





RIBULATIONS



Good turnout for last month's "get it on the road" event...Thanks Mark S. for hosting.

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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 May 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

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

For VTR Membership information visit www.vtr.org



PREZ RELEASE

Hello everyone,

I can't believe we are already putting April in the rearview and moving into May. For me it was a flash as travel for work is back into full swing. I logged 11 legs of flying last month. Needless to say I'm happy to have my feet on the ground and to be home for a few weeks. I am still waiting for spring to actually spring and while I'm appreciative of the rain I do wish it would get more in like with our driving events schedule. Bill Connell, maybe you and mother nature can have a talk. (*)

There are many things growing. Thank you to those of you that have been volunteering your time to organize drive events, tech sessions and support of the picnics. I realize this takes a lot of your personal time so thank you.

Our member drive was a success and I truly want to thank Mike Smith for the fine work he did organizing, communicating and managing the whole thing. Thank you Mike! Our registration count is over 136 and counting with approximately 190 plus members advocating for our club. Mike also took the initiative to work with other members to streamline the badge ordering process. I feel confident that we have a good handle on the numbers and thank you to the members for reviewing the roster and sharing updates back to us.

The summer picnic committee is working hard to get a survey out so we can finalize the details of the picnic and keep that moving. Thanks to Lily, Bill, Dick and Steve. We appreciate you taking the time to organize. I'd also like to take the time to thank Jody, Carol, Greg, Wade, and Bill - our folks behind the scenes that are making sure a lot of things happen. Keeping a website, email system, newsletters and money flowing doesn't happen without these fine folks. If you see them thank them for what they do.

I'm also excited to hear of the tech sessions. I am confident that we will be seeing a few more Triumphs on the road this year thanks to them. Make sure you keep using our talented club members experience to solve some of your car woes.

Finally I'd like comment on our car culture. It is alive and well. On groups.io I saw the Jay Leno video about his older brother's TR. It was truly touching. It also reminded me of how much I appreciate Jay and what he stands for around car culture. I remember another video segment of his and I'm probably missing some context here so forgive me. He was saying we are all stewards of the cars. We really don't own them so it's our duty to keep them going and ensure that that they are there for future generations to enjoy. I've always enjoyed that sentiment and it has stuck with me. I think that his how many of us are.

I can't wait to see you all at the club meeting and I hope the weather cooperates so we can get our cars out. If it does, you'll see a new/returning car that we will be adding to the club. My wife Shannon will become a new member in May as she is the proud owner of a 63 TR3B that belonged to a previous member.

Happy Mother's Day to her and all of you wonderful Moms out there!

Cheers, David







Get ready for Valve Cover Racing at Rendezvous!

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

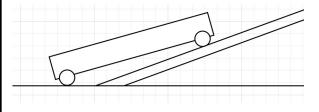
The max dimensions of the racers are, W13 inches, L26", Ground clearance 3".

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.



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

Saturday, June 11 6 to 11 AM Golf, Fishing, Lake Tour (Reservations Required. See note.) 1 PM Car Show

PM Car Show
 Banquet with speaker Mark Brandow who will talk about his 50 years in Vintage Racing

best three (3) Canadian and American hands

Sunday, June 12 8 AM to 11 AM Farewell Breakfast



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RESERVE A ROOM:
Fortune Bay Resort Casino Room Reservations
Be sure to say it's for "Rendezvous"

Dune 9th, 10th, and 11th 2022
Phone number for reservations: 1-800-555-1714
Address: 1-430 Bois Forte Road, Tower, Minnesota, 55447
Website: https://fortuneboy.com/

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

April Meeting Minutes - Jill Davenport

April Meeting Minutes, 4/14/22

33 degrees and snowing. Zero Triumphs in the lot. 40 in attendance.

Call to order 7:00

New Member: Ken Stanga, from South Dakota, TR3. Is working on it with his son and grandson and is looking for help with camshaft or motor.

We all toasted our recently departed member, Karen DeMuth. She will be missed. May she rest in peace.

Rendezvous 2023 discussion - Larry reported on a Zoom meeting. Other clubs are not ready to host, can we host? We would need lots of committee members to organize and run it, and volunteers to work the event. Club discussed this month and the club will vote next month. Issues: How often can the club sponsor an event? Is it feasible to plan just one year out (budget, availability of venues)?

Floor Stand-up Club Sign - Terry Mackey designed it and showed us the finished sign. Wayne Morris donated the sign to our club. To be used for VTR convention, Rendevous event, and other events we sponsor or attend. Reports:

Treasurer - Jody Meier. \$6586 in savings, \$3500 in checking.

Membership - Mike Smith. 80% of our members renewed by the March 31 deadline; 130 are on the roster to date.

