

# TRIUMPHS & TRIBULATIONS



## Eventaganza...



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### ON THE COVER

*So many events...so little time. Winery Tour, Ice Cream Run, Multi-car Tech Session and Britfest. Thanks Steve, Larry, Gary and the town of Hudson for hosting.*

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# ***PREZ RELEASE***



Over the years I have noticed that the folks that get the greatest enjoyment from their membership in the club are those who actively participate. Want to make your club experience better? **Volunteer**. It is often said that 80% of the work gets done by 20% of the people. I know there's a lot of talent in our membership that is not being offered. We need you to join that 20%! Next year, you not only have the opportunity to volunteer for our regular club functions, but also next year MN Triumphs is hosting the *Intermarque Rendezvous*. This will be the 25<sup>th</sup> year and is being billed as *The South Beach Rendezvous* at Ashland, Wisconsin on the beautiful south shore of Lake Superior. It will take a village! We need **your** help to make this a banner year for **your** club.

**“NOTHING WILL WORK UNLESS YOU DO”**

**Maya Angelou**

Larry

Nothing gets done unless it's done by somebody, we are all somebody.



**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 August 14  
Really Official Minutes

The fourteenth of the month falls on the last possible date on which the second Thursday can fall. Despite this irrelevant fact, a good crew showed up at the monthly meeting anyhow. There were fifteen real cars (Triumphs) in the Officers Club downstairs parking lot when your recording secretary went in to order his dimmer. A few more probably showed up later.

After many (but not all) of the under-bonnet investigators also made their way inside, Prez Larry Berg called the meeting to order. First item of business was the introduction of new members: Jim Baxter from St. Paul with a three-car garage; and Dennis with a Valencia blue TR250.

Next Larry introduced Tom Hazen of the Minnesota Austin-Healey Club. Tom described the upcoming, third annual Waumandee Hill Climb. Triumphs have been numerous at both previous runnings. The date is September 26 through 28. If you're nervous about driving, volunteer to be a corner worker. You'll have a better view of the course than anyone but the drivers.

The treasurer was not present, but he reported that we had as many dollars as last month. Joe Demuth reported that we have 96 memberships and 144 members. Our Vintage Triumph Register liaison was not present, but members going to the national in North Carolina described how they could make an eleven hundred mile journey into a 4,000 mile round trip.

Dick and Doug reported on past and upcoming events. All of which should be described elsewhere in this newsletter. Except maybe the October 10 Colour Tour that may be cancelled if nobody steps forward to lead it. (Hint, hint, this means you.) Finally, Pat Holt politely led an acrimonious discussion of Rendezvous 2015.



# VTR REPORT

The time is short for those of us going to the VTR convention in Dobson, NC. Final prep plans have begun. Two weeks ago we had a get ready session at Gary Stephenson's super service facility. When I was able to use his rack, Pat Holt offered to give me a hand as I wished to check the rear diff. I am a poor service guy and had not checked it probably for years. Gary had a quart of GL-4 and the diff ate 3/4 quart as Pat discovered I had a leaky pinion seal. He topped off the over-drive and the quart was about gone. I owe you Gary.

I was happy for a week until I moved the car and found a good portion of the filled differential on the garage floor. With a week until estimated departure it was time to scramble to repair the seal. Larry Berg had just completed the same job I needed and offered that he would be sure to have it completed for me. As I had to get the car to his shop and pick it up again and go to Duluth and to Hayward things were just too hectic. I called around locally and the shop I use for domestic repairs had hired a guy a year earlier who I never knew had owned 2 TR's with one being a 74 TR6. With their tools and rack we took it apart and had the pinion seal repaired in short order. Well, not that short, but good fortune shined and the half shaft seals showed no seepage. So thanks to all and in particular Greg Thompson for tipping me off as on a past trip someone had blown their differential and had a costly tow home. Thanks also to John Myers who told me not to listen to those that told me the new 80-90w met the GL-4 spec. The bottle does say it meets 4 and the 5 spec, but Napa has GL-4 85-90w on the shelf for approx \$30 per gallon.

All of us making the journey by different routes wish we could see all of you there. Maybe next year. I will report on our route for our final newsletter in October.

As Joe Bisanz says Dobson NC OR BUST!!!!

## 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

## 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, Officer elections

12 - Triumph Fall Color Tour - Host is Bill Gingerich. Depart from Point Douglas Park near Prescott at 11:00 AM for a 110 mile run south and east of Hastings. Lunch in Red Wing, then home via your favorite roads. **Note that this is on Sunday.**

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.

