



# TRIUMPHS & TRIBULATIONS

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Last Newsletter for 2021  
.....  
returning in January



## The Drives: Cheese, Bourbon, Beer and VTR

Two outstanding drives that will go down in esteem...thanks Chip L and Greg & Carol T

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

Terry Mackey, Mary Deeg, Jody Meier, Chip Lederer



### 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 October 14 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

While August was filled with local tour routes, September proved to be the month of big overnight driving adventures with members really testing out their car seats. Some went to have comradery with other Triumph owners from around the country. A few went to test man and machine's ability to make it to the top of the hill quickly. Another group endured the seat time necessary to view the majesty of the Rockies and the Plains west of the Mississippi. I'm sure others took their cars for a spin down their favorite road. Remember there is one more Club drive in October – The Fall Color Tour. I invite all members to take in this classic event. It will be special.

The October meeting will be the changing of the guard for the upcoming year. New uncontested Committee Members include:

Dave Anderson – President  
Jill Davenport – Secretary  
Joe Demuth – Membership  
Glen Wilson – Intermarque

These individuals, along with the returning Committee Members, will guide the Club to new adventures and excitement. Please give them the support that you gave this year's team.

Many have consistently toiled on their cars over the last year. Looking forward to the coming year, we hope to see some new front cowls. New President Dave Anderson is getting close to having his Stag engine rebuild finished. Glenn Anderson's TR2 should be out of the body shop late winter/early spring. His rolling chassis is waiting. Glenn's focus is to be ready for VTR in Galena, IL. My TR3 body has been reunited to the rolling chassis and is back in my possession. The ball is in my court to carry out the final details. Where do I start? I am sure there are other projects I'm not aware of that are ongoing or that are being planned for this upcoming winter. Make sure you take pictures and be prepared to write a short narrative to be featured in the January or February newsletters.

The annual meeting is intended to be a gala affair. As we planned, the Club is able to provide hors d'oeuvres to go with your purchased beverage of choice. Service starts at 5:30. Dinner will be served during the meeting as always. This will also be on your tab. The meeting agenda has been published. Take a look, it should be a busy, yet quick meeting. As always,

this meeting is open to all members.

I'm hopeful that you enjoyed the opportunities to do something different this year. The few that know me knew that I would push things along. It's been noted by some that "Chip has too much energy for a group like this." (My hearing's not that bad). I'll take that as a complement. The Executive Committee met via Zoom, set an agenda, established a budget, reacted to unknown circumstances and performed diligently. Did we accomplish everything? Mostly so. Are there things still on the plate? Yes. What becomes of those items will be determined by the next Committee Members.

What I must say is: **Thank You** to all the members who participated in this year's vast set of events. Hopefully you realized that you can be safe and be active, if you wish. That was our primary goal.

I'm always looking forward. I write this on the Autumnal Equinox. The Winter Solstice is not that far away. Then the days will start to get longer. Driving season is not that far away!!!

Thank you for the opportunity. It was enjoyable and a learning experience.

You know where you can find me, in the barn or in the shop. Come visit, you're always welcome.

Chip Lederer



## MN Triumph Fall Color Tour - Saturday, October 9, 2021 - RSVP requested - see below



Join us for a relaxing drive and luncheon on Saturday October 9<sup>th</sup> for the **MN Triumph Fall Color Tour**. We will meet at 9:30 AM at the Top Golf Parking lot located near 694/94/252 intersection, the address is: **6420 Camden Ave N, Brooklyn Center, MN 55430**. The tour will include views of the Mississippi River, many lakes, State and County Forests and conclude with a luncheon in a 100-year-old maple tree forest where we will have photographers take fantastic photos of your car.

We shall start the tour following West River Road along the Mississippi River from Minneapolis to Monticello. From Monticello, we will travel west on county Road 39 past Ida Lake and then take curvy road County 123 past Maria State Park. Planning a stop in the town of Silver Creek at ***Up the Creek Bar & Grill*** across the street from the lake for refreshments and break. Approximately 40 miles to this location.

After a brief stop, we will continue past the lakes Indian, Clearwater, Bass, Grass and Otter followed by cruising past the famous Wright county Swappers Meet grounds. Our next stop will be in the town of South Haven at the local gas station for fuel and restrooms. Approximately 60 miles to this location.

