

# TRIUMPHS & TRIBULATIONS



## Meet & Show



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### ON THE COVER

*The Rendezvous meet in Kenora had 12 cars from MTSCC and the VFW car show had 10. Good turnout for both.*

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## PREZ RELEASE

The 2016 Intermarque Rendezvous in Kenora, Ontario was well attended and Minnesota Triumphs had 16 cars at the event. What a great place for an event like this with spectacular scenery and wonderful roads. It was a true pleasure to see a caravan of classic roadsters winding their way through the countryside of Lake of the Woods. Minnesota Triumphs members filled up a quaint Motel, The Hilltop, in International Falls on the way up before we crossed into Canada at Fort Francis. At Kenora, the Austin Healy club of Manitoba and the Triumphs Drivers club of Manitoba treated the attendees to a fun rally with challenging questions and a cute "Valve Cover" race at the Hotel. I suggest our club get together and build a Valve Cover racer for the next time this "race" occurs.

Thank you to Orrin McGill for heading up the June meeting and he tells me that it was well attended with some new faces. Welcome to the new members who showed up and make sure to attend the July meeting to meet the members who were up at Kenora. Speaking of members at Kenora, what a great site to see Gene Kimball and his family in their TR6 and Spitfire. Not often that you see Mom and Dad in one car and the kids in another! Also note that a few Minnesota Triumph members showed up at Gene's house at the last minute to help him get his TR6 suspension finished in preparation for the Rendezvous.

I'm looking forward to all of the driving events this Summer and especially the VTR national event in Texas this Fall. We have Intermarque picnics, car shows, Elsie's breakfasts on Saturdays, and numerous opportunities to get those classic Triumphs on the road.

My TR6 ran well to Kenora and back, but I continue to struggle with my lowered front springs along with the

# MONTHLY REPORT

as of 6/15/2016

## Club Funds Balance

Checking.....\$5,895.48

Savings.....\$7,283.19

Total.....\$13,178.67

## Memberships

Total paid.....106

## TRIUMPHANT LADIES

Are gathering together on an e-mail list! What's that about??? It's a casual way for us ladies to stay in touch about who is going to an event, meeting, trip or drive. We can also help each other stay informed about anything that comes up, such as if someone has surgery, or becomes ill, gets a new car or wins an award for a show. Knowing someone cares is always welcome! Also, this has the potential for growth into more, such as our own events and gatherings, etc. It's our own so it can be as much or little as we want to make of it. There are already a few on my list, and are added only by request. To be included in this fun (I hope!) venture, please email me. [nancy@gelhar.com](mailto:nancy@gelhar.com) Thank you everyone!!!  
Nancy

Konig 7" wide rims. The tires routinely clip the fender lip and I can even smell burnt rubber on occasion! My solution will be to put the old stock front springs back in as I found that new "stock" springs make the front end sit too high.

Regards,

Terry Neuman  
President MN Triumphs

## BREAKFAST REMINDER

Breakfasts on Saturday mornings are now held at Elsie's. 729 Marshall Street N.E., Minneapolis, 55413. 8am start.



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# MINUTES OF THE MINNESOTA TRIUMPHS

## Secretary's Report

Orrin McGill the Newsletter Editor was standing in for President Terry Neuman.

If this club were the Federal government the person presiding (me) would be well below the speaker of the house, since the Vice President was also missing. There were a number of reports, not reported.

The Treasurer was not present.

The Secretary was not present.

The Event Coordinator was not present.

The Tech Session chair was not present.

The VTR liason was not there.

The Membership Chair was not there.

The intermarque Liason was there and delivered an excellent report about the Henderson Drive In and the Airport Week at the Anoka County Airport. He was able hand out six to eight Triumph business cards to interested parties an both events.

The Historian indicated that history was repeating itself in that no pictures were sent to him to archive.

The Newsletter Editor reported that he was very grateful for the timely contributions.

There were a number of new faces at the meeting, some of them I can actually remember, such as Dave and Doug. There was also a couple that I failed to remember the names of but they drove a very nice Triumph motorcycle. See below.

Sorry for the sketchy minutes, this was all done after I got home.

