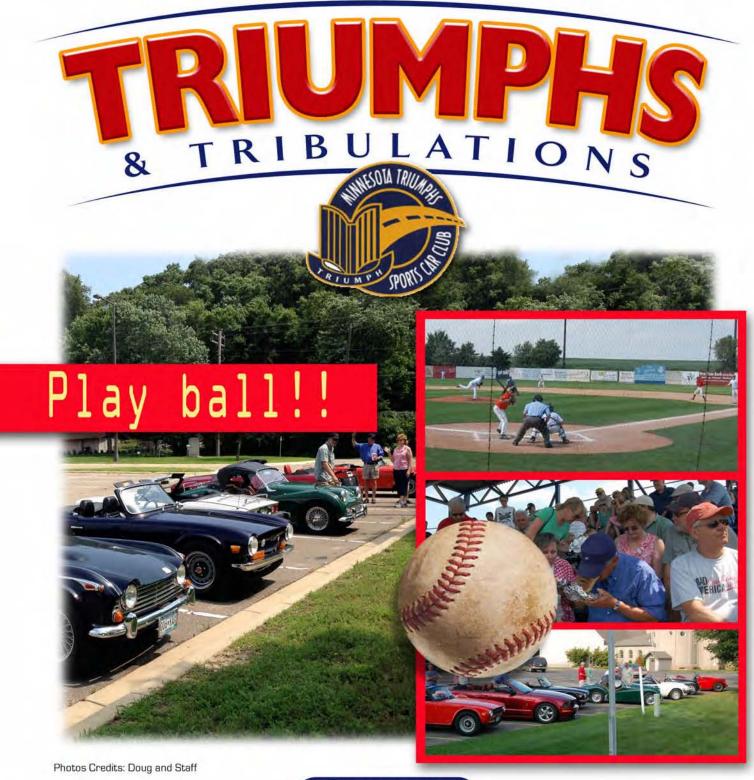
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ON THE COVER

What a great day for a drive in the country and a small town baseball game! Thanks Doug and Leiney for setting it up...

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PREZ RELEASE

Our cars are getting older-somewhere between 35 and 65 years old by my calculations. In many cases things that could be a safety issue, things that just happen with age and miles, have gone undetected. In the last month I heard of a rear hub breaking on a TR6, leaving them in the ditch. Luckily no serious injuries to the occupants but quite a bit of body damage to the car. The lower front suspension failed on a TR250. This was noticed while in the parking lot, so no accident here but it could have been worse. A couple more--a rear trailing arm broke loose from the frame on a TR6 (in the ditch it went), and a broken U-joint on a rear axle of another TR6 required a tow truck.

With this in mind the Tech. Guys have arranged for a special club sponsored tech session. This is an opportunity to not only check out the lights and turn signals but to get your car up on a hoist and take a good look at things, possibly accidents waiting to happen, before you hit the road this fall. The plan is to inspect only, no actual work will be performed, allowing time for everyone to use the hoist.

Gary Stephenson has volunteered his garage and hoist for this event and Pat Holt is developing a vehicle inspection check list. The session is scheduled for Saturday the 16th of August, starting around 10:00 and lunch will be provided. Complete details will be emailed to members by the Tech coordinator.

If you can't make the tech session, stop by your local garage and have a check up before you get out there in the traffic.

Keep the shiny side up, rusty side down!

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 <u>MN Triumphs</u> on facebook. Go ahead, write on our wall.

MINUTES OF THE MINNESOTA TRIUMPHS SPORTS CAR CLUB

MNTR Monthly Meeting July 10 Really Official Minutes

The evening of June 10 was a delightful respite from the wind and rain that have plagued us this year. And a whole lot of Triumphs showed up at the Officers Club. (See picture.) More and more Spitfires are making an appearance, an excellent reminder that not all Triumphs are TRs.

After cajoling members to come inside for the meeting and getting their heads out of engine compartments, President Larry Berg called the meeting to order with the newfound official gavel at 7:02. (More or less, i.e., Triumph time.) Forty or fifty people were present (not including those still outside with their heads in open bonnets).

Reports were given on past events, Larry Sanderson reported on the national Vintage Triumph Register, Treasurer Terry Mackey reported there's \$11,000 in the kitty, 29.42 stashed away, Membership Secretary Joe Demuth was off at a big Miata event, and Dick and Doug described upcoming events.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:36 (more or less).



June Trivia Quiz answer: Donna Reed

VTR REPORT

First I wish to welcome all of our new members! We hope that you will take advantage of the so many things to do as a member of Minnesota Triumphs.

It was finally good to see all our Triumph friends at the July meeting. All of you do so much from tech sessions to a Sunday cruise to see the Mudhens in Miesville. And the list goes on to wine tours, Queen Mum's Birthday Drive, ice cream tour, summer picnic, hill climbs and auto cross and you know the list goes on. With so much to do why would anyone need more to do? Never-the-less we have at least 20 folks headed to North Carolina for our annual VTR Convention in Dobson.

