

# TRIUMPHS & TRIBULATIONS



## Tech & Meeting



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### ON THE COVER

***Tech session...putting an overdrive transmission in a TR3A, thanks Ted and Barb for hosting.  
Our new home for club meetings at the American Legion in Richfield. Temporary? More to come...***

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PREZ RELEASE (for July 2015)

The 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary InterMarque Rendezvous is over and what a great event it turned out to be. All the hard work by the planning committee paid off with over 100 cars participating and mother nature helping out with some beautiful weather. Andy Lindberg's circle tour around Lake Superior went well and they received a warm welcome when they completed the tour at the Americinn Hotel. I felt like I could have been looking out over San Diego harbor during the deck party on Friday as the sun set over Chequamegon bay. The car show in downtown Ashland was well attended and the Autocross was great fun to watch. Thanks again to everyone in Minnesota Triumphs who made this one of the best InterMarque Rendezvous's in the 25 year history of the event.

Thank you to Bob Lee for filling in at the June meeting while many members were up in Ashland at the Rendezvous. The meeting was again held at the 7<sup>th</sup> Street Social in St. Paul with the closing of the Fort Snelling Officers club still in effect pending an official announcement if it is permanent or will reopen. I have received a number of suggestions on possibilities for a new meeting location but prefer to wait until we hear something an official announcement about the Officers Club which has served us so well over the years.

As a write this message, the Back to the Fifties event is taking place at the Minnesota Fair grounds and I wish my 1964 TR4 was running as it is the first car I've owned that would qualify for entry. The next big event will be VTR in Lake Geneva Wisconsin and I look forward to more good weather and a beautiful location along with a scenic drive to the event.

Terry Neuman  
President MN Triumphs

## MONTHLY REPORT as of 7/15/2015

**South Beach  
Rendezvous Balance**  
Income.....\$17,573.17  
Expenses....\$15,539.29  
Profit.....\$2,033.88

**Club Funds Balance**  
Rendezvous profit included  
Checking.....\$6,207.79  
Savings.....\$7,352.70  
Total.....\$13,560.49

**Membership Count**  
Total paid.....91



*If not...send me a self-addressed stamped envelope and I'll send you two of 'em. One for each Triumph you have or one for your daily driver or two for your TR or one for your front door or... Compliments of your Minnesota Triumphs Sports Car Club.*

*Or you can pick 'em up at your next club event.*

**Terry Mackey**  
1961 East River Parkway  
Minneapolis, MN 55414

PREZ RELEASE (for August 2015)

The dog days of Summer are almost here and a number of great driving events are scheduled. In late July we have the Tuesday "Classic Car Roll-in" celebration in Henderson and the Delano winery tour sponsored by our club. And of course, August brings the VTR in Lake Geneva Wisconsin. All have great roads and the weather will hopefully not be too hot. And remember the Intermarque picnic the last Sunday of the month during the Summer.

The July meeting was held at the American Legion Post 435 in Richfield with almost all hope of getting back our Officers Club meeting location gone. The Legion club is close to meeting our needs with a large parking lot, good size meeting room and food and drink available. We will meet there until our last meeting in October pending a final decision on a permanent replacement meeting location.

Finding the time to finish putting together my second TR6 has been challenging as I spend more time at my cabin up north. It has new paint and looks good but everyone is familiar how time consuming the little details can be to complete. So my TR4 sits looking dejected waiting for some tender loving care.

On to VTR at Lake Geneva!

Terry Neuman  
President MN Triumphs



# MINUTES OF THE MINNESOTA TRIUMPHS

TR Monthly Meeting July 9  
Really Official Minutes

This was the club's first meeting at the Richfield American Legion. Seventeen Triumphs found places to park in the crowded lot and 33 members ate in the dining room. Food was not served in the auditorium where the meeting was to be held. This slowed down the schedule and it was 7:55 before President Terry Neuman called the meeting to order. Then there was ten minutes of microphone adjustments before things got rolling.