AmericInn Ashland  
3009 Lakeshore Drive East  
Ashland, WI  
866-378-9950

20 - Tech Session TDB

## 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

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## November 2015

## December 2015

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

# *Ashland Rendezvous Update*

47 rooms are reserved currently. June 11-14, 2015

AmericInn Ashland, 3009 Lakeshore Drive East, Ashland, WI

Front Desk [715-682-9950](tel:715-682-9950)

We have a working draft Schedule of Events for the Rendezvous we are hosting next June. Thanks to many of you who have stepped up to volunteer your time. My hope is that we have 20-25 volunteers so no one has to do more than one stint. Some have asked how they can help even though they didn't know if they were going. Your help is greatly needed in spreading the word and collecting gifts for door prizes and the silent auction.

Patrick Holt  
Mpls. MN.

## Working Draft Schedule of Rendezvous Events

**June 5th 2015** *The Rendezvous Rallye Superieur* begins at AmericInn or from downtown (banner & flag start)

### **June 11th 2015**

- ✓ Finish Line for *Rendezvous Rallye Superieur*, Banner & Flag finish (downtown or [AmericInn](#))
- ✓ Noon registration opens for the *25th Annual Intermarque Lake Superior Rendezvous* at the AmericInn
- ✓ Car Wash, Open Tech Service
- ✓ Dinner on your own
- ✓ 7:00 PM Welcome Event

### **June 12th 2015**

8:00 AM Registration opens (AmericInn or downtown)  
10:00 AM Airport *Funkhana/speed run*  
10.30 AM *Madeline Island Tour* departs from Downtown  
1:00 PM *Tour of Water Falls*  
5:00 PM *Tiki Deck Party* Hotel Chequamegon

### **June 13th 2015**

10:00 AM *Tour* (mix direction) Begins from Downtown  
12 noon Tour Finish, Start of *Car Show* Downtown  
4:00 PM Oil spot, Entrant and People choice awards  
7:00 PM Luau American Inn Parking lot/Ballroom

### **June 14th 2015**

Depart



Host hotel:  
**Americinn Ashland**  
**800-634-3444**  
More information  
to come at  
[mntriumphs.org](http://mntriumphs.org)



# **SOUTH BEACH RENDEZVOUS**

on Lake Superior  
**ASHLAND, WI**  
**JUNE 11-14, 2015**  
hosted by  
**MINNESOTA  
TRIUMPHS**



**be sure to  
wear your  
TROPICAL  
attire**



## **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!**





# *August Tech Session*

Photos and text by Bill G.

The August tech session was held at Gary Stephenson's shop. About 10 MNTR members made use of Gary's lift the check the undersides of their Triumphs. Many of the cars would be driven to the VTR convention in Dobson NC, and their owners wanted to be sure there were no hidden problems waiting to rear their ugly heads. A few minor issues were dis-

covered, with most being fixed right then.

We also spent some time puzzling over Terry Mackey's non functional Pertronix electronic ignition. The unit was brand new, but when installed the car wouldn't fire. Careful study of a couple other cars that had the Pertronix failed to bring any issues to light. Finally one of our members volunteered that he had a new and uninstalled

Pertronix in the boot of his TR6. He graciously loaned it to Terry to help diagnose the problem with Terry's unit. Several rounds of "let's swap this part and see what happens" were played before we came to the conclusion that Terry had been sold a defective Pertronix.

Gary provided a wonderful lunch of pulled pork that was enthusiastically devoured by the crew. A good time was had by all.









# Winery Car Show in Delano MN

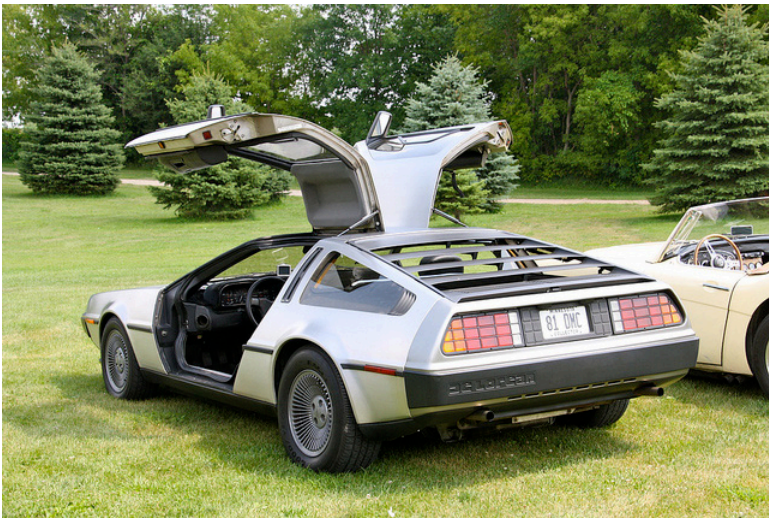
Photos courtesy of Phil Ethier























# 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@kirksentprise.com](mailto:customerservice@kirksentprise.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.

