

# TRIUMPHS & TRIBULATIONS



## Winter Bash



Photos Credit: Joe B & Staff

### ON THE COVER

*The Winter Bash was wintery but warm inside.  
Thanks everyone for attending and emptying the raffle table.*

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## PREZ RELEASE

I was unable to attend the last meeting for personal reasons. You may have heard that our son-in-law passed away early last month and one week later we welcomed our new granddaughter, Cleo Maxine, to this world. Gail and I are doing what we can to help out with the new baby and the two year old who just entered the "Terrible Two's".

Life goes on and it has been reported that you got along just fine without me. I am so pleased to hear

that the club enthusiastically decided to support and host the 2015 Rendezvous. In the past it was so much fun planning and hosting the Quadfests and the VTR Nationals. Some of the best memories Gail and I have are working on these projects and of course being there and making new friends along the way is what it's all about. I think that this is just what we need - a chance to work together as a team. Should be a great project.

The BBQ calendar is ready!  
I know it's been a long, long

wait but finally you can get your very own copy at the meeting. Hope to see all of you at the March meeting.

Sometimes I sit and think and sometimes I just sit.

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 February 13  
Really Official Minutes

In President Larry Berg's absence, Vice President Sue Ethier was coaxed into leading the meeting. After a few moments of struggling with the normal sound and light problems, she settled into a great performance as leader.

The usual reports were given. Treasurer Terry Mackey reported that the club still has buckets of money. Membership Director Joe Demuth reported the club still has members. Newsletter Editor Bill Gingerich reported that he had the only Triumph in the parking lot. It was a TR7 on a trailer on its way over to Roger Kraemer's for removal of its running gear and insertion of a Mustang V6. Much of the TR7's engine compartment equipments and tyranny were removed the following Saturday during the tech session at Roger's.

Main item of business was a vote on whether Minnesota Triumphs should host the 2015 international and multi-marque Rendezvous. After some discussion, the vote was taken, approving the measure by a unanimous voice vote.

The meeting was adjourned.

I wanted to make you aware of a great seminar we have coming up here on Saturday and Sunday, March 22<sup>nd</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2014. John Twist will be here at Quality Coaches and will be addressing the following two topics;

Saturday - Tune for speed

Sunday - Electrical evolution of charging systems.

He will be available to answer questions that may arise as well.

I thought this may be a good item to include in your monthly newsletter.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Best regards,

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## VTR REPORT

You Minnesota Triumph folks are a tough bunch. I read the paper each day of all the records you are breaking in Minnesota for the longest stretch of below zero days and just cannot believe that this keeps going on and on. We come back to MN for a grandson fix in early March and we thought it might be at least in the 30's. We are sure glad we left our tundra clothes in Duluth as we will need them when we head out to the ice caves of the Apostle Islands and ice fish Lake Superior in Duluth. May will come quick and the snow will melt sometime this year.

If you belong to the VTR you by now have your latest Vintage Triumph mag packed with news of the latest VTR Hall of Fame inductees announced in San Rafael. At the VTR membership meeting we were advised that the VTR website would be professionally updated and improved in 2014. Discussion was held on increasing overall VTR membership by persuading more local chapter members to join VTR and through special events. One club in cooperation with Hagerty Insurance, held a school for young adults on how to drive a stick shift using Triumphs. This created a lot of interest. I for one and others emphasized that chapters need to hear more from VTR other than just through the TVT. All of us agreed that attracting new members and retaining current members is difficult for any organization, not just car clubs.

Soooooooo, if you are not a VTR member why not consider joining this spring which comes in about 3 weeks believe it or not. You may join by going on line at [www.vtr.org](http://www.vtr.org). Or you may send your letter to VTR, PO Box 655, Howell, MI 48844. For \$35 you will get the TVT bi-monthly mag, technical consultants, our annual convention, support of local and regional clubs, more Triumph regalia, and special insurance rates if you do not have a good place to go now for insurance.

