

# TRIUMPHS & TRIBULATIONS



antique (an-teeek) noun,  
an object having special value  
because of its age.

## Antiques driving antiques searching for antiques



Photo Credit: Daniel and Terry

### ON THE COVER

*Great turn out for our really first club event that wasn't postponed. Roads and drive were terrific...what rain? One car did make it to the pie. Thanks Steve for hosting.*

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## **PREZ RELEASE** **JULY 2013**

8:00 a.m. June 25<sup>th</sup> THE POWER IS BACK ON! I feel like we have been disassociated from the world for the last few days. Last Thursday, the 20<sup>th</sup> we headed a few miles west to an old resort to do a little fishing. No internet service and only spotty cell phone service but we were still somewhat in touch, there was a small TV with intermittent reception so we could get some weather updates as the storms passed through the cities. When we got home there was no power, the sump pump has a battery backup so there was no water damage, tree limbs scattered all over and a few fence sections down. Now we really felt isolated. To be at home "in the big city" with no TV, no radio,

and no lights, no AC, no internet, nothing to do but wait and hope the batteries hold out. This morning we have power, what a great feeling, I was able to go online and sort out all the junk email from the last five days. Hope all of you made it through the storm without serious damage and you are safe.



Earlier this month I was able to attend the Rendezvous in Grand Rapids. It was great fun to go exploring the north woods logging roads with Joe and Karen Demuth. We were actually looking for the "Lost 40" and we found it! Check out the history on the web. Quite interesting.

The Healey club did a great job planning this event and I want to go on record thanking them for the hospitality.

Lots of TR events going on this summer. By the time this hits the newsstands the Amery Auto Cross & Speed Run and the MNTR Cherokee Park picnic will be history. At this time the weather for the weekend looks good and hopefully there was a good turnout. Here is a plug for the July events. Let's all mark our calendars for the 26<sup>th</sup> Drive In Movie Night @ Vali Hi and the 27<sup>th</sup> for the Wine Tour and don't forget to get some Barbeque and take some photos along the way.

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

## June 13, 2013 Meeting

President Larry Berg called the meeting to order at 7:13 p.m.

We had a couple of new (and returning) faces join us tonight. Larry Smith is a new member of the group. He bought Joe DeMuth's TR3. Jerry Peterson is back in the club. He was a member some 15 years ago and has a 1980 Spitfire. Meanwhile, Lynn Halverson is back with his TR6 and he also has a Stag.

Membership chair Joe DeMuth reported that we have around 80 family groups so far this year. That's down from previous years, but still healthy.

Newsletter chair Orrin McGill gave a nod to Terry Mackey, who comes up with the great covers for the newsletter. He also said we can expect lots of neat things in the July issue. However, Orrin also mentioned that he plans to hand over the newsletter duties to someone else for next year. If you're interested in taking the reins, we'll elect a new newsletter chair at the October meeting.

Linda Nelson mentioned that she's still moving forward with plans to put up a board with name tags on it. She'll send an e-mail to the group asking for people's names and a side-profile picture of their cars.

Regarding tech sessions, Pat Holt suggested making the schedule flexible. Typically, tech sessions have been on the third Saturday of the month. However he'd like to move that as needed – possibly even having sessions on Sundays. The group agreed that would be fine.

Pat is also our InterMarque liaison and he reported that the recent Rendezvous was great, and there are plenty of other fun evens on the InterMarque calendar.

Vice President Sue Ethier spoke of the upcoming InterMarque picnic, which the Minnesota Triumphs Club is hosting on June 30. It'll be from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. at Cherokee Park in St. Paul. Sue plans to bring a big container of Arby's roast beef and buns. Everyone else is encouraged to bring a dish to share.

As for upcoming events, Terry Mackey and Dick Leighninger wanted to remind everyone about the winery tour near Delano that's coming up on July 27. There will be room for about 100 cars (and we're not conflicting with the Corvette event this year!).

The Mudhens even was also rescheduled to July 21, while the Spring Tour will still happen sometime this summer, though an exact date has not yet been nailed down.

Mark Stephens said he attended the recent Hangar Dance and reported that it was a great event. He wanted to remind everyone that another dance is scheduled for Sept. 7.

