









Members' Labors of Love: Part 2

Here are the last five project entries from April. See inside for detailed descriptions.

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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.

Monthly Meetings

Membership meetings are the SECOND THURSDAY of the month January through October. Meetings begin at 7:00pm are held at the **56 Brewing Co, 3055 NE Columbia Ave, Minneapolis MN 55418**

For membership information please see the Membership page in this newsletter or visit our website at www.mntriumphs.org



Minnesota Triumphs is a charter member of the Vintage Triumph Register (VTR).

For VTR Membership information visit

www.vtr.org

PREZ RELEASE

Hello everyone, I hope all are doing well and following the Government guidelines at a minimum.

Not much activity to report on. I personally have a thing going on with numbness and stiff fingers on my right hand. Started on a Thursday morning and by the weekend it was bad. Called the clinic and got in Monday morning to get it checked out. My doctor gave me a referral to Minneapolis clinics of Neurology for an EMG.



Only thing , they were not taking patients unless deemed urgent. I tried to get in all over and no one was accommodating . This started on the 23 of March and now it was Thursday, April 9th. I got back to the Minneapolis Clinics of Neurology and explained the situation, in a very stern tone. She said she had to get approval from the director. My comment to her was "I am not going to shoot the messenger, but if I get turned down, I will get the guns out". Monday morning, I had an appointment and I am on the road to recovery. A lot of good projects still on hold, but they will get done.

As far as the club, we will NOT have a May meeting. I guess this is one way to find out how many members really read this. Hoping to start up again in June.

That is it for now. If my hand were better, I would go fishing.

Roger Kraemer

President



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 every-

thing but they do know a lot. So, if you have a question, give them a call.

TR2/3/3A/3B -

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)

PLEASE NOTE!

DUE TO THE RECENT CORONAVIRUS OUTBREAK ALL UPCOMING MN TRIUMPHS MEETINGS AND OFFICIAL EVENTS ARE BEING CANCELLED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE. Updates on other events are:

RENDEZVOUS 2020 RESCHEDULED: Lake of the Woods Vintage Sports Car Rendezvous has been rescheduled to June 10-12, 2021!

Intermarque Spring Kickoff will be Rescheduled: The Spring Kickoff scheduled for May 9 will be rescheduled - possibly for fall.

Back to the 50's at MN State Fairgrounds - June 19-21 has been cancelled

Kastner Cup & VTR 2020: As of this writing these events are still scheduled.

Minnesota Triumphs Meeting Minutes April, 2020

No meeting so no minutes from last month.

On May 4th a loosening of quarantine restrictions will probably be announced in MN. However this will probably not be a lifting of social distancing regulations and require the cancellation of another monthly meeting.

Minnesota has one of the lowest public transmission rates of infection in the US because social distancing works and because Scandinavian think 6 ft. is close enough under normal circumstances. I think it's harder on Italians, Greeks and Irish because we're huggers and the French who believe every stranger deserves a kiss on both cheeks.

Everyone stay safe and enjoy the spring sunshine driving your Triumph.

Patrick Holt Mpls. MN.

Season of Shop Time

The recent stay at home order has not changed the amount of time I spend in the shop but I know that is not the case for all. I am on several FB groups and online web sites for Triumphs and one German make and I have seen a drastic uptick in general posts as well as members posting inquires for issues they are having while doing small projects. With most everyone on lockdown, stress from listening to the news, looking at your 401K, or being in close quarters with your family for the last 6 weeks may have driven your stress level to the brink.

Working with your hands and listening to music are two ways to lower blood pressure and reduce stress so what could be better than to put the two together. Take the cover off the TR and dig in. You don't have to do a total tear down on your car, if you aren't mechanically inclined there are many small projects that would reap big rewards.

- 1) Deep clean your engine bay
- 2) Sand and paint your valve cover and air cleaner.
- 3) Rub out that oxidized paint.
- 4) Clay bar your paint for a "show shine".
- 5) Remove and clean lighting lenses for better visibility.

