

# TRIUMPHS & TRIBULATIONS



*There goes...*



*...and  
here comes  
another year!*



Photo Credit:  
Joe, Doug & me

## ON THE COVER

*Here are pix from (1)Color Tour 2011, (2)High Tea 2011 and (3)New Years Day 2012.  
Thanks to all that hosted these events.*

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## PREZ RELEASE

So far we are off to a great 2012. The annual planning meeting went well and we have a nearly full schedule that should be published soon if not already. Thank you to Kim Rixen for organizing and keeping some of us from rambling on and on and on (you know who you are, or actually maybe not)! We also had what I thought was a fantastic mid-winter party. Food was good and service was excellent. I am not sure the total count, but it must have been floating around 60 members in attendance. Thank you to Russ Mattson, Terry Mackey, Suzanne McWilliams, Joe Bisanz, Steve Rixen, Monica Burch, and probably a host of other that made our party a success.

I also want to note that Dick Leighninger donated his \$90 in 50/50 raffle winnings to the club. Thank you Dick.

Rick Hansen has been hard at this pre-season getting our books in line and up to snuff with the government. Our Tax ID number is now reinstated and he is working on the filing work to establish our tax exempt status. Our federal Tax ID has been

lapsed for quite a long time and we didn't even know it. We held a impromptu informal executive meeting after the Jan club meeting and voted to approve the \$400 filing fee to reinstate the tax ID. From here on out, we simply need to fill out a simple form each year letting the government know we are still an organization to avoid letting it lapse again and having to re-file. Rick has also requested the address for the organization be updated so we get the form and any other rule changes as they come, which is likely the root cause as to how we let it lapse. Special thanks to Rick for having the knowledge and patience to get us back on track.

As for upcoming events, I would like to divert most of your interest to the annual calendar. For the more immediate future, I know I signed up again for the shakedown tour coordinator. I'm thinking about the winery south of Hastings as a stopping point along the way. Any other suggestions are welcome. Russ might have to remind me of which winery was the one that was recommended last year.

On an Intermarque note, I have sort of been caught in the crossfire between the city of Osseo and the Intermarque Council on event planning for the Spring Kick-off simply because our club does a good job of making our leaders contact information easy to find. Within this crossfire however, I have some inside scoop on the excitement that Osseo has in store for us. In fact, I received a call from the Mayor himself looking for information so they can advertise to some 30,000 households, post on facebook, inform local business, etc. This is in effort to bring more spectators out to see our cars. I don't know about you, but I think that is fantastic. It is looking like it has the possibility to be the best Spring Kick-Off yet. So mark you calendars for May 12.

I hope to see you at the February meeting. And if you drive your Triumph, I think Terry might have a few more "special" stickers...



**It's NEW. Now you can keep in touch, share photos, and let other Minnesota Triumph members know what you're up to. Check in at MN Triumphs on facebook. Go ahead, write on our wall.**

# MINUTES OF THE MINNESOTA TRIUMPHS

## January 12, 2012 Meeting:

President Jeremy Fohrenkamm called the meeting to order at 6:59 p.m.

No new members were present, though Bud, who owns a TR4 was welcomed back after being out for a while.

Membership Chair Lenny Kukuruzza reminded everyone that it is time to pay your 2012 membership dues. Lenny reported that we do have one new member: Catherine from Chanhassen.

Newsletter Editor Orrin McGill reminded everyone that articles for the newsletter are always welcome. Orrin also asked that anyone submitting an advertisement via e-mail include a subject of simply Triumph Ad — that way it's easier to search for ad requests.

There was a bit of discussion around sending out mass e-mails via Lenny. While we all appreciate Lenny's assistance with forwarding those e-mails, we should try to make better use of the Yahoo! group, which is online at <http://autos.groups.yahoo.com/group/mntriumphsgroup/>.

Regalia manager Suzanne McWilliams reported that she has a couple of new items available. She brought samples to the meeting, and items can also be ordered directly from her.

Treasurer Rick Hansen reported that we had \$1,278 in the bank at the time of the meeting, but he had just been handed a stack of checks from Lenny, so the number was bound to go up. In addition, we have somewhere around \$7,000 in the money market fund. We also discovered that we needed to pay \$400 to renew our tax ID number to maintain our tax status.

Jeremy asked that we update the bylaws to include instructions for new officers. He offered to write these instructions and put them up for a vote at a future meeting.

