



TRIUMPHS & TRIBULATIONS



Some Past Events
Be part of the fun...host or participate in events. Who remembers these from the past?

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Thank you to all who contributed to this newsletter!



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 April 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**

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

For VTR Membership information visit www.vtr.org



PREZ RELEASE

It's official - spring has sprung! And sprung it has.

Much can change in a month. I work in downtown Minneapolis and we are returning to the office in April. The city is starting to bustle again with people and energy. Restaurants are busy again, there's even traffic on the way home. (Argh!). I had a work trip over spring break and the airport was hopping with travelers and people with huge smiles on their faces. At home, it has been great to get out to public performances. My wife and I saw a show at The Dakota, our boys had their piano recitals at McPhail Center for Performing Arts and we have been able to enjoy our local movie theater, the Riverview, once again.

I have really missed all of it and it really lifted my spirits and had me reflecting on the last couple of years. It has been a difficult time for everyone. And in spite of it, I've noticed that humanity has persevered. People are more patient with each other and there is a willingness to lend a hand and help our neighbors out more than ever. Local and across the waters which I notice and appreciate.

I think that is one of the things that I love about our club. The community and willingness to help. For those of you at the meetings, our attendance has been phenomenal. Our membership continues to grow, our drive events calendar is shaping up beautifully and our tech sessions are filling up. It was so cool to see the valve cover racer that was brought to last month's meeting. Our budget is solid but we do want to do some forecasting that looks beyond an annual view to make sure we are viable for many years to come. We have a small committee that will be rolling up their sleeves and working on that in April.

With that said if you haven't attended a meeting I encourage you to do so. We've been seeing easily 35+ attendees since February. How many cars will we see in March? Find some time to join a drive or attend a tech session. Make sure you make time for the summer picnic.

I'd love to hear from members that we haven't heard from in awhile. If you don't have time for in person events please join [Groups.io](https://groups.io) and jump in on some of the topics that get discussed there. And if you're having any challenges or need a little tech support for groups.io shoot me an email. We can get you sorted out.

For the monthly meeting we will be giving away another book package. Please don't hesitate to drop me a line if you have any questions, feedback or funny jokes.

Cheers,
David

Side note on movies - Being from Tennessee, I'm a die hard Elvis fan (so much that William's middle name is Presley) and there is a great biopic called [Elvis](#) coming out June 24th that I cannot wait for.





JOIN US!

As we tour the backroads of Galena, Illinois



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**DOWNTOWN OSSEO, MN
10AM-3PM
RAIN OR SHINE**



**MAY 21
2022**

**29TH ANNUAL
SPRING
KICK-OFF**

**VINTAGE FOREIGN
CAR SHOW**



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This is a FREE* event open to 2002 OR OLDER, FOREIGN motorcars, motorcycles, scooters, and racers. **FIRST COME FIRST PARKED.** Placement starts at 9 am. Parking staff will be on hand to direct arrivals. Groups wishing to park together **MUST ARRIVE EN-MASSÉ.** *Please bring a non-perishable food item to donate. Visit InterMarque.org for a map + updates.

**CRAFT
SHOW
IN BOERBOOM
VETERANS PARK**

SPECIAL THANKS TO THE CITY OF OSSEO!

CROSS FOOD SHELF will be handling all of the food donations.



Girl Scouts Traveling Europe (GSTE) will be handling the voting to help raise funds for their trip to Europe.

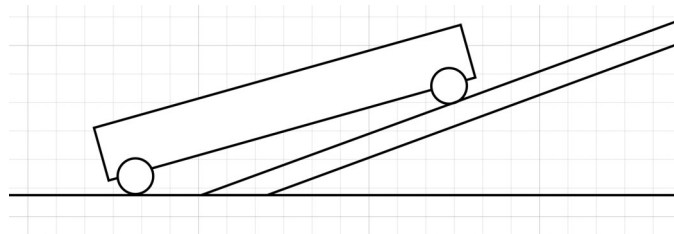
Get ready for Valve Cover Racing at Rendezvous!

Demo will be at Spring Kick-Off, May 21st!

The max dimensions of the racers are, W13 inches, L26", Ground clearance 3".