One new member (Spitfire) was present and he was introduced to the Spitty members present. Membership czar Joe Demuth reported we have 91 members compared to 104 last year at this time. He also noted that 117 cars and 217 people attended Rendezvous, which we hosted. Treasurer Terry Mackey said we have \$13,500 in our bank accounts of which \$2,000 is from Rendezvous.

Pat Holt and Andy Lindberg auctioned off some leftover Rendezvous things. Also the club decided to host the August 30 Intermarque picnic in Cherokee Park. Other exciting event, all of which are ancient history now, were also described.

The Prez noted that we still don't have a permanent meeting place. The August meeting will be held at the Legion again. (Many members will be attending the VTR national in Fontana, Wisconsin, that day.) Although not announced at the meeting, the September and October meetings will be at the Roseville VFW at 1145 Woodhill Dr., Roseville, MN just west of Lexington.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 and member got to check their headlights' effectiveness on the way home.

The September and October Meetings will be held here:

**ANDERSON-NELSON  
ROSEVILLE VFW  
Post 7555  
1145 Woodhill Drive  
Roseville, MN 55113  
vfwroseville.com  
651.483-5313**



## Minnesota Triumphs Tech Specialists

As a service to fellow members, club members with an expertise in a particular model of Triumph have volunteered to act as tech specialists for that model. They don't know everything but they do know a lot. So, if you have a question, give them a call.

**TR2/3/3A/3B** - John Kallaus (952-891-5266)

**TR4** - John Myers (507-633-2017)

**TR4A** - Larry Sanderson (507-775-6940)

**TR250/TR6** - Orrin McGill (763-755-7765)

**TR7** - Charles Setala (651-490-0489)

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

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

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

**Renown** -

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



## VTR REPORT AUGUST 2015

Our VTR President, Jack McGahey, was unaware of the "British Car Week National Meet" in Hot Springs, Arkansas. Joe Bisanz and Orrin McGill got the bug to drive to this meet in Arkansas and now have gone each of the 4 years of its existence. President Jack decided to go as skeet shooting was on the agenda and he thought it a bit different to drive to a car meet with a shotgun. As luck would have it Jack had a medical problem and was unable to go. The event now includes "The president's Cup challenge" consisting of 10 competitive events in which teams representing national British car clubs compete and score points to win the cup for their organization. Various VTR members competed and won the trophy for VTR. Previous winners were the Austin Healey Club and the North American MGA Register. Jack was thankful to Joe for bringing the event to his attention and for Orrin for accepting the winning trophy for The Vintage Triumph Registry.

Had you been a VTR member you would have seen the above article in the Vintage Triumph magazine. Also

in the last magazine it was announced that TS-1 will be on display at the VTR convention at Lake Geneva. TS-1 was discovered in Canada and was then restored and spent many years in Hawaii at a collectors garage. It came back to the mainland as a doctor in Utah had bought it. It was then restored even more perfectly in Ohio and was first displayed this year at the TRA gathering in Maryland. So now those of us going to the convention will get to see TS-1 as it looked back in 1953 as it first went on show in Toronto.

We will miss many of you who will not go to the convention this year to be hosted by Illinois Sport owners Association. In the past they have done a most fantastic job of hosting this event. VTR is concerned that all of us may not get to attend any convention in the future for lack of a host club. VTR warns that you best attend when you get the chance as the time is fast approaching when we may be suffering for years of no conventions. They say that "if this sounds like an awful threat and dire forecast, it is-but the threat of not

having a VTR convention is real and fast approaching." Hosting a VTR convention is a big undertaking as all of us members of MN TR know. I'm not suggesting anything, but of all the good clubs out there, I know we have probably the best group of any to put on an event like this. You all showed me how good you are with the great job at the Rendezvous in Ashland.

If you have not already planned to attend the 2015 VTR Convention, you have missed the early registration and the primary host hotel is full, but it is not too late to make a decision to attend if you can. Check it out at [vtr2015.com](http://vtr2015.com).