These are just a few ideas of small projects. If you have questions about a triumph specific project you want to do, go to triumhpexp.com and type in some key words in the search box for tips. You can also ask questions of the people on the forum in model specific pages and get great advice usually in a very short time. If it is a general project that is applicable to any car google is great for getting tips on how to do it and what products are best.

Stay safe and be calm,

Greg Thompson



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

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

MEMBER PROJECTS

Richard Meggitt

Setting up 3 HS6s for TR6: Numerous mods; most notable: Center Carb fuel bowl mounting fabrication. Fuel bowl location 3/4 inch from stock to facilitate level bowl and symmetrical linkage to forward carb.



Wayne Morris

After roof collapsed on enclosed trailer, snow melted ruining dash and gauges...since convertible top wasn't up. Glued a couple cracks and reconditioned wooden dash with Danish Oil matching the darkness of the stain...worked great. Next came cleaning the



gauges and replacing wiper and washer switches. Rheostat wasn't working either, now was the time to put in a new one. Made sure all bulbs worked and replaced a few before reinstalling dash. Now it was time to reinstall the re-bushed steering column...that's another story.

MEMBER PROJECTS

Dave Heglund

Garaged my '69 GT6 in 2003 because I wanted to completely redo the brakes. Thought it would be easier to do with the body off. Well, it sat for 15 years until I retired, and now it's made it to the top of my project list. MIGHT be on the road later this year after a full resto.



Terry Mackey

After owning a number of TR6s, we missed a zip-out rear window in our TR4A for those hot sunny days. They're not available and a 6 top doesn't fit the 4A top frame, so Bernadette agreed that I could experi-

ment.

Having both an extra TR4A and TR6 top frame to compare (per Morris), it seemed the only difference was the front latch header bracket. So I replaced the TR6 frame header with one from a TR4A. Voila...simple and it fits perfectly on the body and windshield frame to accommodate a TR6 top with that preferred "zip-out rear window". Other possible options might be to alter the top of the TR4A windshield frame or just put on a TR6 windshield. But too much cost and effort, besides I like the latches on the 4A...



The authentic TR4A top and frame are still intact in case we'd ever want to go back to stock...and the donor frames can still be reassembled back to original.

MEMBER PROJECTS

Bill Connell - Wiper motor rebuild

I was supposed to be just wrapping up a full engine and gearbox rebuild about now, but it seemed best to put that on hold while we stay at home for the pandemic. Instead, I went back to my list of small jobs as a way to keep busy: sew a new shifter boot, a couple of drops of oil to quiet down the noisy tach, and next on the list: the wipers won't park on their own.

I didn't get any before pictures, so you'll just have to imagine a grimy lump of a wiper motor that was painted red when a previous owner didn't mask it off when respraying the car.

Removing the motor requires removing the top cover. That's a tight squeeze, but the screws are coarse, so it's not many turns. Lift the cable end off of the motor gear housing, remove the mounting strap, and the whole unit comes off.

Though the motor was generally working, the wiper parking switch is on the bottom of the unit, and you have to almost completely dismantle it before you can access the switch mounting screws.

This is the inside view of the gears. The motor has a worm drive that turns a gear with an eccentric peg. That creates the oscillating motion for the rack that connects to the wiper arms.





The parking switch mounts on the bottom of the case, with a peg that rides along a cam on the bottom of the round gear to stop the motor in park position. I tried working some electronic cleaner into the switch to see if it was just gummed up, but no joy, so I ordered a new one. On the early wiper motor, like mine, the switch is soldered to the motor brushes. Later motors have spade connectors here, so i added connectors to my wires to work with the new switch.

This is the new and old switches together, and you can see the difference in the way they mount. The old style mounts with 2 screws, and the new one seems to use a spring clip. I removed the clip, threaded a mounting hole, and made a small hold-down bracket to keep it in place.

Since the brushes and bushings were all in good shape, it was mainly a cleanup job from here. I repainted the motor case and replated the gear cover and screws. This is a shot of my homebrew electoplating setup, putting some fresh zinc on the mounting bolts





And a picture of the cleaned-up parts, ready to reassemble. The bushes get oil, and everything else gets plenty of grease.

