

TRIUMPHS & TRIBULATIONS



The High Tea



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ON THE COVER

*Food, tea and conversation...high times at the high tea.
And there were a few TRs...thanks Gary and Barb for hosting once again.*

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PREZ RELEASE

New Triumph Club meeting location. As was announced at our January meeting, we have a new location for our monthly meetings. The location is **OI' Mexico Restaurante & Cantina**, 1754 Lexington Ave N, Roseville, MN 55113. It is just about 5 minutes south, on Lexington, from the Roseville VFW where we have been having our monthly meetings. We will have our own main floor meeting room, bar tender and server. They will reserve 20 parking spaces for us. There won't be any cost to us if we spend \$300 at each meeting (roughly a burger/taco and beverage per member). We began scouting out new locations as the result of concerns expressed by members about the VFW basement meeting location, the confusion about eating and drinking both upstairs and downstairs and the lack of designated parking. Thanks to the efforts of multiple members, including Terry Mackey, Joe Bisanz, Dick Leighninger and Jill Davenport we found and vetted this location. It will allow us the flexibility of considering it as the location of the Winter Parry and the High Tea if we so desire. Why Roseville? Joe Demuth, at one time, used his mathematical expertise to analyze our membership and determined that this area of the Twin Cities is the most centrally located. An interesting historical note is that in the distant past the Triumph Club did meet at this location. It is my understanding that we left because of the lack of a dedicated meeting

room and the noise of rowdy customers.
2018 VTR (Vintage Triumph Register) National Convention. At our October, 2016 Meeting it was approved that our club consider the possibility of hosting the 2018 VTR National Convention. Larry Sanderson (our VTR liaison guy), Terry Neuman and Greg Thompson have been doing considerable due diligence into this issue and will be presenting their findings to our club officers. We hope to have something to present for your consideration at our February club meeting.
Winter Party. January 29, 2017 from 1:00 to 5:00, Joseph's (140 South Wabasha) in S, Paul. This should be a great time to partake in

some good comradery, food and drink as well as having a chance to win some great door prizes. It is a \$25.00 buffet. I hope you can all make it. Please see the notice in our Newsletter. Happy motoring,
 Jon/Jack Meier, 1958 TR3A
 President MN Triumphs

TRIUMPHANT LADIES

Are gathering together on an e-mail list! What's that about??? It's a casual way for us ladies to stay in touch about who is going to an event, meeting, trip or drive. We can also help each other stay informed about anything that comes up, such as if someone has surgery, or becomes ill, gets a new car or wins an award for a show. Knowing someone cares is always welcome! Also, this has the potential for growth into more, such as our own events and gatherings, etc. It's our own so it can be as much or little as we want to make of it. There are already a few on my list, and are added only by request. To be included in this fun (I hope!) venture, please email me. nancy@gelhar.com
 Thank you everyone!!!
 Nancy

BREAKFAST REMINDER

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MINUTES OF THE MINNESOTA TRIUMPHS

Minnesota Triumphs Meeting Minutes
January 12th 2017

There were approximately 32 attendees at the meeting, none of which drove a TR. It was 4 degrees at the start of the meeting. Our President Jon Meier kicked off his first meeting since assuming that role on time and with good news. Next month, we meet at our new location;

OL'MEXICO
1754 Lexington Ave N
Roseville, Mn

Our new Treasurer, Jill Davenport, reported we're still in the black, however your new secretary was too slow to write the amounts down.

Orrin McGill, our newsletter editor requested we keep the articles coming, and reported he has some ideas on creating a new calendar feature, making it easier for all to keep track of all of the events the scheduled throughout the year.

Joe Demuth, membership chair reported we finished the year with 118 members. The renewal season has begun. You have thru March to renew your membership. Membership forms are in the newsletter. Joe reported 12 have renewed to date. Two new members were at the meeting. Peter Martin, who is looking for a Spitfire to enjoy, and David ??? who owns a TR6. Sorry David, my typing is slower than my memory loss.

Roger Kraemer reported no tech sessions are currently scheduled, but interest was mounting after the meeting ended.

Doug Burch reported the InterMarque spring kickoff is scheduled May 13th in Osseo.

Roger reported a great turnout for the annual New Years Day Sunrise, with 18 participants in the first event of the year.

Orrin is working on an event calendar that can/will be posted in the newsletter. He is requesting assistance in documenting all of the upcoming years activities.

Our president reported a feasibility study is in process for hosting the 2018 VTR. The information gathered and further discussions will be forthcoming. (February meeting)

The Meetings will be held here:
Ol' Mexico Restaurante & Cantina
1754 Lexington Ave North
Roseville, MN 55113
Phone: 651-487-2847
Email: info@olmexico.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)



VTR REPORT

VTR REPORT FEBRUARY 2017

Greetings from South Florida. I know you have had some rough patches of weather in the North country this season, but it is looking like things are moderating to the point where some cars could be out for the February meeting. It has been drop dead gorgeous in S FL until last night when a front came through and put down a bit of rain. But temps are still in the low 70's and by tomorrow all should rebound back to sunning weather.

