

TRIUMPHS & TRIBULATIONS



Multi-events



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ON THE COVER

A lot happened since the last newsletter; Tech Session, Shakedown Tour and Intermarque show in Osseo. Thanks Andy, John and the town of Osseo.

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PREZ RELEASE

Looks like summer is finally here. It was a long winter, the longest in my memory, but on the bright side, that gave us ample time to get our cars ready for the season. I know that some of our members have already logged a couple thousand miles driving to British Car Week in Hot Springs, AR. They reported that all went well, no mechanical problems. Joe Bisanz had my tow strap tucked in the boot just in case but it wasn't needed. In a week or two many of us, including some of the hardy souls that just returned from Hot Springs, will be heading north to Rendezvous in Thunder Bay and again in September off to VTR in Dobson, North Carolina. Now that's giving the old TR some exercise. Gail, the first lady, just retired from teaching so we now are really looking forward to joining the group to VTR this fall, rather than back to school.

On the subject of Rendezvous: We had the opportunity to spend a weekend last month in Hayward WI. and we made the one hour drive on up to Ashland to check out the accommodations for the 2015 event that we are hosting. It looks to be a great location to spend the weekend, plenty of parking at the host hotel, great view of the lake, food and service was good at the old Chequamegon and plenty of good driving roads on the peninsula, out of Bayfield and in the forest south of town. The town wasn't really open for business that early in the year but the old downtown appears to have quite a few shops and pubs for you shopaholics. My opinion, make your reservations early, this should be a great event.

Now it's back to the garage for a few adjustments on the Spitfire. Way back in history, just after the VTR convention in 1998 our daughter, Amanda, was about to get her license and we found a nice 1980 Spitfire for her. It was her intention to keep it forever but things change, baby on the way, not enough room in the garage, so the gift was given back. "Now you take care of it Dad and maybe find it a good home." Now It's out to the garage to look things over and make the "to do" list, new brakes, brake hoses, coolant hoses, motor mounts, probably all that stuff. I haven't been in the garage for a couple of weeks and my usually grease stained hands were a little too clean anyway.

Hope to see you at the next event. Let's get out there and enjoy our cars while we can. The driving season will pass all too quickly.

Remember, life is like a roll of toilet paper, the closer to the end the faster it goes!

Larry



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 SPORTS CAR CLUB

TR Monthly Meeting May 8
Really Official Minutes

A tornado touched down near St. James about 4:30; another made a brief appearance at five close to Madelia. Straight-line winds were causing damage from Waseca to Red Wing.

There weren't too many Triumphs in the Officers Club parking lot. Zero side curtain cars, zero TR4s and 4As, zero Spitfires, zero TR6s, zero Stags, zero TR7s, and ONE TR8 (Pat Holt).

The ominous weather, however, did not keep a whole bucket of club members from showing up in their boring four-wheeled appliances.

The meeting was held downstairs in The Lodge because some big spenders had The Ballroom booked. President Larry Berg attempted to call the meeting to order at 7:02. But he still hadn't found the official gavel, leading to much noise and raucous behavior. Hearing this, Barkeep Patty checked behind the bar and Whiz-Bang there it was. Patty received a standing ovation.

New members in attendance were Dan from Eau Claire with a '71 TR6, and Kimberly from Minneapolis with a '74 Spitfire.

Treasurer Terry Mackey was not present but still reported we have \$11,129.42 stashed away and looking for a good home. Membership Secretary Joe Demuth said we're down 15 members from last year. The Dynamic Duo of Dick and Doug described upcoming events in delicious detail.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:36.



VTR REPORT

This VTR guy got back from Florida in Mid May just in time to enjoy a great run of weather. The 6 will get a shake down tomorrow and had to wait as the yard and deck and all had to be finished. Well let's say at least begun or thinking of doing. Too many spring chores when one is gone for such a long time. No frozen pipes or rodents or the like to contend with the outdoor work thank goodness.