A tech session is planned for February 18 at Total Engine Services and slots are available in March and beyond. Anyone interested in hosting a session should contact Steve Shogren.

Kim Rixen and Sue Ethier have everything ready for a planning session on Saturday, Jan. 14.

The mid-winter party is scheduled for Jan. 22 at Caspers Cherokee Sirloin Room.

We gave a big thanks to Bob Reed for sponsoring the Minnesota Triumphs, which enables us to have our regular meetings at the Fort Snelling Officers' Club.

Larry's Tech Tip: Make sure your oil filter has a bypass valve on it. Most modern filters don't have this feature, which is hard on your aging British engine.

For those who took part in last fall's Mystery Tour, you may be interested to see the new movie Red Tails, which features the same type of fighter planes. Also, the glider from the Mystery Tour was recently featured on the television show Hometown.

Finally, a reminder that the Intermarque Spring Kickoff will move this year. It will be in Osseo, Minnesota, on May 12. The fun starts at 8:30 a.m.

Jeremy adjourned the meeting at 7:29 p.m.  
Total Attendees: 40  
Total Triumph Cars: 0 (it was cold and a bit icy)

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## Five Speed Conversions for your TR.

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Drop your RPM by about 900 at 70 MPH

EagleGate Kit uses Toyota W58 transmission and retains the TR hydraulics and clutch release bearing

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## VTR REPORT

### FEBRUARY 2012

Greetings from South Florida. Even at 11 PM the temps hang at 70 degrees. We do miss the beauty of the snow of the North Country and the invigorating never boring temps.....kinda.

The Vintage Triumph Register was founded in 1974 and is dedicated to the maintenance, preservation and enjoyment of the Triumph marque. Benefits of membership include a bi-monthly magazine, The Vintage Triumph; technical consultants; annual convention which is held at various locations in the country and brings together hundreds of

Triumph enthusiasts; support of our club and many others; Triumph regalia; and special rates on insurance for your vintage Triumph.

To join, go to [www.vtr.org](http://www.vtr.org), and check the site for membership or I will help you with the details if you wish. The cost is \$35 for the year. Please join all of your friends at MN TR who already enjoy being a VTR member.

Our national VTR convention will be a bit later than normal this year in hopes of cooling temps in Texas.

Please join many of your MN TR members and friends this coming OCT 28-NOV 2 at the beautiful

San Luis Resort. Room reservations at the VTR convention rate will be available in April. Details will be found at

[www.kingswayrc.com/txtr/](http://www.kingswayrc.com/txtr/)

. Our hosts will be The Texas Triumph Register. Larry Sanderson, your MN TR VTR Liaison, 507 269 1500

[myfriendlar@yahoo.com](mailto:myfriendlar@yahoo.com)

### **Galveston, TX Or Bust Let's Go For It.**

**Lets see some beautiful country and have a  
great time on the Gulf Coast.**

**This should be the best VTR ever.**

**Look Who's Going!**

**Orrin & Pam McGill**

**Larry & Gayle Sanderson**

# Triumph Calendar

## February

February 9

Monthly Meeting: Fort Snelling Officers Club. Extremity thawing begins at 6 p.m. and meeting starts at 7 p.m.

February 18

Tech Session at Total Engine Services, 9625 Humboldt Ave S., Bloomington, MN 55431, (952) 888-3841. Our host Jason will show us around and what services they provide from complete engine rebuilding to headwork and porting. 10AM start, coffee & donuts.

## March

March 8

Monthly Meeting: Fort Snelling Officers Club. Extremity thawing begins at 6 p.m. and meeting starts at 7 p.m.

## April

April 12

Monthly Meeting: Fort Snelling Officers Club. Tire kicking begins at 6 p.m. and meeting starts at 7 p.m.

April 21

Spring Shakedown Tour. Jeremy and Kelly Fohrenkamm, hosts. Details to come.

April 28

Midwest Motor Sports Open House/ Tech Session Party – 728 8th Ave S, Sauk Rapids, MN.

## May

May 10

Monthly Meeting: Fort Snelling Officers Club. Tire kicking begins at 6 p.m. and meeting starts at 7 p.m.

May 12

Inter-Marque Council Spring Kick-Off Downtown Osseo 9:00 a.m-2:00 p.m.

May 19

Commemorative Airforce Spring Hangar Dance – Dance to the Roseville Big Band, tour the museum, see restored WWII aircraft. Open to all Intermarque clubs. Preferred parking will be available for sports cars. \$10 admission (this is a fundraiser for the Commemorative Airforce). Fleming Field, South St. Paul. Dick Leighninger, host

May 20

Mystery Tour and Super Sausage Sunday Barbecue. Larry and Gail Berg, hosts.