The 2014 VTR convention will be held in Dobson, NC and hosted by The Triumph Club of the Carolinas. There seems to be lots of enthusiasm for NC as many of us have already made reservations. The Dobson Hampton Inn is now full but the Mt Airy Hampton still has rooms and will honor the \$99 rate for a King or a Queen at 336 789 5999 for Sept 9-14. When speaking with Mt Airy they tell me that the rooms are in short supply. Vineyard tours will be popular along with gardens, Triumphs, Blue Ridge Mts. and Parkway, Triumphs, gorgeous roads, Mt Airy, Mayberry, Barney's Ice Cream, Andy G and more Triumphs. We hope you make this the year to join your fellow Triumph friends as we trek east to North Carolina.

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

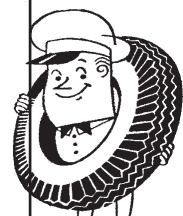
**TR8** - Greg Gelhar (763-424-6434)

**Spitfire** - Bill Gingerich (612-850-4072)

**GT6** - Pat McFarland (763-427-5612)

**Renown** -

**Citroën** - A. Lindberg (651-292-8585)



# Triumph Calendar

## Mar 2014

13-Club Meeting

15-Tech Session- Terry Mackey,  
TR4 OD Transmission Swap

## Apr 2014

10-Club Meeting

19-Tech Session- Pat Holt, TR4  
Dash

## May 2014

03-Spring Shakedown Tour, John  
Kallaus, details to follow

08-Club Meeting

10-Intermarque Spring Kickoff,  
Osseo, MN

17-Tech Session, TBD

## 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-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

See Intermarque Monthly at:  
[www.intermarque.org](http://www.intermarque.org)

# The wait is over!

The long awaited, highly anticipated  
Official Minnesota Triumphs 2014-2015 Bar-B-Que Calendar  
has finally arrived in living color.



A limited quantity will be for sale at the March meeting for only \$7.50.

**Get there early and get in line!**

Additional copies will be printed as needed and mailed for an additional \$2.50. That's only \$10.00 per calendar. Any and all profits from this sale will be added to the general fund.

Unable to attend the March meeting?

You can send your order to:

Larry Berg  
7909 38  $\frac{1}{2}$  Avenue N.  
New Hope, MN. 55427

Friends of Triumph presents:

**The Kastner Cup 2014  
“The Battle of Eagle’s Canyon”  
May 16-18, 2014**

Contact: Bob Kramer: 512-431-8563 [rkramer3@austin.rr.com](mailto:rkramer3@austin.rr.com)

**“The Battle at Eagle’s Canyon”**

History will record this battle. There is a canyon, in the far north of that place called Texas, a piece of land so desirable that over the centuries tribes of natives fought battles for its control. Then they fought settlers and finally the soldiers. Later men came and tried to tame it with their powerful machines, but it remains just out of reach. It is here that a man named Kastner has hidden his treasure, and the word is spreading. Many will come to try to take his chalice, the fabled Kastner Cup, and a spirited battle will ensue. But can it be won? The challenges are many. The road into the canyon has many a turn, many a hill and much risk. It is what they call “difficult terrain”. The eagles soaring above can see the road twisting ever downhill. They can see it rise up toward the sky and their outstretched talons. At ground level it just disappears like eyes closed against the wind. Know this, skill and determination will be rewarded.

It will take much preparation and planning for this journey. The machines must be in top form and the wagons that will carry them up to the task. Fortunately this canyon is not far from the well known cattle town of Fort Worth. Closer still, lodging and supplies can be procured in nearby Decatur. The Innkeeper called Hampton will be the choice of many, those that enjoy telling their war stories after the battle along with loads of amenities. Another Innkeeper with the name of Baymont also provides a bed and a blanket and a hot breakfast. They’ll hold you a bed upon your request. The battlefield itself is a special place. It has plenty of cover that can be reserved.