## Name Tag Ordering Glitch

There seems to be a problem with the billing process when ordering name tags. I think that Kirk Enterprises has changed the method they use in taking orders. Orders used to be given to a real person on the phone but recently they are using a voice mail type system and some things, like billing address, are getting lost in the change. Years ago all bills and name tags were sent to a regalia committee member. But I was too lazy to do that way, so I asked Kirk to bill each member directly. It seems they have forgotten that bit, and have reverted to sending the tags to the old address.

So, until I can straighten this out, please, when you are ordering a name tag, be very explicit about whom to bill and your billing address. Thanks.

## New Members

We welcome new members to the club. Jeremy Hoffman joined at last month's meeting. He lives in St Paul and drives a '76 Spit. Dennis Kluy from Stillwater owns a TR 250. He joined via PayPal. And Sylvia Lapakko lives in St Paul and owns two Spits, one '70, the other a '77.

## 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	
Cars	

## **FOR SALE**

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

**Used 1 season** DCOE 45 Weber carb 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 chassis, '72 GT6 chassis, NEW 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

**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 tonneau cover (in great shape), soft top rear cover, manual and new full car cover for winter storage. \$7500.

Scott - 612.339.0010

**2 - late TR6** mufflers, one steel, one stainless, \$100 ea.

2 - 1974 TR6 rotors, used, good condition. \$25

1974 TR6 battery box w/drain tube. \$10

Joe Bisanz 651-324-2573.

### **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 down-draft 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 [lsbergdtm@gmail.com](mailto:lsbergdtm@gmail.com)

## **WANTED**

### **Seats For TR-6 or Spifire**

1969-1972 high back seats that recline preferred

Call Mark (651) 450-9504

**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

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.

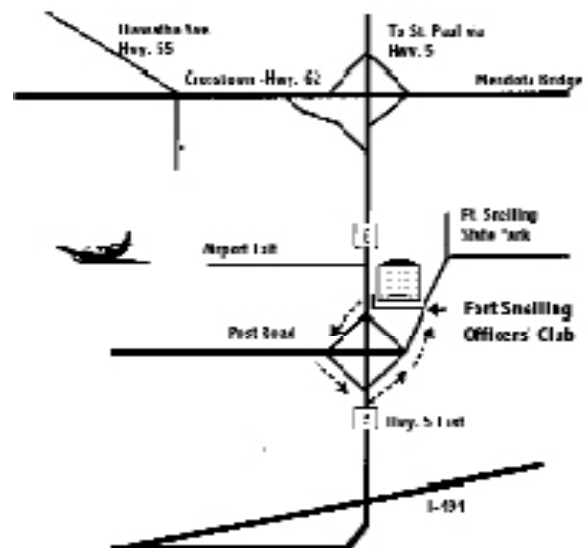
Annual membership is \$25 (an additional \$1 provides your partner with voting privileges at our annual election of officers). With this membership fee, your newsletter can be seen on-line or you can pick up a hard copy at the monthly meetings.

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

Join after September 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.







The Minnesota Austin-Healey Club Invites You

**September 26-28, 2014**

**Alma and Waumandee, Wisconsin**

Open to vintage vehicles 1984 and older

**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 24 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 695 Sherwood Ave, St Paul, MN 55106. Or pay via PayPal adding \$3 service charge to myliberty@comcast.net. Sorry no refunds. Weekend lodging choice list will be sent to all registrants.

Driver	Waumandee 2014
	\$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.



2 miles

18 turns

400-foot ascent

BLUE DOOR INN



MOTOR *Franklin* CARS

D Danzinger Vineyards

HILLCREST  
MOTEL

White Deer Lodge

Alma Hotel

LAUE  
HOUSE  
INN

ALMA  
Barn Style Lodging



The  
Fritsch  
House



Questions? Call Tom Hazen at 612-237-1883 or email myliberty@comcast.net



The Minnesota Triumphs Club is dedicated to the preservation and enjoyment of the Triumph Marque. It was formed in 1981 and is a charter member of the Vintage Triumph Register. Correspondence can be addressed to:

Minnesota Triumphs  
4018 Emerson Avenue N  
Minneapolis, MN 55412



Check our web site at: [www.mntriumphs.org](http://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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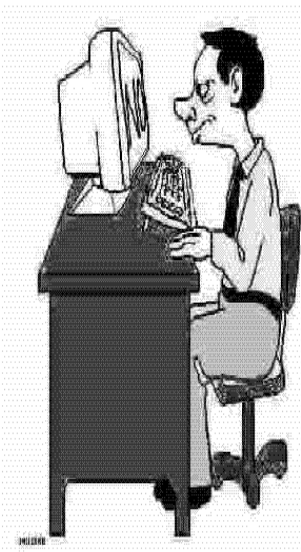
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**Are you connected to the group? Do you get in on the latest information?**

We have an e-mail site you can easily join. It is Minnesota Triumphs Yahoo mail.

Simply send an e-mail to

[mntriumphsgroupsubscribe@yahoo.com](mailto:mntriumphsgroupsubscribe@yahoo.com)

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





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