VTR has a newer website look. Check it out at <u>www.vtr.org</u> and while you are there if you are not a member why not sign in and become a member. The Vintage Triumph Register is dedicated to the maintenance, preservation and enjoyment of the Triumph marque. Benefits include a bimonthly magazine, The Vintage Triumph. You have more tech consultants to help guide through most problems or rebuilds. I must say that Minnesota Triumphs has some of the best consultants you will ever find. If you decide to go to Dobson, NC for the convention, you must be a member. Try membership for \$35 for 1 year. You may send your money to VTR, PO Box 655, Howell, MI 48844.

The time is short but you still may find a room and the trip should be a blast. 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 so 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. If you join us, you *will* come back with lots of stories and for sure a great time!!

We have one group going to Dobson via a Lake Michigan Ferry then on to Canada and through Niagara Falls and then south to North Carolina. Another is headed south to Louisiana and then north to North Carolina. Some go it alone in Miata's of all things. Are these folk's traders or just smart people? You decide.

A little more than a month and it will go fast. Triumph on.

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

August 2014

02 - Woodland Hills Winery tour, Steve Shogren host. More info on page 15.

04 - Triumph Queen Mum's Birthday Drive. Tour will form up and depart @ 6pm from the Theodore Wirth Golf Course parking lot, located @ 1301 Theodore Wirth Pkwy., Minneapolis, MN 55422. After an enjoyable early evening cruise we will finish up with time for desserts in NE Mpls.

10 - Triumph Ice Cream Tour. Gail and Larry Berg host the Ice Cream Run on the 10th of August. Meet at the Four Seasons shopping center at the corner of Highway 169 and Rockford Road (Co. Rd. #9) at 1:00 and take a leisurely drive west of town to a drive in that serves some of the best ice cream this side of heaven. The return trip, if you want to drive the highway is about 30 miles back to Mpls.

14 - Club Meeting

16 - Tech Session. Gary Stevenson has agreed to let the club use his shop for the August tech session. Gary lives at 1901 Bloom Court Hugo MN. If you want to "put your car up" come early, as it will be first come, first up.

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

September 2014

06 - Wheels & Wings, Oseola, WI

06 - Summer Picnic, hosted by Phil & Sue Ethier. Food and pop/ soda provided. Bring your own adult beverages. Party starts at 3:00 PM 06 - CAF Hanger Dance 6PM, host Dick Leighninger

09-14 - VTR Nationals in Dobson NC

11 - Club Meeting

20 - Tech Session TBD

October 2014

09 - Club Meeting

11 - Triumph Fall Color Tour need host

19 - Triumph High Tea, need host

25 - Tech Session TBD

November 2014

December 2014

2015

- January 2015
- 08 Club Meeting
- 17 Tech Session TDB
- 25 Triumph Mid-Winter Bash

February 2015

12 - Club Meeting

21 - Tech Session TDB

March 2015

12 - Club Meeting

21 - Tech Session TDB

- April 2015
- 09 Club Meeting
- 18 Tech Session TDB

May 2015

- 14 Club Meeting
- 16 Tech Session TDB

June 2015

11 - Club meeting

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

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July 2015

09 - Club Meeting

18 - Tech Session TDB

August 2015

13 - Club Meeting

15 - Tech Session TDB

September 2015

10 - Club Meeting

19 - Tech Session TDB

October 2015

08 - Club Meeting

17 - Tech Session TDB

November 2015

December 2015

See Intermarque Monthly at: www.intermarque.org

50 Years Ago

Jim and Lois Larson leaving on their honeymoon in their TR3. August 15, 1964





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25th Annual Intermarque Lake Superior Rendezvous

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July Tech Session

Photo credits: Andy Lindberg and Dick Leighninger

The July 19th Tech Session at Steve Greenstein's house was well attended. He had a beautiful three car garage with a clean floor to work in with all the needed tools. The plan for his '74 TR6 was to install halogen headlamps with a new relay system. Larry Berg led the charge on that portion of the session. Most of the rest of us watched, and in true Tech Session tradition, sampled the cold beer. (grin) The second project was to replace brake calipers, install new rotors, pads and stainless steel brake lines. Some of us got to help on that one. Not sure if that portion was completed since many of us left the scene mid-afternoon. None of us, however, left before enjoying a wonder lunch with

cold beer and soft drinks. We also got to meet his wife Stephanie, and their dog, Annie, who wanted to help with ALL the projects.

Since we could only fit a few people under Steve's bonnet at the same time, some extracurricular projects for other members were completed out on the street, including the installation of new fender mirrors on Andy Lindberg's TR3. Doug Miller advised me on a problem I was having with the heater on my TR6, which Sally told me on our trip back home from Thunder Bay was like two old ladies blowing on her legs. And Joe DeMuth lavished a lot of attention on the carburetors of Steve Shogren's TR3B. His attention must have worked because Steve had his car at the next day's Miesville Mudhens run.

The club's Tech Sessions are always a lot of fun, and often.....educational. Thanks to Steve for the venue and hospitality, and to Pat Holt for scheduling the event.

Dick Leighninger '72 TR6





For the July tech session Steve and Stephanie invited us into their Mendota Heights home to work on their new Triumph. We had a good turnout, 10+.

