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ON THE COVER

Car show in North St. Paul, trip to Victoria British and onward to Hot Springs, AR and another to Rendezvous in Thunder Bay, Ontario. Ah, the smell of smokin' odometers...

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PREZ RELEASE

Here it is July 1st already! I am not mentally ready for summer yet. We have been so busy with family, friends and life that June passed us right by.

I'd like to take this opportunity to talk about club membership. What's prompting this is that the last few cars I've worked on belonged to people who were not club members. They are new to the sport and interested in joining the club for the camaraderie and mechanical resources it offers them. They found us either through the club's website or by spotting a Triumph on the road and inquiring. As you're out driving your cars during these next few months, be sure to be on the lookout for new members whenever possible – not only to MN Triumphs but for the Intermarque group as well. If you don't have the club business cards or flyers, be sure to pick some up at the meeting on the 10th and always keep them in your car. It's a professional way to promote our organization.

And we need to get the word out that, as Mick Jagger teased, "We are not all wrinkly old men trying to relive our youth" nor are we "beyond our sell-by dates."

Have a great drive,

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

This was written from the memory of the Newsletter Editor. The June meeting was held on the normal Thursday evening. Turnout was rather small, as several members were attending Rendezvous in Thunder Bay. Word is that they had a great time, and that the weather mostly cooperated.

Two of the elected officers were in attendance. VP Sue Ethier called the meeting to order sometime after 7:00. The President, Membership, Secretary, VTR Liaison, and Tech Sessions were all in Thunder Bay.

To the best of recollection, there were 4 new members. Unfortunately, with the absence of the Secretary, no one wrote down their names. Hopefully we can acknowledge them all next month.

Due to the absence of many, monthly reports were only presented from Events Coordinator Doug Burch and Editor Bill Gingerich. We also heard about the British Car Week meet in Arkansas.

There were other miscellaneous discussions and comments, but none that I can recall in detail.

The meeting was adjourned sometime around 8:00.



Trivia Quiz: From what TV series was this picture taken? Hint: Yes, it was in black and white.

Answer on page 20

VTR REPORT

Finally I get to a club meeting and very few of you were there. I did get to visit with a few folks that had not gone to the Rendezvous in Thunder Bay. It was another cool mosquito infested night at the Officers Club. A few cars were in the lot and the Club closed right after we walked out the door. I think they opened that night for us, but few meals were served.

With all the work around the manse the 6 was starving for attention. I took the cover off one day and within seconds the sleeping beauty was awake, snorting and ready to ride. The first run was to Susie's Roadhouse in Ostrander off Hwy 63 in the shadows of the Rochester channel 10 tower. Dan's old Mazda RX 7, looking spiffy with its new top and other little changes, was following behind. We lucked out and hit one of the rainless nights for the ride. Another night we went to the Eagles Club in Rochester where they have a car show each Wed night throughout the summer. Some nights small dinners are served, but brats, burgers and keg beer are always served. Would be nice if some of you retired guys could show with up with John Myers and me to show Rochester what nice cars our club has. A few TR's are there, but lots of nice iron you may not have seen before. Starts at 5 and admission is always free each Wed.

The VTR website is up and running with some nice changes. Check it out at www.vtr.org and while you are there if you are not a member why not sign in and become a member. This is the magazine of the Vintage Triumph Register dedicated to the maintenance, preservation and enjoyment of the Triumph marque. If you want to go to Dobson, NC for the convention, you must be a member. 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 has secured rooms in Mt Airy at the Comfort Inn. Try the Comfort Inn at 336 783 0008. Rooms are available under VTR or Triumph for 99.99 per night for either king or queen. Greg and Carole Thompson have already begun planning for a nice route filled with sights along the way. When you join us 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

July 2014	PM	18-Tech Session TDB
10-Club Meeting	06-CAF Hanger Dance 6PM, host	May 2015 14-Club Meeting
10-13- Iola Car Swap & Show in Iola, WI	Dick Leighninger	
	09-14-VTR Nationals in Dobson NC	16-Tech Session TDB
12- Rescheduled - Amery Auto Cross & Speed Run, Amery, WI	11-Club Meeting	June 2015
	20-Tech Session TBD	11-Club meeting
19-Tech Session 10:00 AM - Steven Greenstein has a '74 TR6 in need of brake work and a few other things. Come on out and help us make his car stop better. 923 Douglas Road, Mendota Heights. 651-494-7214 (cell) or 651-688-0659 (home).		11-14 South Beach Rendesvous hosted by MN Triumphs. Ashland WI on the beautiful south shore of Lake Superior. Make your reservations today.
	Oct 2014	
	09-Club Meeting	
	11-Triumph Fall Color Tour need host	AmericInn Ashland 3009 Lakeshore Drive East
August 2014	19-Triumph High Tea, need host	Ashland, WI 866-378-9950
02-Woodland Hills Winery tour, Steve Shogren host	25- Tech Session TBD	20-Tech Session TDB
04-Triumph Queen Mum's Birthday Drive, Pat Holt Host details to follow	2015	Ju;ly 2015
	2015	09-Club Meeting
	Jan 2015	18-Tech Session TDB
10-Triumph Ice Cream Tour, need host	08-Club Meeting	August 2015
14-Club Meeting	17-Tech Session TDB	13-Club Meeting
17-Triumph Summer Picnic, need host	25- Triumph Mid-Winter Bash	15-Tech Session TDB
	Feb 2015	September 2015
23-Tech Session TDB	12-Club Meeting	10-Club Meeting
23- Amery Auto Cross & Speed Run, Amery, WI	21-Tech Session TDB	19-Tech Session TDB
Sep 2014	March 2015	October 2015
06-Wheels & Wings, Oseola, WI	12-Club Meeting	08-Club Meeting
06-Summer Picnic, hosted by Phil & Sue Ethier. Food and pop/soda provided. Bring your own adult beverages. Party starts at 3:00	21-Tech Session TDB	17-Tech Session TDB
	April 2015	
	09-Club Meeting	See Intermarque Monthly at: www.intermarque.org