The current issue of The Vintage Triumph #144 is packed with articles and photos. If you belonged to VTR this would be your bedside reading to bring on the sweet TR dreams. The Vintage Triumph Register was founded in 1974 and is dedicated to the maintenance, preservation and enjoyment of your Triumph. Benefits of membership include a bi-monthly magazine, The Vintage Triumph, technical consultants and annual convention. VTR supports our chapter and supplies regalia and special insurance rates. If you are not a member of the VTR, they would like to have you. You may join by going on line at www.vtr.org. Or you may send your letter with \$35 to VTR, PO Box 655, Howell, MI 48844. Please join me along with most of your MN TR friends by joining VTR.

The 2014 VTR convention will be held in Dobson, NC Sept 9-14 and hosted by The Triumph Club of the Carolinas. There is lots of enthusiasm for NC as many of us have already made reservations. The Dobson Hampton Inn is full as well as the Mt Airy Hampton. The Triumph Club of the Carolinas is trying to secure rooms in Mt Airy at the Comfort Inn. Try the Comfort Inn at 336 783 0008. I checked and rooms are available under VTR or Triumph for 99.99 per night for either king or queen. Lord Hassell's fun rally should prove to be great fun as well as the TSD Moon shine Rally. A brew swap and home brew competition will be held at the Vineyard similar to the one we attended at Jekyll Island. Then there's the Mayberry RFD funkhana and a vintage hill climb. All of this along with vineyard tours, many gardens, Triumphs, Blue Ridge Mts. and Parkway, and gorgeous roads, Mt Airy, Mayberry, and Barney's Ice Cream where Barney may be lurking still with one bullet. We hope you make this the year to join your fellow Triumph friends as we trek east to North Carolina. You will come back with lots of stories and for sure a great time!!

Larry Sanderson, your MN TR VTR Liaison, 507 269 1500 or myfriendlar@yahoo.com

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)



Triumph Calendar

Jun 2014

06-LBC week T.C. Commoners
Run. 6PM Friday (need host)

07-CAF Hanger Dance (host Dick
Leighninger)

12-Club Meeting

12-15-Rendezvous, Thunder Bay,
Ontario

20-22-MSRA Back to the 50's at
MN state fairgrounds

21-Tech Session TBD

28-Amery Auto Cross & Speed
Run, Amery, WI

July 2014

10-Club Meeting

10-13- Iola Car Swap & Show in
Iola, WI

19-Tech Session TBD

August 2014

02-Woodland Hills Winery tour,
Steve Shogren host

04-Triumph Queen Mum's Birth-
day Drive, Pat Holt Host details to
follow

10-Triumph Ice Cream Tour, need
host

14-Club Meeting

17-Triumph Summer Picnic, need
host

23-Tech Session TDB

23- Amery Auto Cross & Speed
Run, Amery, WI

Sep 2014

06-Wheels & Wings, Oseola, WI

06-Summer Picnic, hosted by Phil
& Sue Ethier. Food and pop/soda
provided. Bring your own adult
beverages. Party starts at 3:00 PM

06-CAF Hanger Dance 6PM, host
Dick Leighninger

09-14-VTR Nationals in Dobson
NC

11-Club Meeting

20-Tech Session TBD

Oct 2014

09-Club Meeting

11-Triumph Fall Color Tour need
host

19-Triumph High Tea, need host

25- Tech Session TBD

Jan 2015

25- Triumph Mid-Winter Bash

June 2015

11-14 South Beach Rendezvous
hosted by MN Triumphs. Ash-
land WI on the beautiful south
shore of Lake Superior. Make
your reservations today.

AmericInn Ashland
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Ashland, WI
866-378-9950

See Intermarque Monthly at:

www.intermarque.org

AMERY AIRPORT AUTOCROSS AND STRAIGHT-AWAY SPEED RUN XIV

Saturday, June 28, 2014 (rain date Sunday, June 29th)

Registration opens at 8:00am, closes at 9:00am

MANDATORY DRIVERS MEETING 9:00am



Turn quickly through the orange cones of the autocross, then straighten 'er out for the 1/2 mile taxiway top speed run. Our state-of-the-art stopwatch/thumb system will measure your time on the course, and a radar gun will capture your top speed on the straight-away.

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

CORNER WORKERS NEEDED! Want to get close to the action but not drive? Like to wave flags and blow whistles? Free treats and lunch provided to all-day volunteers, so call Tom now to reserve your coveted place among the cones.

