



# TRIUMPHS & TRIBULATIONS

45<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Year • 1975-2021



## 45th Anniversary Picnic and Hastings Car Show

Two events that captured a lot of attention...20 cars at the picnic and 25 at Hastings.

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## THANK YOU TO ALL WHO SHARED PICTURES OF THE EVENTS!

Joe Bisanz, Bill Connell, Pat Holt, Jeff Johnson, Terry Mackey, Jerry Moehnke, Rich Riemersma, Greg Thompson



### About Minnesota Triumphs Car Club

Minnesota Triumphs formed in 1975 when our club was first given a Charter with the Triumphs Sports Owners Association.

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. **Our next meeting is August 12 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

July was filled with the celebration of membership and the effort to increase visibility of our Club to possible new members. We had a great 45<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Party at the Spring Lake Preserve near Hastings, MN. Over 60 members, their families and past members attended. The cars looked Great, the food was Excellent, and it was fun to get back socializing with Triumphsters. Definitely a fun Saturday.

I want to give a big thanks to those who pulled the event together. Dick Leighninger, Doug Burch, Steve Shogren coordinated the overall event. Dave Anderson and his son William worked like troopers getting the games, pop, cupcakes and other things unpacked and set-up. *I think William is going to become our youngest member at 16.* Bill Nelson and Kathee Sublette arrived significantly early to decorate the pavilion in a British theme including Scotland Yard Bobbies and flag table cloths. They also prepared a fantastic display of historical photographs and memorabilia. Many members hovered around this table to reminisce and share stories. Member Dan Booth served a great menu from his Dine-1-1 gourmet food truck. Everyone was extremely attentive as Joe Bisanz spoke about the early days of forming the Club. He also shared a few of his more memorable moments. There were several other Club members who pitched in throughout the day. I know I speak for the Club when I say “We all appreciate the hard work and effort you guys put forth to organize the Anniversary social, Thank You”

The following week we returned to Hastings for the Sunday Rivertown Days Car Show. Wow, what a turnout. Twenty-five Triumphs lined the center of town. Our club banner showed proudly tied between Terry Mackey’s and Wayne Morris’s hoods. Christina Bigelow’s leadership and uplifting good spirits had a positive impact on all who attended. People asked “Who’s the cheery person in the golf cart?” Thank You Christina. Matt Huntting, Bill Connell, Terry Mackey, Doug Miller, Wade Peterson, Peter Kienzle and Jim Ertelt all assisted in getting the cars parked and keeping things orderly. A big thank-you to anyone else who helped out that I might have missed. A Chamber of Commerce representative told me that the overall car count was the highest they have had in some time. He also mentioned that our club members worked very well together. They were so appreciative that he was going to

recommend they contact us to do Rivertown Days again next year. The underlying purpose of this event was to have “visibility”. I know of two potential new members and our business cards seemed to disappear. So, mission accomplished. Thank you, Roger, for planting the seed.



I briefly dropped by Britfest 2021 in Hudson yesterday. The show seems to have grown significantly with the addition of the Yellowstone Trail Classics. A good number of our members were in attendance. The owner of a blue TR6 took first place in Class and there was a gorgeous cream-colored smallmouth TR3 that was on display. Members mentioned they had not seen these two cars before. Dick Leighninger and Doug Burch said that the owners indicated they will most likely become new members of the Club.

As we look forward, the number of events is stacking up. August seems to have a theme also, **Food and Driving!**

- August 14 – Spam-0-Lot Tour – Meet at Little Oscars Restaurant in Hampton, MN and drive to Austin, MN, tour the Spam Museum and enjoy a lunch of “Spam”.
- August 28 – Cheese, Bourbon and Beer – details for this event can be found on the Events page.

One note on Club Business. You hopefully received a notice that a copy of the proposed Club By-Law changes is available for review. Please review and provide any comments to Greg Thompson.

Only you can make it a great day. Driving your Triumph can ensure that!!!

