

TRIUMPHS & TRIBULATIONS



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It's Showtime!

ON THE COVER

The Intermarque was marked with great weather and great participation. Thanks Osseo...more inside.

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PREZ RELEASE

It's shaping up to be an exciting year. We had the best Spring Kick Off show that I have attended. Mostly due to it being a great venue, but good planning, and great weather were certainly a factor. My only complaint would be that our reserved Triumph spots were a light-year away from where they were parking the rest of our cars making it difficult to stay next to your car and socialize with other club members. I'm certain those little bugs will be worked out next year and hopefully we will return to Osseo. As you may have read in the Intermarque Monthly, the mayor of Osseo was very happy with the event and has already begun thinking about improvements for next year.

The weekend of May 18, 19, and 20th was a busy one. On Friday, I joined up with several other club members at Roosevelt car show. It might have been the only car show in history where spitfires outnumbered all other entrants combined. It was a hot day with a fairly small turnout but we had a good time showing off our cars mostly to a high school age crowd.

Then Saturday, I was brave enough to attend the CAF Hanger Dance. Although weather was not so nice. The wind and rain came with anger. I thought for a minute we might have been in Okinawa during a typhoon as the wind was strong enough to pick up 6 water barrels holding down the beer tent at once. And wouldn't you know it, I drove the spitfire with no top. And as it turns out, the tonneau cover

actually worked very well. But after the storm rolled in, the power went out, putting a mild damper on the party for awhile. I stuck around for a little while, mostly because the ladies were looking mighty fine in their period correct attire. I believe the CAF will have another dance later in the year and I recommend attending. Sunday morning after the hanger dance I drove down to Winona, MN to compete in an autocross put on by the Sports Car Club of LaCrosse (SSCLAC). There were something just shy of 40 cars, probably due to a grim forecast of heavy rain. A bummer was that they don't have a vintage class down there and they had me run in Super Street Modified (SSM) which is basically the highest class of street legal cars. But I had a lot of red mist in the system and posted the 5th fastest raw time and beat the only other SSM vehicle registered. Which I am fairly happy with considering it was a turbocharged Miata running on wide R compound race tires! You can see the results at www.ssclac.org or you can check out my race video taken on my Go Pro camera on Youtube by going to my channel <http://www.youtube.com/user/fohrenkamm?feature=mhee>.

Next up is the Amery Speed run on June 9th. It's a great venue to be a spectator if your not signed up to compete. And Kelly is even competing with the Midget.

Then there is another autocross in Eau Claire, WI on June 10th. This one is title the "Spitfire Chal-

lenge". I ran into the event coordinator in Winona and asked what the title was all about and it's actually centered around Triumph Spitfire that the Chippewa Valley Technical College restored. They will be sending the spitfire out on the track first. I think it would be great if we could get a few more spitfires entered. The cost is \$30 if you pre-register or \$40 at the gate (if there are any opening left). You can register by going to www.myautoevents.com. You need to create a profile at no cost, and look up autocross events and find the June 10th CVSCC Spitfire Challenge. You don't need to be a member of anything to enter. You will be required to wear a helmet, however most of these events have loaners. If you want to join and have questions on how to sign up, contact me or Phil Ethier and we would be glad to help you.

In between then and now, I am traveling to China for 10 days. So see you all when I get back.

Triumph On
Jeremy

MINUTES OF THE MINNESOTA TRIUMPHS

May 10, 2012 Meeting

President Jeremy Fohrenkamm called the meeting to order at 7:08 p.m.

We had a new member at the meeting. Jon Hoaglund has had a red TR6 for some 16 years, but has only recently joined the club. Welcome Jon!

Ron and Marilyn Koehler also attended the meeting. They've been members for quite a while but this was their first meeting.

Those who attended the Spring Shakedown Tour reported that the drive was excellent, though there was a bit of rain near the end there. There was also general amazement and foreboding over the fact that no cars broke down.

The Spring Kick-Off is Saturday, May 12 in Osseo, Minn. We will meet at the Perkins in Brooklyn Park at 8:30 a.m. Pat Holt suggested paying with \$2 bills to show the impact of the event to the local businesses

May 19 is the day of the Commemorative Air Force Hangar Dance. Dick Leighninger has \$5-off coupons for the event.

