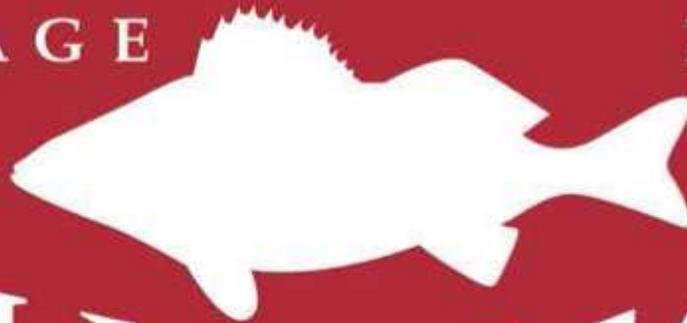
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# WALLEYE 1000



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No time or money to go on high dollar vintage rallies like the Colorado Grand or California Mille? If so, the "Walleye 1000 Vintage Rally" just might be for you! It's a two day vintage car tour on the back roads of Minnesota and Wisconsin.

***Open to interesting classic, sports and grand touring cars, foreign and domestic, model year 1997 and older.***

On last year's event we had cars spanning all value ranges, from about \$4500 to \$1 Million +  
You don't have to be a millioaire car collector to have fun on this event!

Entry fee is \$299 per vehicle (2 person team, driver + co-driver). Overnight accomodations, finisher's dinner, event T-shirts for all participants and a bunch of other event swag is included, *this is a laid back car event on a budget!*

Visit the website for event info, sign up for email updates and to download a Participant Application.

**[www.walleye1000.com](http://www.walleye1000.com)**

**Saturday and Sunday, June 10 and 11, 2017**

Questions? Contact Event Organizer: Dave Tobin | (651) 216-1265 | [dave@daveknowscars.com](mailto:dave@daveknowscars.com)

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# Triumph Trader

## FOR SALE

I have 2- tonneau's . In looking at them, one is for a TR6. The previous owner had a 1975 TR6. Black tonneau with bumps for the headrests and zippers behind them. I think it will fit TR6 from '74 to '76. I would say it is in very good condition.

Victoria British has them on sale for \$255, Moss for about \$350.

I will offer this for \$90 or best offer. 651-454-2037 or [steveshogren@yahoo.com](mailto:steveshogren@yahoo.com).

For Sale:

5 speed transmission from 76 TR7 \$250.00

Complete rear axle assy, drum to drum from 76 TR7 \$50.00  
2 new SU 1 1/4 dia carbs in the box \$550.00

Used Weber side draft DCOE 45 \$300.00

Contact Roger Kraemer @ 651-207-3920 or [spitsand7s@gmail.com](mailto:spitsand7s@gmail.com)

For Sale: Two TR2 front bumper overriders. Brand new -still in box. Ordered in 2013 and just found out they do not fit my TR3A. Moss wants \$49.99- each. I'll sell one for 49.99 and the second one for a penny.  
Yes - Take home two for only \$50.00

Bob Swanson  
763-535-5540

FOR SALE: Original Hard Top for a 1958 Triumph Sports Type 20 TR3A. Top is in excellent condition. \$400.

Contact Jerry Behrens at [jkbhrens@msn.com](mailto:jkbhrens@msn.com) or phone 651-645-2457 for more information (please leave message if phone is not answered)



**1980 1500 Spitfire**, carmine red, am-fm cd radio, plays up to 10 cd's. New top, boot, interior. All bearings recently packed. Has a hardtop also. Needs some work. Tonneau cover. Contact Rick at 612- 963-1827. \$5,995 obo.

## WANTED

I am looking for a luggage rack for my TR6. Standard Amco brand is preferred (24" X 36") although the one for an MGB, while smaller, would fit. Would prefer one that doesn't have to be reconditioned, because I'm probably not qualified to do it, although will look at anything.  
Dick Leighninger 651-216-4491 or [imsplashcaf@yahoo.com](mailto:imsplashcaf@yahoo.com).

