



# TRIUMPHS & TRIBULATIONS



Last Newsletter  
for 2020  
.....  
returning in January



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## Club Meeting and a Tech Session

The remaining events for this year will be featured in 2021.

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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 October 8th 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](http://www.mntriumphs.org)

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

**For VTR Membership information visit [www.vtr.org](http://www.vtr.org)**





## PREZ RELEASE

Well this has been an interesting year. Because of the COVID-19 pandemic not much was done. All are hopeful that next year will be much better.

I for one have had some success. A few years ago, I purchased my TR8 from club member Tom Meader. Last spring Tom purchased my TR7 FHC coupe for his son. A couple of weeks ago I purchased a TR7 convertible from Tom. He bought the car because it had a double hump bonnet like the TR8s. Swapped the bonnet from the 7 I sold him, then sold the car to me. All that being said I now have the car to put my 4.0 Rover V8 into. Already pulled the engine and transmission. Anybody want a good running 2.0 TR7 engine, very reasonably priced? Almost free. It is complete less starter and alternator, but it does have headers.



At the September meeting we nominated club members for the various positions for the coming year. Joe Demuth has been Membership Chair for about 15 years. A few days after the meeting someone from the club sent Joe an Email stating he could not be Membership Chair because he was not at the meeting, therefore the Bylaws state he cannot be nominated. With that and the tone of the Email Joe stepped down.

The Bylaws say absolutely nothing about that. Someone without informed knowledge "fake news" did this deliberately to remove Joe from his position. This was wrong. I challenge that member to step up at the October meeting and explain themselves. Many members are not happy.

This is my last pres release for this term. I am not running again. I would like to thank all the members who supported me thru this rough year and the members and those that didn't you can . . .

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 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)

Stag - David Anderson (612-810-9740)

## **PLEASE NOTE! Updates on events:**

### **Cancelled Events:**

Cars and Caves in Chanhassen (cancelled through 2020)

Bill Connell is working on creating a route map database that we can use for future events planning. If you have a route from a previous event (any drive, any year) that would be viable to run again, please send to Bill Connell (email or paper copies are fine).

**September Meeting:** Our October 8th 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. Don't forget your masks and your nametags. Thanks. Site Selection Committee (Dick, Jon, Chip and Lenny)

## **Minnesota Triumphs Meeting Minutes**

### **September 10, 2020**

The September meeting was called to order at 7:10 and was well attended with over 40 members. We picked up a new member David Anderson (73 Stag) and we had a guest Steve Gordon who is interested in buying a Triumph.

Most of the meeting was consumed by the nominations of club officers.

All nominating positions were filled and the meeting was adjourned at 7:35.

It was a gorgeous Mn. evening, so the room cleared out quickly.

A list of candidates was sent to all paid members to allow for online voting. As of September 28 we have exceeded the minimum votes required to establish a quorum.

### **List of Candidates for 2021:**

President	Chip Lederer
Vice President	Doug Foster
Treasurer	Jody Meier
Secretary	David Anderson
Newsletter	Carol & Greg Thompson
Tech sessions	Jeff Johnson
Intermarque Liaison	Patrick Holt
VTR Liaison	Greg Thompson
Event Coordinator	Bill Connell
Regalia	Glenn Anderson
Membership Chair	"open" at time of last meeting - Nathan Arnold has since volunteered for this position



# Season of Beginnings



Truth be told (and my wife will attest to it) I have always felt my year ends at Labor Day weekend! Growing up most everything revolved around the start of the school year and after having kids it only re-enforced the feeling. The growing season has been on that same schedule since the beginning of time as well, at least for us in the Northern hemisphere! And so, our Triumph year will come to an end as well with maybe one more crisp drive to view the fall colors. Some would say its been a horrible year for our club but we have managed a picnic and a couple of TR trips.

We had made plans to travel to Spring Green WI to tour Taliesin heading to VTR (before it was canceled) so we decided to make good on those reservations and we managed to return COVID free. We also just returned from a 6-day trip to the Black Hills (complete story to follow) with a larger group of TRs and had a great time social distancing!

So, what will next year hold for our little microcosm? Your guess is as good as mine but I think it will be much of the same. I have always been one to not get my hopes up (my wife will attest to it) for much of anything so huge disappointments for me are few. So, my hope is next year we will be able to roam the continent unimpeded and eat in restaurants without face masks. If so, we can go to Rendezvous and the VTR, but if we can't ... well I guess we will make the best of it just like this year!

Until January,

Greg



# The Last MEMBERSHIP NOTES

## A New Member Introduction

Hello everyone,

My name is Matt, and I'm an engineer and fellow triumph enthusiast with a recently acquired 59 TR3A. Growing up, I had seen quite a few of these TR3's at my grandfather's house. My grandfather, also an engineer, got his first TR3, a 1956 in signal red, TS12893E in 1958 which he drove daily to work, amassing nearly 200,000 miles on the car, which is now with my father. Through the 60's and 70's he continued amassing his collection of TR3's, with plans to restore during retirement to a total of about 10 complete cars (which my grandmother was not a fan of!), but he only made it through an initial restoration on one, my 59 TR3A, TS51049L. Turns out, by the late 90's the state of California was not a fan of him

painting cars without proper filtering in his back yard! ...which put to bed his restoration plans. I'm excited to have the opportunity to enjoy these cars with fellow enthusiasts, and to learn the tips, tricks, and quirks they present. We'll see you guys at the next one! - *Matt Huntting* <[matthuntting@yahoo.com](mailto:matthuntting@yahoo.com)>



