



TRIUMPHS & TRIBULATIONS



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STOCKHOLM PIE "YUM-RUN"

Great turnout to get pie in your face. Thanks Bill C for hosting.

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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 **Our September 10th meeting will be held at the Crooked Pint Ale House. The address is 1734 Adolphus St., Maplewood, Mn 55117. It's the northwest corner of I-35E and Larpenteur Ave.** For membership information 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

Well we are entering September. End of Summer, sorta. Most events were canceled. Kids back to school, only a little different in most cases. State Fair is over if we had one this year. Summer vacations are over if you were able to do it safely. This pandemic has really changed things for this past season and for many more to come but some members are trying.

There is a group of Triumph Club members going to the Whistle Stop B&B in mid-September. The B&B has refurbished early 1900 pullman train cars as your room. There is also a caboose, 2 genuinely nice rooms in the house and another smaller cabin for rent. A group of us went last year, had a great time, so we are doing it again. At last check, the caboose was still available if anyone wants to go its Saturday September 19th. Check it out and get back to me if you want in.

One member is going to the Whistle Stop and leaving in the morning to join the group of Triumph Club members in South Dakota. I know Dick Leighninger would love company on that trek.

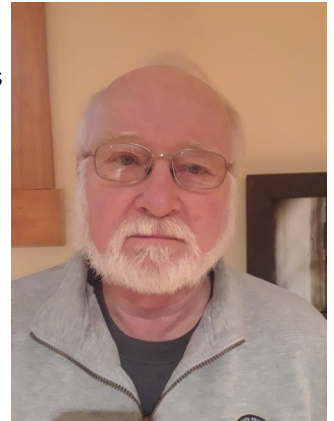
The September meeting is when we nominate officers for the coming year. This year we will need to nominate someone to be president, I will not run for a second year. We need someone to be Tech Coordinator, Steve Shrogren will not be continuing at Coordinator. Jill Davenport who has been treasurer for several years said she would like a rest but is willing to do it for another year if no one steps up. If there is a member you think would fit the job, make sure he or she is at the meeting. A nomination will not be accepted if the person is not there to accept it unless there is a reason they cannot be there, and prior arrangements are made.

The actual voting is at the October meeting. The location for the meeting is still up in the air, along with the September meeting, but there was a motion passed last month to have the club supply a buffet of some kind. This is a "thank you" and a way to get more members at the meeting. More on that later.

I haven't made much progress on the 4.0 engine build for my TR8. Been helping other people and working on different projects. About the first part of October I start getting ready for hunting season, then it is hunting season, followed by Thanksgiving, then right on top of that comes Christmas and New Years so not much will get done until after the first of the year. That does not mean I won't be thinking about the car or I won't be ordering some parts though. Then there is always the mad rush to have the car ready for spring. The cycle starts all over again.

Roger Kraemer

MN Triumphs 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 everything 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! Updates on events:

Cancelled Events:

Brits in the Ozarks - Sept 10-12

Intermarque Spring Kickoff - Sept 26

Cars and Caves in Chanhassen (cancelled through 2020)

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Minnesota Triumphs Meeting Minutes August 13, 2020

President Roger Kraemer called the meeting to order and reminded everyone to register for the door prize drawing done at the end of the meeting.

Welcome to one new member who introduced himself:

Matt Hunting, Bloomington, has a TR4A

And, one long time member but attending his first meeting:

Craig Blechta, Chaska, TR4A

Reports:

Treasurer - Jill Davenport. Bank Balance as of today is \$9,849.98.

Transactions since the last meeting: Expenses – August Newsletter \$178.22. Income - Memberships \$35.00.

Newsletter – Carol Thompson. With the reduced events this year, it is difficult to fill the newsletter, so please send any event photos for the newsletter to Terry Mackey. Newsletter deadline is the 20th of the month for all article, photos, and classified ads-buy/sell.

Tech Session - Steve Shogren. The next session is August 15 at 10AM at Gary Dewing's home. We will be working on his '74 TR6 carb. September 12 is at David Morocco's house to work on his Spitfire.

Membership – Roger gave the report for Joe DeMuth. We are at 118 members, of which 58 are family memberships, for a total of 176.