May 26

Minnesota MG Group spring drive – open to all clubs. Tom and June Moerke, hosts. See Intermarque Monthly for more information.

## June

June 2

Advance Distributors open house, Shakopee. Details to come.

June 9

Amery Airport Run I. For further information contact Tom Hazen [myliberty@comcast.net](mailto:myliberty@comcast.net)

June 14

Monthly Meeting Fort Snelling Officers Club. Tire Kicking starts at 6p.m and meeting starts at 7p.m

June 14-17

Vintage Sports Car Rendezvous 2012. This year's location, Kenora, Ontario. [www.britishcar.ca/rendezvous](http://www.britishcar.ca/rendezvous)

June 22-24

Back to the 50's Minnesota State Fair Grounds St. Paul, Minnesota

June 24

Inter-Marque Picnic. Cherokee Park in St. Paul, Minnesota. 1 p.m. Bring a dish to pass. If it rains, it's cancelled.

# Triumph Calendar

June 30

Woodland Hill Winery tour. Open to all marques. Details to come. Steve Shogren, host.

June 30 – August 4

Automotive Art Exhibit. Hopkins Center for the Arts. Details to come.

## July

July 12

Monthly meeting Fort Snelling Officers Club. Tire kicking starts at 6p.m and meeting starts at 7p.m.

July 13-15

The Kohler International Challenge (formerly known as the BRIC). This is the big annual vintage car race event held at Road America in Elkhart Lake Wisconsin

July 14

Iola Old Car Show, Iola, Wisconsin. <http://www.iolaoldcarshow.com/>

July 21

Lexington Restaurant Triumph show. St. Paul. Sue and Phil Ethier, hosts. Details to come.

July 27

Intermarque Drive in Movie Night. Cottage View Drive In, Cottage Grove. Show starts at dusk. Andy Lindberg, host.

July 29

Inter-Marque Picnic at Cherokee Park in St. Paul. 1 p.m. Bring a dish to pass. If it rains, it's cancelled.

## August

August 9

Monthly Meeting. Fort Snelling Officers Club. Tire kicking starts at 6p.m and meeting starts at 7:00p.m

August 11

Brit Fest. Details about time and location to come.

August 11-12

New London to New Brighton run – Old-time cars take to the back roads.

August 17-19

Reedsburg/Baraboo, Wisconsin weekend. Drive great back roads, enjoy spectacular scenery, tour fun museums. Russ and Sharon Mattson, hosts.

August 25

Amery Airport Event II. Watch for event flier. For information contact Tom Hazen [myliberty@comcast.net](mailto:myliberty@comcast.net)

August 26

Inter-Marque Picnic - Cherokee Park in St. Paul, Minnesota. 1 p.m. Bring a dish to pass. If it rains, it's cancelled.

## September

September 7-9

Fall Vintage Race Festival. See vintage racing up close. Elkhart Lake, Wisconsin.

September 9

Wayzata Charity car show. Sponsored by Wayzata Rotary. 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM. Mill Street (one block north of Lake Street in downtown Wayzata between Superior Blvd and Broadway Ave). \$20 per car. Spectators are FREE!

September 13

Monthly Meeting at Fort Snelling Officer's Club. Tire kicking starts at 6:00 p.m. and the meeting starts at 7:00 p.m.

September 22

Wheels and Wings, Osceola. Triumph club picnic to follow at the home of Phil and Sue Ethier.

September 29

Minnesota MG Group fall color tour.

September 30

Inter-Marque Picnic - Cherokee Park in St. Paul, Minnesota. Bring a dish to pass. If it rains, it's cancelled. 1 p.m.

## October

# Triumph Calendar

October 6

Minnesota Austin Healey Club color tour. Hosted by Tom Hazen. A great tour of Wisconsin backroads. Open to all clubs.

October 11

Monthly Meeting/Elections at Fort Snelling Officer's Club. Tire kicking starts at 6:00p.m and the meeting starts 7:00p.m Last meeting of the year.

October 13

Minnesota Triumphs fall color tour  
Terry Mackey and Russ Mattson to find host.

October 27

Intermarque Halloween Party, Stillwater  
Hosted by Bob and Lori Jensen. Watch for details in Intermarque Monthly.