The great annual Etheir picnic is scheduled for Sept. 14. The VTR get-together in California is shaping up to be an impressive event. And pictures of your car at a barbeque restaurant should be sent to Larry Berg for consideration in this year's calendar contest.

Larry adjourned the meeting at 8:01 p.m.

Total Attendees: 40

Total Triumph Cars: 25

GT6+:	2
Spitfire:	3
Stag:	1
TR3:	5
TR4:	4
TR6:	9
TR8:	1

## 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 JULY 2013

Supposedly summer began two days ago, but I would not get to enjoy the longest day as it was cut short by heavy clouds and much more rain. Hopefully your day was longer and dryer than mine. The rain just persists and will not let up. Maybe July summer will come.

Since the last issue of T&T I had the pleasure of joining Joe B, Joe S, and Orrin M as they had invited me on the trek to Hot Springs, AR. It was actually the first long distance test for the '73 6 and it proved successful with the car tracking straight down the road with the new 205 15" tires, new tune up, brakes, and fluids with thanks to Larry B. As I passed 70 mph lots of whirs, hums and vibrations were present, but no shaking and the temp gauge stayed in a manageable area. In the close to 2000 mile the car used ¾ qt of oil and still full on arrival back to its garage stall. All of us had a good time with plenty libations and food (lots of barbecue) after a long days haul behind the wheel. The satellite radio made my journey shorter with various news stations and oldies channels coming thru the speakers. But somehow I

stay locked in the 50's-60's even though I can appreciate all the other decades and types of music. I remain just an old guy in an old car listening to old music. All of my TR buds made the journey worth a ton of laughs with stories and jokes each night. We met many nice folks in Hot Springs and along the way. And to all of those at the rest stops who would ask, "Are those MG's"? No, they are not MG's! I am still flying high after learning to drink Red Bull in a silver can that did keep me awake when a slow song played. Thanks you guys for a memorable ride.

Next trip...California, San Rafael or Bust! Plans are being made now. You must be VTR member to go, so plan now for a memorable ride and a California Dream. Please join all of us listed below From October 2 through 6, 2013 for this exciting venue. For information on the Triumphest/VTR national 2013 go to <http://www.triumphtravelers.org> Hotel reservations and information may be found by calling the Embassy Suites Hotel, 101 McInnis Parkway, San Rafael, CA 94903. Call toll free at 800 362 2779 and ask for the special low convention rate.

New MN TR members if you do not

belong to the Vintage Triumph Register, please consider joining now. You need to be a member to go to the VTR convention anyhow. The cost is \$35 which includes the bi-monthly magazine, the Vintage Triumph, technical consultants, the annual convention, support of our club and other regional clubs, Triumph regalia and special rates on insurance for your vintage TR. Please call me with questions or go to [www.vtr.org](http://www.vtr.org) to join.

Larry Sanderson, your MN TR VTR Liaison, 507 269 1500  
[myfriendlar@yahoo.com](mailto:myfriendlar@yahoo.com)

### **San Rafael, California Or Bust Let's Go For It.**

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

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

### **Look Who's Going!**

**Orrin & Pam McGill**

**Joe & Virginia Bisanz**

**Larry & Gayle Sanderson**

**Greg & Carole Thompson**

**Terry & Sharon Neuman**

**Wayne Morris & Joan Ostenson**

**Terry & Bernadette Mackey**

**See Flyer on Page 12**

# Triumph Calendar

## JULY

6-A July tech session will be held  
July 6th at:  
10753 Boundary Creek Terrace  
Maple Grove, MN 55369  
Carole Isakson,  
763-425-5325 612- 308-2123  
cell

11-Club meeting

11-14 \*Iola Car Swap & Show  
in Iola, WI

21- @ 2:00pm Meisville Mud  
Hens vs. Rochester Royals.  
More info to come...Gary  
Stephenson to host.

26-\*Drive In Movie Night @  
Vali Hi (host: Andy Lindberg)

27-\*Wine Tour (host: Steve  
Shogren)

## AUGUST

4-Queen Mum Tour?