Intermarque – Doug Burch. Although some events have been canceled, some remain. The monthly picnics are on schedule. The Spring Kickoff in Osseo that had been rescheduled to September 26 has now been canceled; mark your calendars for May 8, 2021. Wheels of Italy has also been canceled. See the intermarque.org calendar to see what events are on.

Historian – reminder from Bill Nelson to submit a story about you and your Triumph. Also, if you have any old membership lists, Bill would like them from you to complete historical records. He had members stand up (then sit down) to visualize how long some of the members had belonged to the club. There were several left standing at 30 years!

Events – Steve Shogren gave report for Bill Connell.

Judy Sherwood had previously expressed an interest in organizing the Fall Colors drive; Bill will contact her to see if she is still interested in this.

October 9-11 Waumandee Time Trials are on.

There is a car show at the Chateau Winery on August 22; it's just like the one the club attended in June. The Edina Rotary is putting on a car

show September 12 in the Southtown parking lot in front of the old Herbergers; \$10 registration on line or \$15 day of. Steve said how fun the Elkhart Lake Road America event was, but didn't know if it was on this year. The event at BIR August 22-23 may still be on – check the BIR website. This BIR reference drew a comment from Glenn about the fact that various clubs are allowed to display their cars and drive the track at lunch break; should we look into this for next year? Keep up to date on club events by viewing the calendar on mntriumphs.org

Old Business:

The meeting site selection committee is working on a new meeting spot. Crooked Pint has offered us the lower level meeting room. We can order off the menu and get beer only in cans. Based on our experience here at Josephs tonight, please shoot an email to Dick Leighninger to vote for Josephs or Crooked Pint for September's meeting.

New Business:

Club Offices elections come up in October and nominations will be accepted at the September meeting. Two positions will be open: president, and tech session coordinator. Please consider nominating yourself or someone else (with their permission) for these important positions. A motion was made and seconded to provide an appetizer or dinner buffet for the membership at the October election meeting.

A member has ball joints and seals for a '75 Spitfire for sale; he was advised to list these in the classifieds of our newsletter.

Greg Thompson found two cars in Duluth available for a good price (one fixable and one for parts?) Contact him for details.

Jeff Nord won the door prize (a hat) and the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted by Jill Davenport

Season of Thankfulness

When I started this “Season of” thing, I never thought I would think of enough descriptive nouns to fill out the year and it surely wasn’t my intention but I can see the end now so I will persevere. Creative writing has never been my gift so these words don’t flow out of my finger tips to the keys and certainly are no Grisham novel when I am done. Many times, I start a thread and the end result is totally different from my initial thoughts.

This month’s inspiration came from listening to someone pining about how “terrible” things have been since March. They “haven’t been able to go to Life Time” so I suggested they go for a walk at one of our wonderful parks. They also couldn’t get their hair cut and colored for 3 months! How tragic! How vane are we as a society that we can’t let our friends and family see who we really are on the outside much less on the inside. This person’s display of ungratefulness and how their liberties were being restricted made me realize how much we have despite a few minor inconveniences. They also have no hobbies, unless you consider watching YouTube videos a hobby?

I guess that brings me around to the point of this thread. I am thankful for the car hobby and all it brings to my life. We have met some great folks over the years and some we have been friends with for over 30 years. We have traveled far and wide with a handful of those brave souls and had many memorable adventures and fun times around a meal table, on a tour boat , or at a bonfire. We have experienced a few breakdowns along the road that we have managed to fix but I don’t remember any blow-ups between friends much less a cross word. We were young and full of energy when we started down this path and now we are not so young with much less energy but I still get excited when we load up the TR for a weekend or for a week so I think I will stick around for a while.

Greg

Member Project - Pat Holt

Member Patrick Holt has 2 TR4s. One he really likes and one with a performance motor he really likes. Here Patrick, Gary Stephenson and Roger Kraemer are setting in the motor from his Black TR4 into his White TR4. After this is complete we will install the performance motor from the White TR4 into his black TR4. Confused, wait until the next issue. Don't worry, Patrick confuses us too. Roger Kraemer





MEMBERSHIP NOTES

To Minnesota Triumphs Membership,

I think we can all reach a consensus that 2020 has been... a year. Mostly, it has been a year of many changes, and my life has not been exempt from this phenomenon.