If you can't go to the convention please join VTR. [www.vtr.org](http://www.vtr.org)

See you at the Abbey in Lake Geneva!

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

## Fontana, Wisconsin Or Bust

### Let's Go For It.

**Lets see some beautiful country and have a great time at the Abbey Resort and Conference Center**

### Look Who's Going!

**Orrin & Pam McGill  
Joe & Virginia Bisanz  
Larry & Gayle Sanderson  
Greg & Carole Thompson  
Terry & Sharon Neuman**

**Terry & Bernadette Mackey  
Pat & Marsha Holt  
Bill Nelson  
Joe & Karen Demuth  
Joe Soucheray**

**Please refer to [www.VTR2015.com](http://www.VTR2015.com)**

# Triumph Calendar

## August Events...

August 8 Britfest Hudson WI.  
See page 15 for Flyer.

Aug 9 Drive to Munsinger & Clemens Gardens in St. Cloud  
Meet at Shell gas station. NE Corner of Proctor and Hwy 10 in Elk River at 9:45, leave at 10:00.

Winding rock lined paths. Ponds and fountains. Thousands of annuals and perennials.  
White garden. Rose garden. Formal garden.

Lots more.

[www.ci.stcloud.mn.us/park/gardens](http://www.ci.stcloud.mn.us/park/gardens)

About 1 hour drive to St. Cloud.  
Spend about 1 to 1 1/2 hours.  
Then if we are hungry, we can find a place to eat. Or you can bring a sandwich.

Hosted by Bill Nelson  
763-441-2934  
[nelson1\\_2@msn.com](mailto:nelson1_2@msn.com)

13 - Club Meeting at the Richfield American Legion (see page 17)

August 11-15th National VTR Convention Fontana WI.  
(See Page 14)

15 - Tech Session TDB

15 - Royal British Car Show – At the Jaguar dealership in Minnetonka, MN.

August 30: Intermarque Picnic – 1:00 pm Monthly gathering for a picnic at Cherokee Park in St. Paul. Picnic Sponsored by MN Triumph Club. Club will supply pop & chips. BYOF2S (food to share.)

## September 2015

10 - Club Meeting at the Roseville VFW (see page 17)

19 - Tech Session TDB

25-27 - Waumandee Hill Climb – The Minnesota Austin Healey Club's third annual vintage car uphill slalom will be held under the direction of Tom Hazen. There is also a car show being organized.

## October 2015

08 - Club Meeting at the Roseville VFW (see page 17)

17 - Tech Session TDB

18 - Minnesota Harvest Apple Orchard Vintage Foreign Car Show – Jordan, MN.

Our club is thriving with great participation. There is clearly interest in the club and our club events. The challenge we face is that all these events, all the real business of the club, is handled by a very small group of members, literally 3 or 4 people. You've heard the saying "20% of people do 80% of the work" in an organization... in the case of our club, it's far less than the 20%. You will probably notice lots of Intermarque events, just about something every weekend. Mn. Triumphs where a founding member club of the Intermarque movement so that there would be something to do every weekend. We all want more driving events but to do this I need your help.

Do you attend a lot of club events? Do you enjoy them? Please consider volunteering to organize a club event. Have you've always imagined or considered an event? We will help with logistics or funds if necessary.

Are you willing to give something back to the club? Please let me know how you'd like to contribute. Contact me anytime:

Patrick Holt  
612.388.0505

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



ALL classified, calendar and event submissions are due by the 5th of the month PRIOR. (September issue due by August 15).