8-10 New London/New  
Brighton Antique Car Run

8-Club meeting

10-\*Britfest in Hudson, WI

24-\*Amery Auto Cross & Speed  
Run in Amery, WI

## SEPTEMBER

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

07-\*Wheels & Wings in  
Osceola, WI

12-Club meeting

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

20-22 \*Waumandee Hillclimb in  
Alma, WI

22-Mystery Tour (host needed)

## OCTOBER

2-6 \*VTR in San Rafael, CA

10-Club meeting

12-Color Tour (host needed)

20-High Tea (host: Carole  
Isakson)

## JANUARY

~~JANUARY 2014 Winter Bash~~  
~~will be Jan 26, 2014 - venue~~  
~~[www.intermarque.org](http://www.intermarque.org)~~  
TBD

\* Intermarque events

## Tale Of The Tape

What: British Car Week Na-  
tional Meet

Where: Hot Springs, Arkansas

When: May 29th to June 2nd

Mileage to Hot Springs 920

Miles at Meet 60

Mileage back to St. Paul 912

Total Miles 1,892

Total Fuel Gallons 75.69

Avg. Price Per Gallon \$ 3.94

Total Fuel Cost \$298.77

Avg. Mile per Gallon 24.99

Avg. Speed 65-70mph

Oil Used 1 1/3 qts

Castrol 20/50w w/ zinc

Coolant added None

Tyre Pressures

Front 24 psi

Rear 20 psi

Roadside Repairs None



**Saturday July 27th, Noon to 4pm**

# **4th 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
- Available tour of the vineyard & winery



**Please join us for a fun day!**  
**<[mntriumphs.org](http://mntriumphs.org)>**

Any questions contact: Steve Shogren, Minnesota Sports Car Club  
mail to:<[steveshogren@yahoo.com](mailto:steveshogren@yahoo.com)>



## PHIL'S AUTOCROSS STORY

Sue and I drove uncle jack up to Cohasset and Grand Rapids [No Trailer, so I couldn't bring the Project TR3 back to The Cities] for the Vintage Sports Car Rendezvous. uncle jack is not exactly a sports car, but there were some other vintage cars there that were no more sports car than a Stag, either.

Sue has never been exactly warm to the idea of me autocrossing the Stag. I got around this nicely at the VTR convention in Colorado by codriving a fast TR250 to FTD. But this time, I didn't want to beg/borrow/rent a ride. "OK", she said, "but be sure you have enough cash on your person to take a bus to points unknown if anything happens to him." Hey, uncle jack's a perfectly-stock 1973 Triumph Stag on four-year-old donated-by-Cooper tires; what could possibly go wrong?

So bright and early Friday, Stag and I were the first competition team to show up at the Grand Rapids airport.

I wanted to be gentle on the old boy, so I worked on my arcs, and mostly

avoided squealing the tires. Got the expected wheelspins on corner exits. This car could use a big front bar like the one I put in the TR4. Man, this thing is big. Didn't want to hit any cones, as my future chances of autocrossing this car depend on bringing it back in good shape. Trying too hard today would be penny-wise and pound-foolish.

I was mostly here to see what the Stag would do in the speed-run part which follows the autocross course. I ran with the top up for aerodynamics. The autocross time stops just as you are making the bend onto the taxiway for the speed run. The runways are of course flat, but they didn't spend the money to flatten the taxiway, so it's a bit of uphill. The TR4 ran out of revs at this venue: 100 MPH is the redline, and even though it was still pulling, heaven help anyone foolhardy enough to over-rev a stock TR4 engine, so feathering the pedal was a must. The Stag was different: Uphill into a similar light headwind, it ran out of power in fourth gear before the finish line. No need to lift here.

I took Tom Depke on my first run, as he wanted to see where I'd put the line. I guess he learned...

The times and speeds were kept secret until the banquet on Saturday night.

When Eventmaster Tom Hazen announced the times and handed out the certificates, I was amazed to find that the Stag had set the fastest time in Vintage. I didn't see that coming.