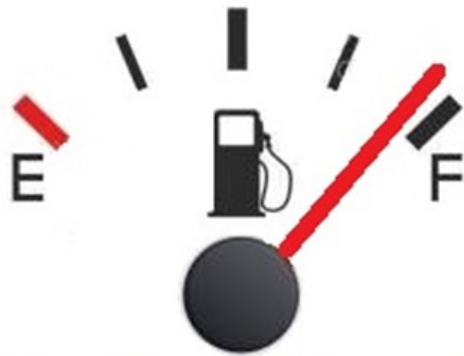
The track incline is about 20°, which means there is a 160° transition at the bottom of the track to the flat ground run-out. To make sure the front of the racer doesn't hit the ground when leaving the track, and the rear doesn't drag on the track when it completely exits, you can't have too much car protruding at the front or back relative to the wheels.

Thank you to Larry Berg and Joe DeMuth for constructing the track.



MEMBERSHIP

Members, thank you for your renewals. Your timely renewals help us plan our budget and events for the upcoming year. The gas tank is nearly full but there is always room for new or returning members. We'll send out the revised club roster by email in the next week. If you haven't renewed, you will soon be losing access to club events and emails through "Groups.io." We hope you'll stay! If you wish to remain in the club, or join as a new member, the cost is still \$25 for a single membership and \$26 for a family membership to cover a partner. Membership dues are accepted throughout the year. The fastest way to join or renew is to pay by PayPal through the membership page on our website. [MN Triumphs Website - Membership Page](#). Any other questions or comments regarding membership, please contact me. Thank You!
Mike Smith, MN Triumphs
membership@mnrtriumphs.org



Membership Renewals

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
TR4 - John Myers (507-633-2017)
TR4A - Larry Sanderson (507-775-6940)
TR250/TR6 - Orrin McGill (763-755-7765)
TR7 - Roger Kraemer (651-207-3920)
TR8 - Roger Kraemer (651-207-3920)
Spitfire - Bill Gingerich (612-850-4072)
GT6 - Pat McFarland (763-427-5612)
Stag - David Anderson (612-810-9740)

March Meeting Minutes - Jill Davenport

3/10/22, 27 degrees, no precipitation. No triumphs in the lot! 46 in attendance; Call to order 7:06

New Members introduction:-

Lily Dzubay & Brandon Dalida 1978 Spitfire named "Birdie"

Mike Willis 1973 TR6.

Upcoming events:

Spring kick-off May 21, Dick Leighninger, chairman. Our club provides lots of volunteers to make this Osseo event a success. Contact Dick to volunteer.

Summer Picnic, Bill Connell. Based on the success of our anniversary celebration last summer, we'd like to continue with a summer party instead of a winter party. A planning committee has started, more members are needed. Contact Bill to volunteer.

Budget planning update - David wants to get a committee to look at income and plan how to spend. The goal is to have a plan ready for approval at the year-end October meeting. Jon and Jody Meier, Chip Lederer, Lenny Kukuruza, and Greg Thompson volunteered to be on the committee.

What is your car's name? Cyril, Griffin, Ribbit, Yellow Bird, Trixie, 250 and Change.

Reports

Treasurer - Jody Meier reported just over \$7000 in club funds with membership income arriving and some expenses expected this month.

Membership - Mike Smith reported 94 renewals to date, 40-50 to come? This includes 25 new members in the last year. One nametag is included in the membership fee for each main member, \$15 for an additional member or others who need one. Window clings are back in stock, and one is provided with each membership; for all others, ask Terry Mackey if you want one. The membership renewal deadline is March 31 in order to get the newsletter online.

Newsletter - Greg and Carol Thompson, Triumph trader section WORKS! Ads are free to members.

Events Coordinator - Bill Connell

Spring Shakedown May 8, hosted by Dave Phillips and Bob Lee; still working on a route.

A new idea is a drive to the Elmer's Auto and Toy Museum, Fountain City WI. \$15 museum entry.

Track days sponsored by Healy are in June and August.

The sign-up for Waumandee Hill Climb in September is now open.

Tech Sessions - Jeff Johnson. Chip in March, Judy in June, all other months available. Contact Jeff. Are people interested an inspection of cars before a long trip, e.g. VTR?

VTR Liaison - Greg Thompson, the VTR national convention is in Galena, Illinois August 29-September 1. Greg would like a list of all attending to organize approximately three groups to travel together.