For a computer-savvy Twin Cities Car Club Event Calendar go to <http://calendar.mnhealey.com/>

## ONGOING

**Multi-Marque Breakfast** EVERY\* SATURDAY MORNING! 8 a.m., Elsie's Restaurant Bar and Bowling, 729 Marshall Street N.E., Minneapolis, MN 55413. 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. Map to the Elsie's at <http://elsies.com>

**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.

**July 18: Minnesota Scottish Fair & Highland Games.**

Faithful Shepherd Catholic School, 3355 Columbia Drive, Eagan, MN For info contact Jim Harris, Chair British Car & Motorcycle Display, 612-803-5530 or [JHarris@MNScottishFair.org](mailto:JHarris@MNScottishFair.org)

**July 25: Woodland Hills Winery British Car Festival** – Woodland Hills Winery, Delano, MN. No judging, no trophies, just fun. Sponsored by the MN Triumph Club. See flyer in this issue.

**July 25: 6th Annual British Car Display**, Delano, MN See flyer this issue.

**July 26: Intermarque Picnic: HOSTED BY the Mercedes-Benz Twin Cities Section** – 1:00 pm Monthly gathering for a picnic at Cherokee Park in St. Paul. Bring your own food and refreshments.

**August 8: Britfest 2015** Hudson, WI. See flyer in this issue.

**August 8: New London to New Brighton Antique Car Run.** 29th annual. Vehicles from 1908 or earlier (or any 1 or 2 cylinder vehicles up to 1915) may participate in the New London to New Brighton Antique Car Run. This includes bikes, motorcycles, steam and electric cars as well. An average of 60 cars participate in the 120-mile tour of the Minnesota countryside and you may even spot an import or two! <http://www.anticquecarrun.org/>

**August 15: Royal British Car Show** – At the Jaguar dealership in Minnetonka, MN.

**August 13-16: Vintage Grand Prix Au Grattan XXIX (VSCDA)** Grattan Raceway, Grattan, MI

**August 11-15: Triumphs in the Heartland**, Fontana, WI—See flyer this issue.

**August 30: Intermarque Picnic** – 1:00 pm Monthly gathering for a picnic at Cherokee Park in St. Paul. Picnic Sponsored by MN Triumph Club. MN TR Club will supply pop & chips. BYOF2S (food to share.)

**NEW September 11-13: Ephraim Hill Climb and Concours** – Ephraim, WI (Door County) For more information visit: [www.ephraimhillclimb.com](http://www.ephraimhillclimb.com)

**September 17-20: Elkhart Lake Vintage Festival XXX (VSCDA)** – Road America, Elkhart Lake, WI

**September 19: OKTOBERFEST** – The Mercedes-Benz Club Twin Cities Section, along with presenting sponsor Sears Imports Mercedes-Benz, will be hosting the Oktoberfest German Car Show at the AutoMotorPlex in Chanhassan. 9:00 1:00 rain or shine. Show is free, come to look around, come to show a car, fun for the whole family. Authentic Food from Deutschland Meats and the Glockenspiel Restaurant in St. Paul, photo opportunities with the “Ladies in Leiderhosen”, hundreds of German cars of all kinds! More info at: [www.mbca-tc.org](http://www.mbca-tc.org)

**September 25-2: Waumandee Hill Climb** – The Minnesota Austin Healey Club's third annual vintage car uphill slalom will be held under the direction of Tom Hazen. There is also a car show being organized. Look for more details next year

**September 27: Intermarque Picnic- HOSTED BY Minnesota MG Group** – 1:00 pm Monthly gathering for a picnic at Cherokee Park in St. Paul. Bring your own food and refreshments.

**Sunday, October 18: Minnesota Harvest Apple Orchard Vintage Foreign Car Show** – Jordan, MN. Details being finalized. Look for more info this summer.