Hampton Inn and Suites Decatur  
110 South US Hwy 81/287  
Decatur, Texas 76234  
(940) 627-4900

Baymont Inn and Suites Decatur  
600 W Hale Avenue  
Decatur, TX 76234  
(940) 627-3338

For more information on travelling to this place called Eagle’s Canyon have a look at: <http://www.eaglescanyon.com>

All Triumph Covered Paddock Spaces, 3 Days for \$75.00. To reserve please email  
Bob at [rkramer3@austin.rr.com](mailto:rkramer3@austin.rr.com)

Race Registration is expected to be \$400.00 for three days, Friday Test and  
Tune, Saturday and Sunday races, and feature events.

Registration fee includes the Saturday British Small Bore Race and Sunday  
Kastner Cup race.

Can you handle that kind of track time? More info at CVAR website at:  
<http://www.corinthianvintagerace.com>

K-Cup Spectators will be interested in the Texas All British Car Days Spring  
Rallye leaving from ECR-stay tuned for more information.

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

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## ONGOING

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**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.

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**April 26: Vintage Sports Car Racing Spring Swap Meet.**

(You don't need to be a VSCR member to attend. All car nuts welcome!) Quality Coaches, 20 West 38th St., Minneapolis. Bench Racing and Swap Meet. Explore Quality Coaches cars and facility. Bring your car stuff to sell or buy. Meeting & Preview of 2014 Events. Memorial Day, July 4th and Labor Day Weekends at Brainerd International Raceway with Spectator Lunch Time Touring – Coordinated by VSCR. Refreshments served. Info: [www.vscr.org](http://www.vscr.org)

**April 26: Midwest Motors Sports Tech Party** – 728 8th Ave. S., Sauk Rapids, MN 56379. The 2013 event was cancelled but Dan and the guys are hoping for less snow in 2014. Check this web site for up-to-date info: [http://www.sportscarguys.com/Midwest\\_Motor\\_Sports/Open\\_House.html](http://www.sportscarguys.com/Midwest_Motor_Sports/Open_House.html)

**May 10: InterMarque Spring Kick-Off** – Osseo, Minnesota. The InterMarque Council will again sponsor this well attended event in downtown Hey we need some hyper verbiage for this hyper event!!!!

**May 16-18: Spring Vintage Weekend** – Road America in Elkhart Lake, Wisconsin. Over 300 participants are expected to race in ten separate groups, from production and grand touring cars to sports racers, prototypes and formula cars. <http://www.roadamerica.com/>

**May 24-26: VSCR vintage race.** Tentative at Brainerd International Raceway with LOL SCCA's Harvey West Regional/National race. Check BIR site or <http://www.vscr.org/> for updates

**May 29—June 1: Rally in the Valley** (A Northern Exposure) — Eau Claire, Wisconsin. Come to Wisconsin's spectacular country roads. Get out of the city and re-vitalize while enjoying the breath taking countryside that has bountiful rolling hills, creeks, rivers, lakes, bluffs and wildlife. All viewed from the seat of your classic sports car. Best Western Plus Trial Lodge Hotel and Suites. \$79.99 for standard 2 Queen and \$89.99 for King Suite. Call (715) 838-9989. Hosted by the Minnesota MG Group and Steve and Diane Rindt. <http://mn-mggroup.org/rally-in-the-valley-2014-2>

**May 31–June 8: British Car Week.** British Car Week is an annual British car awareness week intended for promoting British cars everywhere. Participants don't need to travel very far for this event because it takes place in their own community. This is a calling for all owners of classic British cars to get together with other car owners in their own communities to show their cars, meet new enthusiasts, catch up with old friends, share stories about their cars, answer questions, and best of all, have a good time. Contact your local Brit club to see if they've got anything planned.







# *Back to the Bay*

## **24<sup>th</sup> Annual Vintage Sports Car Rendezvous**

Past Rendezvous Participant

This is your personal invitation to “Back to the Bay” the 24<sup>th</sup> Annual Vintage Sports Car Rendezvous in Thunder Bay, Ontario, Canada - June 12-15, 2014.