The meeting adjorned at approximately 7:30PM



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The Meetings will be held here:

**ANDERSON-NELSON**

**ROSEVILLE VFW**

**Post 7555**

**1145 Woodhill Drive**

**Roseville, MN 55113**

**vfwroseville.com**



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## 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

## VTR REPORT JULY 2016

Due to factors beyond our control the VTR report has been truncated. (Power failures for extended periods of time will do that to you.)

Our next really big blow will be to the Texas VTR meet. Here is all you may need to know if you wish to join all of us listed below. Hopefully you are signed and ready for the VTR convention. As you know, 2016 will find us all back in Texas as the Red River Tr club will be our host once again from Oct 3-7. It will be held in North Texas at the Tanglewood Resort on Lake Texoma in Pottsboro, Texas. Cost will be \$135 for 1 car, 1 driver and 1 non driver. You will get a

\$15 discount if you register by August 15 of 2016. You may come without a Triumph for \$20 reg fee. Rooms are \$99 for any King (probably not available). You may call 800 833 6569 which gets you right to the resort. Be sure to say you will be joining Red River Triumphs on those dates. Most rooms are gone, but who knows maybe someone has cancelled.

So be sure to join "The Vintage Triumph Register" as you must be a member to go to the convention. For \$35 you will receive 6 beautiful issues of the magazine. With that you get another source for technical consultants, the annual convention which

brings hundreds together at various locations throughout the country. Also available is regalia and special rates on insurance. VTR is our source for insurance for all events we host. The mag also has a listing where you can choose to sell your goodies nationally. Check it out at [www.vtr.org](http://www.vtr.org).

Gayle and I cannot wait to see all at the VTR convention in Texas this fall.

Safe travels, Eh!

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

## **Pottsboro, TX Or Bust**

### **Let's Go For It.**

**Lets see some beautiful country and have a great time at the Tanglewood 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.VTR2016.com](http://www.VTR2016.com)**

# Triumph Calendar

## JULY

14-Club meeting

07-09- Iola Car Swap & Show  
in Iola, WI

16 The July tech session will be held at Gary Stephenson's home at 1901 Bloom Ct in Lino Lakes, 55038. At this tech session we will be preparing a TR6 tub for removal from the chassis. i.e. adding struts to the weak points to keep it stable when it is removed [ and boy does this tub need this ]. Hopefully by the end of the day the TR6 will be in 2 separate pieces and stable. This one should be fun.

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

31-Intermarque Cherokee Park picnic (host: ?????)

## MIESVILLE MUDHENS...

"Outdoor Baseball at its Finest"

Tickets are \$3.00 and all seats are general admission. People under the age of 18 get in for free

July 31, 2016, Fan Appreciation Day (Sunday)

Game starts at 2:00 p.m.,

Get great burgers after the game at Kings Bar & Grill (across the street from the ballpark)

<http://www.kingsplacebar.com/>

Meet at 12:30 p.m. at park and ride, HWY 61 and Lower Afton Road

## AUGUST

x-Queen Mum Tour?

11-Club meeting

13 - New London/New Brighton Antique Car Run

13 - Britfest in Hudson, WI

27-Amery Auto Cross & Speed Run in Amery, WI

## SEPTEMBER

8-Club meeting

10 - CAF Hanger Dance 6PM to Midnight (host: Dick Leighninger)

10-Wheels & Wings in Osceola, WI, Followed by a club picnic at the Ethiers.

10-Summer Picnic at Phil & Sue Ethiers

23-25 - Waumandee Hillclimb in Alma, WI

zz-Mystery Tour (host needed)

## OCTOBER

3-7 -VTR in Pottsboro, Tx

13-Club meeting

15-Color Tour (host needed)

## NOVEMBER

13-High Tea at 1 PM (host: Gary Stephenson and Barb)

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



# 2016 MULTI MARQUE CALENDAR

ALL classified, calendar and event submissions are due by the 5th of the month PRIOR.