October 31-November 3

VTR - Galveston TX

**November**

November 11

High tea  
Hosted by Russ and Sharon Mattson (tentative)

January 1, 2013

Toast the New Year at sunrise. Birkmose Park, Hudson, Wisconsin. Then on to breakfast. Open to all clubs.  
Doug Burch

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THE VINTAGE VOICE

## 2012 NORTHERN LIGHTS RENDEZVOUS, KENORA—JUNE 14-17, 2012

In case you hadn't heard, the **2012 Rendezvous** will be held in Kenora, Ontario – a magnificent resort community in the heart of the Lake of the Woods. The event has the usual three day program starting on Thursday, June 14<sup>th</sup> and is designed to let everyone make their way home on Sunday, June 17<sup>th</sup>, 2012.

Kenora is an ideal location for a Rendezvous and almost all our attending clubs can make their way there in a reasonable day's drive. Hosted by the four Winnipeg LBC clubs: The Triumph Driver's Club, the Austin-Healey Club, the Jaguar Club and the Mid-Canada Mini Group, the event itself will be held at the Best Western Lakeside Inn in downtown Kenora right on the water's edge. In fact, the Lakeside Inn and its parking lot look over the fabulous Kenora harbour and you'll be able to watch tour boats, float planes and many kinds of wild-life right from the edge of the LBC parking lot or from the roof-top restaurant and bar in the circular Lakeside hotel.

Our three day program will offer many of the traditional events that everyone has come to expect at a Rendezvous such as a paved road car rally, a funkhana, a Saturday afternoon car show under a spectacular tent and the opening Thursday afternoon golf tournament. To spice things up a bit, our program will also include a few treats such as a 'foot rallye', a guided driving tour to Rushing River provincial park, a number of tech challenge events, self-guided walking tours past the many murals in the town of Kenora and a Friday evening boat cruise through the islands of Lake of the Woods on the MS Kenora – all included in the cost of your basic registration! To top it all off, we've engaged Dennis Gage – the handlebar moustached star of TV's 'My Classic Car' - to spend Saturday afternoon with us at our car show and to be the guest speaker at our Saturday evening Awards Banquet.



We are trying a different approach to registration for 2012. We would like everyone to register, sign up for our events and pay for their registration on our Rendezvous web site. You can still register by mail, but there will be a \$5 registration up-charge for mail-in registrations to cover for the associated bank charges.

Our 2012 Rendezvous web site is located at <http://www.britishcar.ca>. We are in the process of finalizing our registration details and intend to have the on-line registration with credit card payment available before the end of November, 2011. We will contact each club when the web site registration is available for your use.

After our launch presentation last June at the Fargo Rendezvous, we had a very good initial response and as of several months ago, all the rooms at our primary hotel, the Lakeside Inn in Kenora have been booked. **We still have rooms available at our second Kenora hotel, the Super 8 Hotel.** To reserve your room at the Super 8, please call the hotel directly at (807) 468-8016 and ask for the 'Rendezvous 2012' room rate of \$95 Cdn plus tax. The Super 8 is located at 240 Lakeview Drive in Kenora; it has a very good view of the Lake of the Woods as well and is a short drive from our main event hotel!

If you haven't already made plans to do so, come to Kenora, Ontario in June, 2012 for a memorable Northern Lights Rendezvous experience – and a great Lake of the Woods holiday. Better yet, come early, or stay a few days longer and enjoy the many things that Kenora has to offer on the water's edge in the heart of some of the more breathtaking lake country around.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact our 2012 Rendezvous co-chairs: Brian Lanoway (204) 261-0915, [blanoway@shaw.ca](mailto:blanoway@shaw.ca), or Tom Struthers (204) 771-5214, [tstruthers@gmail.com](mailto:tstruthers@gmail.com).

**See you in Kenora in June, 2012!**

*Brian Lanoway*

# REGULAR CLUB EVENTS

**Arrowhead Sports Car Club Monthly Meeting,** second Thursday of the month, 7:00 p.m., 4767 West Arrowhead Road, Hermantown, Minnesota. Info: [www.arrowheadscclub.org](http://www.arrowheadscclub.org)

**British Iron Society Informal gathering,** every Saturday morning at the Fry-n Pan, Fourth and Main, beautiful downtown Fargo, North Dakota. Info: Larry LeClerc [lkleclerc@msn.com](mailto:lkleclerc@msn.com)