Newsletter - Greg and Carol Thompson (none)
Events Coordinator - Bill Connell. 1) Summer party on
August 6, the same location as last year. A survey will be
sent out to members to gather some info on preferences. Valve cover racing will be included (need someone to transport the track there). 2) April 30 Spring
Shakedown cruise. 100 miles start and end in Hudson.
They would like an RSVP; send through Groups IO. 3)
May 21 Spring Kick-off in Osseo. Meet at Perkins for
breakfast if you want to have breakfast and all drive and
enter together.

Tech Sessions - Jeff Johnson. (Bill reported) May 14, Jamal Rushdy; June 18, TR7 Judy Sherwood; August 13 session will be VTR travel prep.

VTR Liaison - Greg Thompson (none)
Intermarque Liaison - Glen Wilson (none)

Webmaster - Bill Connell (none)

Historian - Bill Nelson. Bill would like a "glamour shot" photo of your car for photo book.

Vice President - Doug Foster (none)

Regalia - Dan Booth (none)

Past President/Member-at-large - Chip Lederer (none)

Book drawing - Dan Booth and Paul Aslanian were the lucky winners.

Adjourn 8:09



A **BIG** thank you to Wayne Morris for donating and Terry Mackey for designing a new vertical club banner. This will be used in venues that prohibit hanging banners on the walls such as at VTR and Rendezvous.



Membership

The MN Triumphs Car Club is always welcoming new members. Our tank is never full. Cost to join is \$25 for a single membership and \$26 for a family membership to cover a partner. Membership dues are accepted throughout the year. Dues paid after September 1st will apply to the following calendar year. The fastest way to join or renew is to pay by PayPal through the membership page on our website and send an email to me. MN Triumphs Website - Membership Page Any other questions or comments regarding membership, please contact me. Thank You!

Mike Smith, MN Triumphs membership@mntriumphs.org



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.

TR2-3B - 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)

THE TRAVELS OF TILLY THE TUB

When Carol and I found out we had a week off from our "grandpa grandma daycare" we started planning a warm weather trip of R&R on the beach in Gulf Shores, Alabama. But when I saw a California TR6 body tub with some frontend body damage for sale in Yerington, Nevada I started scheming a way to retrieve it.

Tilly the Tub is a 1970 TR6 that was originally Sienna Brown with a Black interior. It was sold and spent all its driving life in California. At some point it was painted a copper/orange metallic.

The story goes that about 20 years ago, the owner was at the bank drive through and hit the gas instead of the brake and



slammed into a concrete filled steel post. They bought the car back from the insurance company and put it in the garage to use for spare parts for a TR6 they bought to replace it. The two cars were then sold as a pair to another person and the car sat again for several years before that owner needed room for a TR3 in the garage. It was then sold to the person I bought the tub and frame from.

It just so happens that right on the way home from Yerington are Utah's "Mighty Five". So I pitched to Carol that we drive to Yerington, pick up the tub and see the remaining 4 of the 5 National parks in Utah we had not seen yet. We had talked many times about doing it, so it wasn't a big sell.

The first day of travel was a fight with the wind. Sustained windspeeds of 32 with gusts to 50 really took a toll on the gas mileage. We saw 2 overturned semi-trucks along with several travel trailers. Day 2 was much better and traveling on new roads for us meant new scenery into Salt Lake City. We arrived in Yerington on day 3 at about 3:35 to load the car. Richard, the person we bought the car from was a colorful character talking about his exit from California to the desert of Nevada.

Day 4 took us from Fernley, NV across Route 50, "the loneliest road in America" then on to more new roads



heading south from Ely to NV 93 then east on 56 to Cedar City, Utah. I had always thought Nevada was flat desert similar to that in Las Vegas but it has beautiful winding roads with great vista views. Night 4 we stayed in Virgin, Utah, just a few miles from the entrance to Zion National Park. Zion is the 5th most visited park in the US with 4.3 million visitors each year. They implemented bus only travel in the park in the early 2000's that make it easy to see everything without fighting traffic and finding parking.

We arrived early and got on the 2nd bus leaving the visitor's station traveling along the North Fork Virgin River.

A short hike past the last stop, the canyon narrows to about 150 feet making waders a must for venturing any further up river. We did another hike up to Emerald Pools where a water fall emerges from the shear walls of the canyon.

We left the park through the east entrance traveling through the 1.1 mile tunnel that has several windows letting in light that overlook the canyon, then headed east on 9 to UT89 and north to 12 and on to Tropic. We stayed in a cabin with a metal roof and the weather turned cold with bands of graupel moving through making it sound like a million ball pein hammers rapping on the roof.





We woke to 25 degrees and 2" of snow for a chilly start to the day but some wonderful vistas at Bryce Canyon. We did a 2.9 mile hike into the canyon to get up close to the Hoodoos.

Leaving Bryce Canyon we traveled on Utah 12, an American Scenic Highway through Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument and the Dixie National Forest.

This is a must do drive if you are in the area and nearly as good as the parks themselves. At one point traveling on a ridge, there is about 12" of shoulder on each side with a steep rock slide going down hundreds of feet. Utah 12 ends when it meets UT24 near Torrey at the west border of Capitol Reef National Park.