# REGULAR CLUB EVENTS

**Austin-Healey Club of Manitoba**, Regular monthly Club meetings on the 1st monday of each month, 7:30 pm. except when monday falls on a long weekend, then it is the next monday. No meeting in December. Also check our website for the meeting locations as well as various other events, breakfast drives etc. during the summer months, see [www.ahcm.ca](http://www.ahcm.ca)

**Arrowhead Sports Car Club Monthly Meeting**, second Thursday of the month, 7:00 p.m., 4767 West Arrowhead Road, Hermantown, Minnesota. Info: [www.arrowheadsc.org](http://www.arrowheadsc.org)

**British Iron Society Informal gathering**, every Saturday morning at the Fry-n Pan, Fourth and Main, beautiful downtown Fargo, North Dakota. Info: Larry LeClerc [lkleclerc@msn.com](mailto:lkleclerc@msn.com)

**Fahr North Gathering** EVERY 3RD THURSDAY, 5pm. Club Jaeger: 10th & Washington Avenue North, Minneapolis Mostly Porsches guys, but all are welcome. Contact : Eric Erickson 952-426-5024

**Mercedes Benz Club of America, Twin Cities Section Informal dinner and discussion**, first Wednesday of the month, 6:30 p.m., Lion's Tap Restaurant, Hwy 212 and Cty Rd 4, Eden Prairie, Minnesota. Info: 952-829-0848

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**Minnesota Austin-Healey Club Pie and/or Pint With the President**, first Wednesday of the month, 7:00 p.m. or before. Richfield American Legion Hall 6501 Portland Ave. S. Richfield, MN 55423 612-866-3647 Info: [www.mnhealey.com](http://www.mnhealey.com) **NEW LOCATION!**

**Minnesota MG T Register MG Luncheons**, every Tuesday, 11:15 a.m. American Legion, 6501 Portland Avenue, Richfield, Minnesota. Info: Steve Blomberg 612-869-8264 [striumph77@aol.com](mailto:striumph77@aol.com)

UPDATED

**Minnesota SAAB Club Monthly Meeting** First Thursday of the month, 7 p.m., **NEW LOCATION!** Dover in the Double Tree Hotel, 1500 Park Place Boulevard, Minneapolis, MN 55416 Chris Luick 612 250 6788 or [www.mnsaabclub.org](http://www.mnsaabclub.org)

**MUM: Minnesota United Minis** at irregular times and locations. Check out our Facebook page.

UPDATED

**Minnesota Triumphs Monthly Meeting**, second Thursday of the month (except Nov. & Dec.), 7:00 p.m., Richfield American Legion Hall 6501 Portland Ave. S. Richfield, MN 55423 612-866-3647 **NEW LOCATION!**

**Stella del Nord (Alfa Romeo) Monthly pizza and wine gathering**, second Monday of the month. Contact Ed Solstad for time and location. 612-822-0569 or [esolstad@presenter.com](mailto:esolstad@presenter.com)

**The Regulars, twin cities vintage scooter club Semimonthly gathering** (weather permitting). First and third Sunday of the month, 2:00 p.m., Pizza Luce, Lyndale and 32nd, Minneapolis, Minnesota. Info: [www.minnescoota.com](http://www.minnescoota.com)

**Thunder Bay Vintage Sports Car Club Monthly general meeting** Third Thursday of the month 7pm at the Slovak Legion, 801 Atlantic Ave. Thunder Bay, Ontario. Sept. to May, in the summer we drive! [www.tbvsc.ca](http://www.tbvsc.ca)

**Triumph Drivers of Manitoba Monthly meetings**, open to interested parties, are held on the second Thursday of each month at the Irish Club, 654 Erin Street, second floor at 8:00 p.m., Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada. Info: [www.britishcar.ca](http://www.britishcar.ca)

**Twin Cities VW Club Monthly meeting**, first Wednesday of the month, 7:00 p.m., West Side VW, St. Louis Park, Minnesota. Meeting usually lasts 30 to 45 minutes. Info: [www.twincitiesvwclub.com](http://www.twincitiesvwclub.com)

**ZOOM** Datsun/Nissan Z Owners. 1st Monday of the month 6:30 pm (locations vary) For details join <https://www.facebook.com/groups/ZoomZcar/>



