

TRIUMPHS & TRIBULATIONS



*It's a grill out,
it's a mystery,
it's both...it's the
Super Sausage Sunday
& Mystery Tour*



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ON THE COVER

Nine cars came out in the rain for a "objects that start with..."mystery tour and a total of twenty+ cars for the great sausage grill out. Thanks Chef Lawrence and Gail.

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PREZ RELEASE

June 2012

I apologize for not having much to report this month as I have been traveling a lot for work. I spent 10 days traveling thru China visiting some manufacturers. That was quite the experience. Traffic laws are grossly unenforced as stop lights, lanes, pedestrians, etc.. are all not really taken into consideration while driving. I even saw a van driving backwards down a main freeway. We were following a police car at the time, and it didn't even slow down to assess the danger of the situation. I also experienced some good food, and some not so good food. Including some giant June bug looking creatures...which fit into the good food category!!!

This year I have elected to do more speed events with the Spitfire, which happen to be double booked against some of our club events. I am happy however to hear that most of our events have had good turn out and have been enjoyable. I am hoping the event coordinators can take the time to report out on their events.

Upcoming is one of our larger events of the year at the Woodland Hill Winery on June 30th. Many thanks to Mr. Steve Shogren for organizing this event. If you can make this event, a group of cars is going to meet somewhere and drive over as a group. I have not seen details on that yet, but Lenny is pretty good at getting that information out via

email.

In my pursuit of speed this year I have been doing quite well. I have included some race results for the past few events I have attended. So far I have taken fastest vintage in everything I have entered. I have even taken fastest SSM (Super Street Modified) down in Winona when they didn't have a vintage class. So I ended up competing against a turbo charged Miata on race tires. This year I have made a few modifications that have dramatically improved the vehicle and my ability to control it. I added fully adjustable QA1 shocks to the front with 400lb/in springs, aluminum body coil over shocks in the rear with 300lb/in spring. I put new softer rubber on the car (Falken Azenis RT-615K 205/40R16) . I converted the rear brakes to disk brakes with a 9.5" disk and 1.25" dia single piston floating calipers. Lastly I installed a 5 point harness by making a bar that connects between the convertible top mounting points that gives me a location to attach the shoulder straps in a safe location. Honestly, I think the harness was the largest improvement by allowing me to sit in one place while threading the needle.

Race Results Included:

A) Amery Airport Autocross and Speed Run I along with a picture

B) Winona Autocross with the Chippewa Valley Sports Car Club

C) Eau Claire Autocross also with the Chippewa Valley Sports Car Club

The Eau Claire Autocross was titled the "Spitfire Challenge". It was call this because at the Chippewa Valley Technical School, they restored a spitfire. They allowed the class instructor to take the car thru the autocross course sort of as the opening pitch to start the day. I attached a picture of this car.

I hope to see you out and about soon,

Jeremy

See Jeremy's results on page 10

MINUTES OF THE MINNESOTA TRIUMPHS

June 14, 2012 Meeting

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

There were no Triumphs in the parking lot tonight, partly due to the rainy weather and partly due to the fact that several people went to the Rendezvous event this weekend in Kenora.

Jeremy reported that he had just recently returned from a trip to China and was still recovering from the jet lag. He said he looked for old cars, but there were hardly any as there is apparently some Chinese rule that old cars must be discarded after so many years. He also mentioned that stop lights and stop signs were more like "a brief recommendation."

As for motoring, Jeremy mentioned that he and his Spitfire took 2nd place overall at the most recent Avery airport run, and he then took 2nd place at a similar race event in Chippewa Valley.

Upcoming events include the Woodland Hill Winery tour on June 30. That's the same day as the Automotive Art Exhibit at the Hopkins Center for the Arts. However, the

two do not really conflict as the automotive part of the exhibit is in the evening, while the winery tour is earlier in the day.

Speaking of the winery tour, anyone interested in caravanning out to Delano should meet at the Macy's parking lot at Ridgedale Mall at 11 a.m. on June 30. We'll depart as a group at about 11:15.

Orrin has rummaged through his closets and found an electronic wheel balancer. He plans to host a tech session on July 14 for anyone interested in having their wheels balanced. There will be a \$5 cost per car (so, all four wheels for only \$5) to cover the cost of balancing weights.

Doug mentioned that the Chanhassen Motorplex is hosting an attempt at breaking a world record on June 21. The goal is to have the most classic cars (older than 1981) driving on a road in a continuous line.