We will then continue south on winding tree lined roads passing lakes of Union, Francis and others while enjoying the wooded scenery of Stanley Eddy Park. Next is a cruise around the lakes of Twin/Sylvia with a stop at the lake boat launch. We will park in the upper lot for a group picture and use bathrooms. Approximately 80 miles to this point.

Following the group photo, we will continue around Lakes Sylvia, Goose, John and Pleasant to our destination of Jeff and Mary's home to enjoy the wooded haven for our luncheon, wooded walks and car photography. Location address is **11358 90<sup>th</sup> Street NW, Annandale, MN 55302**. In total, we will pass around 25+ lakes, cross over a few rivers, see two forested parks, drive winding roads along tree canopies while enjoying the fall colors.

The driving event will happen rain or shine. Drive your Triumph or join us in your daily driver. All are welcome! Food, water and coffee will be provided at lunch featuring a beef/chicken/black bean taco bar with soft & hard shell tacos or all the fixings for taco salads. Bring your own adult beverages if you wish and a dessert to share. Detailed directions of driving route will be provided. **Kindly respond your RSVP for the luncheon. [marydeeg@deegworks.com](mailto:marydeeg@deegworks.com)**

## Cheese, Bourbon and Beer - Chip Lederer

On August 28th a small group of triumph club members headed east into Wisconsin in pursuit of some of the best rustic roads, the ones that our beloved cars were made to be driven on. Our goal was to scurry along between the morning and late afternoon thunderstorms. The first leg took us to the Bass Lake Cheese Factory. One member exclaimed that the route was one of the nicest sports car drives he has been on in a while. Everyone loaded up with their favorite cheese. One exuberant member got what is known as a frothy Packer Mug To-Go. Heading north we traveled back roads paralleling the St Croix River, then headed east to Star Prairie and New Richmond. We had lunch at The 45th Parallel Distillery. They set us on the balcony. Food was good but the menu was more limited than anticipated. After lunch a few visited the neighboring Lift Bridge Brewery. Everyone was reportedly home before the afternoon thunderstorms arrived. Thus, cheese, bourbon and beer.



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



5 years ago

October 2016

- + Total paid memberships..... 112
- + Fall Color Tour on Oct 8. Meet in Forest Lake. Drive through Taylors Falls, Scandia, Marine and Stillwater. Ride the Taylors Falls Princess for an 80 minute ride through the rocky chasm.
- + Terry Mackey wrote of the 3400 mile round trip to Colorado. Places of interest included Royal Gorge (highest suspension bridge in USA), Monarch Pass (11,312'), Silverton, Durango, Red Mountain Pass (11,075'), Gateway car museum, Black Canyon, Gunnison, Mesa Verde cliff dwellings, Telluride, etc. The article included fantastic pictures credited to Joe and Virginia Bisanz.
- + From the Triumph Trader. Two TR2 front bumper overriders for sale. Brand new, still in the box. Both for \$50. '75 French Blue TR6 for sale. All new fenders, rockers, and rear deck. Approx 75,000 miles. Very good condition. \$12,000.

10 years ago

October 2011

- + The Fall Color Tour will be hosted by Mike and Betty Kretchmer. Start at Point Douglas Park just west of Prescott, WI. Drive south on the Wisconsin side of the river. The route will cover about 75 miles and take about 3 hours with planned stops.
- + Joe Bisanz showed his souvenir from the Wyoming Highway Patrol. Seems Joe was driving a Triumph (make), Overdrive (model) yellow (color) automobile.
- + Photos of Wheels and Wings credited to Fred Olson, Phil Ethier, Doug Burch and the Forenkamm Family.
- + From the Triumph Trader. For sale. GOOD, used '71 - '74 Spitfire 1500 Falcon / Monza exhaust. \$20 if you pick it up.

## September Meeting Minutes - Dave Anderson

It was a gorgeous Minnesota day. 73 degrees and not a cloud in site. 11 cars on site.

We had a returning member Jay Fowler in attendance. He has a 1976 TR7 and Frank Weber he has a 71 TR6.

Bylaws update - no comments received.