The next day, May 20 is the Super Sausage Sunday Mystery Tour. We'll meet at the Macy's at Ridgedale Mall at 10 a.m.

The students at Roosevelt High School finished restoring their 1964 Spitfire. They just sold it, so it will not be at the Spring Kick-Off in Osseo. However, they're now working on a 1974 Spitfire, which they will trailer to the Kick-Off event.

Roosevelt is also hosting a car show on the evening of May 18.

Membership Chair Lenny Kukuza counted 110 members. Lenny mentioned that if anyone is supposed to be getting the newsletter in the mail, but isn't, please contact Lenny so she can straighten out your account.

Treasurer Rick Hansen reported that the bills are paid for the year, and we still have about \$2,000 in the checking account with about \$7,000 in savings.

The tech session calendar is open from June through October. Anyone hoping to host a tech session should contact Steve Shogren.

Orrin is always looking for articles for the newsletters.

Larry Sanderson reports that VTR is always looking for more people to join the Traveler Assistance Program, in which Triumph enthusiasts help others in the event of a breakdown or other troubles.

The meeting adjourned at 7:43 p.m.

Total Attendees: 37

Total Triumph Cars 19:

5 Spitfires

3 TR3s

2 TR4s

8 TR6s

1 TR8

And 1 Lotus Seven



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.

VTR REPORT

VTR REPORT JUNE 2012

There is still time to help with the VTR traveler's assistance program. Please fill out and mail the insert from your recent TVT mailing. If you are not a VTR member, you may go to the VTR website and fill out the form at www.vtr.org/travelAssist/index.shtml Please consider putting your name on the TAP directory. Check the site about a month after

your update to be sure your info has been posted. As always, please join VTR. If you are not a member, check the site at www.vtr.org or call and I will be happy to help. Your cost will be \$35 for the year.

Please join many of your MN TR members and friends this coming OCT 28-NOV 2 at the beautiful San Luis Resort on Galveston Island, TX. Room reservations at the

VTR convention rate should be available now. Details will be found at www.kingswayrc.com/txtr/. Our hosts will be The Texas Triumph Register. Good to see all of you at the May meeting. Also it was good to be able to go to a tech session at Steve Shogren's. Thanks Steve, the fillet was great! Sorry we left your car in pieces though. Another typical MN TR tech session! Larry Sanderson, your MN TR VTR liaison
507 269 1500

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

Joe & Virginia Bisanz

Triumph Calendar

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

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

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.

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

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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

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.

Triumph Calendar

September

September 8

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

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 29

Minnesota MG Group fall
color tour.

September 30

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

October

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 sun-
rise. Birkmose Park, Hudson,
Wisconsin. Then on to break-
fast. 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 14th and is designed to let everyone make their way home on Sunday, June 17th, 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, or Tom Struthers (204) 771-5214, tstruthers@gmail.com.

See you in Kenora in June, 2012!

Brian Lanoway

2012 MULTI MARQUE CALENDAR

ALL classified, calendar and event submissions are due by the 5th of the month PRIOR. (July issue due by May 5).
For a computer-savvy Twin Cities Car Club Event Calendar go to <http://calendar.mnhealey.com/>

ONGOING

Multi-Marque Breakfast EVERY* SATURDAY MORNING! 8:30 a.m., Square Peg Diner, 2021 East Hennepin in the Hennepin Square Building, Minneapolis, Minnesota. Everyone is invited! Special room for the auto-afflicted. Attendance on recent Saturdays has been twenty to thirty or more. Women are invited every Saturday but the second Saturday of every month is Lady's Day. All marques and nationalities invited. Info on and map to the Peg: <http://www.squarepegdiner.com/> (*The Peg is sometimes closed on holiday weekends.)

East Ender's Saturday Morning Breakfast A group of vintage foreign motoring enthusiasts have started a semi-monthly East Ender's Breakfast Group for those that want Breakfast a little later and not drive to Minneapolis. Join the East Ender's on the 1ST AND 3RD SATURDAYS each month, 9:00 a.m. at: Sail Away Café, 1321 St. Croix Trail, Afton, MN. North of County Road 18 and St. Croix Trail.