## **Anatomy of a Breakdown**

### **An unanticipated Journey**

Trip planning with a Triumph invariably includes concerns about potential break downs. Deciding what spare parts to include with your luggage is simply part of the routine. In my case, that means forecasting the possible trip interruption causes that come with driving a Spitfire 1500. For the Circle Tour of Lake Superior, my traveling parts warehouse included a water pump, alternator, u-joint, mechanical fuel pump, carburetor diaphragm, fan belt, Air pump belt and assorted hand tools. But, as any Triumph owner knows, some potentialities one must leave to fate; engines, transmissions, axels, and such, the things you count on to work to at least get you home. For all the foresight, planning and preparation concerning the car, a vacation interrupter may well lurk elsewhere. Some interrupters one simply cannot plan for, or even care to contemplate. Some things a person just counts on to work. This is a true tale of one such misadventure, where a breakdown of another sort made for an unexpected journey.

I was behind the wheel of my Spitfire, joining the caravan heading east out of Wawa, Ontario, on our way to Sault Ste. Marie. About an hour out, I felt an abdominal cramp in my right side. At first I thought it was something I had eaten, but the

cramping persisted and grew more intense and menacing. When we stopped for lunch, I took one look at the menu and knew there was no way I was going to eat anything. I walked around the parking lot hoping to walk off whatever was causing the pain. The cramping persisted and actually worsened. For me to drive at this point was not an option. Sheila, my wife, volunteered to take over the driving duties. This was no small offer on her part. It's been a while since she last drove the Spitty, and it has an electric overdrive switch on the gear selector which she finds unnerving. This was a confidence issue, one I know she could handle, but something we needed to get through. So we continued the caravan, Sheila behind the wheel, me holding my side, constantly shifting my body trying to find a comfortable position, trying to keep my cool, while coaching my partner as she deftly manipulated the gears (including the o/d) like a pro.

The pain proved unrelenting as we entered the hotel parking lot in Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario, Geoff Renolds, from the Thunder Bay Club, unhesitatingly volunteered to drive me in his Volvo to the Sault Ste. Marie hospital Emergency Room in his 1960 Volvo. Sheila and Terry Mackey followed in Terry's TR4. After dropping me off, Jeff returned to the hotel. We spent an hour or so in the emergency room discussing

the hospital's necessary protocols regarding the insurance claims process for non-Canadian citizens. Heeding the recommendation of the helpful admissions folks (which included complete written directions on how to find War Memorial Hospital in Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan), I decided I would be much better off crossing the border to a U.S. hospital. But my passport was in my Spitty back at the hotel and there were three of us with one two-seater TR4. Terry called the hotel; no shuttle service. Terry gets hold of Andy Lindberg, who agrees to come to the hospital to pick up Sheila. I commented to Terry that this has the makings of a KeyStone Cop episode; a prophesy we would later appreciate. Holding my side, crammed into the passenger seat of his TR4, Terry and I sped off for the hotel. We arrive at the hotel, I locate my passport and slide once again into Terry's TR4. Dick Leighninger comes up to the car and offers us his GPS. So Terry and I take off for the border. We cross the border, pass the check point and Terry hands me both passports. The written instructions from the good folks at the hospital we quickly discovered proved beyond confusing. With Terry driving, I'm struggling in vain to find a comfortable position, while typing into the GPS the address for War Memorial. Nothing's working. I can't get comfortable and the GPS is not recognizing the address. I'm also

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Photo Credit: Fred Olson









concerned about Sheila as I envision her driving by herself in a car she's not comfortable driving, across an international border through an unfamiliar city to a hospital whose address I'm not sure she knows. I can't call her because our cell phones don't work in Canada. For all that, Terry spotted a blue "H" sign and followed it to the hospital. No sooner do I step out of Terry's car, the cramping pain literally goes away. Huh!?

