



# TRIUMPHS & TRIBULATIONS



## Hastings Car Show and a Tech Session

20 Triumphs on Hastings main street and 1 Triumph at Jill D's garage.

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Thank you to all who hosted events and contributed to this newsletter!

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### 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 11 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

Look at us turning the corner on another month. I am not sure how all of you feel but it feels good to me to see folks gathering again and participating in events.

As I reflect on July, you wouldn't find any grass growing under the Anderson family feet. There was swimming, fire-works, camping, car showing, oh my...

There was a nice showing at the monthly club meeting and we continue to see one or two new members join or attend, which I love to see.

I attended my first tech session at Jill Davenport's home. It was so much fun to hang out with club members, working on Jill's pick list for her Spitfire and to get to know folks little bit better. And the food was fantastic. Jill's pulled pork recipe is quite tasty.

It was also great to attend the Hastings Car Show. We brought two of our cars and really enjoyed ourselves. There was a strong turn out by the club and we had one surprise guest who showed up with a TR6 that he brought over from England and I believe it had the fuel injection option. My family enjoyed the event until the ride home. Mike Smith, Greg Thompson and my family got caught in that thunderstorm cell and it was not how I envisioned the ride home. Mike and my family found an overpass and hung out there until the rain passed.

As for vacationing, we just returned from a big family vacation out west to California. We spent 4 days in San Francisco with a good friend of mine and her family and then we connected with a larger group of 18 friends and explored King's Canyon and the Sequoia National Forest. If you haven't put that on your bucket list, I'd highly recommend it. We got to see the world's tallest, oldest and most round trees in the world. It is a very special place.

Finally, I'll leave you with this. I have always loved music. I used to work in a record store right out of high school in the late 80's. I made \$3.15 an hour as a manager. It was never about the money. It was a fun time to work at a record store because the music industry was just starting to manufacture CDs. Cassettes were holding on and vinyl was a thing of the past. It's funny how things come back around. I still have my records, cassettes and CDs. Two weeks ago I picked up a record of the Spencer Davis Group. I really enjoy the song 'Keep on Running'.



While I love the music I have to give them extra credit cool points for having this photo on the back of their album. I think that is a Triumph Herald-Vitesse.

Cheers,  
David

## July Meeting Minutes - Jill Davenport

July Meeting Minutes, 7-14-22

Crooked Pint Ale House

Call to order 7:02

New Members since last meeting - Nate Noznesky and Jeff Byers. New tonight are John and Allee Jablonsky, '73 Spitfire. Previous Meeting Notes - approved.

Hastings car show - 7 cars signed up, current problems with adding names to spreadsheet, show of hands - 6 more. Need more volunteers to watch the gates (1985 cars and older) and direct parking. Gates open at 10 AM, spectators in at 11 AM.

Summer Picnic - August 6, 10 AM. Grilled lunch provided @ approximately \$10 per person. Bring your own beverage (alcohol allowed). There will be a raffle (you can contribute if you have something).

Meeting Room guarantee contract - trial run tonight. \$75 to rent the room. Food & Beverage minimum \$500 per meeting.

Reports

Treasurer - Jody Meier, checking starting balance \$3006.95, expense of \$66.66 for the newsletter for an ending balance of \$2940.29; savings balance \$6352.18 for a total assets of \$9292.47.

Membership - Mike Smith, 150 memberships-180 members

Newsletter - Greg and Carol Thompson, deadline for next issue is the 20th of the month.

Events Coordinator - Bill Connell,

- Brit Fest August 13.
- Antique Car show New London to New Brighton August 13, they have a lunch stop at Buffalo high school where you can look at the cars.
- Elkhart Lake in August, World Challenge event. Aug 20-22
- VTR Aug. 29.
- Concours event in Iowa Sept 11-12, planned by Joe Bisanz.
- Wauandee time trials September 23.
- Chip is organizing In Search of America drive, Sept. 23 - Oct 2, nine states, 10 days. Someone had an Idea for a full moon ride.

Tech Sessions - Jeff Johnson

- August 13 for pre-VTR car inspection, let Jeff know if you want to add your car to the list.
- September 10 is Walter Bowser's TR7
- October still open.

VTR Liaison - Greg Thompson, probably 3 groups of cars traveling together, maybe different departure dates? Message will be sent out to gather these groups.

New Business - Glenn Wilson shared info about Brainerd Raceway on Labor Day weekend, time to look at the cars, and can get out on the racetrack, SCCA event.

Drawing: Jodi Meiers and Glenn Wilson won their pick of some regalia items.

