



TRIUMPHS & TRIBULATIONS



Summer Picnic and August Meeting

Weather held out for both. Luck of the Triumphs.

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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 September 8 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

I was watching the news last week and the anchor pointed out that it was the last day for the year that the sun would set past 8:30 PM until April of next year. It was a reminder that our season is starting to wind down which made me reflect on the year. What a great year it has been. I hope you all have been able to enjoy your time with your family and friends and have made the most of it.

And while the season is winding down, it also it time to wind up on getting your project list of things you want to accomplish. For me, I am still chipping away at my engine rebuild on my Stag, Will and I need to wrap up refoaming the drivers side seat on his Spitty and I do plan on learning the about the SU carbs on Shannon's TR. I have calls to make to find sponsors for next year's Rendezvous that we are sponsoring and wrapping up our yearly club duties.

What's on your list?

Reminder, if you'd like to take a more active role in the club we are looking for a treasurer next year. Jody has done a wonderful job for the club is ready to pass the checkbook to another. So, if you are interested please let it be known.

There is still plenty of events/opportunities to get out there and make memories. Shannon and I have been taking in a lot of life this summer which has been fantastic. Lake Harriet has been featuring music as well as Sea Salt at Minnehaha Falls. There is nothing better than live music while you enjoy a cold beer with your fish and chips.

I'll be heading out to the land of Dollywood in TN to visit my mother in September. She is having a procedure at the end of the month and I'm going to stay with her for a while during her recovery. I'm excited to visit my childhood state and see what kind of trouble she and I can get into while I'm down there.

I sorry to say I will miss the September club meeting but will see you for the last one of the season in October.

Until then seize the moments and happy motoring!

Cheers,
David



August Meeting Minutes - Jill Davenport

August Meeting Minutes 8/11/2022

Weather: 80's and sunny. 11 Triumphs in the parking lot
Call to order 7:04

Jerry Moehnke shared some "refrigerator art" - words of wisdom and inspiration

Thanks to those who planned and put on the picnic!

New Members

Matt Morrow, Spitfire '80

John and Alee Jablonsky '73 Spit

Shannon Anderson '63 TR3B

Todd and Cindy Wyatt '64 TR4

Jim Hansen St Paul '80 TR7

Visitors considering membership:

Seth, Charlie, and Terry

End of year activities:

By-laws - review at the September meeting for voting in October

Officers nominations - current officers need to decide if they want to continue. Nominations needed in September for open positions for voting in October.

October meeting celebration? Dave will send out a request for ideas and volunteers.

Rendezvous 2023 update (June 8-10, 2023) Ashland, WI. Still a few hotel rooms available.

Sponsorships needed. Please let Pat Holt know if you have any ideas for sponsors we could approach.

Previous Meeting Notes approved.

Reports

Treasurer - Jody Meier reported on the current state of accounts.

Membership - Mike Smith - averaging 2-3 new members per month. Close to 140 memberships.

Newsletter - Greg and Carol Thompson - thanks for your submissions. Please use the newsletter email rather than sending to Greg or Carol's emails.

Events Coordinator - Bill Connell - Waumandee Hill Climb - two spots available in a rented house for the weekend. Brit Fest in Hudson is Saturday, August 13. August 20 GearHead Car show, no fee. October 15 Fall Color tour - Start Plymouth/New Hope, then out along the Crow River, spend 1 hour at Ride and Rods in Annandale, then to Jeff Gilmer and Mary Deeg's house for lunch like last year.

Tech Sessions - Jeff Johnson - Saturday, August 13, tech session for those going to VTR and all others invited. Contact Jeff Johnson for info on Sept. 10 tech session. October session, maybe David Anderson?

VTR Liaison - Greg Thompson - VTR travel groups have been organized. Orrin reports that there is a VTR room available due to a cancellation.

Intermarque Liaison - Glen Wilson - Last Saturday in October there is a Halloween Party, BYOB, and a dish to pass. Contact Glen for more info.

Webmaster - Bill Connell (no report)

Historian - Bill Nelson, 315,000 Spitfires are still around, the last one rolled off the line in 1980.

Vice President - Doug Foster (no report)

Regalia - Dan Booth. David asked if we have any ideas for merch to have in stock?

Past President/Member-at-large - Chip Lederer reports that Steve Greenstein was in a serious bicycle accident - send best wishes his way.

New Business - Dick Leininger tells us to look at Bill's handcrafted steering wheel. Andy has things to give away - wire wheels, timing light, etc. Celebrity! Greg Gelhar is in the VTR magazine! 1969 Spitfire for sale. Raffle - Glen Wilson chose the Triumph bag chair. Seth Christensen, visitor of new member Matt Morrow, won the bottle of wine.

Adjourn 7:56



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 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.