UPDATE AMERY AIRPORT AUTOCROSS AND STRAIGHT-AWAY SPEED RUN XIV

Recheduled for July 12

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: 531 State Hwy 46, Amery, WL









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 Mtka Mills Fdt, Mtka, MN 55305. Or pay via PayPal adding \$1 service charge to myliberty@comcast.net. Somy, no refunds. Day of event payment will be \$10 more.



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

Email and phone:

Emergency contact name and phone:

This event brought to you by the





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will be allowed on all runs.

The

course is run entirely on pavement. Drivers will run in the order their

paid registrations

are received. We

everyone five runs,

more if time permits.

will try to give



Questions? Contact Tem Hazen at 612-237-1883 or myliherty@comcast.net









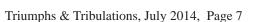


25th Annual Intermarque Lake Superior Rendezvous

Events will include:
Tropical theme deck party
Touring
Tech Sessions
Car Shows
But wait! There'll be so much more...

Situated on the Tropical South Beach of one of the world's largest natural air conditioners.

Dip your rims in the cool of Superior!



Rendezvous!

I've never been to a Rendezvous where it didn't rain. If you plan on attending next year's 'Vous (and you should), double-check your top's operation before you move on to incidentals like engine and brakes. If your auto has one of those optional heaters, you might want to give it a once-over too.

Actually the Thunder Bay Vintage Sports Car Club did pretty well appeasing the weather gods while the three-day event was underway. It was the coming and going through violent storms that was the problem. The weather for the car show on Friday afternoon was spectacular: Sunny and a Celsius temperature that converts to not-too-hot and not-too-cold in Fahrenheit.

On the subject of the car show,

other than Pebble Beach I've never been to show location more scenic than Thunder Bay's Marina Park. The harbor and the Sleeping Giant framed the cars exquisitely for photographs. And this location offered something Pebble Beach doesn't: Grade school kids wandering around admiring the cars. One little girl even enjoyed (suffered through with a smile?) her dad's explanation of each car's attributes. What's more, again unlike Pebble Beach, I saw only one person measuring panel gaps.

What about the cars? For my last comparison to that West Coast event, none of these vehicles would have matched its in either mega-bucks or mega-pretension. Can you say "Miata"? If not, you'd better get used to it. The

past quarter century's MGB skyrocketed up to number 5 in event attendance, with only one car fewer than Jaguar. The big three in attendance were Triumph, MG, and Austin-Healey, in that order. The only negative to the mix of cars was the paucity of non-Brits.

In addition to the show, the other events were good too: Tours, an actually fun Fun Rally and the blockbuster surprise hit, the Celtic Barn Dance. Note that in addition to the unawarded attendance trophy, the Minnesota Triumph Club also took home bragging rights for the most mechanical maladies and parking lot tech sessions.















Rendezvous Too!







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Standard Triumph Monument

Prez Larry Berg recently received n interesting email with a few photos attached. Some of you will remember that MNTR contributed to the Standard Triumph monument in Coventry. Check out the message and the photos below.

My name is Tom Mayer and I'm originally from Bismarck, ND. I spent a lot of my childhood in Minnesota and studied there, as well (Concordia College, Moorhead, class of '90). I now live in England. My job is based in Coventry on the site of the old Triumph factory. I've seen pictures of what it used to look like, but now the only thing the same that remains from those days is the social club, originally set up for the workers of the factory. As I was walking by it today I saw a little monument outside. There weren't many sponsors of the monument, but one of them was Minnesota Triumphs. Presumably you've seen pictures in the past, but just in case I snapped a few and have attached them for you.

Kind regards, Tom









MEMBERSHIP NOTES

Get Your Name Tag

Order name tags directly from the manufacturer. Just give them a call, or order on-line.

The company, Kirks Enterprises, will invoice you.

Order by *Phone*: (763) 533-5332 or *Toll Free*: (800) 393-NAME

Order On line: send an email to: customerservice@kirksent erprise.com

Be sure to include your name as you want it to appear on the tag and your car model Identify yourself as a member of Minnesota Triumphs.