I have been asking myself questions to which I have not been able to find satisfactory answers for roughly the past quarter century. Then, two years ago, I had a moment of Epiphany and after consulting with a couple therapists, it was determined that I am transgender and began the process of transitioning from Erik... to Jessica.

I've been on Hormone Replacement Therapy (HRT) since August of 2019 and publicly came out this past March 31st (which, incidentally, was the International Transgender Day of Visibility).

Except for my body slowly taking on more feminine characteristics, I can assure you that I'm the same individual who is an enthusiast of model railroads and classic, British cars... especially Triumphs!



So, let me reintroduce myself to the club: my name is Jessica Paulson, I am the proud owner of a 1975 TR7 I affectionately call "Sadie," and it's a pleasure to reacquaint myself with the membership!

Jessica Paulson (erikpaulson1976@gmail.com)

2020 New Membership Form

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 Mail to: Minnesota Triumphs, 4018 Emerson Ave N, Minneapolis, MN, 55412

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Partner	<input type="text"/> <small>New member as you want it to appear on a name tag</small>
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City, State, Zip	<input type="text"/>
Day Phone/Cell Phone	<input type="text"/>
Home Phone	<input type="text"/>
E-mail Address	<input type="text"/>
Car, Model/s	<input type="text"/>
Member of VTR	Yes No

Pie Run

Bill Connell hosted a “pie run” drive to Stockholm, Wisconsin to visit the Stockholm Pie and General Store. People gathered in St Paul for a pleasant drive down WI 35. There was a great turn out and even better lunch and pie.



August Meeting Pics



TECH SESSION

On August 15th we had 10 members gather at new member Gary Dewing's in St. Paul to work on his '74 TR6. Larry Berg had rebuilt the carbs, but the car had been sitting for years and did not want to run on gas, without having starting fluid. The compression was good. The timing was reset but in the end the car was still not running without starting fluid.

Gary had bought new hoses and connections to replace the emission system tubing. That may make a difference.

Note from Gary:

It runs. I removed carbs and raised floats a bit. And thoroughly reworked choke. Need to figure out how to synchronize carbs next, then tach isn't functional for some reason.

The tech session for Sept will be at David Moracco's in Moundsview on Sept. 12th, more details coming.



For Sale

I was contacted by a fellow up near Duluth about 2 1972 TR6's he has for sale. One he started restoration on and didn't brace the body so the doors will not shut. Other car is a driver parked a few years ago. Has FG fenders and rocker panels but looks presentable. Many new parts. \$5,000 for both cars and he will not split them. I don't have room for more cars. Contact me with questions. Greg - thompson@prodigy.net



Give Away:

Fiberglass battery box. Good for a quick fix for the usual rusty battery holder. Dave Heglund davisnlinda@yahoo.com

Fuel tank for GT6. Sensor works. Dave Heglund davisnlinda@yahoo.com (10/20)

For Sale

For sale, excellent carbs, intake manifold, and air box for TR6. Carbs have been rebuilt and functioned perfectly before I changed to Mikuni carbs. Make me an offer. Rick Morris morri033@umn.edu. (10/20)



For Sale

3.5 V8 4bbl intake. appears to have a Quadrajet bolt pattern. \$150.00/offer

Pair of 1 1/4 SU carbs new still in the box \$550.00/offer

Pair of TR7 Stromberg carbs, rebuilt but never remounted \$125.00/offer

Contact Roger kraemer 651-207-3920 phone or text or kraemer@q.com (10/20)

Rare TR3B For Sale in Minnesota!

TCF634 is a Signal Red synchromesh TR3B with approximately 71,000 miles. It runs well, but shows the signs of being 58 years old, with some dents and dings on the body and a bit of rust underneath. It was featured on its 50th birthday in the VTR magazine, along with its owner, as the two were "born" two days apart. More information and pictures can be found at www.tcf634.com. Questions can be directed to david@davidrkoenig.com. Price: Best Offer (I really don't know what to ask) (10/20)



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A Look In The Rear View Mirror (adapted from Greg Gelhar)