**Fahr North Gathering** EVERY 3RD THURSDAY, 5pm. Club Jaeger: 10th & Washington Avenue North, Minneapolis Mostly Porsches guys, but all are welcome. Contact : Eric Erickson 952-426-5024

**Mercedes Benz Club of America, Twin Cities Section Informal dinner and discussion,** first Wednesday of the month, 6:30 p.m., Lion's Tap Restaurant, Hwy 212 and Cty Rd 4, Eden Prairie, Minnesota. Info: 952-829-0848

**Minnesota Austin-Healey Club Pie and/or Pint With the President,** first Wednesday of the month, 7:00 p.m. or before. Fort Snelling Officers Club, Minnesota. Info: [www.mnhealey.com](http://www.mnhealey.com)

**Minnesota MG T Register MG Luncheons,** every Tuesday, 11:15 a.m. American Legion, 6501 Portland Avenue, Richfield, Minnesota. Info: Steve Blomberg 612-869-8264 [striumph77@aol.com](mailto:striumph77@aol.com)

**Minnesota SAAB Club Monthly Meeting,** first Thursday of the month, 7:30 p.m., Major's Sports Cafe located on Snelling Ave. in Roseville, Minnesota. Info: Chris Luick 507-252-1888 or [www.mnsaabclub.org](http://www.mnsaabclub.org)

**Minnesota Minis Pizza Eating and Psychiatric Self-Help Association Regular monthly meetings** at irregular times and locations. Check [www.mini-sota.com](http://www.mini-sota.com) or 320-963-5681.

**Minnesota Triumphs Monthly Meeting,** second Thursday of the month (except Nov. & Dec.), 7:00 p.m., Fort Snelling Officers Club, Minnesota. Info: [www.mntriumphs.org](http://www.mntriumphs.org)

**Stella del Nord (Alfa Romeo) Monthly pizza and wine gathering,** second Monday of the month. Contact Ed Solstad for time and location. 612-822-0569 or [esolstad@presenter.com](mailto:esolstad@presenter.com)

**The Regulars, twin cities vintage scooter club Semimonthly gathering** (weather permitting). First and third Sunday of the month, 2:00 p.m., Pizza Luce, Lyndale and 32nd, Minneapolis, Minnesota. Info: [www.minnescoota.com](http://www.minnescoota.com)

**Thunder Bay Vintage Sports Car Club Monthly general meeting,** third Tuesday of the month, 7:00 p.m. at the Port Arthur Prosvita Centre, 540 S. High Street in the Library Room, Thunder Bay, Ontario. Info: [www.tbvsc.ca](http://www.tbvsc.ca)

**Triumph Drivers of Manitoba Monthly meetings,** open to interested parties, are held on the second Thursday of each month at the Irish Club, 654 Erin Street, second floor at 8:00 p.m., Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada. Info: [www.britishcar.ca](http://www.britishcar.ca)

**Twin Cities VW Club Monthly meeting,** first Wednesday of the month, 7:00 p.m., West Side VW, St. Louis Park, Minnesota. Meeting usually lasts 30 to 45 minutes. Info: [www.twincitiesvwclub.com](http://www.twincitiesvwclub.com)







February 26, 2012 - - 8 AM to 3 PM  
**Sixteenth Annual All British  
 Swap Meet and Auto Jumble**



otherwise known as  
 the CMGC Annual Swap Meet

-- [Photos from the 2011 Swap Meet](#) --

Since 1997 the CMGC swap meet has been held on the last Sunday in February at the DuPage County Fairgrounds in Wheaton, Illinois. Both the content and the gate admission has been increasing yearly (with the exception of one very bad snow storm in 2007). For 2010 we had about 800 shoppers and more than 100 vendor spaces in two buildings.



**To get to the swap meet**, start at Roosevelt Road (IL-38) and either IL-59 or IL-53. From IL-59 go east on IL-38, 2.9 miles to County Farm Road. Or from IL-53 go west on IL-38, 4.8 miles to County Farm Road. This intersection has a traffic light and McDonalds and Burger King restaurants. Go north on County Farm Road 0.4 miles to the first traffic light. Turn east on Manchester Road and proceed 0.5 miles to the entrance. -- [Click for map](#)

**This meet is intended for all marques of British cars. This is not a car show.** Our goal is to provide a meeting place for buyers and sellers of used parts, new parts, accessory items, tools, memorabilia, and just about anything else of interest to the British car enthusiast.