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 downtown car show  
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 lakeside car show  
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Car Number	First Name	Last Name	Model	Year	Make	Model	Time	MAX	MPH
77	Tom	Depke		2004	Pontiac	GTO	57.42		142
9	Phil	Ethier		1973	Triumph	Stag	62.06		102
10	Riley	Burton		1974	VW	Super Beetle	65.03		56
41	Brad	Wurgler		1972	MG	MGB	65.44		86
19	Pete	Smith		1991	Mazda	Miata	67.07		87
15	Glenn	Patterson		1966	Austin-Healey	Sprite	67.37		73
72	Kim	Rixen		1975	MG	Midget	67.57		74
2	Jon	Clementson		1960	Triumph	TR3	68.86		94
86	Mike	Boulka		1986	Ford	Mustang GT	68.98		126
47	Tom	Politiski		1986	Morgan	4/4/2013	70.04		79
27	Ted	Moorby		1959	Austin-Healey	Sprite	70.07		73
71	Greg	Willodson		1960	Austin-Healey	BN7 3000	71.06		90
21	Glenn	Burton		1974	VW	Super Beetle	71.07		70
78	Dave	Harvey		1978	MG	MGB	74.22		74
13	John	Gilbert		1973	MG	MGB-GT-V6	75.09		103
17	Suzanne	Willodson		1960	Austin-Healey	BN7 3000	75.24		41
31	Dale	Tellinghuisen		1974	MG	MGB	79.68		79
91	Katie	Smith		1991	Mazda	Miata	80.54		77
51	Glenn	Hangaard		1968	MG	MGB	82.13		54
8	Patrick	Holt		1980	Triumph	TR8	85.26		79
7	Graham	Harvey		1979	MG	MGB	90.02		72
18	Graeme	Lowdon		1960	Austin-Healey	BJ7 3000	95.3		94
1	Sue	Joppa		1965	Austin-Healey	BJ8 3000	DNF	NA	
20	Bob	Griffiths		1971	MG	MGB	DNF		78
54	John	Block		1958	Austin-Healey	Sprite	DNF		89
3	Andy	Lindberg		1959	Triumph	TR3	DNS		
5	Bill	Allen		1952	MG	TD	DNS		
11	Eileen	Wetzel	19??		Austin-Healey	3000	DNS		
16	Norris	Badanai		1999	Jaguar	XS8	DNS		
44	LeRoy	Joppa		1957	Austin-Healey	V8	DNS		
61	Joanne	Badanai		1999	Jaguar	XS8	DNS		
0	Tom	Hazen	20??		Mitsu	Evolution	55.97		128



Joe Soucheray (John Doman, Pioneer Press)

Having wrestled a 1976 Triumph TR6 to Hot Springs, Ark. -- which is a town, like the car, of faded glory -- I did not feel old. I felt, well, triumphant. Not everybody can climb into a contraption about as wide as a Red Flyer wagon and about as fast as maybe a souped-up riding lawnmower and drive it 850 miles one way.

They have something down there, a British car week, in a place called Hot Springs Village, and it was this entertainment that compelled a group of us, two Joes, a Larry and an Orrin, to take leave of our senses and see if we couldn't accomplish the task. In any event, I did it, feeling slightly safer buzzing along than I might if I was riding a motorcycle, which I no longer do because too many people text while driving. I saw quite a number of texting pigs on the trip.

Hot Springs is a place I would never have gotten to, otherwise. Arkansas is just not much in my consciousness. Topographically, it is a bowl of lumpy green oatmeal. Driving through the Ouachita Mountains -- pronounced Woshitaw -- it was impossible to get a perspective on even the points of the compass, and once at our destination, a rented house, where we got four Triumphs in a two-car garage, it was also difficult to get a sense of place because of the dense forests and the always-surprising height of the trees down in that neck of the woods.

And then we started meeting people, people in the village and people who had come from afar for the car week. And I

am afraid I had a transformative moment about just where I am in life, because I kept getting asked one question whenever somebody broke the ice to start up a chat.

"What did you do?" a transplanted lawyer from Iowa asked me.

Did?

"What did you do?" asked my new friend Dick Russ of Oklahoma City, who was campaigning a Jaguar XKE that he restored himself, including painting it and stitching the interior carpeting. It developed that Mr. Russ did quite something. He was the chief launch engineer on Apollo missions 8 through 11. He was a rocket scientist!