Adjourn 7:44



## 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 listed above.



## Membership - Mike Smith

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 Tri-  
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ship@mntriumphs.org](mailto:membership@mntriumphs.org)



## 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)

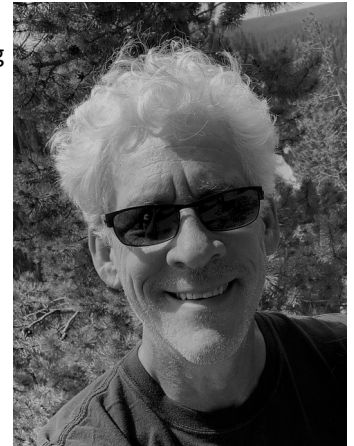
See samples of Dan's work: [Magnolia Screen Printing Ink on Facebook](#) ; [Magnolia Screen Printing Ink on Instagram](#)



# Kastner Cup Gets the Main Stage

It was recently announced that the Kastner Cup will be at Road America July 14-16, 2023 as part of the Weathertech International Challenge (WIC) with Brian Redman. If you follow vintage racing at all you will realize this is a real big deal for the whole Triumph community. The WIC is one of the largest vintage races in the country, and that is for two reasons. One is that Road America is one of the top race tracks in the country and on the bucket list of many if not most race car drivers. The second is the location is such that it will draw a large number of cars from the east and west coasts. To put it into a sports analogy, it would be the equivalent to being the halftime show at the Superbowl. Center stage for 30 minutes at the best venue in front of the biggest crowd of the year.

Most vintage racers are car lovers like us with a limited budget so they don't just call the crew to show up and fly in to do the driving. Yes, there are some that have the cash to do that but many maintain their cars and tow them to the track with a pick-up full of tools and spares. There are several racers that are part of the local InterMarque group and their prepared cars will be featured at next years Spring Kick-off in Osseo. One of my favorite things to do at the races is walk through the pits and look at the cars close-up. This is not like the Indy 500 where you need credentials to get pit access. One ticket gets you full access to the whole venue. Bring a lawn chair though as some of the best track viewing is under the shade of the big oak trees that surround the track.



Peter Brock and Kas Kastner with TR250 K

For those that are newer to our club, Kas Kastner was a pioneer in transforming road-going Triumphs into race cars that beat many cars that it shouldn't have. In 1969 the Group 44 cars won 44 of the 70 entered and never finished below 3<sup>rd</sup>. He was a brilliant engineer and a fearless driver. After leaving Triumph, Kas went on to manage the Nissan IMSA GTP team and with them won the manufacturers' championship three years in a row. The Kastner Cup was created to honor him and this year's running was the 20<sup>th</sup> year.

I attended Kastner Cup Races at Road Atlanta-2012, Blackhawk Farms-2017, and Portland International Raceway-2021, and I am very excited to be there next year to witness maybe the most Triumphs on the grid at one time. I have heard from organizers that the TR 250K built by Kas Kastner with body designed by Peter Brock will be there along with a couple of cars from the UK. I looked at hotel prices for the weekend and they are through the roof for anything close to the track so you may want to look 30 minutes away for better rates. There is usually a track touring time offered over the lunch break for a fee so if you want to see and feel what it would be like to be on track at over 100 MPH coming down hill into turn 5 start planning now.

Greg

# MN Triumphs Summer Picnic

**Saturday, August 6, 10am-3pm**

**Spring Lake Park Reserve Hastings, MN West Shelter**

Fair menu including burgers, brats, homemade sides, fruit, chips and dessert, including veggie options.



Chip is leading our grill crew, but we will need a few more to help with cooking and maybe hauling food and supplies to the event. Contact Bill Connell directly if you'd like to help out.

**Bring your valve cover racers and an item for the raffle if you like, we already have a few great donations.**

**Food cost is \$10 per person, we'll have water available otherwise plan to BYOB.**

**We'll plan to start setting up and decorating at 9am, party starts at 10.**

## Hastings Car Show - July 17, Hastings,



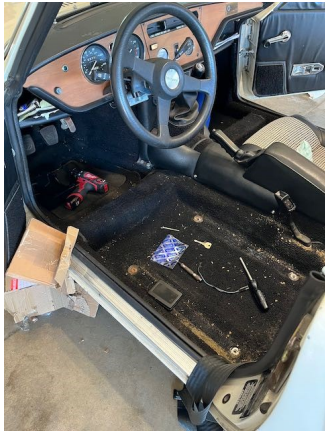
It was a hot one but a group of 20 cars showed up from our club for this event. Weather was good until the trip home for some as rain moved in causing some to hunker down at a gas station or under an overpass.

Thank you Christina Bigelow for coordinating and all volunteers who helped with this event.





## Mini Tech Session - Christina Bigelow



Reggie and I did a mini tech session on my Spitfire replacing my ignition switch/key on my steering column, replacing the turn signal/horn/bright switch.