Submitted by Bill Nelson - Historian



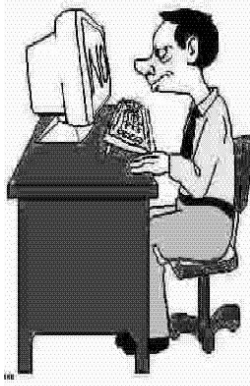
5 years ago - September 2015

- + Club participation at 2015 VTR in Lake Geneva Wisconsin was excellent and we received a VTR club participation award.
- + John Myers received 1st place in Concourse with his TR8. Joe Soucheray took 3rd in Concourse with his TR6 and Terry Mackey took 3rd in TR4 Participants Choice.
- + The August Tech Session was held at Jill Davenport's home in South Minneapolis. 8 club members showed up to get her '75 Spitty up and running for the first time in 3 plus years. The carb was checked and reinstalled. The plugs were re-gapped and the cylinders lubed. After Jill returned with a new battery, within a minute the car was running. Probably better than some of the cars that were driven there. The best part of this tech session was the wide eyed look and ear to ear grin on Jill's face that was not removeable until we started chowing down after the car came to life.
- + For sale in the Triumph Trader was a '72 TR6 for \$7500.

10 years ago - September 2010

- + As of August 23 the rooms at the Jekyll Island Club for VTR are scarce. Smaller rooms with double bed at \$149, the rest are suites starting at \$239.
- + July 24 was the Intermarque Drive-In Movie Night in Cottage View.
- + Roosevelt High School was restoring a 1974 Spitfire and they were needing parts.
- + Listed in the Triumph Trader was a 1979 TR-7 with 96,000 miles on it for \$3900.

2010 VTR - Jekyll Island, South Carolina



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.

EVENTS CALENDAR

DUE TO THE RECENT CORONAVIRUS OUTBREAK MANY EVENTS HAVE BEEN CANCELLED. ITEMS OFFICIALLY CANCELLED ARE CROSSED OUT.

July

9 Club meeting - at Crooked Pint

~~9-11 Iola Car Show & Swap - Iola WI~~

~~<https://www.iolaoldcarshow.com>~~

25 Stockholm Pie Run hosted by Bill Connell

26 Intermarque picnic, Cherokee Park

August

~~9 - New London to New Brighton Antique Car Run~~

~~<http://www.anticquecarrun.org/>~~

~~2, 16, 30 - Cruise IN at Tamarack, car shows at X-Golf in Woodbury~~

13 Club Meeting at Joseph's Grill

~~29 - Cars and Caves, Chanhassen AutoPlex~~

30-Intermarque picnic, Cherokee Park

~~31 - Sept. 4 North American Triumph Challenge 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~~

12 Tech Session at David Moracco's in Moundsview - more details to come

September (continued)

12 Edina Car Show at Southdale, from the Edina Rotary Club
<https://www.edinarotary.org/page/edina-car-show>

~~26 - Intermarque Spring Kickoff, Osseo MN~~

27 Intermarque picnic, Cherokee Park

October

08 Club meeting Annual elections

09-11 Waumandee Time Trials <https://www.mwmotoring.com/waumandee>

17 Tech session at Jeff Nord's house, working on getting his '72 TR6 back on the road

Please see the events page on MN Triumphs website for more information about our different events and a google calendar with the events for the year.

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

Every Saturday: Intermarque breakfast: currently meeting at Silverwood Park - corner of Silver Lake Road and County Road E in St. Anthony. Meet about 9:30am - bring a lawn chair, coffee, and food.

Regalia Notes

A wide range of regalia and logo designs is available for Minnesota Triumphs members through the WildThreads 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

New Website Launch - Bill Connell

The new MN Triumphs club website is live! You can see the new site at the same URL: <https://www.mntriumphs.org>

The new site features an updated design, expanded maintenance resources (based on the list that Chip worked on last year), and a new way to feature member car photos, along with all of the great content we've built up over the years.

Thanks to everyone who sent early feedback on the site, I've incorporated a lot of great ideas from members. A few members mentioned wanting more photos and pages about member cars, and we have an easy way to add those now. If you want to have your car featured on the site, send the story about your car and a photo or two, and i'll add it. Or, just send a photo and it can be in the rotating photos on the home page.

Please email your car photos and stories webmaster@mntriumphs.org, or if you see anything missing, not working right, or if you have other ideas for new things to add.

Scan the QR code to go to the website:



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