Meanwhile, back at the hospital in Ontario, Andy arrives at the hospital, but is unable to find Sheila in the waiting area. He considers leaving, when, by chance, he checks outside and finds her waiting on a bench outside the emergency entrance. They arrive at the hotel and Sheila prepares to head out in our Spitfire, when Monica Burch and Sally Leighninger approach her and offer to help out. As Monica offered first, Sheila accepts and off they go with Sheila behind the wheel. The road out of Canada to the US border in Sault Ste. Marie, is not what one would expect at a major international border crossing. An inconspicuous "USA" sign directs drivers onto what appears to be a dilapidated, rutted out alleyway. With emotional anxiety running high, and believing she's on a one-way two-lane road, Sheila pulls into the left lane and proceeds over the bridge in the direction of the US border.

Suddenly noticing the double yellow line, it became obvious they're actually on a two-lane road. At this point, the road rises and curves to where a driver cannot see on-coming vehicles. She's unable to pull over as a semi-tractor trailer is occupying the lane followed closely by two other vehicles. Thus trapped, she challenged the fates, throws caution to the wind, stomps on the accelerator (impressing on the Spitfire a sudden sense of urgency), and deftly passed the semi without incident.

At War Memorial Hospital I hand Terry his passport, and ultimately am taken into an emergency room. Unbeknownst to me, enroute back to the hotel, Andy had offered Sheila his phone to contact Terry (their phones had international service) who talked her through directions to War Memorial hospital. When Sheila and Monica arrive, Sheila joins me and Monica and Terry head back to the hotel. Once across the border, Monica goes to hand Terry back his passport, only to realize it's mine, not Terry's. This has the makings of an international incident as now they have to return to the US with Terry needing to cross over without his passport. Rehearsing his story, they approach the border guard and Terry begins to explain the situation. Eventually, the border guard interrupts Terry asking how much longer the story goes on. Having recognized him (or his

car) he waved Terry and Monica through. At the hospital, passports are exchanged and they return to the hotel.

In the emergency room the attendees poked, pressed, prodded, jabbed, injected, x-rayed, and cat-scanned, practicing all sorts of medical exercises. In the end it was a kidney stone that initiated this manic adventure. I'm doing follow up medical exams, and as of this writing, there's been no recurrence.

So, the human anatomy is a complicated work of nature. When it's working right, all is well. When it breaks down, well, you never seem to have the right spare part.

But this is also a story of gratitude. To Geoff, Terry, Andy, Dick, Monica and all those who unhesitatingly stepped forward, expressed concern, or offered sympathy in my and Sheila's time of need, thank you.

As for my Spitfire, it ran like a champ. In fact, I felt it ran better as the trip progressed. My traveling parts inventory only came along for the ride.







# Triumphs in the Heartland



VTR 2015 - Fontana, WI

August 11-15, 2015

Celebrating Fifty Years of the  
Spitfire Mark II and the TR4A

Hosted by the  
Illinois Sports Owners Association



[2015vtr.com](http://2015vtr.com)



# BRITISH INVASION OF HUDSON

## Britfest 2015

### Vintage British Car Show

presented by



## FREE ADMISSION to Show your Car!

### August 8th, 2015

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!**



111 Walnut Street  
Hudson, WI 54016

for more information contact Bob "Andy" Anderson - 651.439.6876

# Triumph Trader

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## **FOR SALE**

**1Pair of SU carbs** for a Spitfire new in the box, S, 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

**Spitfire and GT6 parts.** '76 Spitfire chassis, NEW door skins, Spit & GT6 doors, seat frames, A arms, Spitfire suspension towers, steel wheels, gauges, speedos, tachs, soft top frame, 3 rail gearboxes, '71 1300cc engine, Spitfire roll bar, 4-1 headers, rear axle assy, GT6 suspension towers, steering racks, rear springs, late Spitfire radiator & fan, lots more. Make an offer. Bill 612-850-4072 or wringerich@gmail.com

**'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.

**73 Spitfire complete** - for sale as project/parts car, engine turns over freely but has not been started recently. \$800, Doug Burch - 763-780-4706

**Pacesetter Exhaust Tips.** I have two tips in great shape. Moss Motors #224-125 \$129.95 Asking \$50 ea.

Also

**Monza Free-Flow Exhaust Systems.**

Moss Motors #865-055 \$539.95 I have two systems for sale. One is now on my car and in good condition \$150.00. The second system has additional custom mufflers added to quiet it down a bit. This one is not on a car at this time.