Did?

"Uh, I still do it," is all I could think to reply.

"What?"

Well, that gave me pause. What do I do, or have I done? I haven't launched rockets or practiced law. I don't

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The Minnesota Austin-Healey Club Invites You

**September 20-22, 2013**

**Alma and Waumandee, Wisconsin**

Open to vintage vehicles 1983 and older

View a fast run on **YouTube**  
<http://youtu.be/iIuFeIJhvPg>



2 miles

18 turns

400-foot ascent

**Agenda for the weekend in Alma and Waumandee:**

- Friday evening: Parade lap of the hillclimb course followed by a welcome dinner with wood-fired pizza, live music, and **free beer!**
- Saturday all day: Hillclimb with mandatory drivers meeting at 8:30AM (**rain date Sunday**)
- Saturday evening: Awards banquet dinner set in beautiful downtown Waumandee
- Sunday morning: Tour of a private car museum with gorgeous 1930s Franklins

**Corner workers needed:** Want to get close to the action but not drive? Like to wave flags and blow whistles? Free treats provided to all volunteers, and those who stay 8AM to 5PM receive free lunch. Space is limited so call Tom now (612-237-1883) to reserve your coveted place among the cones.

**Advance registration required:** Deadline Sept 18 or sellout. \$75 per driver. \$60 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 \$3 service charge to [myliberty@comcast.net](mailto:myliberty@comcast.net). Sorry no refunds. Weekend lodging choice list will be sent to all registrants.

Driver	Waumandee 2013
	\$75 / \$60
Year, make, model, color, requested car number	
Email and phone	
Emergency contact name and phone	
Award banquet dinner(s) at \$20 each = _____	
Total payment \$ _____	

Despite the precautions taken, this event remains dangerous and may result in property damage, serious injury, or death. All participants enter at their own risk and peril.



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# BRITISH INVASION OF HUDSON

## Britfest 2013

### Vintage British Car Show

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## FREE ADMISSION to Show your Car!

### August 10th, 2013

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  
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for more information contact Tom Belongia 715.781.0361



## The Friends of Triumph Presents:

### The Kastner Cup 2013

There are some events that are life changing. Not only one event, but many aspects and sides to a whole experience. Just the thought of it gives me goosebumps. The particular event we are excited about is the Kastner Cup 2013.

It is the 11th installment in an annual event filled with racing history. Starting in 2003 in Ontario, Canada at Mosport International Raceway and has been held at different historic villages with racetracks in the forefront all over North America. With locations like Watkins Glen, Road Atlanta, Laguna Seca, and other race tracks, this installment for 2013 should prove to be the largest and most historic of them all. The Village of Elkhart Lake, WI is alive with racing influence and sights that any motor sports fan can relish for life. From the old course still in place with landmarks like turn five, The Hard Left, to the start/finish line distinctly marked in the background of the famous Seibken's Resort and Tavern. Elegance, style, ambiance are all felt while standing in the center of it all. Did Paul Newman sit in this very chair? Did Kas Kastner stay in this room? The mind can't help but wander off into thoughts of high revs and tire smoke. The prominence and prestige of the rich and famous, the finer things right before your very eyes.

Even visiting the small village's benefits like quaint antique shops, personable cafes, and local villagers' smiles and welcoming waves, all with the sweet song of horsepower in the distance. This weekend will be filled with "can't miss" events. Take in a stroll around the green terrain, eat at a five star restaurant, order a drink at Seibken's Bar, enjoy the Gather on the Green Vintage Car Show near the old start/finish line in the

Osthoff Luxury Resort courtyard, or hang out at the track all day and soak up the sights and sounds that are only present at this event. If you have a car, you are in for a special treat. There will be Old Course reenactments, tour laps at Road America, and wind in your hair while following vintage cars wanting to be a part of it all just like you. This promises to be a touch of it all. A hint of the honor and glory of yester-years.