Intermarque Liaison - Glen Wilson. Pat Holt talked about the Rendezvous event, in Tower, MN June 9-11. Intermarque took over coordination instead of rotating between car clubs. Hotels and cabins are still available. A new event is valve cover racing. There will be a demo of valve cover racing at the spring kick-off. Bob has extra valve covers if anyone wants to build one. Orrin brought in his valve cover racer to show.

New Business - The Groups IO communication system allows for RSVP to the meetings, please do this when you see the meeting announcement in your email. The Groups IO calendar is good but you have to be logged in or avoid logging in by using the Groups IO app instead.

Triumph Sports and racing car book drawing - Ed Olson and Marcia Holt were the winners!

Adjourn 8:02

Club or Community

This month we are trying to get those members that are on the fringes to become more involved in the club. I know for many life is just too busy, but for some being too busy is a choice and we all make choices as to what activities are a priority. As we get older it is harder to get to know new people and form meaningful relationships but it is possible and worth the effort. There are three people that come to my mind as newer members that I met in the last 3 years that I would count as a friend vs acquaintance [so it is happening in our club.](#)

Membership chair Mike Smith sent out a letter to anyone that has not renewed over the past couple of years and he passed on a nice unsolicited note from a member that has sold his Triumph but had some kind words:

Thank you,

I miss my Triumph. Good to know I'm always welcomed back. Mn Triumphs is the Best Car Club I've ever been in! The members are Awesome! Met many kind wonderful people that became friends. I really like the way the club is run as well. The frame work of the club is as stout as my old TR4 was.

Very well organized, with many wonderful outings through out the year and the way members care and help each other is amazing and heartfelt.

I miss the Mn Triumph Club A Lot!

Wishing you all the best and many happy miles

Dale

I remember meeting Dale and his family at the 2015 Rendezvous in Ashland that our club hosted. At the time his kids were young and his mother came to watch them when he and his wife were on the driving events. We had breakfast together and he told us the story of selling his Lincoln to buy his TR4. One year he hosted a driving event in Wisconsin and in 2018 when our club hosted the VTR convention Dale and his brother planned the fun rally. He is the perfect example of a member that stepped up and helped out and his life was fuller for it. We will miss Dale and his original red leather interior.

So come on out, put yourself out there and get to know some new folks, you may be pleasantly surprised.

Greg

SAVE THE DATE!

Mn Triumphs Summer Picnic

August 6, 2022

Spring Lake Park Reserve, West Shelter

A fun time to be had by all!

Some of our past events - looking forward to 2022!



2014 Color Tour



2019 Arboretum Tour



2021 Spam Museum Tour



2015 Intermarque
Spring Kickoff - Osseo



2021 45th
Anniversary Picnic



2021 Bourbon Cheese Run



2019 Schech's Mill Tour



2021 Fall Color Tour

Chip Lederer held a tech session on Saturday, March 12 at his farm in western Wisconsin. Turn out was great and we got a lot done. Gas tank with filler hose installed getting a stamp of approval by Chip.



Orrin doing something very technical on a horn. He was successful as I heard some loud honks and saw some jumps. Later testing was preceded by a warning as to diminish the heart attack risk!



Rebuilt TR6 overdrive transmission being installed to include the driveshaft and clutch slave. Yours truly getting my feet in position to push it into place. Many hands make this job much easier.



Coffee, muffins, and lunch were also consumed as part of the day. Thanks to Chip's preparation a lot was accomplished in a short amount of time. Thank you to Jerry Moehnke for the great photos.

Editor

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 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

See samples of Dan's work:

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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 I have 5 original steel wheels for sale from my TR which now has wire wheels. They have been straightened, sandblasted, magnafluxed for cracks, primed and painted. They look like new. I'm asking \$200. for the 5. Included are 4 Starfire 165R-15 tires which look like new but are old. I bought them for the car when I did a body off restoration. The tires have about 1500 miles on them from post-restoration driving. Good inner tubes are also included. See the photos attached. Contact Mike Frazzell at 715-878-4933. I could deliver them to the Twin Cities area as I visit often.



A Look In The Rearview Mirror
Submitted by Bill Nelson - Historian



We will be back in May!