Chip Lederer, President

## July Meeting Minutes - Dave Anderson



It was a beautiful 72 degree evening with 38 folks in attendance. Of the 38 folks we had 17 cars in attendance.

We welcomed Walt Mauser from St. Paul and his 76 TR7 in which he is the original owner. Also Gary and Janice from St. Paul are restoring a 74 TR6.

Club business was discussed and a motion was passed to distribute the by-laws for review. The by-laws will be voted on in October. Chip was happy to share that we hit and exceeded our membership goal of 140. We are at 144. We are also reviewing our insurance policy and will be paying that this month.

Terry discussed the new club banner. He was proposing to get a vertical version and it was decided not to order another banner at this moment.

We need a high tea host. David to store in his house.

Dick provided updates on this Saturday's celebration picnic. Emails were sent out with directions and schedule of festivities.

Reports were given. There are a lot of events happening and they were discussed and can be found on the web site.

Notable events from Bill. If you want to go to the VTR with a group please talk to Greg Thompson. Canada/Mexico rally in September. Fall tour TBD.

Tech sessions are wide open for September/October

Intermarque events - July 31st is Britfest in Hudson.

Christina shared thanks for the help with her car. Then she shared July 18th River town days in Hastings. There is an RSVP sheet that needs to get a count to hold the spots. We already have 19 cars in place.

Meeting was adjourned at 8 PM.