Not only will there be racing, but it will be a display of how things used to be. Real men in rockets on the razor's edge in cars that are rebuilt to specs of their prime. 40, 50, 60 year old cars humming a tune of power around Canada corner and up the hill towards the tower. Spectators, aptly pegged "Fence Monkeys" peering around the corners trying to get a glimpse of days of glory past. The smell of burnt rubber and exhaust fumes ever present at every corner of this "4 Miles of Black Magic".

This will be the place to be, the thing to do, and will coexist with the VSCDA's Elkhart Lake Vintage Festival starting September 6th and continuing through September 8th. The Kastner Cup will be the crown jewel of this entire weekend. Someone will be awarded the prestigious Kastner Cup. It won't necessarily be the fastest driver. It is possible to win twice, just not consecutively, but I guarantee they will be pushing as hard as everyone else. There is yet to be a repeat winner. The Kastner Cup is based on 50% track performance, 25% car presentation, and 25% attitude and interest in Vintage Racing.

Come be a part of it all. Take in all the sights and sounds that this once in a lifetime experience has to offer. Whether you are a racer or spectator, we promise you will develop fond memories and meet people with the same passion and

love for vintage cars and the lifestyle that comes with being a custodian of such works of art, displays of form and function, and historic drivers alike.

See you there. September 6th-8th at Elkhart Lake, WI. VSCDA's Elkhart Lake Vintage Festival and Kastner Cup 2013 are waiting for you...

For Tickets and camping info: <http://www.roadamerica.com/>  
For Driver Entry, Race Schedules, Etc:

<http://www.vscda.org/>  
Host Hotel/Resort and Lodging info:

<http://www.osthoff.com/>  
Driver and Crew info: <http://www.fot-racing.com/>  
Other Lodging info: <http://www.siebkens.com/>

There will be more info coming on package deals exclusively to Friends of Triumph, VTR, TRA, 6 PAK, VSCDA, ELVF, and NASS members. These packages will include welcome dinner (Friday night) with Kas Kastner, old course re-enactment, crew assignments for the famous Triumph TR 250K, prime paddock parking (Triumphs only), Gather on the Green car show on the Osthoff Resort lawn, Road America track touring, and much more for the whole weekend. Everyone with packages and a Triumph will be able to take a pre-grid lap of Road America on Sunday before the Kastner Cup. For package info and forms, please email me at [my71spit13@yahoo.com](mailto:my71spit13@yahoo.com).

Please share this with others that may be interested in attending this epic, once-in-a-lifetime event.

Shawn Frank

Photos are here: <http://s1360.photobucket.com/user/ContinuedLegacy/library/Kastner%20Cup%202013%20Press%20release?sort=3&page=1>

# TRIUMPHFEST

Triumph Travelers  
Sports Car Club  
VTR National Convention

# 2013

Greater San Francisco Bay Area

October 2 through 6, 2013

**Events:**

San Francisco Driving Tour  
Sonoma Raceway Autocross  
VTR Concours  
Hospitality Party  
Funcours Car Show  
Funrallye  
Awards Banquet  
Triumph Vendors and Regalia

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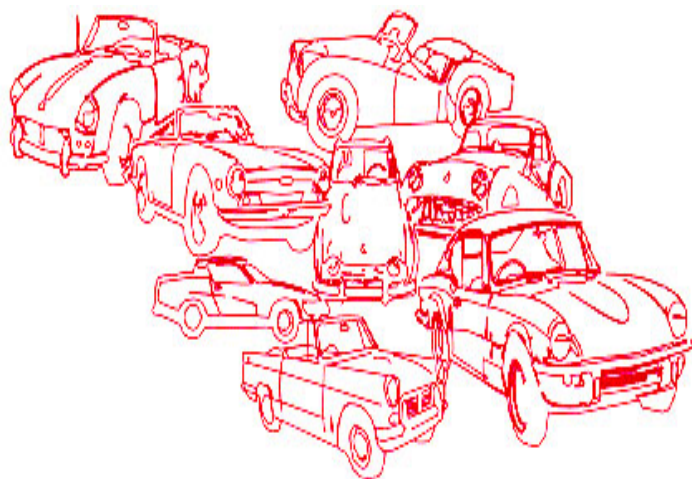
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hold any land-speed records.