This event was first held in Thunder Bay in 1991 with the support of the Austin Healey Club of Manitoba. Local efforts on the part of a few enthusiastic sports car owners yielded a great weekend (even though it rained) with 37 cars registered. Our American Austin Healey guests had such a great time they decided to host the event in 1992 and it has since become an annual multi-marque, multi-location, multi-club event.

The Rendezvous has continued all these many years due to the combined efforts of the Thunder Bay Vintage Sports Car Club, Manitoba Austin Healey Club, Triumph Driver's Club of Manitoba, Mid-Canada Minis, Minnesota Austin Healey Club, Jaguar Club of Minnesota, Minnesota MG Group, Wisconsin Austin Healey Club, and for 2011 we welcomed the British Iron Society of Fargo, North Dakota. This will be the 8<sup>th</sup> Rendezvous event hosted by the TBVSCC.

So what is the secret to the Rendezvous longevity? **YOU!**

We have a common bond, a deep-rooted interest in Vintage Sports Cars and a motivation to share a good time with others that possess the same interest. On that note some of our partners might agree that at times we do seem possessed.

In 2014 spirited by the Sleeping Giant we invite you “Back to the Bay”. A mix of new and old activities are planned as well as tours of local points of interest including a trip to Russ Wanzuk's museum of old racing cars and motoring memorabilia. A Friday afternoon water front car show followed by an evening of Celtic music and dance set in a rustic rural barn will top off a great day of activity. Saturday will challenge the driver in all of us and the event will culminate with a fine feast and awards. Those who arrive early may even find time to squeeze in a round of golf.

We look forward to hosting you once again in Thunder Bay – hope to see you soon.

**Hotel:** Best Western Nor'Wester Resort Hotel @ 1-888-473-2378. A block of rooms is being held until May 1<sup>st</sup>.

**On-line Registration:** [www.TBVSCC.ca](http://www.TBVSCC.ca)

*Register by May 1, 2014 to receive a free commemorative stowage bag and to qualify for the Early Bird Draw for one free night at the Hotel!*

**JUNE 12 - 15, 2014      Thunder Bay, Ontario, Canada**  
**[www.TBVSCC.ca](http://www.TBVSCC.ca) to register or**  
**for further information contact Chris Pyne at [thepynes@shaw.ca](mailto:thepynes@shaw.ca).**

# Tech Session

## FEBURARY TECH SESSION

The February Tech Session was held on the 15<sup>th</sup> at Roger and Nora Kraemer's house. This was the type of tech session everyone likes. Just dismantle and no reinstall. About 10 club members showed up to join in the fun.

The second item on the list was to start taking apart my new 75 TR7 for rebuild and modification. The car is a 37k car without an engine that I purchased from Bill Gingerich. The only rust on the car is in the spare tire well and a small amount

we need a cutting disc and the torches.

At end we had pizza and some good conversation. I would like to thank all who showed up. It really helped me out.

Roger Kraemer



First on the list was to remove the front and rear bumpers on Nora's spitfire. They will be going into the Chrome Shop for replating. I haven't made up my mind yet as to which shop I am going to. The rear energy absorbing blocks, the big black blobs i.e. Dolly Partons, seem to have deteriorated and the nuts inside are spinning in the sockets. Don't worry I'll get them separated.

on the deck lid. Well, because the engine is gone I just so happened to have a 96 mustang 3.8 V6 with an auto and a discs brake rear that is going to get transplanted into the TR7.