Cars and Café FIRST SATURDAY APRIL–OCTOBER. 8:00 a.m. until 11:00 a.m. Auto MotorPlex, 8200 Audubon Road, Chanhassen, Minnesota. Largest monthly gathering of auto enthusiasts in Minnesota. Info: www.automotorplex.com

Auto Motor Plex Third Saturday Coffee and doughnuts at Auto Motor Plex—A different car club featured each month. April: Pontiac, May: Ford, June–Sept: TBD, Oct: German Cars Oktoberfest. April 16th–November 19th; 9:00am–12:00pm AutoMotorPlex, 8200 Audubon Rd, Chanhassen, MN Additional Info Contact: Bruno Silikowski: (612) 850-8398 bsilikowski@automotorplex.com

Duluth Multi-Marque Breakfast? This is a call to any British car enthusiast that lives within driving distance of Duluth. Randy Zimmerman would like to see if he could generate some interest in finding a Saturday am breakfast place to gather in Duluth like folks do in the Twin Cities at the Square Peg. Contact Randy at zimme008@yahoo.com

May 18: Roosevelt High School Car Show 4029 28th Avenue South, Minneapolis. Last year one of "our" cars won this show. Free admission. Roosevelt, one of Minnesota's premier auto shop high schools, will have their class project on display in the "gold ticket" area of the InterMarque Spring KickOff on May 12. Info: Curtis Franks, cfranks@mpls.k12.mn.us 612-668-4832.

May 19: An informal car show is scheduled in Afton, Minnesota. This show is part of Afton's "Mayfair", which will have various arts in their local park. Show is from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Meet at the Sailaway Café at 9 a.m. Have Breakfast. Cars will be parked on the boulevard in front of the Sailaway and then down the street. No prizes. Just car art (our cars), plus art in the park. Stay as long as you want. Questions to Jon Masley at 651-779-8605.

May 19: Commemorative Airforce Spring Hangar Dance. Dance to the Roseville Big Band, tour the museum, and see restored WWII aircraft. Open to all Intermarque clubs. Preferred parking will be available for sports and vintage cars. \$15 admission (this is a fundraiser for the Commemorative Airforce). Fleming Field, South St. Paul. Dick Leightninger, host

May 19: Minnesota Scottish Fair & Highland Games (British Car Display) Dakota County Fair Grounds, 4008 220th Street West, Farmington, MN
<http://www.mnscottishfair.org/>

May 26: Spring Tour. Meet at 2:00 PM at Point Douglas Park on Highway 10 in Minnesota just west of Prescott, Wisconsin. Driver's meeting at 2:15 and first car out at 2:30. We will head east on Highway 10 to the wonderful Co. O south and then follow WI 35 (aka The Great River Road) from Hager City to Bay City stopping at the overlook near Lake Pepin. Then thru the bucolic countryside to dinner at the Laurel Supper Club which is renowned for their prime rib dinners. But you can order anything you want off their extensive menu. The Laurel's phone number is 715-246-5121. My cell is 651-402-2153. Our home phone is 715-381-6856. THANK YOU. TOM AND JUNE MOERKE

May26: VSCR Vintage Race with SCCA's Jack Pine Sprints Double Regional and Trans Am at Brainerd International Raceway: Labor Day weekend. Details to come. Visit VSCR.org. NOTE: We need local Sports Car Club support—especially as we try to have our own Vintage only weekend next year at BIR. Thank You
—John Hagen, VSCR, [jkhagen@charter dot net](mailto:jkhagen@charter.dot.net)

May 27: MN Streetcar Museum Car Show. 1-4pm Lake Harriet Depot, 4200 Queen Avenue S., MPLS. Free Admission. Cars from 1900-1970 Welcome. Free Street Car Rides. Cruise Lake Harriet and Lake of the Isles at 4pm. Contact Dave: 952-943-8357.

June 2: Tech Session. Advanced Distributor, 17495 Marystown Road, Shakopee, MN

June 2 – 5: Diamond Jubilee. Celebrations to mark 60 years of The Queen's (that's Elizabeth for you non-Anglophiles) reign. FYI: The rules concerning the use of Diamond Jubilee-related names and titles for non-commercial purposes have been temporarily relaxed. This could cover using the titles for community events, buildings and projects to mark Her Majesty's Diamond Jubilee.