First we removed the seat and the old key is lying on the floor. The next photo is Reggie trying to get a "seat" in the screws to reverse them out.

Next shots are what tool ultimately worked including box they came in. Screws backed out easily. First photo of the bits in his hand did not work - he just couldn't get a bite in it, had to use the left hand screw bits to chatter it out.

Then he's taking out the "set" screws on the ignition and the ones that came with my new ignition (from Rimmer Bros) did not fit the new ignition OR the old switch.

So then we searched through cans of hardware (my husband's) and various screw drawers and found some little ones that worked. They were too long so we had to cut them off to make them work as the new set screws.

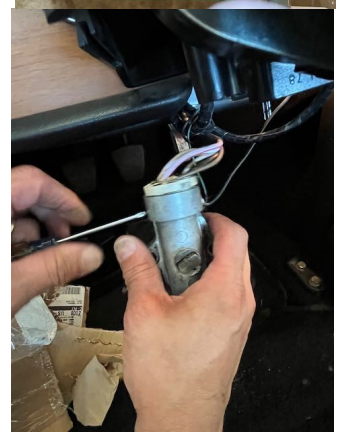
There's a photo of the old and the new ignition and we just left the black/green wire which was attached to that clip you can see on the old one tucked up in the dash with the new ignition. We traced it to a little metal cylinder next to the battery.

While Reggie was working on the set screws, I disassembled the windshield wiper (right side of column) switch/arm off of the left/turn signal arm (the old one is the broken black one). The blue middle cuff/cylinder is the new turn signal arm reconnected with the windshield wiper arm.

And finally, Reggie putting the set screws in the new ignition. Turns out we put it back together and once the steering wheel was on, the left and right switch arms were loose and wonky because I FORGOT to tighten the cuff - because the old one slid right off (because it was broken) so I didn't even notice there was a tightening screw! So then we had to take apart the cowl (this was a pain - the little brass fittings that the long screws (which come up through the bottom cowl) have to screw into, kept falling out). Finally, had to put little pieces of paper in the holes with the brass fittings to get them to stay in. Then we were able to screw the cowls together again (for the umpteenth time) and then the steering wheel went back on. THEN realized the left arm came from Rimmer Bros slightly bent forward so my left hand would get hit by it when my hand was on the steering wheel. AND I couldn't dip my headlights (flash someone) because there wasn't room to pull the arm toward me. So Reggie then bent it slightly. And voilá, it worked.

Finally, I popped the new emblem in as I was driving (terribly safe) in the hot sun on Monday and it went in easily!

So it's all back together and working great. Thanks to Reggie! It was all ready for Rivertown Days.



## Tech Session - Jill Davenport

The July tech session was held to address a few issues with my '75 Spitfire. Nine, count them, nine(!) generous club members showed up on this summer Saturday morning to help. Two teams of two started on the rear brakes – new cylinders and shoes. There were some grunts and exclamations and a few different tools tried, but the shoe springs were finagled into place. Another team of two started with the lack of horn problem. After diagnostics, it was determined that a horn relay and horn push brush were needed. Someone else cleaned and lubricated the seat slides and made the seat more adjustable. The trip odometer was freed and works. The starting problem may be improved by the discovery that the air filter housing had been put in backwards along the way somewhere, and the holes had been covered. The tires were swapped back to front to try to further diagnose the shimmy problem. And not even on the list, Greg Gelhar pulled a tool out of his mechanics shop van and replaced a missing snap on the convertible top cover. There was also an auxiliary tech session in the driveway – brake bleeding. All in all, an excellent tech session for which I am very grateful. Jill Davenport



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\*paraphrased from "The Treasure of the Sierra Madre"

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Compliments of your Minnesota Triumphs Sports Car Club.

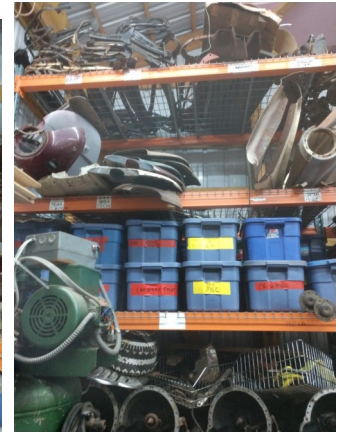
Or you can pick 'em up at your next club event.

Terry Mackey  
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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](mailto: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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Trader - continued

### For Sale

Rare, authentic Ansa exhaust for 1972-1976 TR6 (Ansa part# TR0840). Twin down pipe, two mufflers/two resonators with 2 3/8" slash cut, chrome plated quad exhaust pipes. These are one of the last sets acquired before Ansa discontinued production (again) a couple of years ago. Less than 500 miles, like-new condition. They will fit fine over rear sway bars. Note they are significantly louder than stock, but these were attached to a high performance motor with aftermarket, free flowing, ceramic coated headers. They won't be as loud with a stock motor/exhaust manifold, but will still be louder than an OEM muffler. \$450 firm.