I have just finished my latest Vintage Triumph magazine that I got before Christmas. I wish I could convince all of our members who do not belong to VTR to join. The magazine is always loaded with tidbits and Triumph history that as a passionate TR owner I know you would enjoy. All you have to do is spring for \$35 and go to the Vintage Triumph Register website,

www.vtr.org, or just send \$35 for one year subscription to The Vintage Triumph Register, PO Box 655, Howell, MI 48844. If you don't have a Triumph, no problem. This will help you discover what you need to know to buy one more easily. Your benefits include a bi-monthly magazine, The Vintage Triumph, technical consultants; annual convention which brings together hundreds of Triumph enthusiasts, support of local and regional clubs like us here in Minnesota. You can also find more TR regalia and maybe a better rate on your insurance.

Our past president, Terry Neuman, has been busy trying to get a possible site for the 2018 VTR convention that could be held in Minnesota if he and the board select the right venue and location for our guests who could come from all over the country. Possible sights could include Red Wing, Lake Elmo or maybe even

Winona. Since all is in the working stages there is not much to report now.

You all know that the VTR convention will be in Princeton, NJ for 2017. Here we will celebrate 50 years of the Triumph GT6 from August 16-20. Convention headquarters is the Westin Princeton at Forrestal Village about an hour from the Philadelphia and the Newark Airports. Block your calendar as this again will prove to be a fun packed drive and adventure to the East Coast.

Visit the website at vtr2017.org. I cannot convey to you how these conventions present an opportunity for closeness with your MN TR members with whom you travel. Take a chance. Get a room. Let the fun begin in 2017. You must be a member of the VTR. Go to www.vtr.org, and join today.

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



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Triumph Calendar

FOOD for Thought
A calendar of ideas
of what we can do this year

1/1/17
**MINNESOTA TRIUMPHS
SPORTS CAR CLUB
2016 EVENTS CALENDAR
(TENTATIVE)**

**Does not include tech sessions
(not yet scheduled)**

JANUARY

12-Club meeting

29 -WINTER PARTY
January 29, 2017 / 1:00-5:00
Details on page 14

FEBRUARY

9-Club meeting

MARCH

9-Club meeting

APRIL

13-Club meeting

15-Tech Session

22-Shakedown / Spring Tour
????? will be hosting.

MAY

11-Club meeting

13-*Intermarque in Osseo, MN
See Page 7

21- @ 2:00pm Meisville Mud
Hens vs. Lake City Serpents.
Memorial Day Weekend:

Drive the Brainerd International
Race Track with your Sports Car
See the BIR web site:
www.brainerdraceway.com/2013-
schedule/eventsbydate.html

JUNE

x-*10,000 Lakes Concours in
Excelsior, MN

1-3 British National Meet 2016
Celebrating 20 years of British
Car Week
Blytheville, Arkansas

xx-CAF Hanger Dance, 6PM to
Midnight (host: Dick Leighninger)

xx-*Rendezvous in xxxx

8-Club meeting

11-Antique tour (host: ?????)

xx-yy Back to the 50s at MN
State Fair

xx-*Amery Auto Cross & Speed
Run in Amery, WI

zz-MNTR Cherokee Park picnic
(host: ?????)

JULY

13-Club meeting

xx-yy *Iola Car Swap & Show in
Iola, WI

xx-*Drive In Movie Night @ Vali
Hi (host: ?????)

xx-*Wine Tour (host: Steve
Shogren)

AUGUST

x-Queen Mum Tour?

12- New London/New
Brighton Antique Car Run

10-Club meeting

12-*Britfest in Hudson, WI

xx-*Amery Auto Cross & Speed
Run in Amery, WI

SEPTEMBER

9-*CAF Hanger Dance 6PM to
Midnight (host: Dick Leighninger)

9-*Wheels & Wings in Osceola,
WI

14-Club meeting

9-Summer Picnic (host: Phil &
Sue Ethier)

xx-yy *Waumandee Hillclimb in
Alma, WI

zz-Mystery Tour (host needed)

OCTOBER

12-Club meeting

14-Color Tour (host needed)

xx-High Tea (host: Carole
Isakson)

See Intermarque Monthly at:
www.intermarque.org

REGULAR CLUB EVENTS

Audi Club Glacier Lakes, Most months there is a Third Thursday gathering with time & date announced at audiclubglacierlakes.org

Austin-Healey Club of Manitoba, Regular monthly Club meetings on the 1st monday of each month, 7:30 pm. except when monday falls on a long weekend, then it is the next monday. No meeting in December. Also check our website for the meeting locations as well as various other events, breakfast drives etc. during the summer months, see www.ahcm.ca

Arrowhead Sports Car Club Monthly Meeting, second Thursday of the month, 7:00 p.m., 4767 West Arrowhead Road, Hermantown, Minnesota. Info: www.arrowheadsc.org

British Iron Society Informal gathering, 8 am every Saturday morning at the Fry-n Pan, Fourth and Main, beautiful downtown Fargo, North Dakota. Info: mail@britishironsociety.com

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

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

Minnesota Austin-Healey Club Pie and/or Pint With the President, first Wednesday of the month, 7:00 p.m. or before. Joseph's Grill, 140 South Wabasha, Saint Paul, MN. Info: www.mnhealey.com

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

Minnesota SAAB Club Monthly Meeting First Thursday of the month, 7 p.m., Dover in the Double Tree Hotel, 1500 Park Place Boulevard, Minneapolis, MN 55416 Chris Luick 612 250 6788 or www.mnsaabclub.org

MUM: Minnesota United Minis at irregular times and locations. Check out our Facebook page.