Capitol Reef is the least visited park in Utah but its beauty is seen off the direct drive through on 24. We drove deep into the park getting off the black top to a dirt road following a dry riverbed. I had not noticed the faded sign saying "no trailers beyond this point"! At the end of the 6.2 miles of dirt, we took a 2 mile hike through the narrow canyon to see petroglyphs and the "Pioneer Register", an area on the canyon wall with names and dates, some dating back to 1888. Luckily, by the time we returned, there was just enough room to



back into the sandy riverbed that was full of cars when we arrived and I was able to turn around.



Leaving Capitol Reef, we had to go all the way north to interstate 70 and east to 191 to come back down to Moab for our final night in Utah. Unbeknown to us, it was Jeep Week so the town was filled with Jeeps new and old all set up to traverse the hills and rocks of the area. We set out early to beat the rush at the entrance to Canyonlands National Park. Thankfully so because when we were leaving the parking area to the most popular hike, the 2-mile Grand View Point Overlook, the lot was full and people were waiting for me to pull out.

It is interesting that you see the same people at different parks even though they are miles apart and there are so many options of overlooks and hikes to do. I had noticed an extended family in Zion traveling together in 2 vans, one from Kansas and the other from California. They also noticed us and Tilly on the trailer. Their curiosity got the best of them so they finally asked about the story and admitted they each had a theo-

ry of their own. I fully admitted using the National Parks tour to convince Carol to make the trek to Nevada.

After 9 nights and 10 days on the road we were ready to be home but both of us agreed it was one of the best road trips we have taken and I am already planning some itineraries to get us deeper into the parks for a return visit.

Your editors,

Greg and Carol



Tech Session

A group of the tech session faithful convened at Mark Stephens' on April 9th to get some projects done on his TR4a. A gear reduction starter and an alternator conversion were installed as well as some rattles in the rider's door were tracked down. Some troubleshooting was done on an inoperable wiper as well with no favorable results. Following the work being done there were still some upper end engine noises so the following Saturday a new water pump was installed. Things were a little quieter but there was still an odd noise present. On Sunday, I went over and listened. There was a popping sound in the valve cover so I pulled it and discovered I could depress every valve open with one finger. I surmised the sound was exhaust gases escaping into the valve cover before the valve was able to close due to the weak springs. The bell crank on the carburetor linkage is badly worn as well preventing smooth acceleration. Mark has ordered new springs and linkage parts and a couple of us will commence work on a weekday after parts arrive. Greg





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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

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





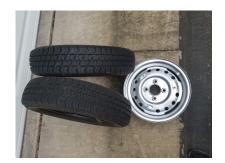




For Sale I have 5 original steel wheels for sale from my TR which now has wire wheels.

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.











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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 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:



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:

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







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!

May

12 Club Meeting

14 Tech Session - Jamel Rushdy's '69 TR6

14 Shakedown Tour (rescheduled) - hosted by Dave Phillips & Bob Lee

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 in Tower, MN

11 Tech Session - Judy Sherwood's TR7

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-

<u>show/</u> **25-26** Hagerty's Great Race Lunch Stop

26 Intermarque picnic, Harriet Island

July

7-9 Iola car show - 50th Anniversary

12-13 National MG Rally at La Crosse Radisson

14 Club Meeting

16 Tech Session

17 Hastings Car Show & Rivertown 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

12 Healy Track Day

13 Tech Session - VTR travel prep

20-22 SRO GT World Challenge America, Elkhart Lake

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

10 Wings & Wheels - Osceola, WI

11-12 Des Moines Concours d'Elegance

23-25 Waumandee Time Trials

23-26 Brits in the Ozarks Gathering

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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Chip Lederer

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



5 Years Ago

May 2017

- + May 2017 Triumphs & Tribulations cover had photos of the tech session for Dave H's GT6. Photos credited credited to Doug B.
- + Total paid memberships......100.
- + Color photos credited to John Meier for the tech session at David Poinar's. Joe DeMuth, Larry Berg, Greg Gelhar, Terry Mackey, Phil Ethier and David were some of the members that replaced the leaking timing chain cover gasket on David's TR6.
- + In the Triumph Trader. Dick L was looking for a luggage rack for his TR6.

10 Years Ago

May 2012

- + Minutes of the May 2012 meeting. The April meeting had 41 total attendees. 1-GT6+, 3-Spitfires, 2-TR3's, 1-TR4, 6-TR6's, 1-TR7, 1-TR8 and 1-Bugeye Sprite.
- + Color photos credited to The Fohrenkamm Family for the Shake Down Tour.
- + The newsletter had a write up on the upcoming Super Sausage Sunday + Mystery Tour being hosted by Larry and Gail Berg and Terry Mackey.
- + Color photos by Terry Mackey of his trip to Indiana. He happened to drive through Triumph Illinois.





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