Membership Chair Lenny Kukuruza said the number of club members remains about the same at 111.

The meeting adjourned at 7:24 p.m.
Total Attendees: 24
Total Triumph Cars: 0 (rain)



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 JULY 2012

I am truly at a loss as I try to write this report. As I'm certain you all were, I was shocked to hear the news of the death of Russ Mattson. What can one say about Russ? So very much that cannot be expressed in what I get for a column in this publication. In age he may have been 76 years, but Russ was young man of vitality, ideas, wisdom and enthusiasm. He would always get activities on the TR calendar and encourage participation. His picnics at the lake were so much fun for so many. His generosity was unparalleled. Trip planning and road trips were his cup of tea or should I say his Cabernet or Pinot or Shiraz or even cheap old Black Box red wine.

I missed the last TR meeting in June as I turned back after driving into a tornado that night. My last visit with Russ was the May meeting when I sat with him and some new friends he had us meet. Afterwards I hung with him and a few others as we tire kicked in the parking lot. As usual we had

a great visit as he was his always upbeat and jovial self. As the lot cleared only a couple of us were left hanging on so Russ said we needed to have some wine. We headed back up the path to the lounge where we chose a table and I shared my last toast with Russ. We revisited the Benny golf tournament when he asked if we would have that golf tournament again this year. He was one of the catalysts to always get a nice group to come play golf in memory of my son and to honor The Compassionate Friends with his donation. We were all over the board with conversation that night and he being the incessant sales guy he was offered the merits of a long term health care policy to one in the group. I am happy for one thing and that is Russ never had to use the benefits of a long term health care policy. Rather I understand he left this world working in his garden, another thing he so loved so much. His garden will miss him. We will miss him. But, most of all, Sharon will miss him, her lifelong friend, lover and partner. My

deepest sympathies go out to her. He always spoke of Sharon with pride and love. She married one peach of a guy. Sharon you have every reason to be proud of your life's mate.

We at Minnesota Triumphs will miss our great comrade, our fuel pump, our spark plug, our top down friend. I will always remember the last view I had of Russ that May night as he sped off with his Lucas taillights actually shining in our eyes. Your Lucas lights will never be the "prince of darkness". Your headlights and taillights will continue to shine in all of our hearts forever. Thank you for being our friend and for being the best inspiration and advocate for Minnesota Triumphs. Until we meet again, please get the stuff we need together for our Golden Tech Session.

And this for sure, Russ would wish that we all join VTR and keep the sport alive.

Larry Sanderson, 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!

Joe & Virginia Bisanz

Orrin & Pam McGill

Triumph Calendar

June

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/](http://www.iolaoldcarshow.com/)

July 21

Lexington Restaurant Tri-
umph show. St. Paul. Sue
and Phil Ethier, hosts. De-
tails 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 9-11

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

August 17-19

Reedsburg/Baraboo, Wiscon-
sin 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 - Chero-
kee Park in St. Paul, Minne-
sota. 1 p.m. Bring a dish to
pass. If it rains, it's cancelled.

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

Triumph Calendar

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

Mattson, Russell Lawrence, Jr.



age 76, of Richfield, MN died on Sunday, June 24, 2012 of a sudden heart attack while he was gardening. He was preceded in death by his father, Russell Matt-



son Sr.; his mother, Clarice Cochran Mattson; and his lifelong friends, John Gannaway and Guy "Buzz" Grove. He is survived by his wife, Sharon Northway Mattson; son, Steve; daughter, Laura (Al) Wadzinski; grandson, Lucius; and sisters, Norma Williams, Karen Gastineau and Sonia Cairns.

Russ worked for over 50 years as an employee benefit consultant. In recent years his area of professional focus was helping retirees navigate the Medicare system. Along with his sisters and their families, he steered the appropriation of funds from the Clarice Mattson Environmental Fund, established by his mother for the benefit of threatened ecosystems.

Russ's participation in, and contribution to life was unparalleled. He was a past president of the Minnesota Triumphs Sports Car Club and past president of the Hobey Baker Memorial Award Committee. He valued hard work and honoring commitments.

He loved to landscape and we feel blessed that he died doing something he loved. "Russ, you were generous, strong and inspirational. You were loved so much, by so many, and you will be missed always."