June 9: Amery Speed run/Autocross. Amery, Wisconsin. Hosted by Minnesota Austin-Healey Club. Excellent test running of your favorite Sports Car orchestrated by Tom Hazen.

June 9 – 10: DEADLINE TO REGISTER MAY 16

Walleye 1000 Vintage Rally. No time or money to go on high dollar vintage rallies like the Colorado Grand or California Mille? Maybe your driver quality vintage car wouldn't make the cut, anyway. Maybe you've got a pristine, blue chip collectible you just don't get the chance to drive much. Do you like fun people, cool cars and the open road? If so, this just might be for you! Event is open to interesting classic, sports and grand touring cars model year 1991 and older. From the patinated to the pristine, from works in progress to completed projects, Blue Chip collectibles to vintage Fright Pigs, all are welcome and encouraged to participate. Info: walleye1000.com or Dave Tobin Phone: (651) 216-1265 Email: dave@daveknowscars.com

June 14 – 17: Northern Lights Rendezvous Kenora, Ontario. See all the info in this issue.

June 16: Mid-Iowa Car Classic. Johnston, Iowa. Premier event for all enthusiasts of fine British, European and American automobiles. Bigger and better than ever. Registration is open at www.midiowacarclassic.com.

June 21: Guinness Book of World Records Most Vintage Cars in a Continuous Drive. 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. AutoMotorPlex, 8150 Audubon Road, Chanhassen, Minnesota. The current world record for the most vintage cars in a continuous drive is 949 cars. It was set

in the Netherlands in 2002. Pre-registration is required. What is vintage? Apparently thirty or more years old but you will find out for sure when you pre-register. How do they hope to get 1,000 vintage cars? Thursday June 21 is the first day of Back to the '50s 2012, so there will be a lot of old American iron in the area and that will be most of the participation. The plan, however, is to also have separate contingents of British, French, German, Italian and other countries' vintage vehicles. Besides simply setting the record, the event will also raise funds for the MSRA Scholarship Fund with a \$5 donation for each registered car. All of the proceeds go to the scholarship fund. There are also plans to involve the Make A Wish Foundation and to bring in sports, political, business and artist celebrities that will attract media coverage. To pre-register either call AutoMotorPlex marketing manager Marcus at 612-562-6686 or go to the website www.automotorplex.com/backtothe50sworldrecord.

June 24: Intermarque Picnic. 1:00 p.m. Cherokee Park, St. Paul. All vintage foreign motorcars and their friends are invited. June picnic host: TBD.

June 24: Stillwater Fire Muster, cancelled last year because of flood waters on the river. Scheduled on the official calendar. Quite A Parade. Parade trucks pump water overfront all afternoon. Kodak photos. Ride on the trucks heading downtown. Hold on to a hose and nozzle spraying water from an antique fire truck. Getting wet is optional.

June 30: 3rd Annual Woodland Hill Winery British Sports Car Display. Noon-4, Delano, MN. Featuring Live Music and beautiful picnic grounds. Lunch will be available for purchase. Tastings of 12 varieties: \$7. Vinyard and Winery Tours. Open to all InterMarque clubs. Hosted by Minnesota Triumphs.

June 30–August 4: Velocity 2: The Art of Motion. Hopkins Center for the Arts, Hopkins, MN. Opening Gala Reception: Saturday, June 30, 7:00–10:00 p.m. Free and open to the public. Some of the cars that will be at the June 30th exhibition opening: 1938 MG Sedan; 1968 Maserati Ghibli; 1972 Lamborghini Muria; 1990 BMW M3; 1965 Mini Cooper Special; 1953 Chevrolet Corvette; 1963 Chevrolet Corvette; 2003 Porsche GT3 RS; 1973 Porsche 911; and 1965 BMW 2002 ti. Velocity is the largest, stand-alone automotive fine art exhibition in the United States, and draws crowds of car buffs to downtown Hopkins. See work by some of the most-

recognized names in the world of automotive art as well as rising stars. Special car shows and events will be held in conjunction with the exhibition. Watch the Velocity 2 Facebook page for details.

July 12-15: The Hawk with Brian Redman.