**Our 16th meet promises to be the best yet! It has become a regional event!**

The site is an indoor heated facility that is centrally located in the Chicago area. Last year over 800 buyers attended, and the vendor spaces were sold out. This event has had strong support from all of the British car clubs in the Chicago area, and this year looks to be bigger than ever before. Additionally, another major (but non-competitive) event of interest to automotive hobbyists is being held simultaneously in the same complex.

The **British Car Swap Meet & Autojumble** is advertised in all major enthusiast publications as well as many daily newspapers of all major cities surrounding Chicago in a multistate campaign; many out of state buyers and vendors attend this event each year.

**Fees and Ticket Prices:**

**Gate Admission tickets** will be \$5. Kids 12 and under (accompanied by an adult) are still free. As always, parking is free. Nearby lodging is available for out of town visitors. If you need additional information you may contact:

**Jim Evans (630) 858-8192**  
 or e-mail: [swapmeet@chicagolandmgclub.com](mailto:swapmeet@chicagolandmgclub.com)

**Vendor spaces** will be \$30 per space (10x10 feet), tables are \$5 each, chairs are \$1 each (sorry, no tail gate selling allowed). Vendor spaces may be filled by early to mid February, so early registration is highly recommended. Download a [Vendor Registration Form](#) in printable format. -- Doors will be open for vendor setup at 6:00am Sunday. If you need additional information see contacts above.

**Photos from prior year swap meets:**

[2001](#) - [2002](#) - [2003](#) - [2004](#) - [2005](#) - [2006](#) - [2007](#) - [2008](#) - [2009](#) - [2011](#)





Photo Credit: Joe Bisanz



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## Are you looking for something to dream about this Winter? Here is a list of some web sites to make you wish it was warm enough to be out in the garage.

<http://www.carguygarage.com/> Everything you need to set up your work space.

<http://www.roonuts.com/> Although there is little Triumph content yet, here is another auction site dealing with classic cars and parts.

<http://www.britcot.com/Index.html> Here's a link I just received, to an interesting site that lists numerous small suppliers of unique British car parts, accessories, and services. Lots of Triumph-specific guys in the list, as well as other good stuff. Some US, some British-based.

<http://www.thereifixedit.com/> Are your mechanical skills less than ideal? Here is a web site that will make your work look like it was done by a professional. Check it out every now and then.

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**Paypal.** For those of you who can't always make it to club meetings and don't like mailing checks to me for renewals, our current club Treasurer, Rick Hansen is setting up a Paypal account for our club. More information will be coming about this in the near future. There will most likely be a new sign-up form that will include some sort of Paypal confirmation code to include for bookkeeping purposes. If you do use Paypal, you will still need to send me a filled out sign-up form to me so that I can include you in our club roster.

**Birthday Wishes:** A **HAPPY BIRTHDAY** to all who are celebrating their birthdays in February!

See you all at the February club meeting on February 9<sup>th</sup>. Limb thawing commences at 6 PM; meeting starts at 7 PM.

Lenny Kukuruzza,  
*Membership Chair*  
Minnesota Triumphs Sports Car Club  
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### 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** - John Kallaus (952-891-5266)

**TR4** - John Myers (507-633-2017)

**TR4A** - Larry Sanderson (507-775-6940)

**TR250/TR6** - Orrin McGill (763-755-7765)

**TR7** - Charles Setala (651-490-0489)

**TR8** - Greg Gelhar (763-424-6434)

**Spitfire** - Bill Gingerich (612-850-4072)

**GT6** - Pat McFarland (763-427-5612)

**Renown** -

**Citroën** - A. Lindberg (651-292-8585)





# MINNESOTA TRIUMPHWEAR



## T-Shirts/Sweatshirts:

### Logo

- "Life's Too Short....."
- "We Service What We Drive"

### Style

- Short T (\$13)
- Long T (\$21)\*
- Crew Sweatshirt (\$26)\*
- Hooded Sweatshirt (\$32)\*

### Size

- M
- L
- XL
- XXL

### Color

- White
- Gray
- Ash



\*Long Sleeves includes "MN Triumph" on sleeve

## Embroidered Shirts:

### Logo

- 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Logo
- "Lifes Too Short.." Logo\*

### Style

- Polo (\$36)
- Crew Sweatshirt (\$32)
- Hooded Sweatshirt (\$37)