Visitation 4-7 PM Friday, June 29 at Washburn-McReavy Edina Chapel, W. 50th St. & Vernon Ave at Hwy. 100. Funeral service 10:30 AM Saturday, June 30, Plymouth Congregational Church, 1900 Nicollet Ave., Mpls., MN. Russ was a Veteran of the Marine Corps and will be buried at Fort Snelling National Cemetery with Military Honors. If you would like to remember Russ through a memorial contribution, please make a donation to Swan City Heritage Foundation, a park that provides food that sustains and grows the Trumpeter Swan population on the banks of the Mississippi River in Monticello or charity of your choice.

www.Washburn-McReavy.com
Edina Chapel 952-920-3996

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

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 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 tii. 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 Twinc Cities chapter of the Alliance Française and the MN Citroën Club for a celebration of French Culture, Food and Motoring! All French cars are welcome! Visit <http://www.afmsp.org/> for more info or see the flyer.

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 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 28: Healey Hillclimb. (rain date Sunday, July 29th). This will be our eleventh running of this event. Thanks to all the hard-working volunteers who have helped out over the years! See flyer in this issue.

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.

August 4: Villa Belleza Tour. 9:30 AM. Point Douglas Drive, So (US Hwy 10 across from Prescott), Cottage Grove. Point Douglas Park Pt. Douglas Park is located across from Prescott on the north side of US Hwy 10 on the MN side of the St. Croix. This will be a non-timed tour of Wisconsin's all paved scenic back roads starting at Pt Douglas Park across the St. Croix River from Prescott and ending at the soon to open Villa Belleza Winery in Pepin. According to Rick Vaicious, an Alfa owner and former SdN president who now lives outside of Pepin, they are planning on having Italian oriented food available in an Italian villa style setting. The posted date is subject to change but we're aiming for a Saturday in August. More details including the exact date, start time, etc. to follow after we get a chance to visit the winery.

August 11: Brit Fest. Location TBD. Host Minnesota MG Group.

August 11: New London to New Brighton Antique Car Run. Info: <http://antiquecarrun.org/>

August 18: Royal British Car Show. 9:00 a.m. to Noon. AutoMotorPlex, Chanhassen, Minnesota. Bring your British buggy and come attired apropos your car's vintage. Have you heard of the Goodwood Revival? This may be as close as you can come without flying to Blighty.

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.

August 26: Intermarque Picnic. 1:00 p.m. Cherokee Park, St. Paul. All vintage foreign motorcars and their friends are invited. August picnic host: M.U.M. (MN United Minis)

September 1: 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 at charter dot net

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, the small sedan class also has fierce competition. The 2.5-liter Challenge will include Fiats, BMWs, Alfas, Mini Coopers, Volvos, and Datsuns. And don't forget touring the original course and the downtown car show. Info: <http://www.vscda.org/races/elkhartLake.php>

September 22. Waumandee Hillclimb Blank Hill Road, Waumandee, Wisconsin. Vintage cars only. 1979 and older. Two-mile course with eighteen curves and a 400-foot vertical rise. Advance registration required. September 19 deadline. \$65/driver. (\$50 for MAHC members.) Make check payable to Minnesota Austin-Healey Club and mail to Tom Hazen, 11434 Minnetonka Mills Road, Minnetonka, Minnesota 55305. Include name, year, make, model, color, email, phone, and emergency contact. Info: Tom Hazen myliberty@comcast.net.

September 30: Intermarque Picnic. 1:00 p.m. Cherokee Park, St. Paul. All vintage foreign motorcars and their friends are invited. September picnic host: Citroën Club.

October 20: AutoMotorPlex German Oktoberfest featuring German Cars. 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m., 8200 Audubon Rd, Chanhassen Additional Info Contact: Bruno Silikowski: (612) 850-8398 bsilikowski@automotorplex.com

January 1, 2013: Toast the New Year at sunrise. Birkmose Park, Hudson, Wisconsin. Then on to breakfast. Open to all clubs. Info: Minnesota Triumph Club.