We spoke about a few nominations needed for the roles of President, the Intermarque Liaison and group membership. Glenn Wilson nominated himself for the Inter-marque Liason role. We had no nomination for President. We will email the broader audience to see if anyone is interested. Joe DeMuth offered too manage group memberships.

Budget was approved for next months activities.

Guest speaker Webster Peterson, car appraiser, did a great job of sharing his knowledge with us. He left some business cards if you'd like your car appraised. The cost can range from \$250 and up.

Issue of business - cost for name tag is 11 bucks. The cost to members should be the production cost. Motion was passed to increase the cost to 11 bucks.

Meeting was adjourned a 8 PM on the nose.  
-David



### 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)

TR7 - Roger Kramer (651-207-3920)

TR8 - Roger Kramer (651-207-3920)

Spitfire - Bill Gingerich (612-850-4072)

GT6 - Pat McFarland (763-427-5612)

Stag - David Anderson (612-810-9740)

# NATC 2021 ---> 2022

From all accounts, the 2021 North American Triumph Challenge (also known as VTR) was a gleaming success. Final count showed 21 of our club members attended with 10 Triumphs and 2 Chevrolets. One TR was left at home due to a back problem the other a rear end problem! Our group left the Cities on September 11<sup>th</sup> with 4 TRs and one Chevy and took a leisurely pace to Ottumwa, Iowa with a stop at a Maid-Rite for lunch and a drive over a historic Route 30 – Lincoln Highway bridge in Tama. If you are ever in Ottumwa you need to get some BBQ at Bubba-Q's. Day 2 we wound our way to Lake of the Ozarks for a waterfront lunch at the infamous Backwater Jack's known for its super-spreader event in July 2020. It was plenty hot for a dip, but unfortunately, I forgot my swim suit at home. That night we stayed in Springfield, Missouri. Day 3 led us down to Arkansas "scenic 7 byway" but we took a detour for a lunch at the oldest general store in Oark (pronounced o-ark) for what some said was their best burger ever. That night was spent at a favorite of many, and a must stay, Queen Wilhemina State Park Lodge on Rich Mountain. The dinner service that night will be hashed over many times thanks to our server, Donnie, and his dry sense of humor. Asked if he liked an item on the menu, "well I wouldn't eat it"! One person said their steak was a bit tough and he replied, "you ordered the shoe leather, what do you expect"! Day 4 started off on the always enjoyable Oklahoma Route 1 also called the Talimena Scenic Drive heading west toward Edmond. We arrived at the Hilton Garden Inn driving on old Route 66 just in time for check in.

The NATC had the usual slate of events starting with the Welcome Party on Wednesday and ending on Saturday with the awards Banquet. Speaking of awards, our group took home a good number.

- Bill Connell- one of top 5 web sites, well deserved
- Wayne Morris and Joan Ostenson - 1<sup>st</sup> place TR6 early
- Bob and Pat Kessler - Best in Show Participants' Choice
- Jeff Gilmer and Mary Deeg - Senior award TR4a
- Greg & Carol Thompson 1<sup>st</sup> place TR4-4a Participants' Choice
- Gene Kimball and Bruce Preston(from MO) - 2<sup>nd</sup> place TSD Novice

- David Lee (one of our out-state members) - 2<sup>nd</sup> place Autocross Spitfire

The best times at the event are sharing meals together or sitting around the pool as we did every night till the toads came out and the sprinklers came on!

Part of the convention is the annual members meeting held by the club president, Jack McGahey. He reports that VTR membership is up a little to 2,200 despite the pandemic. Talks with a club are already in the works for the 2023 national which is a good thing. It has been more difficult as of late to get clubs to step up and host. Another issue that the board tackled this year was finding a more comprehensive insurance package at a good rate for the VTR as well as getting the local clubs to pay their share. Thankfully our club is in good standing.

Next year's event is going to be in Galena, Illinois at the Eagle Ridge Resort and Spa from August 29- September 1. It is a re-boot of the 2020 event that was planned but did not happen because of COVID. Check out the event at [VTR2022.org](http://VTR2022.org). Room reservations can be made by calling 815-777-5000 using room code 69570B. Apart from our club's VTR nationals it may be the closest to our area ever at only 265 miles. There will be several groups heading down, some taking the long and winding road over a couple of days, and others taking a more direct one day shot for the 5-hour drive. I think we should set a club goal of 25 cars in attendance.