"Why, I am in the entertainment industry," I said. "Newspapers, radio, things of that nature."

Oh.

I didn't mean for my answer to kill the conversation, but the combination of the unusual answer and the fact that I was still doing it made me a bit of an outlier. The Village claims to be the largest gated community in the United States and, I came to understand, was designed to accommodate only retired people, and the hobby of the cars, which I have always associated with the sound track from "Easy Rider," seems to be practiced with the most relish by people who no longer work for money, but work for their cars.

Did? I am reluctant to get on the "did" side of the line, to look back and not forward. The "did" side of the line would be like Hot Springs, the town, which is physically reminiscent of Stillwater and features, in its faded glory, boarded-up bath houses where people used to take the waters, which they thought were healing for what ailed them. Hot water still burbles out of fountains along the sidewalks. Gangsters and ballplayers used to frequent the place. I made a mental note to reread one of my favorite Stephen Hunter novels, "Hot Springs." That one featured Bob Lee Swagger's daddy, Earl.

Bob Lee is still showing up in Hunter's novels.

And I'm still going to pry myself in and out of these contraptions. It's easy. If the car is pointed north, you simply face west, crouch like a catcher, sit with your legs outside the car and then pull the right leg in and then the left without gripping anything structurally important lest the stress might pull off a door or the top.

Off you go, hanging on for dear life, but doing, doing.

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# Triumph Trader

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## **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 jcherveny@chartermi.net or 218-310-4375. I'm a member of Minnesota Triumphs.  
Jim Cherveny

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### **Trader information** *Members'*

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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.

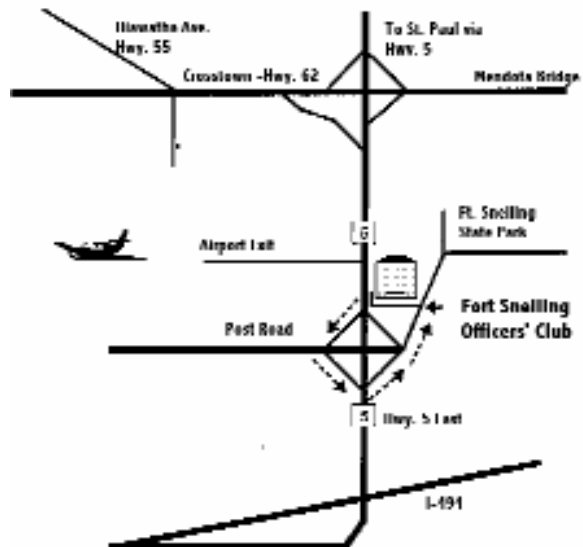
Annual membership is \$25 (an additional \$1 provides your partner with voting privileges at our annual election of officers). With this membership fee, your newsletter can be seen on-line or you can pick up a hard copy at the monthly meetings.

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

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

## Monthly Meetings

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



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## Membership Notes

The members that attended Rendezvous had a great time, too bad there weren't more of us. We were overrun by MG's, hey its all British, right? While most participants were enjoying the gnome guided tour, Larry Berg, Karen, my wife, and I set out to find the "Lost Forty." Seems that at the turn of the century, when the state was surveying the forests for timber sales to logging companies, a mistake was made. There was one forty acre plot that didn't show up on the maps. That acreage was never harvested. Consequently, there are 100 to 300 year old white and red pines standing today. The road is marked and paved except for the last bit. There are trails with informative markers. Very much worth a visit.



On to club business. We have a new member, Kelly Schaffer who hails from Blaine. Welcome to the club. Also I need to apologize to Jim Cherveny for misspelling his name in the roster. I have corrected the error on the roster and, of course added the Kelly's information. But I hesitate to sent out updated rosters every time a change is made, so I have made an executive decision. In the interest of not clogging your email boxes with large files every month, I will sent out an amended roster in August. Meanwhile just make good, old pen and paper corrections to your copy as more of my errors become known. And, of course, make note of the new member.

### Membership Form

- ☐ \$25 for a single membership + emailed newsletter   ☐ \$26 for family membership + emailed newsletter  
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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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