Directions: The simple route is 94 East into Wisconsin, take the Baldwin Hwy 63 exit, turn left heading north on Hwy 63 which eventually becomes Hwy 46. For a more scenic drive, from the northeast corner of 694, take Hwy 36 East into downtown Stillwater, turn right and take the old drawbridge over the St. Croix into Wisconsin, following Hwy 64 East. Stay on 64 past Somerset and through New Richmond, then turn left onto Hwy 46 North. The airport is on your left before you get to Amery. Mapquest or GPS: 331 State Hwy 46, Amery, WI.



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.

Advance registration (deadline June 25 or sell out) \$40 per driver. \$25 for Austin-Healey Club members. Make check payable to the **Minnesota Austin-Healey Club** and mail to Tom Hazen, 11434 Mike Mills Rd, Mike, MN 55305. Or pay via PayPal adding \$1 service charge to myliberty@comcast.net. Sorry, no refunds. Day of event payment will be \$10 more.

Driver: _____ June 2014 Amery

Year, make, model, color, requested car number: _____

Email and phone: _____

Emergency contact name and phone: _____



The course is run entirely on pavement. Drivers will run in the order their paid registrations are received. We will try to give everyone five runs, more if time permits.



BRING A FRIEND! Helmeted passengers 16+ will be allowed on all runs.

This event brought to you by the



Refreshment stand provided by the



Questions? Contact Tom Hazen at 612-237-1885 or myliberty@comcast.net

What Are The Odds?

by Bill Gingerich

I recently started a new job that requires extensive travel around the 5 state region. As a result I've been spending a lot of time driving (unfortunately not in my Spitfire) and developing a growing familiarity with the motels that are scattered around the area. One late evening found me at the Super 8 in Kandiyohi MN. As I pulled into the parking lot my eyes were drawn to a familiar, but unusual, shape. Parked in the lot was an absolutely gorgeous Triumph Stag! I was surprised, to say the least. So, what are the odds of 2 Triumph enthusiasts randomly finding themselves in the same motel in a small Minnesota town on the same night? I was hoping to have the chance to chat with the owner, but I had to leave rather early the next morning. I did leave a note thanking them for the opportunity to see such a wonderful example of a Stag.



MNTR Members Celebrate British Car Week

Several MN Triumph members got together in St Paul the evening of June 6 to help celebrate British Car Week. 8 cars and there assorted owners were there. Reports are that a good time was had by all.



Host hotel:
AmericInn Ashland
800•634•3444
More information
to come at
mntriumphs.org



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25th Annual Intermarque Lake Superior Rendezvous

Events will include:
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Tech Sessions
Car Shows
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Situated on the
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Intermarque 2014

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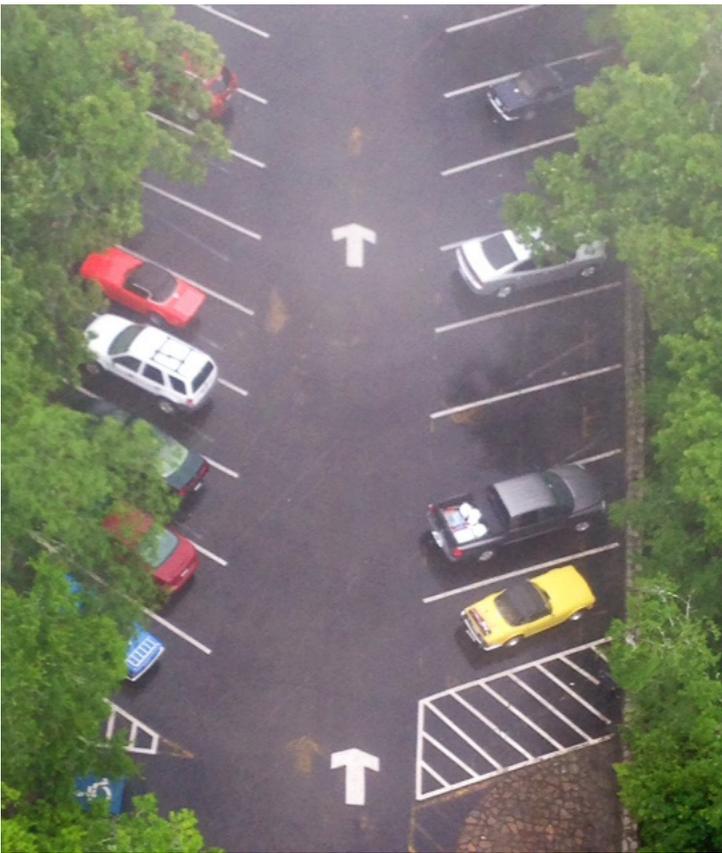