We started to remove the interior, clean out the engine bay and remove the transmission. Some of the hardware was a problem to get out, a little penetrating oil seemed to take care of things. Only twice did





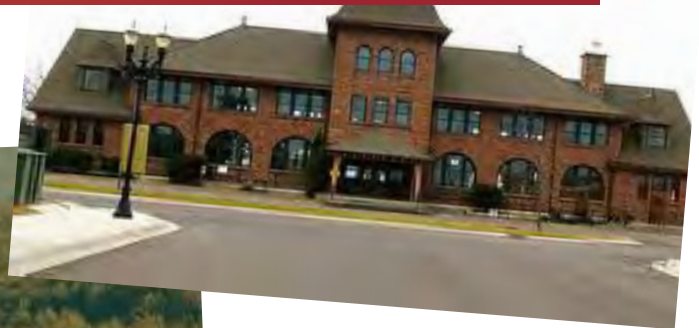


**The Rendezvous organizers  
have graciously asked the  
Minnesota Triumphs Sports Car Club to host the**

**25th Annual Intermarque  
Lake Superior Rendezvous Tour (no passport required)  
ASHLAND, WI...June 11-14, 2015**

**Events will include touring, tech sessions, car shows  
and so much more... Always a fun time!  
Situated on the shore of the world's largest  
natural air conditioner.**

*We hope you will support this exciting event.*







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](http://mntriumphs.org)>**

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





# MEMBERSHIP NOTES

## Lame Car Jokes

A man was driving down a country road in the middle of dairy farm country when his TR6 stalled inexplicably. He got out and raised the hood to see if he could find out what had happened. A brown and white cow slowly lumbered from the field she had been grazing in over to the car and stuck her head under the hood beside the man. After a moment the cow looked at the man and said, "Looks like a bad Stromberg to me." Then she walked back into the field and began grazing again. Amazed, the man walked back to the farmhouse he had just passed, where he met a farmer. "Hey, mister, is that your cow in the field?" he asked. The farmer replied, "The brown and white one? Yep, that's old Bessie." The man said, "Well my car's broken down, and she just said, 'Looks like a bad Stromberg to me.'" The farmer shook his head and said, "Don't mind old Bessie, son. She don't know a thing about cars."

As a senior citizen was driving down the freeway, his car phone rang. Answering, he heard his wife's voice urgently warning him, "Herman, I just heard on the news that there's a car going the wrong way on 280. Please be careful!" "Hell," said Herman, "It's not just one car. It's hundreds of them!"

Well, this is it, the last month to pay dues so you can rightfully brag to friends. "I a member of the Minnesota Triumphs Sports Car Club." Also, membership entitles you to the monthly newsletter, continued updates by email concerning club activities, access to the combined knowledge of club members, the most useful benefit, I think, and of course, access to tech sessions. Almost anything that goes wrong with these cars has happened to a member of the club previously and they are willing and able to help with any problem for the price of lunch and beverages. You can't beat that.



A rare TR6 Triumph dealer option. I wish I had one.

Please;

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

## 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

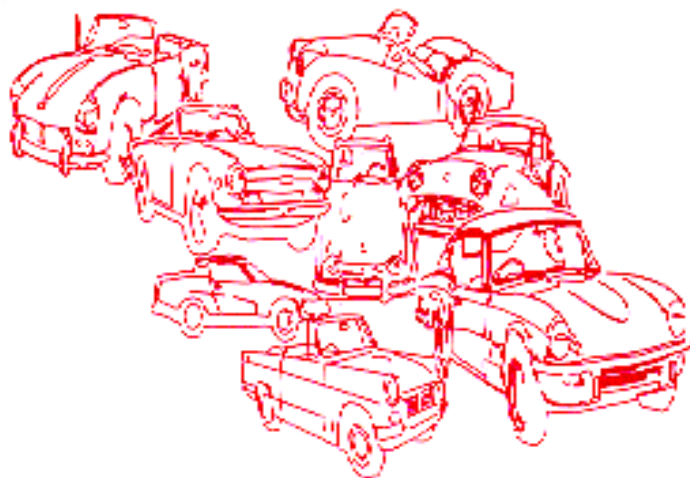
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# Triumph Trader

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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 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, 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 parts from a 37k car**  
4 sp transmission with drive-shaft \$60. 5 wheels with tires, 4 rings & caps \$30 all. Rear axle assembly complete less spring mounts \$50. front K member assembly W/ brakes struts & steering rack \$60. Contact Roger Kraemer 651-207-3920

## **WANTED**

**Stock Steel Wheel for 1972 TR-6**

Only need 1 rim.  
Jim Larson (952) 944-6064

**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

**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.*

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## 5 **Five Speed Conversions for your TR.** 5

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.