### Gender

- Mens
- Ladies

### Size

- S (ladies only)
- M
- L
- XL
- XXL

### Color

- White
- Black
- Gold
- Navy
- Lt. Blue
- Forest Green

### Sweatshirts Only

- Ash
- Athletic Gray



\* Embroidered "Lifes Too Short.." logo includes Union Jack flag w/o Triumph

## Leather Sleeve Wool Jacket with 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Logo on front \$120:

### Logo

- "Lifes Too Short.." text only on back (Add\$20)
- Name on right side (Add \$8)

### Size

- M
- L
- XL
- XXL
- XXXL

### Color

- Black/Black
- Black/Tan
- Blue/Tan



## Microfiber Pullover Windjacket \$45:

### Logo

- 30 Anniversary Logo
- "Lifes Too Short.." Logo\*

### Size

- M
- L
- XL
- XXL
- XXXL(add \$5)
- XLT (add \$5)
- XXLT(add \$5)

### Color

- Black/Black
- Black/Putty
- Cobalt/Black
- Cocoa
- Ivory
- Navy
- Red
- Steel Gray



\* Embroidered "Lifes Too Short.." logo includes Union Jack flag w/o Triumph

## Oxford Shirt \$35:

### Logo

- 30 Anniversary Logo
- "Lifes Too Short.." Logo\*

### Size

- M
- L
- XL
- XXL
- XXXL(add \$5)
- XLT (add \$5)

### Color

- Denim
- Black
- Blue
- White
- Yellow
- Red
- Forest
- Navy
- Gold



\* Embroidered "Lifes Too Short.." logo includes Union Jack flag w/o Triumph

## Embroidered Hats:

### Logo

- 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Logo
- Champion (\$22)

### Style

- Flexfit Drivers (\$22)
- Fidel (\$20)

### Colors

- White
- Black
- Red
- Gold
- Navy
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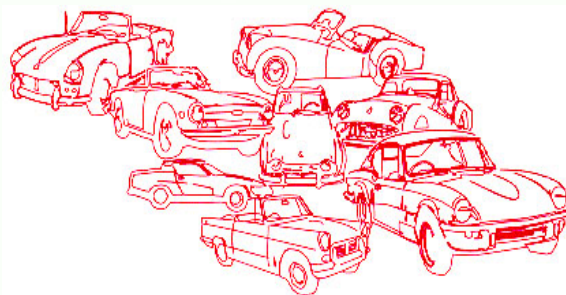
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# Triumph Trader

## FOR SALE

### Triumph TR 2/ 3/ 4 Parts for sale

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15" wire wheels with hubs & knock offs (TR2,3,4 or MGA)

4 cyl. (TR2/3/4) Transmission 4

speed, generator, starter

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Email me with your needs:

mnr3a@aol.com

Patrick Holt

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Replaced with Richard Good

hubs. Ask Larry Berg

about condition, etc.

Joe Bisanz [651-699-0529](tel:651-699-0529) 02/12

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\$5,000, OBO.

V8 Convertible very fast and

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Patrick Holt

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(the one with four holes)

Dick Leighninger

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### Dashboard Support Bracket

for 1972 TR6

Dick Leighninger

<imsplashcaf@yahoo.com> 02/12

**Trader information** *Members' notices run three months — unless you tell the editor to drop them earlier or keep them running longer. Dates in parentheses indicate the first month in which they ran. Non-member notices are published at a rate of \$5 per month.*

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**It's NEW. Now you can keep in touch, share photos, and let other Minnesota Triumph members know what you're up to. Check in at MN Triumphs on facebook. Go ahead, write on our wall.**



## About Minnesota Triumphs Car Club

Minnesota Triumphs formed in 1981 when a group of Triumph enthusiasts met for an afternoon of fun and conversation at Fort Snelling Park.

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 concourse-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.

## Membership

Our membership year runs January 1 through December 31.

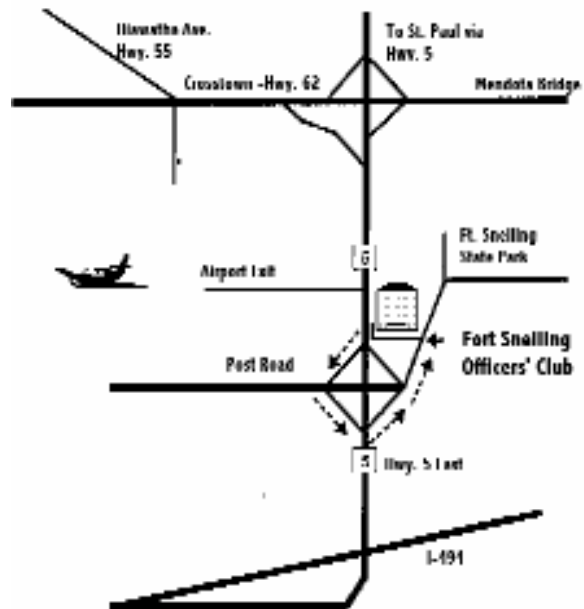
Annual membership is \$25 (an additional \$1 provides your partner with voting privileges at our annual election of officers). With this membership fee, your newsletter can be seen on-line or you can pick up a hard copy at the monthly meetings.