This is the reinstalled unit, working correctly and looking a lot better. The whole project cost \$16 for the parking switch and \$4 for a new rubber mounting pad.



19th ANNUAL

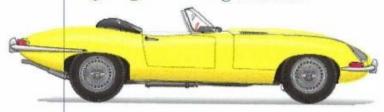


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TRIUMPH TRADER

Tonneau Cover

Tonneau Cover for sale. Slightly used but \$7500.00 excellent condition. Black with headrest pockets. Moss lists them at \$349.99. I am asking \$150.00 . Larry Berg Isberg-dtm@gmail.com \$All lights, gauges an

1980 TR7 Coupe

car located near Prairie Du Sac, Wisconsin \$2500

Contact: Doug Burch 763-780-4706

For sale: upper auxiliary oiler

tube, never out of the package. I have one on my engine. This braided stainless oil feed line will get full oil pressure to your cylinder head and rocker arms. Will fit all Triumph TR250, TR6, GT6, Spitfire and Midget 1500. Sells new at BPNW for \$69. Will sell mine for \$40. Rick Morris 612-207-7990

TR6 Transmission. \$468.34

Rebuilt with new bearings, seals, countershaft and clutch release shaft bearings. Receipts total \$168.34. The gears and synchro's are in great shape. This is a non-overdrive transmission from a 76 TR6.

LSBERGDTM@gmail.com

WANTED

I need a Tachometer drive gear for a TR6 Lucas distributor. This could be from a Lucas, or I am told that the drive gear from a Delco unit from a Spitfire or GT6 would work. Larry Berg, Please call (763) 228-0072 or email lsbergdtm@gmail.com

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For Sale: 1974 TR6 \$2500 OBO

Rust in floors. Mix of steel and FG panels No overdrive. Last registered 1995 Parts or project. Clear title Glen Wilson 651-707-2507







Car Emblems. How Many Can You Identify?



don't know about you, but I'm running out of new things to do around the house. I should clarify that, I'm running out of things that I want to do around the house. So here is a little diversion for you, see if you can name all 42 car makes represented here. Most are easy, but there were some that stumped me, not that any kind of expert, that's for sure. If you want bragging rights you can send your answers to me via email and I will give you credit on next month's Membership Page, along with the correct answers.

Now, I know, you could cheat on this by using the internet (where do you think I found this, anyway?) but if you want to send in answers, make them your own, not web answers.

2020 New Membership Form

\$25 for a single membership + emailed newsletter
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Mail to: Minnesota Triumphs, 4018 Emerson Ave N, Minneapolis, MN, 55412

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

Terry Mackey 1961 East River Parkway Minneapolis, MN 55414





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kaskastner.com for details. Five cars being shipped from the UK. And the Sebring TR250K will be running.

EVENTS CALENDAR

DUE TO THE RECENT CORONAVIRUS OUTBREAK ALL UPCOMING MEETINGS AND OFFICIAL EVENTS ARE BEING CANCELLED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE. WE HAVE BEEN NOTIFIED THAT THE WEEKLY INTERMARQUE BREAKFAST IS ALSO CANCELLED. ITEMS OFFICIALLY CANCELLED ARE CROSSED OUT.

May

- 2 Spring Shakedown Run, hosted by Chip Lederer
- 9 Intermarque Spring Kickoff Osseo Featured marque is the Borgward, a German car maker that shut down in '61
- 14 Club Meeting
- 29-30 Visit the National Motorcycle Museum, Larry Berg and Joe Bisanz are leading the trip, Joe Bisanz and Orrin McGill leading the trip

June

- 11 Club meeting
- 11-13Rendezvous in Kenora

http://rendezvous2020.com/

19-21 Back to the 50's at MN State Fairgrounds

https://msrabacktothe50s.com

25-28 2020 Vintage Grand Prix Races and Kastner Cup at Mid Ohio Race Track

June28 Intermarque picnic, Cherokee Park

July

- 9 Club meeting
- 9-11 Iola Car Show & Swap Iola WI

https://www.iolaoldcarshow.com

July continued..