Very good condition \$150.00. Larry Berg - lsbergdtm@gmail.com or (763) 228-0072

**Pimento red 1970 TR-6.** I'm changing hobbies and would like somebody to use and enjoy this fine car rather than store it any longer. Great 20 footer, or an even better easy project car. Rebuilt carbs late 2013 by The Carburetor shop. Always stored inside. Excellent tires and top, interior not so much. Functional as a 45 year old car can be. \$7,500. Twin Cities area. 651 324 8873 or jmackenzie426@msn.com.

**1973 Spitfire 1500.** The drive train has been rebuilt and has about 10,000 miles on it, with the exception of the transmission. Daily driver. For details, visit Web site: <http://spitfire-rmeyer.rhcloud.com/>

**TR6 Kidney Pads** w/ speaker cutouts \$40 OBO. Kevin 612-247-2823 or kdriba@msn.com.

**77 Triumph TR7 Coupe,** 5 speed with factory air. 66k miles many new parts including front and rear 1" lower springs and urethane rubber. front and rear brakes complete, clutch master and slave, brake cylinder rebuilt, new ball joints, tie rod ends. cd player and speakers. and new tires. Seats have been replaced from a ZX2 using the original tracks. Original seats included. Contact Roger at 651-207-3920. or at kraemer@q.com

## **WANTED**

**Seats For TR-6 or Spifire**

1969-1972 high back seats that recline preferred. Call Mark (651) 450-9504

**Wanted for 1976 TR6:** one wheel beauty ring, brushed finish. Must be in excellent condition. One left rear chrome bumper in excellent condition. Wood steering wheel. Rick Morris 612-207-7990

**Boot (trunk) floor** for a TR7. will take the hole body shell if necessary. Also looking for **Custom wheels** for a TR7, prefer 14in or 15in. with or without tires. Contact Roger Kraemer 651-207-3920 or kraemer@q.com

**Engine starting crank** for a TR3. Andy 651-242-7635

**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.*

## 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, and for the Month of August 2015 it will be at the:

**Richfield American Legion Post 435  
6501 Portland Ave S, Minneapolis, MN**

For the month of September and October 2015 the meetings will be at the:

**ANDERSON-NELSON  
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# MEMBERSHIP NOTES

## Reason #5 to be a Minnesota Triumph member: Access to hard to find parts.

You know how this works, something breaks on your car and the part you need is "no longer available", or "is temporarily out of stock." Oh, great, now what? Can I find a used one on eBay? Ah, there's one listed. What luck! *You have to be kidding*, there is no way I'm going to pay that much for an old, rusted, used car part, and the shipping, how could it be \$24.00? It only weights 8 ounces. Now what? Oh, of course, somebody in the club must have one of these, I'll start calling around. Success. Gary has one and all I need to do is drive over and get it, and even better, it will cost a tenth of the eBay price, and NO POSTAGE. Car fixed.

This summer I have been able to help three different club members with parts I had, Dzus fasteners for TR3 side screens, a window frame for a TR3, and a TR6 transmission. My own car has a cam, overdrive and front bumper procured from another member. Luckily we are fortunate to have members who "never throw anything away." Unfortunately, I must confess, I am no longer one of them, I tossed a ton of old TR3 parts when I sold my old car, but in my defense, most were unusable.

So if you are in need of a part, call around or put an ad in the newsletter, you probably will find what you are looking for.

We have new members, Neil and Suzanne Anderson from St Bonifatius. They drive a TR8. Welcome to the club.

A new roster will be mailed late August. If you know that there are corrections, please email me sooner rather than later after I have issued the new edition. 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

I am a member of VTR Yes No

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

Simply send an e-mail to

[mntriumphsgroup-subscribe@yahoogroups.com](mailto:mntriumphsgroup-subscribe@yahoogroups.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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