Vintage Foreign Sports Car RENDEZVOUS

A gathering of Vintage-Foreign Automobiles attended by fans from Canada and the USA!



EVENT SCHEDULE

- Thursday, June 9 3PM until 8 PM** Check In Sumac Room,
- Friday, June 10 9 AM to 4 PM** - Poker Run and Scenic Drive
6 PM to 8 PM Fish Fry
8 PM CAN/AM Poker Playoff between the best three (3) Canadian and American hands
- Saturday, June 11 6 to 11 AM** Golf, Fishing, Lake Tour (Reservations Required. See note.)
1 PM Car Show
6 PM Banquet with speaker Mark Brandow who will talk about his 50 years in Vintage Racing
- Sunday, June 12 8 AM to 11 AM** Farewell Breakfast

NOTE: Some Events and attractions require a reservation. Golf at Fortune Bay: call to schedule a tee time -1-800-992-4680. **Reserve a boat or pontoon** at the Marina to ride or go fishing Call 218-753-7875. Reserve a spot to ride along on the Lake **Vermillion Boat mail delivery**, spots are limited AronsonBoatWorks.com. Reserve a spot for the **Sudan Mine Tour-** Tour is about 2 hours long and reservations need to be made.-mndr.gov/VermillionSoudan. Check on tour times - **International Wolf Center** - 218-365-4695 **North American Bear Center** 218-365-7879



RESERVE A ROOM:

Fortune Bay Resort Casino Room Reservations

Be sure to say it's for "Rendezvous"

June 9th, 10th, and 11th 2022

Phone number for reservations: 1-800-555-1714

Address: 1430 Bois Forte Road, Tower, Minnesota, 55447

Website: <https://fortunebay.com/>

RESERVE A CAMPING SPOT:

Fortune Bay Resort Casino also has a campground for RV's Trailers and Tents.

To Reserve a spot call 1-800-992-7529

For questions about the event, see the InterMarque web site at <https://intermarque.org>
 OR contact event coordinator John Engstrom at: jmjengstrom@yahoo.com

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Minneapolis, MN 55414

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!

April

- 14 Club Meeting
- 9 Tech Session - Mark Stephens 1967 TR4A

May

- 8 Spring Shakedown tour - Dave Phillips & Bob Lee hosting
- 12 Club Meeting
- 14 Tech Session - Jamel Rushdy's '69 TR6
- 21 Intermarque Spring Kickoff - Osseo
- 28 Elmer's Car and Toy Museum Tour

June

- 4 Healy Track Day
- 4 Spring into Summer Car Show, BMC Automobile, Isanti MN
- 9 Club Meeting
- 9-12 Rendezvous - Fortune Bay Resort and Casino located on the south side of Lake Vermillion near Ely, MN
- 11 Tech Session - Judy Sherwood's Spitfire
- 17-19 Back to the 50's
- 18-19 Stone Arch Bridge Festival - car show on Sunday 19th - <https://stonearchbridgefestival.com/art-of-the-car-show/>
- 26 Intermarque picnic, Harriet Island

July

- 7-9 Iola car show - 50th Anniversary
- 14 Club Meeting
- 16 Tech Session
- 17 Hastings Car Show & Riverfront days: MN Triumphs Club is hosting - contact Christina Bigelow
- 31 Intermarque picnic, Harriet Island

August

- 6 MN Triumphs Summer Picnic! Spring Lake Park Reserve, West Shelter
- 11 Club Meeting - VTR Prep?
- 12 Healy Track Day
- 13 Tech Session - VTR travel prep session?
- 28 Intermarque picnic, Harriet Island
- 29-Sept 1 - VTR 2022 in Galena, Illinois at the Eagle Ridge Resort and Spa. Check out the event at VTR2022.org

September

- 8 Club Meeting
- 10 Tech Session
- TBD Wings & Wheels - Osceola, WI
- 23-25 Waumandee Time Trials
- 25 Intermarque picnic, Harriet Island

October

- 8 BMC open house, Isanti MN
- 13 Club Meeting
- 8 or 15 Tech Session
- 15 Fall Color Tour - Jeff and Mary hosting at their place in Delano

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 - See Intermarque calendar at <http://intermarque.org/index.php/event-calendar/>

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