### 2020 New Membership Form

\$25 for a single membership + emailed newsletter    \$26 for couple membership + emailed newsletter  
 \$35 for a single membership + mailed newsletter    \$36 for couple membership + mailed newsletter  
 Mail to: Minnesota Triumphs, 1528 Haller Ct S. Maplewood, MN 55119

Name	New member as you want it to appear on a name tag
Partner	
Address	
City, State, Zip	
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Home Phone	
E-mail Address	
Car, Model/s	
Member of VTR	Yes No



## Member Stories

### CHANGING SEASONS - Greg Gelhar

I feel Winter is coming while most of the Summer has been canceled. Here I am in my garage. Instead of working on my 47 year old TR6, I had a list of items to attend to on my 49 year old snowblower.

Greg G.



### How I Obtained My Second Triumph - Bill Nelson

In January 2003 several club members made a trip to Hooked on Classics, an automotive consignment dealer in Watertown, Mn. My son Brad and I felt an interest in the TR7 that was there and we returned later to purchase the car and take it home. Brad wanted that car from almost the first moment he saw it in December 2002. We paid \$400 for it in January and since the timing chain was off the gear we knew we couldn't test run it. We pushed the car onto the trailer for the trip back to Elk River. It being a little cold at that time of the year, we didn't start working on it until the end of March.

Since I inherited the car from Brad in April 2003, it was a labor of love for me. Rings, bearings, timing chain, tensioner and gear, belts, hoses, plugs, wires, and distributor cap were all replaced. New brake shoes and cylinders, clutch slave, battery, fuel line, license lights, and throttle cable were installed. Replacement headlight switches and some relays were replaced. The head got a valve job and the radiator was cleaned. The harmonic balancer was rebuilt along with the clutch and brake master cylinders, the carbs, and the alternator.

The car has been driven around town a little and also driven to Ellingson's car show in Rogers in 2006. The club did help me with a tech clinic in October 2015 to fix some problems. It is currently waiting for me to replace the fuel sending unit and be able to open and close the doors.

Bill Nelson



# September Meeting Pics





## TECH SESSION

Sept. 12th we had a tech session at David Moracco's house in Mounds View to work on his '65 Spitfire. We had about 11 people, so teams working on front, back and passenger compartment. We accomplished installing headlights, grill, front bumper (mostly) tail-lights (mostly) and some dash instrument installation.

We did not scratch all things off the to-do list, as there were parts missing that needed to be ordered and some problems to resolve, such as welding captive nuts into a bumper guard.

We were able to start the car but the starter stayed engaged even after releasing the key. Some ignition switch gremlins and or a wiring issue.

There was a problem with a family member driving a car into the opened passenger door. Although there was damage, it was not as bad as anticipated and the door was able to close and latch.

It was an enjoyable day wrenching on a Triumph and David is a good host. David's car is a work in progress, but small steps were made towards getting it on the road once more.

Steve Shogren, Tech Session Guy





## 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 50<sup>th</sup> 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](http://www.tcf634.com). Questions can be directed to [david@davidrkoenig.com](mailto: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 - October 2015

- + Gary and Barb will be hosting the High Tea on Sunday November 8th at 1 PM till the tea is consumed.
- + The Fall Show will be located in Jordan at Sponsel's Apple Orchard, it will take place on Sunday October 18th between 10 AM and 2 PM.
- + There was a tech clinic on Bill Nelson's TR7 with starting problems. A new ignition key had taken care of the starter continuing to run while the motor was running. Cleaning the gunk off the front carb's needle did allow the carb to operate, but that didn't help the electrics. After lunch a negative grounding wire was reattached by Joe Demuth. Another successful Minnesota Triumphs Tech Session.
- + For sale in the Triumph Trader. 73 Spitfire complete - for sale as project / parts car, engine turns over freely but has not started recently. \$800, Doug Burch.

10 years ago - October 2010

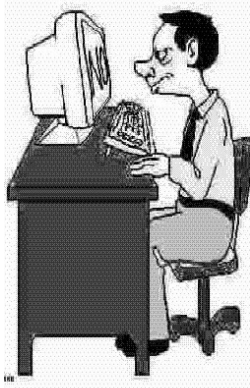
- + The 2010 Budget (actual up to 9-21-10) was printed in the October newsletter.
- + The Five Major Laws for British Sports Cars by Don Hayward are:
  1. Law of Peculiar Random Nomenclature.
  2. Law of Cryptic Instructions.
  3. Love of Hardship Law.
  4. Law of Non-functional Attributes.
  5. Newly Discovered Component Failure Law.

## Trivia submitted by Orrin McGill

What car did Clark Kent drive in the Adventures of Superman TV show?  
(4 episodes)

Extra Credit:

Lois Lane's car?



**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.

## 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

03 Buck Malick of the MG club has organized a drive from Rosemount to Zumbro Falls for lunch.

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

### SAVE THE DATE 2021!

2021 Kastner Cup July 22-25, 2021 at Portland International Raceway

[www.kaskastner.com/kastnercup.html](http://www.kaskastner.com/kastnercup.html)

2021 VTR September 14 - 18 in Edmond, OK

<https://www.triumphsokc.org/vtr2021>

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](mailto: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:



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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