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** The East Side of St Paul has had a traditional 9 am gathering at the Sail Away Cafe in Afton on the first and third Saturday each month. This establishment has changed hands and last week was not open for breakfast. For those so inclined I am suggesting we gather at the The Brookside Bar and Grill Downtown Marine on St Croix in the future. It has outside tables and plenty of parking. Breakfast is served in the Summer starting at 9 am Lets see if it works!!! Feel free to post interest on the InterMarque Facebook page.

NEW

**June 25: Winona Steamboat Days Car Show** – 9am-4pm. Drwn Winona. Visit website for details. <http://www.winonasteamboatdays.com/car-show/>

**June 26: Intermarque Picnic** – 1:00 pm Monthly gathering for a picnic at Cherokee Park in St. Paul. Bring your own food and refreshments.

**July 1: Track Day at Blackhawk Farms** – There are several ways to register:

- Online at MyAutoEvents.com ([http://www.myautoevents.com/pls/mae/frmEventDetail.Show?psevent\\_id=16015](http://www.myautoevents.com/pls/mae/frmEventDetail.Show?psevent_id=16015))
- Online at Chicago Alfa Romeo Club's website (<http://caroc.com/ClubInfo/Track/BFR.php>)
- Download and mail in your registration form (attached) with payment

**July 9: Scottish Fair and Highland games** – Your vehicle should be on site for lineup by 8:30 AM and no later than 8:50 AM. At 8:50 AM, all vehicles will drive on to the grounds and be placed by 9:00 AM when the spectator gates open and then 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. Also, because of space limitations, we can't allow vehicles to drive on the grounds while the Fair is in progress. Please visit our website to see all the wonderful things that will be going on. [www.mnscottishfair.org/](http://www.mnscottishfair.org/) See flyer this issue.

NEW

**July 12: Merlin's Rest Block Party** – 4th year for the "Annual British Car Show" held with "Merlin's Rest Annual Block Party". This year it is June 12th- from Noon to 4. (parking can start at 11AM & the street is not open to regular traffic until 8PM so if you are

having a good time chatting or at Merlin's you can stay parked in the show space until then.) Merlin's sponsors the entire event so there is no charge to enter the car show, at least a 1/2 dozen bands to listen to, food & drink to purchase if a person would want, and a tree lined street to park (estimate) 40 cars. As we enter "British built wheeled vehicles" - last year we had 2 motor bikes, 1 bike, & about 30 cars, in & out, last year. No trophies, no competition & I'll bring 1 of my cars so yours can't be the worst 1 there...

**July 28: Wheels of Italy at Pazzaluna** – 6-10pm. St. Peter Street between 5th and 4th Streets will be blocked to create an authentic Italian Piazza atmosphere! 360 St. Peter St., St. Paul, MN 55102 [wheelsofitaly.com](http://wheelsofitaly.com)

**July 31: Intermarque Picnic** – 1:00 pm Monthly gathering for a picnic at Cherokee Park in St. Paul. Bring your own food and refreshments.

NEW

**August 5th Friday: St Anthony Village, Classic Car Get Together of Sports & Exotic Cars** This is a fun event where Sports & Exotic car owners gather within a small town atmosphere, visit with old friends, view each other's exotic cars, join in a picnic dinner 'provided', watch a small town parade, ending the night with a street dance down the street.

If your car is not quite ready to show come anyway to join in the fun. (No car, no registration is needed.)

This is a pre-parade event for the general public to view the cars; Show cars should arrive between 4:30-5:30. Pre registration is a must due to the limited space and since we need a food count for the dinner that will be served. To register go to: [www.ClassicCarGetTogether.com](http://www.ClassicCarGetTogether.com) In addition to registration, the web site has pictures of the cars and a video of last year's show. Contact: Mike Gondek North Coast Borgward Club 612-770-0001 if you have any questions.