RoadAmerica in Elkhart Lake, WI. This is the super big annual vintage car race event. 2012 will feature a Lola T70 Marque and Historic CAN-AM.

<http://www.roadamerica.com/Races/RaceInformation.asp?id=244>

July 12-15: Iola Old Car Show & Swap Meet, 160 N. Chet Krause Drive, Iola, Wisconsin. "40th Anniversary." At least two InterMarque cars will be in the Blue Ribbon parking area. Can you find them?
<http://www.iolaoldcarshow.com/>

July 14: Bastille Day Celebration. Join the Alliance Française and the MN Citroën Club for a celebration of French Culture, Food and Motoring! All French cars are welcome! This is a fundraising event for the Alliance. Visit <http://www.afmsp.org/> for more info.

July 14: Coulee Classic Rally. 10:00 AM, Maiden Rock Village Park on the lake front, Maiden Rock, WI. We'll be the ones with the Italian cars. (Plus a variety of other interesting vehicles.) An easy all-paved Monte Carlo style rally using the excellent sports car roads running through Wisconsin's ultra-scenic coulee country. The easy to follow instructions and timing at its most straightforward make this an excellent choice for those new to rallying while the roads are guaranteed to keep the most experienced rallyists entertained. Run it as a timed event or just ignore the timing and drive it as one of the best tours that you've driven. We guarantee that you'll see roads that you never dreamed existed in the Upper Midwest. There will be a limit of 20 cars. Your RSVP will count for one car with two people. If you add a guest, we'll assume that you have a friend that will be bringing a second car. More details to follow as we get closer. Ciao, Ed Solstad 612-822-0569

July 21: Lexington Restaurant Triumph show. St. Paul. Come and see the TRs. Details to come. Info: Sue and Phil Ethier

July 27-29: 22nd Annual Little Log House Antique Power Show. 8am-5pm, Hastings, MN, No admission fee when you enter a vintage car in the classic car show! (This is where the Porky's sign went to retire.)
<http://www.littleloghouseshow.com>

July 27: Intermarque Drive in Movie Night. Cottage View Drive In, Cottage Grove. Show starts at dusk. Info: Andy Lindberg

July 29: Intermarque Picnic. 1:00 p.m. Cherokee Park, St. Paul. All vintage foreign motorcars and their friends are invited. July picnic host: TBD.

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August 25: Amery Speed run/Autocross. Amery, Wisconsin. Hosted by Minnesota Austin-Healey Club.

August 25-30: Team Minne-volt-a will be at the Bonneville Salt Flats for the 2012 Bub motorcycle speed trials. Tech inspection (no racing) on the 25th. See if our local battery-powered national record holder can beat last year's time or (gasp) break a ton. Go to the Salt Flats to cheer on Kevin Clemens and crew. Or follow their exploits on the Team Minne-volt-a facebook page.

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September 8: Wheels 'n Wings 8:00 a.m. Always a lot of cars and a lot of books. Airplanes, a train ride, hot dogs, and friendly people make it an enjoyable day in Osceola, WI.

September 9: Wayzata Car Show Charity Benefit (J. J. Hill Days). 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Contact: Marty Schneider - 612-237-3843.

Sept. 7-9: Fall Vintage Race Festival - Held at RoadAmerica in Elkhart Lake, WI. A great opportunity to see vintage racing up close. Not only will the ELVF celebrate the 45th Anniversary of Can-Am, but it also will be celebrating the 40th Anniversary of Trans-Am. While Mustangs and Camaros take most of the headlines,

Northwoods Get-Away

I decided a while ago to take a road trip this spring to get away from the boredom of unemployment and the hassles of the city. After much consideration I decided on Bayfield WI as my destination - still out-of-season, so reasonable and quiet, and only one tank of gas away.

I set off on a chilly, dreary Monday morning for a few days of relaxation and a chance to visit with a dear friend who lives there now. The skies cleared and it was a lovely drive up the 2-lanes, and 4 hours later I arrived in the charming little town.

The weather was pleasant, and being too early for the tourists there was little traffic and the back roads made for some delightful drives. A ferry ride to Madeline Island offered low-speed touring with magnificent views of Lake Superior and wildlife so close you could almost touch it.