Cheers,  
David





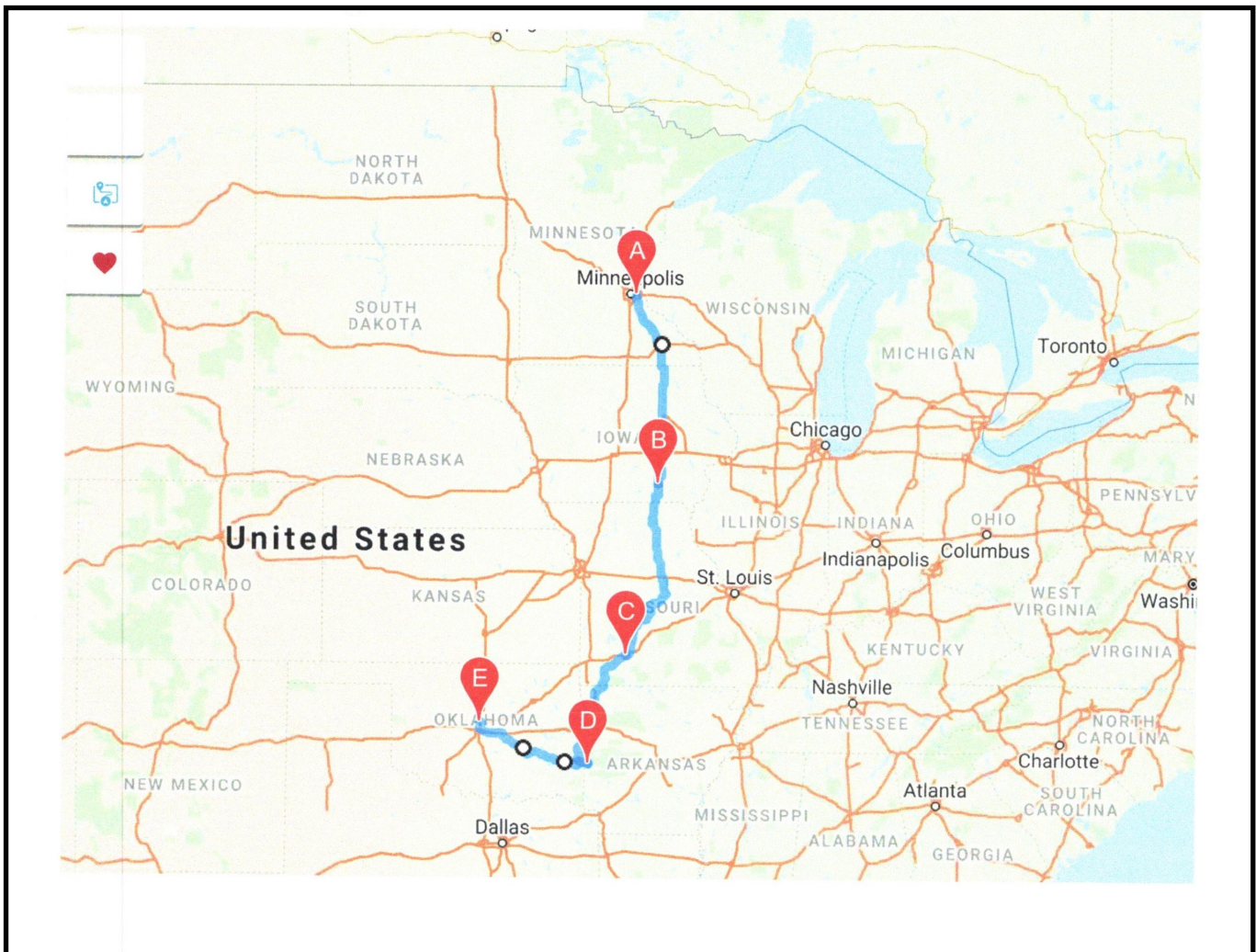
# The Countdown Has Begun

Order those parts and check out that clunk that you have been ignoring because there is under 6 weeks to go before the departure date for the 2021 VTR national convention in Edmond, Oklahoma. Activities begin on Wednesday the 15<sup>th</sup> of September and the awards banquet is Saturday night with activities planned for Thursday and Friday as well. Our plan is to leave on Saturday morning the 11<sup>th</sup> and take our time driving down arriving in Edmond on the afternoon of Tuesday the 14<sup>th</sup>. The scenic route will be about 1100 miles down staying off the interstate whenever possible. Our rooms have been booked but the route will be tweaked to find the most scenic roads and maybe some out of the way attractions to visit. The return trip is only 800 miles that we will do in 2 days.

The usual events are planned for the convention with the added lure of the original Route 66 being only 3 miles from the hotel and it will certainly be part of the fun rally or dinner drives. The middle of September is usually a pleasant time to cruise in the TR with the top down so come on down and join us. Contact me if you are interested and want more details.

Your VTR Rep

Greg Thompson





# 45th Anniversary Club Picnic

## People and Food





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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



# Route 66 - The Mother Road

VTR NATIONAL CONVENTION  
EDMOND, OKLA

2021



September 14 - 18, 2021

Hosted by: Oklahoma Vintage Triumph Register (COVTR)

Host Hotel: Hilton Garden Inn  
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[www.VTR2021.com](http://www.VTR2021.com)

- 1. Round Barn - Arcadia
- 2. Rock Cafe - Stroud
- 3. Fort El Reno
- 4. Rt.66 Museum, etc. etc.



## 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](mailto: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 [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:



## REGALIA - Dan Booth

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 [dbooth41@gmail.com](mailto:dbooth41@gmail.com)

See samples of Dan's work:

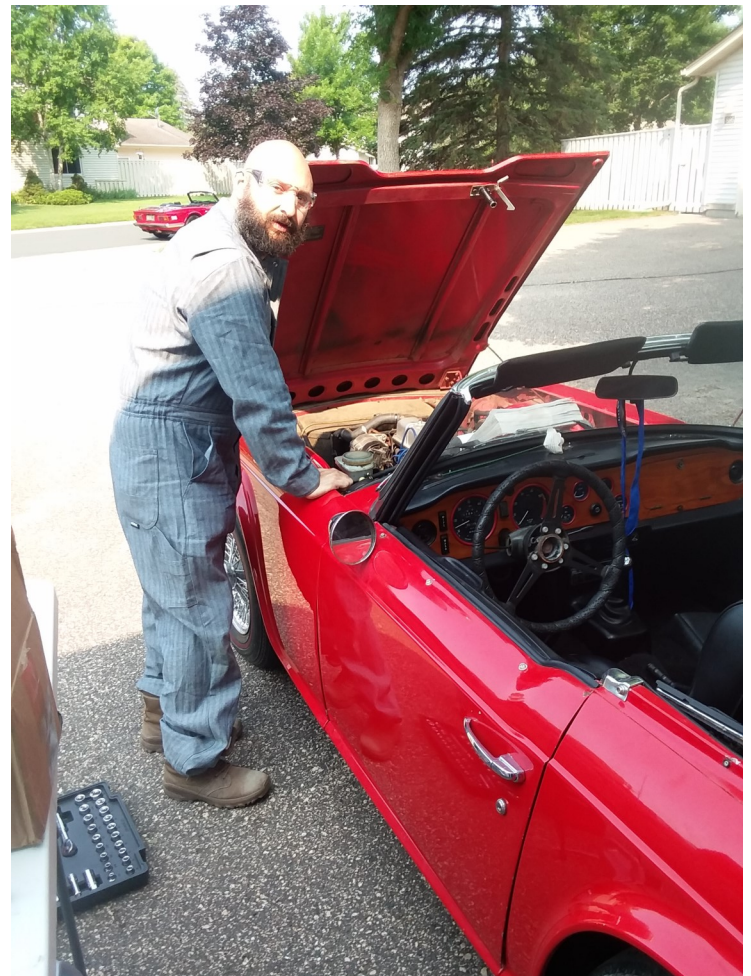
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At our July 17 Tech Session 5 club members gathered at Daniel Silverman's garage to replace the water pump in his 1970 TR6. The bearings in the water pump were making a lot of noise and it probably was ready to spring a leak. We got the new water pump installed with help of some lock-tight since we had no new lock washers. We also looked at the lighting which all seemed to work except for an intermittent emergency flasher switch. Since the running lights were somewhat dim and the signal lights caused the running lights to flicker, we recommended the ground contacts on the light sockets and the light housings be cleaned up for a better ground to the chassis. Daniel took the car for a short road test and the water pump passed the test.





## TRIUMPH TRADER

**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

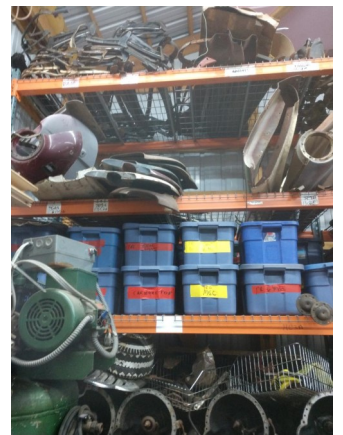
**For Sale** - Securon three-point inertia seat belts (2) in beige. NEW, ordered for my Spitfire and didn't fit; too expensive to ship back to Rimmer. Says they fit Spitfire, TR7, GT6, TR4-250, TR6, and MG Midget, MGB GT, MGB Roadster. Check with Rimmer to see if #RB735515 fits your car. Paid \$106.66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

**For Sale** - Rear hubs and axels from my 76 TR6. Hubs were rebuilt a short while ago with heavy-duty u-joints and new bearings, the axle splines are in good shape. Replacement costs from British Parts Northwest would run about \$440 each. You can have these for \$250 each.