Minnesota Triumphs Monthly Meeting, second Thursday of the month (except Nov. & Dec.), 7:00 p.m., The **September and October** Meetings will be held here: ANDERSON-NELSON ROSEVILLE VFW Post 7555 1145 Woodhill Drive Roseville, MN 55113 vfwroseville.com

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

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

Thunder Bay Vintage Sports Car Club Monthly general meeting Third Thursday of the month 7pm at the Slovak Legion, 801 Atlantic Ave. Thunder Bay, Ontario. Sept. to May, in the summer we drive! www.tbvsc.ca

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

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

ZOOM Datsun/Nissan Z Owners. 1st Monday of the month 6:30 pm (locations vary) For details join <https://www.facebook.com/groups/ZoomZcar/>



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Triumph Trader

FOR SALE

For Sale:

5 speed transmission from 76 TR7 \$250.00

Complete rear axle assy, drum to drum from 76 TR7 \$50.00

2 new SU 1 1/4 dia carbs in the box \$550.00

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Contact Roger Kraemer @ 651-207-3920 or spitsand7s@gmail.com

For Sale: Two TR2 front bumper overriders. Brand new - still in box.

Ordered in 2013 and just found out they do not fit my TR3A.

Moss wants \$49.99- each. I'll sell one for 49.99 and the second one for a penny.

Yes - Take home two for only \$50.00

Bob Swanson
763-535-5540

FOR SALE: Original Hard Top for a 1958 Triumph Sports Type 20 TR3A. Top is in excellent condition. \$400.

Contact Jerry Behrens at jkbehrens@msn.com or phone 651-645-2457 for more information (please leave message if phone is not answered)



1980 1500 Spitfire, carmine red, am-fm cd radio, plays up to 10 cd's. New top, boot, interior. All bearings recently packed. Has a hardtop also. Needs some work. Tonneau cover. Contact Rick at 612- 963-1827. \$5,995 obo.

**MONTHLY
REPORT**
as of 1/17/2017

Club Funds Balance

Checking.....\$2,197.72

Savings.....\$10,240.29

Total.....\$12,438.01

Memberships

Total paid.....117

WANTED

Seats For TR-6 or Spifire

1969-1972 high back seats that recline preferred. Call Mark (651) 450-9504

Boot (trunk) floor for a TR7. will take the hole body shell if necessary. Also looking for **Custom wheels** for a TR7, prefer 14in or 15in. with or without tires. Contact Roger Kraemer 651-207-3920 or kraemer@q.com

651-242-7635

BREAKFAST REMINDER

Breakfasts on Saturday mornings are now held at Elsie's. 729 Marshall Street N.E., Minneapolis, 55413. 8am start.



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

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

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*influenced by "Treasure of the Sierra Madre"



MEMBERSHIP NOTES

2017 Dues Paid



2016 Membership = 117
2017 Paid Members = 25

- Pay at the monthly meeting;
- Pay using PayPal - visit our web page at www.mntriumphs.org/join.htm
- Or mail payment to me at 4018 Emerson Ave. N, Minneapolis, MN, 55412.

New Members in Their Own Words

I bought our 76 TR6 back in 2008, fourth owner of this 39,000 mile beauty. It's been a great runner for Joanna and me over the years with our small trips around MN & WI when we could get away from the kids. The kids are all grown up now and we finally have some time to put some hours into learning more about this car and the club. *David and Joanna Poinar, Chanhassen, MN*



My name is Jerry, but have never been called that my entire life. I have always been called Boozie. Long explanation, but derives from being called Boosula as a little Russian baby. The TR3 I have now is my third. I bought it sight unseen in November. It was an eBay car that did not meet its reserve. I'm hoping for the best as the car sits in my garage waiting for spring. Looking forward to meeting other triumph lovers. *Jerry Fudenberg, Minneapolis, MN*



Membership Form

\$25 for a single membership + emailed newsletter \$26 for family membership + emailed newsletter
\$35 for a single membership + mailed newsletter \$36 for a family membership + mailed newsletter

Mail to: Joe DeMuth, 4018 Emerson Ave N, Minneapolis, MN, 55412

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Partner	
Address	
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Cars	

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:

Minnesota Triumphs
4018 Emerson Avenue N
Minneapolis, MN 55412



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 Ol' Mexico Restaurante & Cantina, 1754 Lexington Ave North, Roseville, MN 55113, Phone: 651-487-2847, Email: info@olmexico.com. 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.



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