June 15–17. Citroën Rendezvous. Saratoga Springs, New York. <http://www.driveshesaid.com>

June 17–24. Alfa Canadese. Toronto. The 2012 Convention of North American Alfa Romeo Clubs. <http://www.alfacanadese.ca/>

June 17–22. Louisville Conclave. Louisville, Kentucky. Austin-Healey Club of America. <http://www.austinhealeyconclave.com/>

July 9–13. NAMGAR GT-37. MGAs. Dayton, Ohio. <http://www.namgar.com/events/>

August 2–5. Fiat Freak Out. Charlottesville, Virginia. <http://www.fiatclubamerica.com/fiat-freakout-2012>

October 11–14. Sunbeam Invasion. Nashville, Tennessee. <http://www.sunbeaminvasion.com/>

October 12–14. Ferrari Club of America International Meet. Palm Springs, California. <http://www.fca2012.org/>

October 26–29. LOG 32. Lotus Owners Gathering. Orlando, Florida. <http://www.lotuscarclub.org/log.php>

October 28–November 2. Vintage Triumph Register National Convention. Galveston Island, Texas. <http://www.vtr.org>

First Annual British Car Week National Meet

May 30 to June 3
Hot Springs, Arkansas

ARTICLE BY: Andy Lindberg
PHOTOS BY: Orin McGill and
Joe Bisanz



ABOVE: The show grounds featuring Triumphs. (Hey, if you sent us pics we'd feature your marque.) Photo by Joe Bisanz



Some people dressed appropriately for the occasion. Photo by Joe Bisanz



Joe's car above the Arkansas Grand Canyon (who knew) near Jasper, Arkansas. Photo by Joe Bisanz

See more of Joe and Orrin's photos in their flickr gallery:
<http://tinyurl.com/bcwnm2012>

For those of you Porsche, Fiat and Citroën drivers not familiar with British Car Week, it originated some 15 or twenty years ago based on a Peter Egan column in which he lamented not seeing any old sports cars on the road anymore.

Even though Egan was specifically referring to bathtub Porsches, the British car community took up the challenge and has tried to get as many of its cars out on the road as possible during a week in late May.

It's been pretty much a local event with some national cheerleaders, chief among them Barry Harrison. This year Harrison decided to make it a national event in Hot Springs, Arkansas. Among those attending this first national semi-intermarque event were Orrin McGill and Joe Bisanz from the Minnesota Triumphs club. They drove down in their TR6s.

Orrin reports that the organizers deserve nothing but praise for putting on a very good show. In addition, the local club was very helpful and friendly and the sponsors were well represented, Moss had three of their guys there, alone. The concourse d' elegance was held in the largest gated community in the U.S., "Hot Springs Village" with five or more golf courses. From the gate, it was five miles to the event. Everything along the way was groomed to the nines. Orrin also says that the roads of Arkansas are made for sports cars and there was no lack of curves to power through.

The 2013 event is already being planned.



Joe Bisanz represents Minnesota Triumphs at the show.

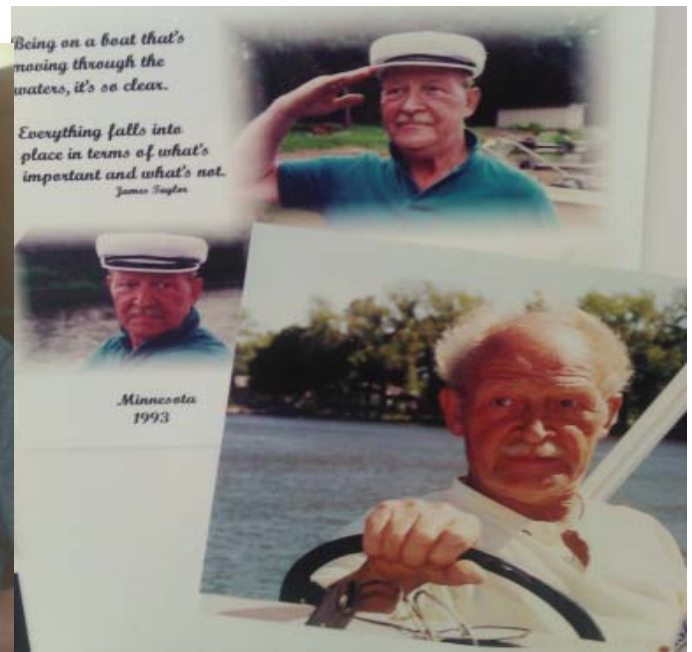
Photo by Orrin McGill





Photos...

- 1- Motel in International Falls on the way up
 - 2- Banner in Kenora
 - 3- Joe and Karen DeMuth's TR3A
 - 4- Ralph Zerbee makes it to another
 - 5- Harold wins "Best In Show" over a \$450,000 SS Jag.
 - 6- Patrick Holt with Dennis Gage of "My Clasic Car"
 - 7- Marsha and Patrick run the funkhana
- Patrick



Russ living his dream at Brainerd International Raceway. He drove in a "ChumpCar" endurance race in July 2011.