Pricing:

1 line; pin type (just your name) \$4.95

2 lines; pin type (your name and car) \$6.05

Magnetic type; add \$1.20 to the above prices

Shipping and handling add \$1.67

Kirks will mail your tag directly to you with an invoice.

How easy can it get! Get yours today.

We welcome new members to the club.

- From Eau Claire, Daniel and Paige Wiersgalla, driving a newly acquired 1971 TR6. They are new to this "British car business," and are looking for advice for the car.
- From Minneapolis, Kim Morales, the new owner of the 1974 Spit which previously called Roosevelt High School home. She has already hosted a tech session.
- And Patrick McFarland from Champlin, MN who owns a 1971 GT6 MK3.



Local Triumphs Visit Victoria British in Kansas City

The club membership currently stands at 90 which is 134 people total, including husbands, wives and partners. There are roughly 150 cars in the club.

I will not be at the next club meeting. Karen and I are driving her Miata to Bryce Canyon for a Utah Miata Club get together. We will camp along the way, towing the motorcycle trailer we bought for the car. Pray for drier weather. Thanks.

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

Name	
Partner	
Address	
City, State, Zip	
Day Phone	
Evening Phone	
Email Address	
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Britfest 2014

Vintage British Car Show

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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!





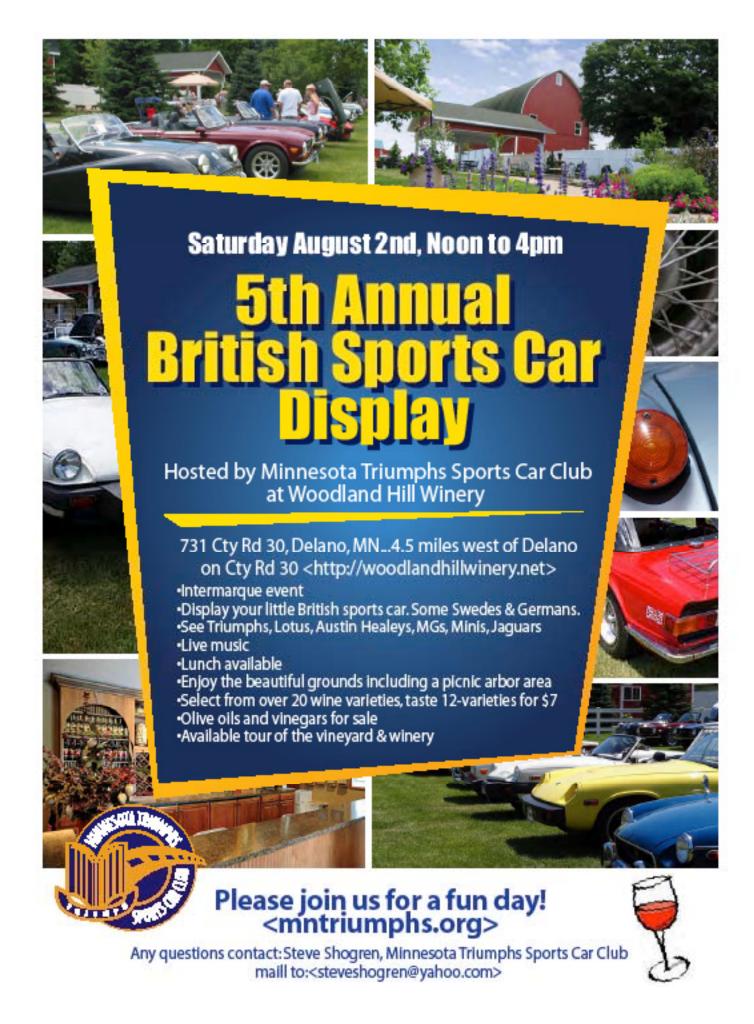








for more information contact Tom Belongia 715,781,0361



FOR SALE

2 Painted Wire wheels (grey metallic) for a TR3 (15 inch), along with 4 hubs and eartype 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

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

<u>Used 1 season</u> DCOE 45 Weber card with air horns, no air cleaner, been sitting a while, should probablly 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, NEWdoor 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

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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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

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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.

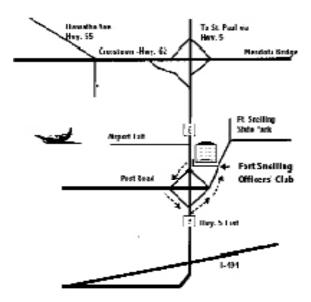
Annual membership is \$25 (an additional \$1 provides your partner with voting privileges at our annual election of officers). With this membership fee, your newsletter can be seen on-line or you can pick up a hard copy at the monthly meetings.

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.





ATTENTION BRITISH CAR & MOTORCYCLE OWNERS! **** 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

Phone: 612-803-5530

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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 mntriumphsgroupsubscribe@yahoogroups.com

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



2014 Rendezvous Car Show in Thunder Bay



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