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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. We Our next meeting is May 13 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

The Good News

The Good News is that during hard times – and what a hard year it's been – the Triumphs around us are there to distract and provide a comfortable place if you need it. They play many roles in this crisis, from minor distraction, to major escape, to providing satisfaction when everything is uncertain and relentless. And when you are trying to make sense of the world, your Triumph can serve as an inspirational backdrop to simpler times when repair manuals were easy to understand. The intuitive nature of your car can keep you grounded. Soon driving your car will provide you the outlet you need to escape reality. It is your safe place.



The good news is on May 8th the Club's first driving event of the year ('21 Spring Shake Down Tour) will take place. We will meet at the REI store located at 750 American Blvd. W, Bloomington at 10:30 AM. Then the group will travel on backroads to New Prague, MN. Lunch will be at the Fishtale Bar and Grill. They offer Covid compliant dinning with seating both inside and outside. This is a rain or shine event. The route map is on the website.

The good news is that thirty-six members attended the April 8th meeting at the Cooked Pint Ale House. Two members (Dick Leighninger, Jerry Morhnke) drove their Triumphs. Ken Ljung joined the Club and Paul Aslanian attended his first meeting. We discussed the 2021 volunteer opportunities. Several members have signed up for the Bylaws Review Committee. It is now full. The 2021 Budget was approved by the membership. A change in our regalia supplier was unanimously approved and Dan Booth will coordinate this. See the Groups IO site for merchandise options. Check the Events Calendar as things are constantly changing. We hope to see you for the next meeting on May 13th.

The good news is that fourteen members gathered at the TR3 carburetor and tune-up tech session at Matt Huntting's. It was a learning experience for the masses. Matt's carburation issue was easily diagnosed and resolved by the gurus applying their homemade tools of the trade. As debating and manual reading took place on the process of gaining access to the cooling fan, Matt demonstrated for us how his new QuickJack car lift worked. This was way cool. This tool should have been highlighted in the April Newsletter section, "Favorite Tools." With the car on the lift and the front grill removed, access to the fan bolts was obtained though the radiator crank hole. Long story short, we observed a short-cut to a 50-year-old shop manual procedure. It's not necessary to remove the front apron assembly, and all you need is a lift. See the tech session page for Matt's write-up and pictures.

The good news is the Intermarque Club is hosting the Intermarque Spring Kickoff in Osseo, MN on May 22nd. Triumph Club members who are planning on attending will gather for breakfast at the Perkins restaurant on Aspen Lane in Brooklyn Park. Just a reminder, if you're planning on having breakfast get there early, service is slow. The group will leave and travel together to the event just before 8:45 AM. A food donation is requested. The Intermarque Club is looking at being the primary organizer for the 2022 Rendezvous. It is my understanding that consideration is being given to having them be the permanent host of this event. Based on our open discussion at our April meeting, I have responded to the Intermarque Club and stated that the Minnesota Triumph Club endorses this approach and would support such efforts with volunteers and could entertain other potential resources.

The good news is members (current and past) will have the opportunity to celebrate our Club's 45th Anniversary on July 10th at the Spring Lake Park Preserve near Hastings. Permits and budget guidelines are set; the food menu, activities, invitations to past members, and live music are being finalized. The Planning Team is in full swing and recently met on April 20th at the Crooked Pint. There is lots yet to do, please offer a hand.

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PREZ RELEASE - continued

The good news is that June became an empty month for activities with the cancelation of the 2021 Rendezvous Event, but John Myer presented the idea of a fun filled day (June 12th) of go karting at the Stockholm Karting Center in Cokato, MN. Currently there are 8 members who will be attending a day of distraction from the everyday doldrums. There is still time to get your cart reserved for a spin. Contact Chip Lederer if you are interested. This will be 2 hours of karting on a .65-mile, 14 turn, open road course. If that's not enough, on June 26, after spending a day at Chateaus St. Croix listening to Blues and eating BBQ take a drive on one of Western Wisconsin's most scenic gems along the St. Croix River. It's a perfect way to end your day. If you think the Great River Road is exceptional, this scenic road will give you something to think about. Details will be posted on the events calendar.

The good news is that at the upcoming Club Meeting (May 13), Wade Peterson (Groups IO coordinator) will guide us through the steps so everyone can effectively interact with this essential Club tool. Thanks for your patience and willingness to try to move this iniative forward. Now that all members have access to the platform, it is the time for the development team to fashion the platform to your liking. This meeting is your chance to voice your thoughts. Creating a user-friendly platform is important. I have gotten several questions and numerous Emails ranging from "are you selling my information", "is there security" to "just too much stuff, how do I get what I want?" Please speak up!! It will help us tailor the May meeting to be informative and supportive.