Larry Berg (763) 228-0072 [lsbergdtn@gmail.com](mailto:lsbergdtn@gmail.com)



**For Sale** I have many parts for all Triumphs. I have motors, frames, wheels and most other parts. Email me at wmor-ris11134@yahoo.com or call me at 612-723-4602 or text. - Wayne Morris







## A Look In The Rearview Mirror (adapted from Greg Gelhar)

Submitted by Bill Nelson - Historian

5 years ago - Aug 2016

- + Total club funds.....\$12,672.39.
- + Total paid memberships....105.
- + This issue had the usual VTR Report. This one was regarding the upcoming VTR Convention and the benefits of joining. Submitted by Larry Sanderson.
- + The 2016 Antiques Tour itinerary was posted. Starting in Brooklyn Park, lunch in Elk River, ending in Monticello.
- + Britfest 2016. The British Invasion of Hudson on Aug 13.
- + The Triumph Trader listed a '75 French Blue TR6. Approx 75,000 miles, very good condition. \$12,000.

10 years ago - Aug 2011

- + This summer's club picnic was fantastic. Suzanne did a wonderful job as our event coordinator and host. The food was great, the venue was perfect and the weather cooperated.
- + Britfest 2011 on Aug 13 in the parking lot at Family Fresh Market in Hudson.
- + 30th anniversary logo embroidered polo shirts were available for \$36.
- + 5 years ago the Minnesota Triumphs summer picnic was hosted by Russ and Sharon Matson at their summer home on Briggs Lake in Clear Lake.
- Ed Olson showed us what 800 Horsepower in a modified TR6 can do.
- + The Triumph Trader listed a 1979 TR7 Roadster with 96,000 miles in good original condition. Rust free. \$3,900.

### 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 - Greg Gelhar [greg@gelhar.com](mailto:greg@gelhar.com)

TR4 - John Myers (507-633-2017)

TR4A - Larry Sanderson (507-775-6940)

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

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TR8 - Roger Kramer (651-207-3920)

Spitfire - Bill Gingerich (612-850-4072)

GT6 - Pat McFarland (763-427-5612)

Stag - David Anderson (612-810-9740)



## EVENTS CALENDAR

*If you'd like to host an event think about a favorite antiques stop or day trip you like to take and let's make a club outing of it!*

### August

12 Club meeting

14 Spam Museum Tour, Jon Meier and John Myers co-hosting. We'll plan to meet at Little Oscar's Restaurant in Hampton MN at 9:30am and proceed on to Austin for a museum tour and lunch. A full day of touring southern MN.

28 Cheese, Bourbon and Beer –

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

9 Club Meeting

10 Mississippi Mayhem vintage car and bike festival, La-Crosse 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

### August 28 details:

On August 28 a multi-stop tour will take you over approximately 60 miles of county side roads. The tour starts at Oak Park Height River Crossing Park located at 1525 60th street, Oak Park Heights, MN. This is next to the Club Tara Hideaway Restaurant (south side of highway 61) The drive takes about 2 hours (with regathering and a stop at the Bass Lake Cheese Shop) so if we want to make a noonish lunchtime we need to plan on leaving the park at 10:00am. You will travel south to cross the St. Croix River at Hudson and briefly stop at the Octagon House. The next twelve miles will provide tree covered rustic road driving with plenty of twists that should make you smile!!!. The Bass Lake Cheese Factory is an example of the small production facilities that used to dot the Wisconsin countryside. From here we'll drive north through the town of Somerset and head toward the St. Croix County line passing over the Apple River dam sluice and the onto the Rice Lake Flats. There will be a few spots with great views of the river along. On 40th street watch out for the cattle crossing. Changing direction eastward, we will head toward Star Prairie but take a shortcut past Cedar Lake Speedway (the winged cars will be running at 5:00 pm). You will be just about twelve miles from the 45th Parallel Distillery and Lift Bridge Brewery at this point. The distillery has both beverages, food and tours. The Brewery has tours and tastings. They both have websites if you wish to check them out beforehand. If you wish to do a tour or tasting it is advised you book that on-line ahead of time. They do fill up. After we relax for a bit, it's about a 20 minute drive back to Stillwater. This puts you back where you started and ends your tour with a drive across the new St. Croix Crossing Bridge. Detailed directions will be provided.

### 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.



SCAN ME

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



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