If you prefer to have your newsletter mailed to you, membership fee is \$35 (plus \$1 for partner's voting privileges).

Join after September 1<sup>st</sup> and enjoy full membership benefits through the remainder of the current year and the entire next year.

## Monthly Meetings

Minnesota Triumphs meets the second Thursday of each month, January through October. Club members gather at the Fort Snelling Officers' Club at the intersection of Post Rd. and Hwy. 5 across from the Minneapolis/St. Paul International Airport.



# Membership Notes

## Membership Notes for February 2011

Membership sign-ups are steadily coming in now. If you haven't done so already, please renew your membership with the club. Membership year runs January 1 through December 31. New members who joined as of September 1<sup>st</sup> of 2011 are good through December 31<sup>st</sup> of 2012.

Your membership dues are greatly appreciated as they help with the costs of running this great car club. Remember, even though all the club officers and organizers are volunteers, there are various costs that come up in some of the operations of the club, including hosting many of the events like picnics, etc.

During the year of 2011, we enjoyed a number of events, including club drives, tech sessions, picnics, etc. I emailed announcements to past members, even if they had not renewed in 2011. However, this year, if you haven't renewed by March 31<sup>st</sup> of this year, you will miss out on announcements of events coming up after that date - especially the "spur-of-the-moment" impromptu get-togethers that occur now and then during the summer.

As of October of 2010, a few minor changes were voted on regarding membership fees; there are two levels:

Annual membership is **\$25** (an **additional \$1** provides your partner with voting privileges). With this membership fee, your newsletter will be emailed to you, and/or you can pick up a hard copy at the monthly meetings.

If you prefer to have your newsletter mailed to you, membership fee is **\$35** (plus **\$1** for partner's voting privileges).

*Please use the new sign up form when you send in your membership fee.* It has the correct address to mail your membership renewals to. Also, we're asking for more information to update our database.

**Yahoo Group.** If you haven't joined the MN Triumph club Yahoo group, I strongly urge you to do so. If you need help in setting up a Yahoo profile to do this, you might want to see Joe DeMuth or Orrin McGill. They should be able to help you out with this. One of the reasons I'm encouraging everyone to join is this will eliminate a lot of the broadcast emailing I've been doing for the past year. Some people understandably don't appreciate all of the emails I've been forwarding to everyone. By joining the group on Yahoo, you can post comments, questions and answers, information, humor, and all things related to Triumphs and British sports cars without having to go through me. I will continue to broadcast emails regarding important announcements/reminders of upcoming events to all members. (Continued on Page 13)

## Membership Sign Up

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Partner: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Phone (day): \_\_\_\_\_

Phone (evening): \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Newsletter Delivery Preference:

On-line    Mailed    Pick Up

Model of Triumph(s) Owned  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Member of Vintage Triumph Register ([www.vtr.org](http://www.vtr.org))?

Yes    No

Referred by: \_\_\_\_\_

Am't paid (circle):   \$25   \$26   \$35   \$36

Date of Birth (month & day only):  
\_\_\_\_\_

Send membership fee to:

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Minnesota Triumphs  
P.O. Box 6115  
Minneapolis, MN 55406



Check our web site at:

[www.mntriumphs.org](http://www.mntriumphs.org)

Membership meetings are on the **SECOND THURSDAY** of the month (except no meetings in November and December). Meetings begin at 7:00 p.m. and are held at the Fort Snelling Officers' Club, just south of the Minneapolis St. Paul International Airport. Everyone is invited to attend, whether you are a member or not.

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**Are you connected to the group? Do you get in on the latest information?**

We have an e-mail site you can easily join. It is Minnesota Triumphs Yahoo mail.

Simply send an e-mail to

[mntriumphsgroup-subscribe@yahoogroups.com](mailto:mntriumphsgroup-subscribe@yahoogroups.com)

You don't have to ask for anything, they will see your e-mail address and take it from there.



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