4 Spring Kickoff

Phil Ethier



A Trip to The British Car Week National Meet





BRITISH INVASION OF HUDSON

Britfest 2014

Vintage British Car Show

presented by



FREE ADMISSION to Show your Car!

- 100 CAR LIMIT SHOW SPACE - ARRIVE EARLY! -

August 9th, 2014

on Walnut Street in Hudson, Wisconsin
between 1st and 2nd Streets
(in front of Dick's Bar)

9:00am to 3:00pm

Awards presented at 2:00pm

Cars will be judged by Charity Voting
proceeds benefiting Boy Scout Troop #148

See the areas Finest British Car Marques and Clubs

**Attention British Bike Clubs/Owners!
You are also invited & encouraged to participate!**



111 Walnut Street
Hudson, WI 54116

for more information contact Tom Belongia 715.781.0361





Saturday August 2nd, Noon to 4pm

5th Annual British Sports Car Display

Hosted by Minnesota Triumphs Sports Car Club
at Woodland Hill Winery

731 Cty Rd 30, Delano, MN...4.5 miles west of Delano
on Cty Rd 30 <<http://woodlandhillwinery.net>>

- Intermarque event
- Display your little British sports car. Some Swedes & Germans.
- See Triumphs, Lotus, Austin Healeys, MGs, Minis, Jaguars
- Live music
- Lunch available
- Enjoy the beautiful grounds including a picnic arbor area
- Select from over 20 wine varieties, taste 12-varieties for \$7
- Olive oils and vinegars for sale
- Available tour of the vineyard & winery



Please join us for a fun day!
<mntriumphs.org>

Any questions contact: Steve Shogren, Minnesota Triumphs Sports Car Club
mail to: <steveshogren@yahoo.com>



FOR SALE

2 Painted Wire wheels (grey metallic) for a TR3 (15 inch), along with 4 hubs and ear-type knock offs. Everything is used but in good condition. I'd like to sell everything for \$125. I live in Duluth, but can deliver them to metro area. My contact information is jcherveney@chartermi.net or 218-310-4375. I'm a member of Minnesota Triumphs.
Jim Cherveney

Pair of new, in the box, SU carbs for Spitfire, 1 1/4 dia. \$525.00

Used 1 season DCOE 45 Weber card with air horns, no air cleaner, been sitting a while, should probably be rebuilt. \$325.00

New rear sway bar for Spitfire. \$150.00
Contact Roger At 651 207-3920

Losing Storage and liquidating Spitfire and GT6 parts. Complete '76 Spitfire rolling chassis, bare '72 GT6 chassis, NEW door skins, Spit & GT6 doors, seat frames, lots of misc. stuff. I'm working up a list of parts and condition. Ask and I'll send you the current version. Make an offer on anything you want. Bill 612-850-4072 or wrgingerich@gmail.com

TR7 front K member assembly W/ brakes struts & steering rack \$60. Contact Roger Kraemer 651-207-3920

'72 TR6 in great shape. This is a great driver with many new and upgraded parts including: New tires (Dunlop Signatures), new soft top, steering stabilized, full tune up, new seat belts (uninstalled) as well as some mechanical work. This is a really nice driving TR6, fun in the corners and pretty much original, aside from the new parts mentioned. There are collector plates on it which means you never buy tabs again. Includes: Original ton-

neau cover (in great shape), soft top rear cover, manual and new full car cover for winter storage. \$7500.
Scott - 612.339.0010

WANTED

Seats For TR-6 or Spifire
1969-1972 high back seats that recline preferred

Call Mark (651) 450-9504

Red lens for stop/tail lamp, right hand side for TR6.