## **BREAKFAST REMINDER**

Breakfasts on Saturday mornings are now held at Elsie's. 729 Marshall Street N.E., Minneapolis, 55413. 8am start.



**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.*

## 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, during 2017 the meetings will be at the:

**Ol' Mexico Restaurante & Cantina**  
**1754 Lexington Ave North**  
**Roseville, MN 55113**  
**Phone: 651-487-2847**  
**Email: info@olmexico.com**

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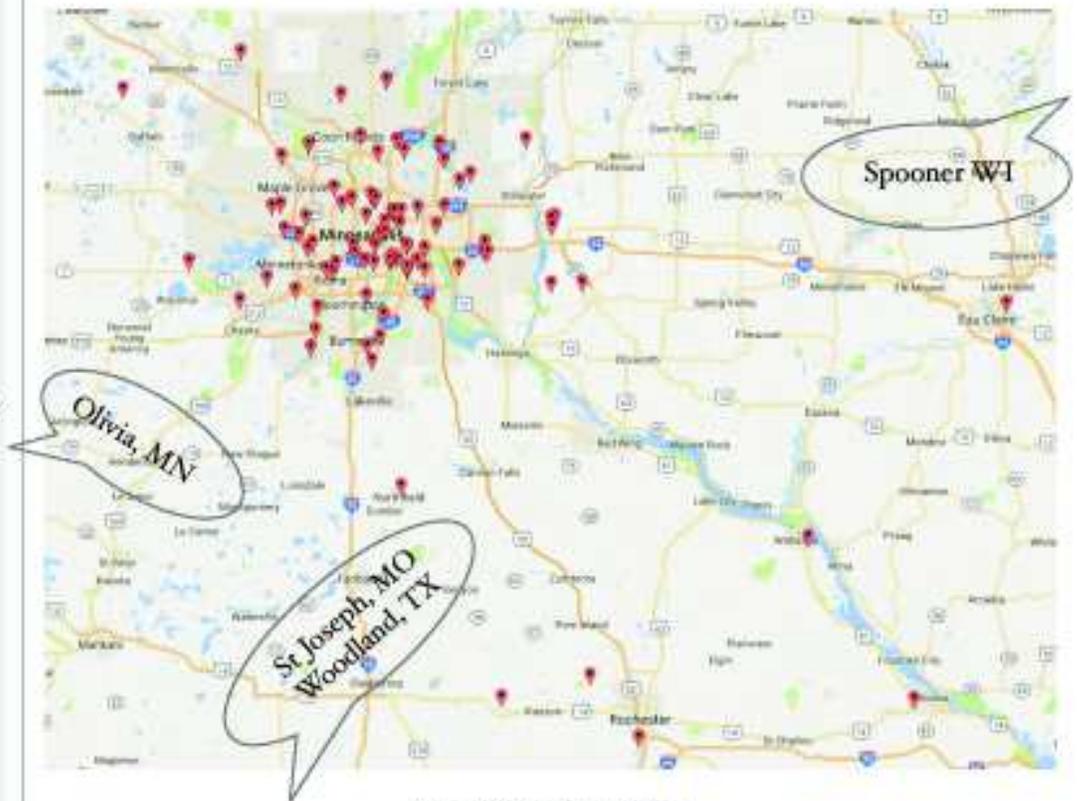
## 2017 Dues Paid



2016 Membership = 117  
2017 Paid Members = 100

As you can see from the gauge, there are significant numbers of members who have not renewed their membership. I have contacted each and not received replies. Hopefully they will notice they are no longer receiving club news and rejoin.

## Where Club Members Live



### 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	
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Address	
City, State, Zip	
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E-mail Address	
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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  
Minneapolis, MN 55412



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 Ol' Mexico Restaurante & Cantina, 1754 Lexington Ave North, Roseville, MN 55113, Phone: 651-487-2847, Email: [info@olmexico.com](mailto:info@olmexico.com). Everyone is invited to attend, whether you are a member or not.

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651-494-8186



**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

[mntriumphsgroup-subscribe@yahoogroups.com](mailto:mntriumphsgroup-subscribe@yahoogroups.com)

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



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