*Celebration of the Life
of*

RUSSELL LAWRENCE MATTSON JR.

January 13, 1936 – June 24, 2012

Healey Hillclimb XI

Saturday, July 28, 2012

(rain date Sunday, July 29)

Afton Alps Recreation Area

The Minnesota Austin-Healey Club invites you to **TAKE THE HILL!** Hillclimbs enjoy a proud place in the history of European motor sports. Now you can be part of that tradition and make history with your own run **TO THE TOP!**

On-site check in opens 7:00am, closes 8:30am

MANDATORY drivers meeting 8:30am

Advance registration only - Payment required in advance!

Drivers must be 18+, sign waiver, pass on-site tech inspection, wear helmet (Bring Snell 90 or newer. We'll have some loaners)

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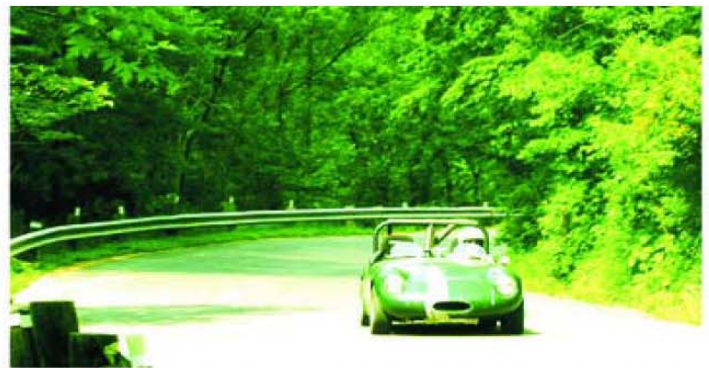
Directions: I 94 East past St. Paul, take exit 253 and turn right onto Manning Ave/Hwy 95. After 6.8 miles turn left onto 70th Street. After 3.5 miles turn left into the Afton Alps complex. Mapquest/GPS: 6600 Peller Ave S., Hastings, MN

Advance registration required! (deadline July 25) \$45 per driver. \$30 for Austin-Healey Club members. Make check payable to the **Minnesota Austin-Healey Club** and mail to Tom Hazen, 11434 Mtka Mills Rd, Mtka, MN 55305. Or pay via PayPal adding \$2 service charge to myliberty@comcast.net. Sorry, no refunds.

Despite all precautions taken, this event remains dangerous and may result in property damage, serious injury, or death. Drivers, spectators, and workers enter at their own risk.

Driver	Afton 2012
Year, make, model, color, requested car number	
Email and phone	
Emergency contact name and phone	

Questions? Contact Tom Hazen at 612-237-1883 or myliberty@comcast.net



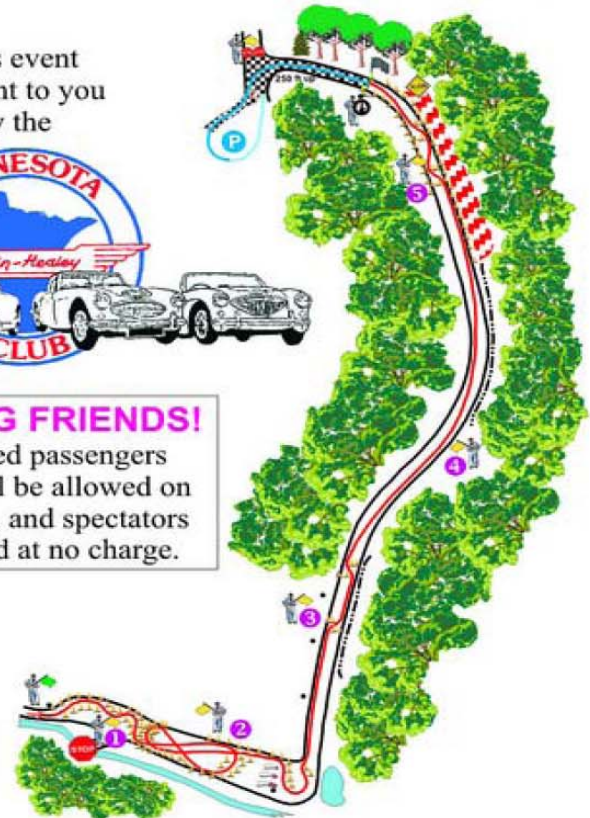
Paul Weidner climbs the hill in his Speedwell Sprite - Photo courtesy Andy Lindberg