One last bit of good news: Members like you continue to support the Club in a big way, and for that I am grateful. It's an honor to work with a Club that evokes such passion and loyalty. I can assure you that all members of the Committee feel the same as I do.

And now I think I'll go to the garage.

Chip Lederer



Anniversary T-Shirts \$13.00

Call or text Dan to place a shirt order for a short sleeve, long sleeve, or a women's V-neck to Dan @ 651-208-9355 or dbooth41@gmail.com. Deadline for shirt orders to have by the July meeting and the party are June 25th.

Spring Shakedown Tour to New Prague - May 8

Hosted by Matt Huntting

Meet at 10:30 - will be heading out at 11:00

Starting at the REI in Bloomington(750 American Blvd W, Bloomington) and heading south through Burnsville/Savage/Prior Lake. It should take about an hour each way. Lunch will be at the Fishtale Bar and Grill. They offer Covid compliant dinning with seating both inside and outside. This is a rain or shine event.

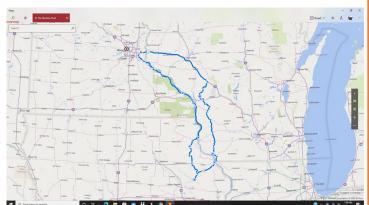


AN INVITATION TO TRAVEL AND TOUR - Larry Berg

On **Friday May 21**st, a small group of Triumph & Motorcycle enthusiasts are on our way to the National Motorcycle Museum in Anamosa Iowa. Please join us. https:// https:// nationalmcmuseum.org/

This is a three-day trip that includes some of the best driving roads in Wisconsin.

If interested please contact me, Larry Berg, lsberg-dtm@gmail.com (763) 228-0072



Website - Bill Connell

The MN Triumphs club website is: https://www.mntriumphs.org

We've added a Drives and Tours page to the club website with some of our favorite driving routes and destinations. Send your routes to webmaster@mntriumphs.org to add them to the list!

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 <u>webmaster@mntriumphs.org</u>, 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:





Annual 2021 Intermarque Spring Kick Off Car show

Planning is forging ahead for the next annual Intermarque Spring Kick Off car show in Osseo, Minnesota. The date is **Saturday, May 22.** The gates for parking will open at 9:00 AM. The event will run from 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM, rain or shine. The featured cars this year will be the Borgward, Goliath and Lloyd. There will be an art show in the park and Cross Services will be there collecting non-perishable foods from all entries. There is an online sign up site for club members to volunteer. The site is https://signup.com/go/MstBoA. This is an Intermarque event and I need all the help I can get to organize and carry off the show, so I hope you can volunteer some time. This is a family event and I hope to see you all there. **Don't forget a mask and some non-perishable food items.**

The Triumph Club will be meeting at the Perkins restaurant located at 8585 Aspen Lane, Brooklyn Park, Minnesota, MN 55445. Cars will leave the parking lot at 8:45 AM so we can all drive in together for parking.

Thanks!

Dick Leighninger, SKO Chairman





Bit of Club History

The 70's were a time for individuality and how better to do that but with the car you drove. Auto racing of many flavors was part of the culture and a way for many to feel a part of a group of likeminded people with like cars. Clubs were also popping up all over to bring those people together. For the Triumph owner the Triumph Sports Owners Association (TSOA) was a club started by the

factory in 1956 and continued till the marque ended in 1981. It was really a marketing tool and information source for the US market and racing teams and if you sent them a letter you could ask to start up a local chapter for your geographical area.

In August of 1974 the Triumph Register of America (TRA) was formed as an offshoot of the TR Register of the UK. They were formed to support the TR2-3 cars and did allow the TR4 as members too but nothing more. This club is still in existence today but their charter has not changed. In October of the same year the Vintage Triumph Register (VTR) was formed and at the time its charter was to support all cars from inception of the marque up to cars 10 years old. There was also the Triumph Restorers Club trying to get established, but I can't find any information on it so it must not have gotten too far. The TSOA was the umbrella organization overseeing the activities of all these Registers. In 1981 the last of the TR7-8s rolled off the production line and the TSOA and its US newsletter ceased to be published as Triumph no longer sold cars in the US. With that there was no longer a tie to bind the many Registers and Clubs together.