## 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.

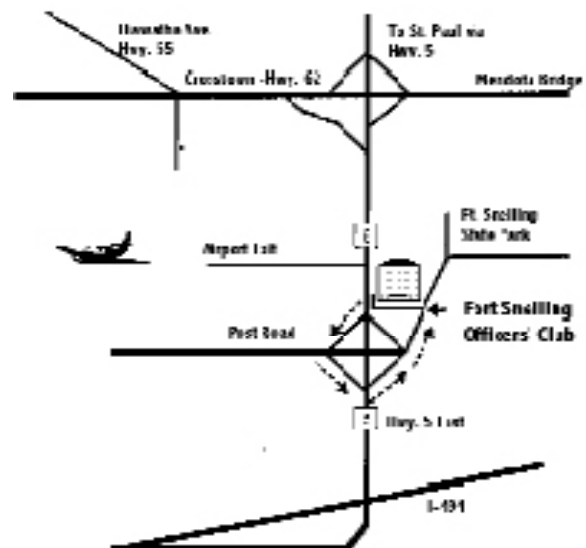
Annual membership is \$25 (an additional \$1 provides your partner with voting privileges at our annual election of officers). With this membership fee, your newsletter can be seen on-line or you can pick up a hard copy at the monthly meetings.

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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Positive ground depends on proper circuit functioning, which is the transmission of negative ions by retention of the visible spectral manifestation known as “smoke”. Smoke is the thing that makes electrical circuits work. We know this to be true because every time one lets the smoke out of an electrical circuit, it stops working. This can be verified repeatedly through empirical testing.

For example, if one places a copper bar across the terminals of a battery, prodigious quantities of smoke are liberated and the battery shortly ceases to function. In addition, if one observes smoke escaping from an electrical component such as a Lucas voltage regulator, it will also be observed that the component no longer functions. The logic is elementary and inescapable!

The function of the wiring harness is to conduct the smoke from one device to another. When the wiring springs a leak and lets all the smoke out of the system, nothing works afterward.

Starter motors were considered unsuitable for British motorcycles for some time largely because they consumed large quantities of smoke, requiring very unsightly large wires.

It has been reported that Lucas electrical components are possibly more prone to electrical leakage than their German, Japanese or American counterparts. Experts point out that this is because Lucas is British, and all things British leak. British engines leak oil, British shock absorbers, hydraulic forks and disk brake systems leak fluid, British tires leak air and British Intelligence leaks national defense secrets. Therefore, it follows that British electrical systems must leak smoke. Once again, the logic is clear and inescapable.

In conclusion, the basic concept of transmission of electrical energy in the form of smoke provides a logical explanation of the mysteries of electrical components, especially British units manufactured by Joseph Lucas, Ltd. This has been referred to as the smoke theory: “when the smoke comes out its finished, cooked or done for”. And remember: “A gentleman does not motor about after dark.” (Joseph Lucas aka “The Prince of Darkness”, 1842-1903).

**And now, for the Bada Bing, Bada Bam section:** Lucas - Inventor of the first intermittent wiper. Lucas - Inventor of the self-dimming headlamp. The three-position Lucas switch--DIM, FLICKER and OFF. The other three switch settings--SMOKE, SMOLDER and IGNITE. If Lucas made guns, wars would not start. Back in the '70s, Lucas decided to diversify its product line and began manufacturing vacuum cleaners. It was the only product they offered which did not suck. Why do the British drink warm beer? Because Lucas makes their refrigerators. *(Article contributed by Ron Stein)*



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