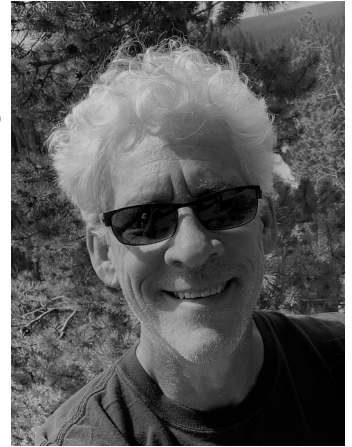
- Text or call 651-208-9355 or email dbooth41@gmail.com

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



Fancy, Passion, Obsession?

When most of you read this, a large contingent of the club will be at the North American Triumph Challenge in Galena, Illinois. If you **fancy** all things Triumph, this is the place to be. The group that I am traveling with has grown to 10 cars, so we will be splitting up into 2 groups to make it easier to stay together going through towns on our 2-lane route. We will meet up at the touristy spots we have planned. At last count we have 34 members registered for the event and 3 coming down for the car show on Thursday. As a club we can be proud of how active our members are and our involvement in not only the local club but the VTR as well.



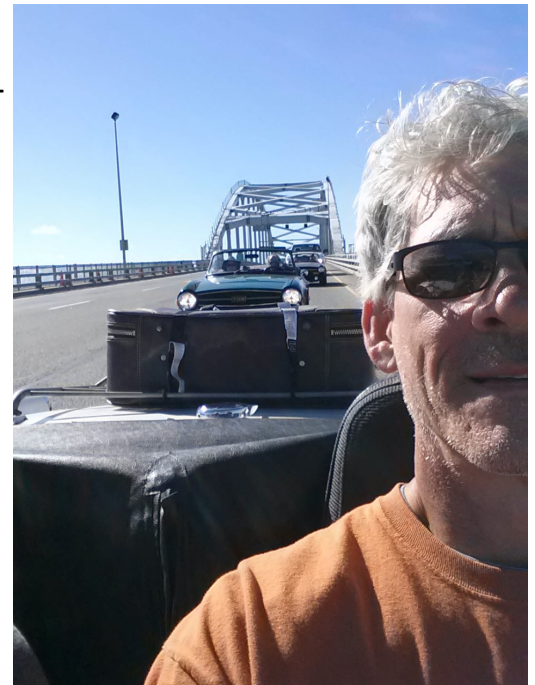
I look forward to seeing the people I have met from all over the country while attending the convention over the years and chat about what we have all been up to. Some of those relationships go back 1995 when Carol and I went to our first NATC in Rockford, Illinois. It seems like every year I meet a new person that I don't forget. Last year when we were sorting out the carb issue on Jeff Gilmer and Mary Deeg's TR4A (turned out to be faulty carb diaphragms) a Texan stepped in to give us a hand and worked several hours on it and stuck with it through to the end. I have him saved in my phone as Jon Texas and if I see him this year I am sure it will be like we talked yesterday. It's fun to meet others that have the same **passion** for working on the cars.

I also met a fellow last year selling TR4 parts out of the back of his Prius, Larry H. He had purchased a TR4 in his late teens and when he got married it got pushed into the side yard and sat. He didn't have the skills to fix the rust and his wife didn't have the same attachment to it as he did so he sold it and was liquidating the spare parts he had accumulated over the years. At the time, he was going through his 2nd round of chemo and did not know how long he would be around. He wanted to purchase a nice driver to enjoy to re-live his youth and I was so sad that his wife wouldn't let him have his last wish. It made me appreciate even more the support I get from Carol for my **obsession** with these cars.

Even though this life is filled with inanimate objects that we use to get through our daily lives, some become more than just "objects". As long as there is a healthy relationship between you and that object, the relationships that come out of following that passion can lead you to places, friendships, and chance encounters you never dreamed of that may change your life or the life of someone else forever.

Greg

September, 2014 - Heading to VTR in Dobson, North Carolina via Canada. Waiting to go through customs in Port Huron.



Other Happenings.....

Congratulations to Lois Larson and Clyde Eddy recently married on July 31, 2022!



BritFest was held in Hudson, Wisconsin on August 13th.



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 text: 612-760-6615**

Club Picnic - August 6, Hastings, MN

Thank you to the picnic committee - Bill Connell, me, Lily Dzubay, Dick Leining and Steve Shogren. The day started out a bit rainy but ended up being a great get-together with 30 people attending. Plenty of conversation, food, valve cover racing, and raffle items! Thank you Rich Riemersma for manning the grill!