At nearly the same time, two different Minnesota Triumph members were embarking down their own roads to belong to a group. Joe Bisanz had just purchased a brand new TR6 in 1974 in September and in 1975 was given a TSOA Charter to set up a chapter in the Twin Cities. It was the Triumph Sports Owners Association of Minnesota. He was looking for fellow Triumph owners to plan driving events with him and enjoy their late model Triumphs the way they were designed to be driven. One of the founding members of the VTR was Terry Telke. He owned a Triumph Renown and a 2000 Roadster both of which were more than 20 years old and represented the first generation of post war Triumphs. His interest was restoring and preserving his cars which included bringing together like owners to share knowledge and parts for a car the dealerships had lost interest in maintaining.

Joe had recruited three others to join the TSOA chapter but too soon one had moved away another had passed away and the other sold his car. Joe then went to a meeting of the VTR group and it was obvious that at tht time their focus was not the same and the VTR charter did not align with Joe's newer car and what he wanted to do. He had a brand new TR6 he wanted to take on drives and the others were restoring 25 year old Triumphs.

In the fall of 1980 a letter was drafted by Lou Bardel, Dale Peterson, Harry Tollas, and Terry Telke to invite people to join them and organize as Triumphs of Minnesota with a now greater focus on driving activities and events. An ad was placed in the St Paul Pioneer Press in the spring of 1981 and about 30 people showed up on June 14, 1981 at Fort Snelling Park Beach for a picnic. Newsletter #1 was printed on July 21, 1981. The club was made a VTR chapter in 1984. The Triumphs of Minnesota name was changed to Minnesota Triumphs at the request/recommendation of the VTR. The Club is proud to be one of the few to have been given both a TSOA and a VTR Charter.

Club membership steadily rose and in 1998 had grown to over 100 members. In that year we hosted our first VTR national and did so again in 2002 and 2018. We have also hosted Rendezvous, a regional multi-marque event and are active in InterMarque - Vintage Foreign Motorcars of the Upper Midwest. We are still a club that is focused on driving and maintaining our cars and having fun with the people that own them. Greg, with help from Joe



April Meeting Pics

photos: Dick Leiningher

Two Cars - Dick Leiningher's TR6 and Jerry Morhnke's TR4





REGALIA

Minnesota Triumphs Club logo apparel is available on demand in many different styles, for men and women, with different logos and colors.

Contact our apparel coordinator Dan Booth to start an order, he can get you the item and logo you're looking for.

Text or call 651-208-9355 or email <u>dbooth41@gmail.com</u>

See samples of Dan's work:

Magnolia Screen Printing Ink on Facebook Magnolia Screen Printing Ink on Instagram





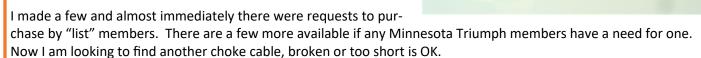


Member Project - Greg Gelhar

SOMETIMES IT'S THE LITTLE THINGS

A few weeks ago, on the Triumph Experience, I saw someone wanting to find a source for the TR3 odometer reset knobs. There were no suggestions given, but photos and ideas of things owners had substituted were offered. One of those was a dimensioned drawing of the original shaft and knob.

Well, one of my hobbies is my small home machine shop. I save all sorts of things that might be repurposed into useful objects. I found just what I needed to make replacement reset knobs. I found that an old choke cable makes the perfect flexible shaft for these.









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 - Greg Gelhar greg@gelhar.com

TR4 - John Myers (507-633-2017)

TR4A - Larry Sanderson (507-775-6940)

TR250/TR6 - Orrin McGill (763-755-7765)

TR7 - Roger Kramer (651-207-3920)

TR8 - Roget Kramer (651-207-3920)

Spitfire - Bill Gingerich (612-850-4072)

GT6 - Pat McFarland (763-427-5612)

Stag - David Anderson (612-810-9740)

The April 10th triumph tech session consisted of work on my 59 Triumph TR3A. Specifically, valve clearance adjustments, ignition timing, and carb tuning. Approximately a dozen triumph club members showed up to assist in these efforts, powered by donuts and the occasional beer. We began with valve clearance adjustments and found my previous efforts got us close and so minimal changes were required... We then moved onto ignition timing, with a timing light supplied by Pat Holt. (Thanks Pat!). This was something I had not checked previously... We determined I was 26 degrees out of time... yikes! A few simple adjustments later and we were running much better. Followed up by some minor carb adjustments and the car is running as good as it ever has. All efforts were highly successful, and the car is running substantially better. It however would not be a triumph tech session if we didn't leave something disassembled somewhere... With that in mind, we also discovered my cooling fan was loose, and worked together to get that removed. I'm now awaiting parts and looking forward to getting the new one installed this weekend. Thanks to all who came and made the tech session successful. There is clearly quite a lot of expertise in the club! - Mat Huntting













TRIUMPH TRADER

For Sale

I have many parts for all Triumphs. I have motors, frames, wheels and most other parts.