Contact Steve Greenstein @ 651-494-7214

### For FREE

Pair of GT6 rear shocks, *non-rotoflex* KYB Gas-A-Just KG3198. Lightly used.

Pair of motor mounts for TR4A, 143057, unused.

Plastic battery box, drop-in instant fix for rusted out box. Should fit any car.

**New Item!** Additional Pair of high-back seats from GT6, may fit Spitfire (?). Passenger seat pretty good, Driver's seat has a couple of tears. Have frames, but no tracks.

Dave Heglund [davisnlinda@yahoo.com](mailto:davisnlinda@yahoo.com)

## 2022 In Search of America Tour Appalachian and Lake Michigan Circle Tour (Continuing the Adventure)

All MNTR members and traveling enthusiasts welcome!

September 23 – October 2, 2022

10 days, 2,900 miles, 10 states (MN, IA, IL, KY, TN, NC, IN, MN, UP, WI)

Triumphs, sports cars, drive what ya got.

Majority of roads traveled are two lane state highways and scenic by-ways:  
Great River Road, Cherohala Skyway, Tail of the Dragon, the Michigan Road, The Blue Star HWY (A2)

Visits to the Corvette Museum, Corvette Factory tour, (Churchill Downs, Louisville Slugger or Muhamad Ali Museum), Indianapolis Motor Speedway Museum

National Parks and Monuments are in proximity to route, group will identify where to stop.

Accommodations selected for cleanliness, service and reasonable prices  
Currently 9 members interested, 4 members committed.

Interested??? For full Itinerary and to get on the roster for updates  
Contact: Chip Lederer [Fastroadcar@gmail.com](mailto:Fastroadcar@gmail.com) text: 612-760-6615

## 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

- 6 MN Triumphs Summer Picnic! Spring Lake Park Reserve, West Shelter
- 11 Club Meeting
- 12 Healy Track Day
- 13 Tech Session - VTR travel prep at Nathan Arvold's shop
- 13 Brit Fest - Hudson, Wisconsin
- 20-22 SRO GT World Challenge America, Elkhart Lake - Chip Lederer is leading the trip
- 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](http://VTR2022.org)

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.



### September

- 8 Club Meeting
- 10 Tech Session - Walter Bowser's TR7
- 10 Wheels & Wings - Osceola, WI
- 11-12 Des Moines Concours d'Elegance - Joe Bisanz is leading the trip
- 23-25 Waumandee Time Trials
- 23-26 Brits in the Ozarks Gathering
- 23-Oct 2 Search for America - Chip Lederer is leading the trip
- 25 Intermarque picnic, Harriet Island

### October

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

**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/>

### 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](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 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)

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### **A Look In The Rearview Mirror**

**Submitted by Bill Nelson - Historian**



5 years ago

August 2017

- + From the July 13, 2017 meeting minutes. Welcome Jeffery Barton along with his 1979 Spitfire. 65 degrees at the start of the meeting in contrast to the 81 degree day we had in June. 19 Triumphs lined up in addition to a 2014 Morgan.
- + There was a very nice article in loving memory of Jim Larson. 2 pages long along with color photos of the Triumphs that attended his services.
- + There were a couple of color photos of the outing to Pioneer Village in Hastings, MN.
- + There was a full page ad / registration form for the 2017 Waumandee Hillclimb. September 22-24 2017. Open to vintage vehicles 1987 and older.
- + In the Triumph Trader . 1980, 1500 Spitfire. AM-FM CD radio plays up to 10 cds. Hard top also. Needs some work. Rick. \$5995 OBO.

10 years ago

August 2012

- + From the July 12, 2012 meeting minutes. A moment of silence for Russ Mattson and Greg Smith who both had passed away. 33 attendees plus 3 children at the meeting. 17 Triumphs. 1-GT6+, 4 Spitfire, 1-Stag, 3-TR3, 2-TR4, 6-TR6.
- + A wheel balancing tech clinic was held at Orrin's house. Color photo credits: Doug Burch.
- + Color photo credits: Fred Olson for the Wine Tour 2012.
- + Coming up in the Triumph Calendar. August 17-19 the Reedsburg/Baraboo, Wisconsin weekend. Great back roads, spectacular scenery, tour fun museums. On September 9 the Wayzata Charity car show. Sponsored by Wayzata Rotary. \$20 per car. Spectators are FREE.
- + From the Triumph Trader. Need a tire (165 X 15) for spare. Call Mark.



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