I returned home that Friday, feeling much refreshed. And the little GT6? She never complained once, even when I had to top her up with 87 octane pump gas!



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Spring Kick Off



Photo Credit: The Fohrenkamm Family



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Minnesota Triumphs Calendar Rally

Welcome to the first ever Minnesota Triumphs Calendar Rally. Hopefully this will become an annual event. The rules are simple, just drive your Triumph in search of theme destinations, photograph your find and email it back to the rally master.

This year, as we live in the land of 10,000 lakes, the theme is WATER that's H₂O. For the 2012 season, May 1st through October 31st Just drive to a City or Town in Minnesota that has a reference to water in its' name, take a photo of your Triumph with a sign that identifies it and send it on to the rally master. Be sure to date stamp the photo or somehow identify when it was taken. You are on the honor system here. The sign could be the official sign along the road or better yet, maybe a Bank or water tower that has the town name on it. We are not encouraging you to stop along a busy road and get run over by a semi. The car with the most photos will be declared the winner and, along with the bragging rights, will be the feature car on the cover of the calendar.

That leads us to the whole point of this rally. The photos from the highest scoring cars will be used to produce The Official Minnesota Triumphs Club Calendar. The first, second and third place winners will not only get their cars in the coveted calendar but will also receive a free calendar for their heroic efforts. The calendar will be offered to the public for a modest price following the awards ceremony at the November meeting. We also need to be thinking of a theme for next year maybe BBQ shacks or British Pubs?

Please sign the following Release to become an official entrant in the 2012 Calendar Rally and don't forget to have a little fun along the way.

Send all photos to: Larry Berg lsbergdtm@gmail.com
I will keep everyone up to date on the Triumph Face Book page.

This is a release.

I understand that this event is a rally. I understand that this is an inherently dangerous activity, which should only be undertaken by competent, experienced individuals. I agree to abide by all applicable traffic regulations in the state. I accept full and complete responsibility for my safety during this rally. I hereby waive any and all claims I may have against the event, its organizers, agents or sponsors as a result of my participation in the event.

Signature & Date

Driver _____

Co-

Driver _____

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)



Announcing the 2012 Mid-Iowa Car Classic

Registration is now open

The 2012 Mid-Iowa Car Classic is rapidly approaching. This year's extravaganza will take place on Saturday June 16th and promises to be bigger and better than ever. Registration for the 2012 Mid-Iowa Car Classic is now open at www.midiowacarclassic.com.

Don't miss the best car show in the Midwest. The 2012 Mid-Iowa Car Classic is the premier event for all enthusiasts of fine British, European and American automobiles. Register early for this exciting show. All of the information is easily found on our website listed below. We are always adding new information so check back often.

The 2012 Mid-Iowa Car Classic will be held in conjunction with the Johnston Green Days annual community celebration in Johnston Iowa. Green Days is an annual celebration held in Johnston, Iowa. The 2012 festival will be held June 14th-17th. Green Days is organized by the Johnston Chamber of Commerce and includes activities like a parade, carnival, children's activities, entertainment, live bands, beer garden, rib cook-off contest, talent search, 5K walk and run and much more.

For more information about the Johnston Green Days celebration, visit their website at: www.johnstongreendays.org. See the map on our website for directions to the 2012 Mid-Iowa Car Classic car show site and to learn more about this great classic car show.

Feel free to forward this information to all of your car club friends. We would love to see them and their classic car at the show. We look forward to seeing you on June 16th at the 2012 Mid-Iowa Car Classic.

www.midiowacarclassic.com

If you wish to no longer receive notifications about The 2012 Mid-Iowa Car Classic, please reply to this email with the word "remove" in the subject line and we will remove your name from our list. Thank you.



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
- Sweatshirts only**
- Ash



*Long Sleeves includes "MN Triumph" on sleeve

Embroidered Shirts:

Logo

- 30th 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
- Polo Only**
- 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 30th 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

- 30th Anniversary Logo
- "Lifes Too Short..."