Email me at wmorris11134@yahoo.com or call me at 612-723-4602 or text. - Wayne Morris











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 Rover V8 from a TR8, long block with 4 bbl intake and Holly 600 carb \$400.00 / offer
- Engine stand, almost new, \$60.00 / offer
- 4 TR7 steel wheels with almost new tires set \$140.00 / offer
- TR6, 4, 250 add on AC complete under dash unit, Manual included. \$275.00 / offer
- Pair of new in the box SU 1 1/4 cards for spitfire \$550.00 / offer
- Book Spitfire Gold Portfolio Brooklands Book 180
 page \$5.00
- Book Triumph Spitfire GT6 Guide to Originality by John Thomason 160 pages \$10.00
- Book TR3 original dealership parts book really used but all there \$15.00

Contact: Roger Kraemer 651-207-3920 call or text kraemer@q.com

For Sale

Securon three-point inertia seat belts (2) in beige. NEW, ordered for my Spitfire and didn't fit; too expensive to ship back to Rimmer. Says they fit Spitfire, TR7, GT6, TR4-250, TR6, and MG Midget, MGB GT, MGB Roadster. Check with Rimmer to see if #RB735515 fits your car. Paid \$106.66 for both, currently priced \$155.08. Asking \$90. Jill Davenport, 612-202-8748







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

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

Terry Mackey 1961 East River Parkway Minneapolis, MN 55414

EVENTS CALENDAR

We're looking for more mid-summer events!

It looks like COVID restrictions may be easing by the summer, so think about a favorite antiques stop or day trip you like to take and let's make a club outing of it!

May

8 Spring Shakedown Tour to New Prague - Matt Huntting hosting

13 Club Meeting

14-16 - SVRA Vintage Festival Weekend at Road America

21 Tour to the National Motorcycle Museum in Anamosa lowa - contact Larry Berg for details

22 Intermarque Spring Kickoff in Osseo

June

10 Club Meeting

12 Go-kart racing day at the Stockholm Karting Center, Cokato MN. 2 hours of track time booked, starting at noon. Contact Chip to get on the list of racers.

18-20 MSRA Back to the 50s, MN State Fairgrounds https://msrabacktothe50s.com

July

8 Club meeting

8-10 Iola Car Show, Iola WI

10 MN Triumphs Summer Party - Spring Lake Park Reserve, Hastings, MN - near the West Shelter picnic area. Good space for parking; catering from the "Dine-1-1" food truck.

22-25 Kastner Cup - Portland International Raceway www.kaskastner.com/kastnercup.html

August

TBD Spam museum tour, Jon Meier hosting

12 Club meeting

15-23 Canada to Mexico Rally

https://cana-mex.com/, Joe Bisanz and Orrin McGill are planning to shadow part of the route, Contact them to join in the trip

September

3 or 4 (to be finalized) Drive-in night, River's Edge Drive In, Chip hosting

9 Club Meeting

10 Mississippi Mayhem vintage car and bike festival, LaCrosse Fairgrounds. Joe Bisanz and Orrin McGill are planning to go. https://mississippimayhem.com

11 Wheels & Wings, Osceola, WI

14 - 18 2021 VTR in Edmond, OK https://www.triumphsokc.org/vtr2021

17-19 - Ariens Art on Wheels Vintage Weekend, Road America

24-26 Waumandee Time Trials - Alma, WI

October

TBD Fall color tour - Doug Birch, NW of the cities 14 Club Meeting

All club meetings are at the Crooked Pint in Maplewood unless noted otherwise

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 Or scan the QR code to go to the website.



Every Saturday: Intermarque breakfast: currently meeting at Elsie's at 9am - 729 Marshall St. NE, Minneapolis, 55413 -

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 sent to appropriate emails below.

Or Check our web site at: www.mntriumphs.org



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