See you in Galena,  
Greg Thompson



# VTR Road Trip





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Oark, Arkansas - great roads to get here!



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Arkansas Grand Canyon



Route 66 sites



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

Terry Mackey  
1961 East River Parkway  
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## 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:

[Magnolia Screen Printing Ink on Facebook](#)

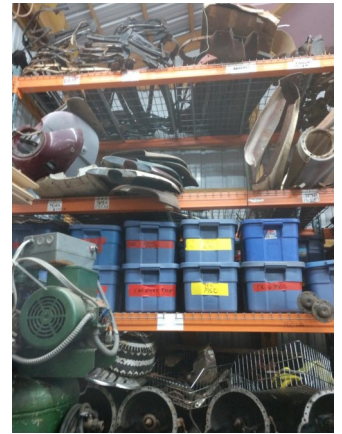
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## TRIUMPH TRADER

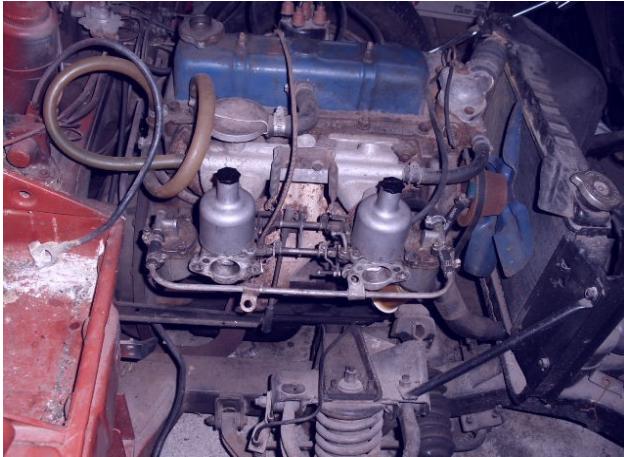
**For Sale** - Securon three-point inertia seat belts (2) in beige. NEW, ordered for my Spitfire and didn't fit; too expensive to ship back to Rimmer. Says they fit Spitfire, TR7, GT6, TR4-250, TR6, and MG Midget, MGB GT, MGB Roadster. Check with Rimmer to see if #RB735515 fits your car. Paid \$106.66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

**For Sale** 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



**For Sale** 69 Spitfire - has gone through a major body restoration and there is no visible rust or other body damage. It was purchased in 2006 just prior to my deployment to Iraq and has been stored in an unheated garage since then. It starts and runs and the brakes are completely functional. The windshield, side windows and convertible top are brand new and still have the original stickers attached to them. I am working to reinstall the interior (door panels and carpeting) and will adjust the sale price accordingly if the interior is not completely installed. But I am sure my Triumph will be a nice ride for many miles. \$8000.00 or Best Offer. Contact Rod Holland - 612-597-3945 or plowproof@gmail.com





Thanks to all who contributed to this  
year's events and newsletter.

Looking forward to 2022!!

See you at the club meeting on  
January 14th!

## 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!*

### October

9 Fall color tour - see p. 4 in this newsletter for details.

9 BMC British Automobile, Our [Fall Stiff Upper Lip Open House](#)

14 Club Meeting

### January, 2022

13 Club Meeting

Cars @ Silverwood Park every **Wednesday evening 6:00** until dusk, through the month of September, weather permitting.

Silverwood is located on the southwest corner of Silver Lake Rd & County Rd E in St. Anthony.

**Hope to see you there and @ Elsie's on Saturday. (see below)**

**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.shtml> Or scan the QR code to go to the website.



### Looking ahead to 2022:

We will be looking for volunteers to host driving events for our club in 2022. if interested, please contact Bill Connell.

Rendezvous - June 9 - 11, 2022 - Fortune Bay Resort and Casino located on the south side of Lake Vermillion near Ely Minnesota.

VTR 2022 - After an unfortunate delay in 2020, the Illinois Sports Owners Association is proud to host the 2022 North American Triumph Challenge - **VTR 2022, scheduled for August 29 - September 1, in Galena, Illinois** at the Eagle Ridge Resort and Spa. Check out the event at [VTR2022.org](http://VTR2022.org). Room reservations can be made by calling 815-777-5000 using room code 69570B.



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

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