July>s tech session would be upgrading the lights and brakes on a very nice TR6. Now I should tell you that they both drive modern German cars and have a very clean garage. While this is not the usual working environment for our club tech sessions, and with way too much extra floor-space and a neatness that could only be corrected with the spilling of fluids,(blood, beer & brake fluid) and the random placement of tools & spare parts, we dug in.

Several other members were also feeling lucky, and showed up seeking assistance. So while some of us helped Steve with his car, 2 other projects were also completed. One was the tuning of a pair SU carbs and another very brave sole who trusted us, had two holes drilled into a set of perfectly good fenders, to mount side mirrors, on the slim hope that they will be able recognize the blurry image.

When the session ended, around 2:30 pm. Steve had installed, new cross drilled and slotted rotors, steel braided lines, as well as new pads and calipers. The lighting was upgraded with a Halogen kit that included two relays and heaver wire.

Leaving, I looked back to see a garage with parts and tools "all over the place", that's when I knew, "all was right with the world".

Patrick Holt Your Tech Session Coordinator



And from Steve Greenstein:

To all who attended the Tech Session at my place this past Saturday- a big thank you to all who came and helped (and also to those who provided moral support and good camaraderie). Stephanie and I very much enjoyed hosting and the weather cooperated nicely (for a change). On my '74 TR6, we installed a headlight relay and halogen headlights as well as new front rotors, pads calipers and steel brake lines. A special shout out to Larry, Joe and Pat (in particular) – wrenchers extraordinaire.



A Mid-Day Meander to Miesville

We could not have had a better day for a drive and a ball game! It was a balmy 70 some degrees, blue skies, beautiful country roads, and a great chance to run our Triumphs above 55 MPH. We had eight cars and 13 people.

Sunday, July 20, we met for a run to Miesville, MN to see the Miesville Mudhens battle the Dundas Dukes. The Mudhens took an early lead with three runs, only to be caught in the 7th inning with a matching three runs from the Dukes. Unfortunately, the Dukes changed their pitcher, who in the 9th inning, walked the Mudhens to a bases loaded situation, and a winning run for the Mudhens. It was Fan Appreciation Day with free popcorn, \$1 dogs and \$2 beers. Regrettably, all the beer was Unleaded –Decaf - Lite, but.....it *was* cheap, cold beer.

After the game, we all went across the street to Kings to select a burger from their 30 some choices. At Kings, they had REAL beer!

A good time was had by all. Kudos to Doug Burch for planning the event.

Dick Leighninger







MEMBERSHIP NOTES

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Karen and I drove our 1997 Miata to a Miata meet at Bryce Canyon over July 4th. We have a motorcycle trailer in which we pack our camping gear. We camped on the way out and back, but stayed in the host hotel during the meet. We both decided that the trip was certainly worth the effort, but the car show; not so much. There are only three cars to look at. Either you have the "A" model, the "B" model or the "C." And you wouldn't believe some of the modifications owners subject their cars to. I think we will stick to British car meets from now on.

We welcome new members to the club. Thomas and Carole Virnig, from Mendota Heights drive two, not one but two '73 TR6's. Jim Baxter, from Minneapolis, owns a '72 Spit Mark IV. And Robert Christianson from Edina who has a Triumph, but I don't know the model. We hope to see them and their cars at future meetings and events.

Membership Form

\$25 for a single membership + emailed newsletter
 \$26 for family membership + emailed newsletter
 \$36 for a family membership + mailed newsletter
 Mail to: Joe DeMuth, 4018 Emerson Ave N, Minneapolis, MN, 55412

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Britfest 2014 Vintage British Car Show



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

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Saturday August 2nd, Noon to 4pm 5th Annual British Sports Car Display

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



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<u>Used 1 season</u> DCOE 45 Weber carb with air horns, no air cleaner, been sitting a while, should probablly be rebuilt. \$325.00

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Scott - 612.339.0010

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1980 Spitfire 1500

We purchased this Spitfire for our daughter in 1999 with 38,000 miles on the clock. Now, 15 years later, it is available with 53,000 miles. This Spitfire runs and drives great it is equipped with a Weber downdraft carburetor, air shocks and new tires. White with black hound's tooth interior. \$3,800. Photos are available. Larry Berg (763) 557-1949 or (763) 228-0072 <u>lsbergdtm@</u> gmail.com

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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 margue.

Together we can locate those hard-to-find parts and assist one another in keeping our vehicles on the road. But most of all, the club offers opportunities to explore some of the best roads

in the region with others who enjoy the Triumph experience.

Membership

Our membership year runs January 1 through December 31.

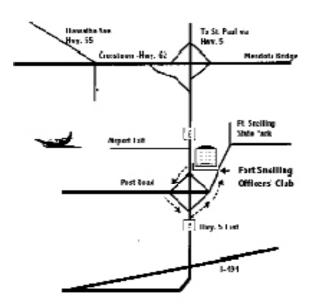
Annual membership is \$25 (an additional \$1 provides your partner with voting privileges at our annual election of officers). With this membership fee, your newsletter can be seen on-line or you can pick up a hard copy at the monthly meetings.

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

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

Monthly Meetings

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





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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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