- 25 Stockholm Pie Run hosted by Bill Connell
- 26 Intermarque picnic, Cherokee Park

August

- 09 New London to New Brighton Antique Car Run http://www.antiquecarrun.org/
- 30-Intermarque picnic, Cherokee Park
- 31- Sept.4 North American TriumphChallenge in Galena, IL, sponsored by Illinois Sports Owner Association (ISOA) https://www.vtr2020.org

September

- 10 Club meeting
- 10 12 Brits in the Ozarks Car Show & Tours, Joe Bisanz and Orrin McGill leading the trip
- 25 Waumandee Hillclimb
- 27 Intermarque picnic, Cherokee Park

28 October

08 Club meeting Annual elections

Please see the events page on MN Triumphs website for more information about our different events, a map to our monthly meeting site, 56 Brewing Co. and a google calendar with the events for the year.

http://www.mntriumphs.org/events.shtm

Every Saturday 8 am: Intermarque Breakfast at The 400 Tavern - 1300 Industrial Blvd. in Minneapolis - corner of Industrial Blvd and I35 W. Casual breakfast with other auto enthusiasts.

A Look In The Rear View Mirror (adapted from Greg Gelhar) Submitted by Bill Nelson - Historian



5 years ago

- + Treasurer Terry Mackey reported that we have money in the bank and Membership Honcho Joe Demuth said we have only 89 members.
- + The April Tech Session was held at the Gary Reineccius home in St. Paul. Last fall we removed the transmission to get at the stuck clutch and this time a new clutch assembly was installed and the transmission that had some minor refurbishing by Larry Berg was also installed. As usual the transmission was a bit stubborn. We fought the installation for a good half hour and then it just plopped into place. Typical.

Frank Weber brought his son Ryan along. Apparently Ryan asked what went on a tech session so instead of trying to explain Frank just brought him with. He still has the dexterity needed and was able to get into places we have difficulty getting to now. Ryan was asked during lunch if he wanted to come to another tech session or if doing homework or cleaning his room was a better option. I'm not sure what the answer was but he is welcome at anytime. So are any of the younger generation.

We all worked hard even though one of the photos doesn't look like it. After a very long rest period Gary's TR4 is another step closer to being on the road again.

submitted by Roger Kraemer - Tech Session Coordinator

10 years ago

Had an article on how to request "VTR Sanctioned Event" status

Minnesota Triumphs Officers History Bill Nelson - historian



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	Tech Sessions	L.Berg, J. Hagen	John Kallaus	Brent Kiser	Roger Kraemer	Roger Kraemer
	Intermarque Liaison	Dan Shidla	Daniel Buchen	Daniel Buchen	Daniel Buchen	Daniel Buchen
	Dues	\$25	\$25	\$25	\$25	\$25
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Regalia Notes

A wide range of regalia and logo designs is available for Minnesota Triumphs members through the Wild-Threads Etsy site: https://www.etsy.com/shop/MNTriumphsStore

Wearing club regalia is fun and a great way to promote awareness about our club and Triumphs!

When ordering it is best to use the following guidelines for a smooth ordering process.

- Place your order via the link on the Minnesota Triumphs Web site to the WildThreads Etsy site.

 Only email Suzanne directly if you have a question about an item, but if you're going to order an item that is listed on the Esty Web site it's generally better to order it through the site. (The exception to this is if you're working with Suzanne on an item that is not listed on the Etsy site and/or you have a special/custom request).
- Be sure ALL information is entered when you place an order, including any size, color, logo options, shipping information, etc., plus your payment information.
- From the WildThreads side, Suzanne has promised she will ship orders within ten business days after they have been received.

NEW FOR 2020...Suzanne is now offering a full-size logo option for the Minnesota Triumph Club logo that can be applied to the back of the clothing options!

Questions? Contact Glenn Anderson



Start planning for the VTR National Convention in 2020!!!

The VTR National Convention for 2020 will be hosted by the Illinois Sports Owners Association in Galena, Illinois.

DATES: August 31 - September 4, 2020

Visit VTR2020.ORG for details and registration.

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