Style

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

Colors

- White
- Black
- Red
- Gold
- Navy
- Khaki
- Kelly
- Black
- Khaki
- Loden
- Olive
- Black
- Camo
- Mocha
- Chocolate
- Olive
- Pink
- Gray



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MAIL ORDER TO: WildThreads
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Mound, MN 55364
612-860-7358

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Make Check payable to MN Triumphs Regalia

Questions or Special Requests:
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Phone: 612-860-7358
Website: www.wildthreadsonline.com

Subtotal \$ _____ Name _____

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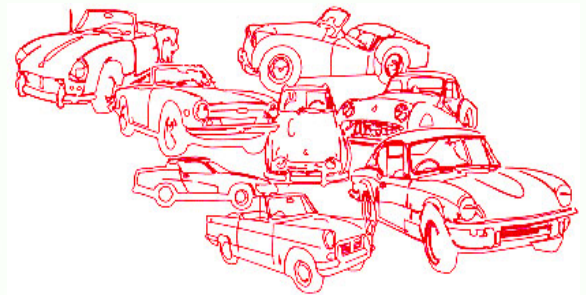
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Triumph Trader

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Rust free Georgia car. 130K total miles. 35K on rebuilt engine. Power top and automatic transmission with hold control. Newer tires, battery, and bonnet. Triple black.

Steal This Car: TR Club members only price: \$2400 obo

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Patrick Holt

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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.

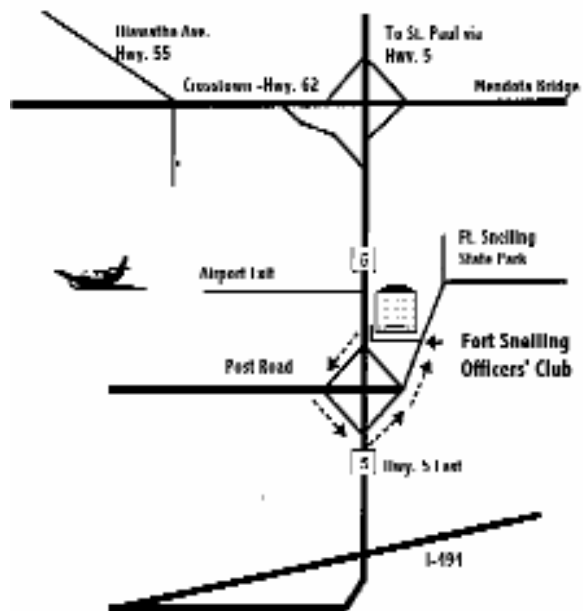
Annual membership is \$25 (an additional \$1 provides your partner with voting privileges at our annual election of officers). With this membership fee, your newsletter can be seen on-line or you can pick up a hard copy at the monthly meetings.

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

Join after September 1st 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

MAY MEMBERSHIP NOTES

By Lenny Kukuruzza

MEMBERSHIP NEWS

As of April 30th, we have about 107 members signed up for 2012. This is down a bit from 2011 this time of the year. Perhaps some of you are waiting to use the PayPal feature on our web site? Well, wait no more!!!

Go to <http://www.mntriumphs.org/join.htm> to pay your membership fee on line. While you're there, check out the rest of the newly refurbished web site, thanks to our club Web Master, Ron Ruettimann and our club Secretary Fred Olson working hard together between their crazily busy schedules to give the site a beautiful facelift. The web site address is <http://www.mntriumphs.org>. It's a great fresh start...keep it up guys!!!

DEADLINE

This year, the deadline was extended to April 15th. This doesn't mean that I won't be accepting dues after that date...it just means that if you renew after that date, you won't be listed on the roster. Joe DeMuth is willing to once again help me out with the task of compiling the 2012 club roster. I'll be contacting some of you to make sure I have up-to-date contact information.

NEXT MEETING

Next club meeting is May 10th. Tire kicking begins at 6 PM; meeting starts at 7 PM. Hope to see you all there!

UPCOMING EVENT

INTER MARQUE SPRING KICK-OFF is Saturday, May 12th in Downtown Osseo, 9 AM to 2 PM (see flyer for details). Sounds like the City of Osseo is pulling all stops and is doing everything they can to make this event a success. See you there!!!

Lenny Kukuruzza
Membership Chair
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612-501-5908

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)?

Yes No

Referred by: _____

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

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



Check our web site at:

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

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



Super
Sausage
Sunday

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