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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)

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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)

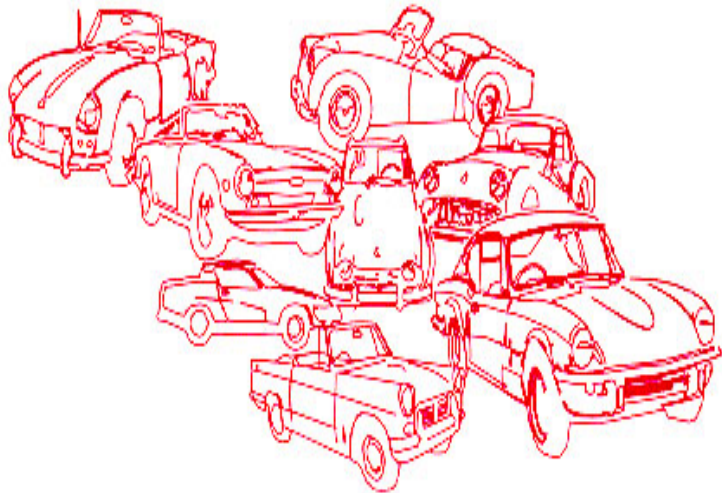




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Style

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- 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



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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



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Embroidered Hats:

Logo

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

Style

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- Fidel (\$20)

Colors

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- Black
- Red
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- Navy
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HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Best wishes go out to all of our members celebrating their birthdays in July, including:

- Burt Bigelow
- Patrick Crowe
- Keith Galberth
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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.

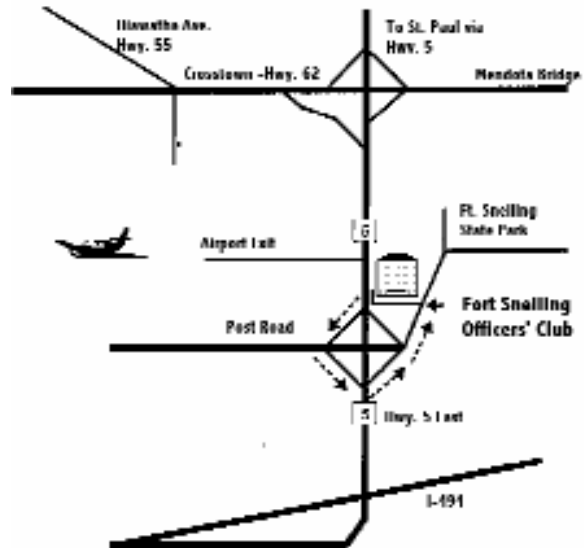
Annual membership is \$25 (an additional \$1 provides your partner with voting privileges at our annual election of officers). With this membership fee, your newsletter can be seen on-line or you can pick up a hard copy at the monthly meetings.

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

JULY MEMBERSHIP NOTES

In between the storms and rain drops, the sun has been shining and beckoning us to come out into the fresh air. There have been a couple of club drives and activities going on in the past few months with more coming our way (check the Triumph Calendar for more details)...and don't forget about the Calendar Rally - a good incentive to stop and appreciate our fresh waters and take some photos.

MEMBERSHIP NEWS

Currently, we have about 112 members. If you haven't renewed your membership yet, and don't want to deal with snail mail, go to <http://www.mntriumphs.org/join.htm> to pay your membership dues 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>. You're doing a great job guys!!!

SAYING GOODBYE

As I write this, tomorrow afternoon, some of us will be meeting at the Washburn- McReavy Edina Chapel to say our final farewells to our former club president and friend Russ Mattson. He passed away on Sunday, June 24, 2012 at the age of 76. Our thoughts and prayers are with his family and friends during this difficult time. He will be missed by many.

NEXT MEETING

Next club meeting is July 12th. Car kicking, tire admiring and mosquito swatting begins at 6 PM; meeting starts at 7 PM. Hope to see you all there!

Lenny Kukuza

Membership Chair

70GT6plus@gmail.com

612- 501- 5908

See birthdays on page 19

Membership Sign Up

Name: _____

Partner: _____

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Model of Triumph(s) Owned

Member of Vintage Triumph Register (www.vtr.org)?

Yes No

Referred by: _____

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



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