I actually only need the reflector half of the red lens.
Jim Larson (952)944-6064

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Five Speed Conversions for your TR.

Drop your RPM by about 900 at 70 MPH

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

Complete conversion, installed about \$2,300
Contact Larry Berg (763) 228-0072 for details.

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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.

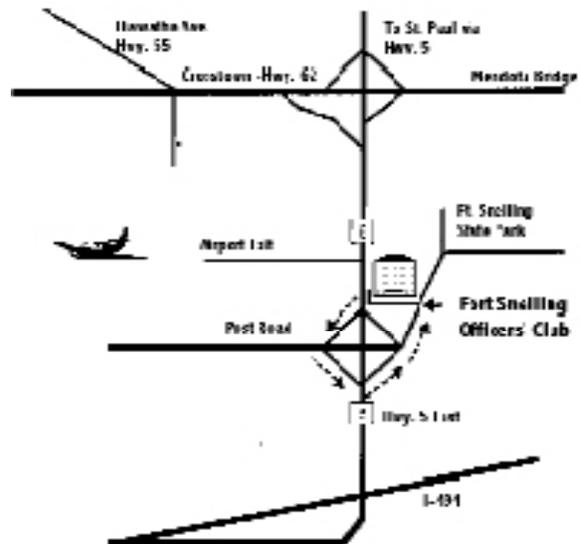
Annual membership is \$25 (an additional \$1 provides your partner with voting privileges at our annual election of officers). With this membership fee, your newsletter can be seen on-line or you can pick up a hard copy at the monthly meetings.

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.



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****** NOTE: NEW DATE & LOCATION ******

This year, you can again, attend both the Inter-Marque Spring Kickoff and the MN Scottish Fair & Highland Games. There is no conflict. The Fair will be held on Sat., July 12, 2014.

We are including in the 2014 Minnesota Scottish Fair & Highland Games, as we have for many years, a display of up to 30 British cars & motorcycles manufactured in the UK that one might see now or might have seen in days gone by, on the roads, motorways, and crofts of Scotland. The Fair & Games are to be held at the Faithful Shepherd Catholic School at 3355 Columbia Drive in Eagan, MN 55121 on Saturday, July 12th, 2014. We would love to have you display your car or motorcycle and be our guest for the day at the Fair & Games. Please visit our website to see all the wonderful things that will be going on.

<http://www.mnscottishfair.org/>

<http://www.mnscottishfair.org/britishcarshow.html>

The Display is as it indicates, an educational display, not a competition. There will be no judging. However, there will be voting for a "People's Choice" award for Most Popular Car and Most Popular Motorcycle. You may stay by your vehicle and chat with folks or wander all over the grounds and take full advantage of all that the Fair & Games have to offer. It's entirely up to you.

We would like your vehicle to be in place by 8:30 AM and remain until 5:30 PM. We ask this because your car or motorcycle in the display is an integral part of the educational presentations of the Fair and not just part of a casual car and motorcycle show.

The voting for "People's Choice" awards will close at 4:00 PM. The awards will be given out during the closing ceremonies at 5:00 PM. You must be present to win. First Place will be a container of traditional Scottish Highland Nectar of the Gods. (AKA: "Haggis Helper")

You are cordially invited to leave your vehicle in place and attend the Ceilidh in McCracken's Pub on the grounds from 5:30 to 8:00 PM.

As a thank you for your participation, we will provide you with two free passes to the Fair & Games per car or motorcycle.

Please contact me soon if you have any questions and so that I can send you a registration packet and the free passes. We hope that all British car and motorcycle owners displaying their vehicles will register in advance in order to help with our planning and because our space is somewhat limited this year. However, if you decide at the last minute to display your vehicle, you are still welcome if we have space available.

We look forward to seeing you and your British car or motorcycle on July 12th.

Best regards,

Jim Harris

Jim Harris, Chair
British Car & Motorcycle Display
Minnesota Scottish Fair & Highland Games
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The Minnesota Triumphs Club is dedicated to the preservation and enjoyment of the Triumph Marque. It was formed in 1981 and is a charter member of the Vintage Triumph Register. Correspondence can be addressed to:

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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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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

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



John Myers' TR4 at the 10,000 Lakes Concours d'Elegance.



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