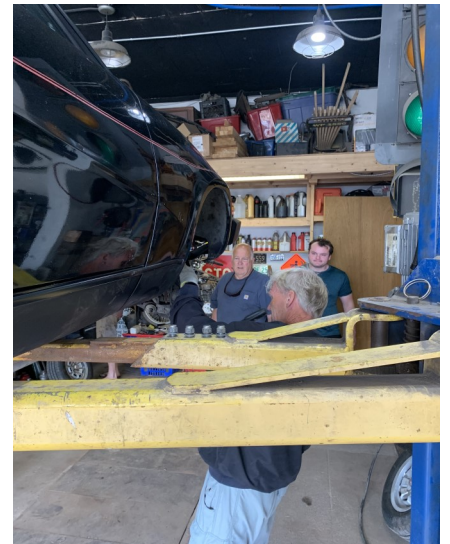


Picnic continued



Tech Session

A big thank you to Nathan Arvold for the use of his shop with the lift for this month's tech session. We got 5 cars on the lift and found several things that we addressed. Dick Leighninger's fuel smell was found to be a pin hole in a line from rubbing on the frame. It was ready to become a large hole as slight pressure with a knife quadrupled the size of the hole! Two other cars were found to have very rotted fuel lines that were also replaced. We also discovered the slow moving carb dashpot in Jeff and Mary's TR7 was due to carbs not being in sync due to linkage out of adjustment. A couple of front wheel bearings were found to be out of adjustment and tightened a flat. Dick Leighninger's guage lights all work as well as his replacement Tach. Paul Aslanian's brake light on the dash was cleared thanks to Orrin McGill's knowledge of how they are wired and moving a sticky shuttle in the P.D.W.A. assembly. Although we found Jerry Moehnke's car to be in good nick we did add a rubber insulator on one brake line that was rubbing on a body mount. We also discovered that Matt Hunting's TR3 is in need of a front end rebuild.



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<membership@mnrtriumphs.org>
Can be delivered at the next meeting.

*paraphrased from "The Treasure of the Sierra Madre"

GOT WINDOW CLING?



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.

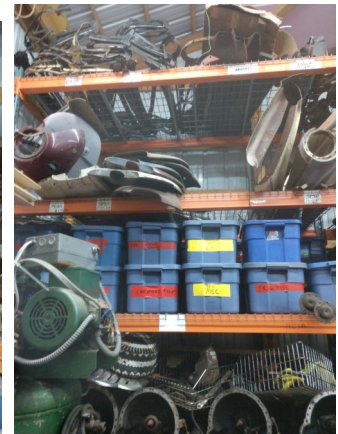
Or you can pick 'em up at your next club event.

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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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 Sale

- TR3/TR4 Parts for sale: Original 4 speed gearbox from '59 TR3A which was removed and replaced with a complete overdrive gearbox. Probably has 45,000 miles on it. Shifts well and throwout bearing moves freely. \$100.
- Complete but disassembled '64 TR4 engine, engine #CT30838E. Has been my backup spare if needed. Some pistons were stuck. I freed them and removed pistons and rods. Crank is still in block. Comes with intake manifold with Stromberg carbs which are likely not usable, exhaust manifold, distributor, coil, water pump, and oil filter canister. It's all there. I can reassemble it loosely and leave the rods and pistons out for the next owner or leave it in parts. Includes engine stand if you wish. \$400. or best offer.
- 5 original TR3 steel wheels which have been sandblasted, crack tested, and painted plus 4 like new 165R15 Starfire radial tires which were on the chassis during restoration. Almost no miles but old. \$150. for wheels and tires (with tubes).

Mike Frazzell (MNTR member)

Fall Creek, WI

920-915-7397



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

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!

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 - We'll meet in Plymouth about 9am, with a stop at Classic Rides and Rods to see their fleet of classic rental cars, then arrive at Jeff and Mary's place around 2pm for a taco bar lunch. BYOB!

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.



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

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)

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Past President

Chip Lederer

A Look In The Rearview Mirror

Submitted by Bill Nelson - Historian



5 years ago

Sept 2017

- From the minutes of the August 10, 2017 meeting. Two new members joined us for the meeting. Hudson Nichols, proud owner of a 1974.5 TR6. Charles Lederer, owner of a special 1958 TR3.
- Many color photos credited to Joe Bisanz of the Rally Glenwood Springs, Colorado. Included in the rally was a stop in a town called Marble, Colorado. They mine marble there, not gold or silver. The mine provided the marble for the Tomb of the Unknowns and the Lincoln Memorial.
- Joe and Orrin were scheduling a tour of the Black Hills of South Dakota.
- From the Triumph Trader. For sale: 1975 Triumph Spitfire 1500. Royal blue, new rag top, tires. 71,370 miles. No rust. Asking \$5,250. Call and ask for Beverly.

10 years ago

Sept 2012

- From the minutes of the August 16, 2012 meeting. Rick the treasurer says we have money. Orrin and Andy want pictures for their respective newsletters.
- Third Annual End-of-Summer Picnic being held at the home of Sue and Phil Ethier after the Wheels and Wings show in Osceola.
- Larry Berg reminded the members of the Minnesota Triumphs Calendar Rally. Take a picture of your Triumph with a sign in a city or town in Minnesota that has a reference to water in it's name. The car with the most photos will be declared the winner and, along with bragging rights, will be the feature car on the cover of the calendar.
- From the Triumph Trader. For sale: 1975 Triumph TR-6. White with blue interior, 56K miles, body excellent, runs great. \$8,500. Jim



Only two triumphs in the parking lot when we arrived for the picnic. Brave souls!!

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