**August 13: Royal British Car Show** –9am-1pm. Located at the Jaguar, Land Rover, Lotus Dealership, 8905 Wayzata Blvd, Minneapolis, MN. 55426

**August 13: BritFest** – Hudson WI See flyer this issue.

**August 13: New London to New Brighton Antique Car Run.** 30th 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.antiquecarrun.org/>

**Sept. 10: Wheels and Wings** Osceola, WI. Parking begins at 7am. Judging from 8-11am. Airshow in the afternoon. More updates will be posted here: [wheelswings.com](http://wheelswings.com)

**Sept. 15-18: Volvo Club of America National Meet** in Association with VSCDA's Elkhart Lake Vintage Festival, Road America/Elkhart Lake, WI. Volvo-featured marque for full weekend of vintage racing with cars from throughout North and Central America. Sponsored by Volvo Car USA, they will have museum cars and new cars for test drives. Autocross on Road America's Motoplex. Additional details at [www.vcoa.org](http://www.vcoa.org) and [www.vscda.org](http://www.vscda.org).

**September 18: Wheels of Italy event** – 10-4pm. Calhoun Executive Center - 3033 Excelsior Blvd, Minneapolis MN 55447 [wheelsofitaly.com](http://wheelsofitaly.com)

**Sept. 25: Intermarque Picnic** – 1:00 pm Monthly gathering for a picnic at Cherokee Park in St. Paul. Bring your own food and refreshments.

Always happy to add events! Please send any event suggestions or corrections to [InterMarque@gmail.com](mailto:InterMarque@gmail.com).

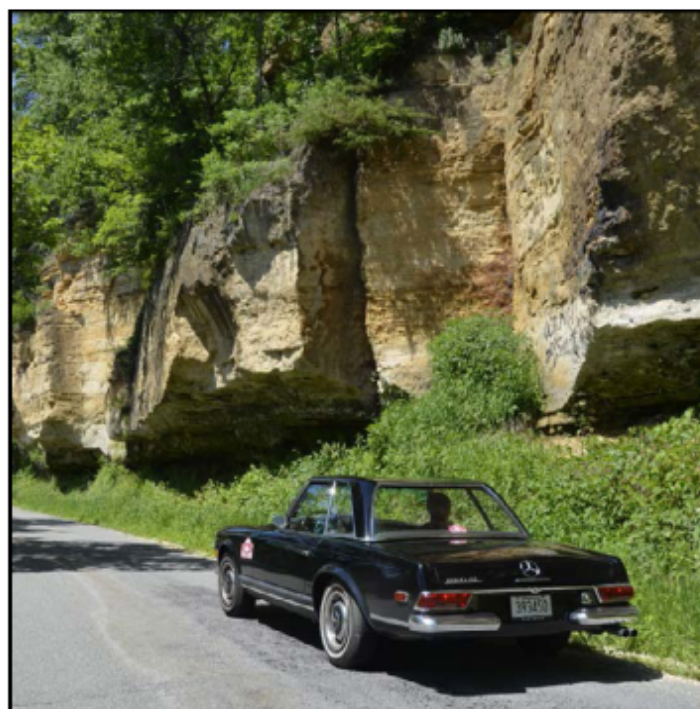


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Get out and drive. Dave and Michele Tobin stop along River Rd. somewhere in Wisconsin to take in the scenery. PHOTO BY DAVE TOBIN

# InterMarque



## Sunday Picnics

**JUNE 26 • JULY 31 • AUG. 28 • SEPT. 25**

**1 P.M., CHEROKEE PARK  
ON THE WEST SIDE IN ST. PAUL**

What better way to spend a Sunday afternoon than to go for a drive and stop for a picnic at scenic Cherokee Park. This is a do-it-yourself affair, so bring your own food, beverages, plates, silverware, lawn chairs, grills, and a dish to share if you want. *If it rains, it's cancelled.*

# REGULAR CLUB EVENTS

**NEW**

**Audi Club Glacier Lakes**, Most months there is a Third Thursday gathering with time & date announced at [audiclubglacierlakes.org](http://audiclubglacierlakes.org)

**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**, 8 am every Saturday morning at the Fry-n Pan, Fourth and Main, beautiful downtown Fargo, North Dakota. Info: [mail@britishironsociety.com](mailto:mail@britishironsociety.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

**Minnesota Austin-Healey Club Pie and/or Pint With the President**, first Wednesday of the month, 7:00 p.m. or before. Joseph's Grill, 140 South Wabasha, Saint Paul, MN. Info: [www.mnhealey.com](http://www.mnhealey.com)

**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)

**Minnesota SAAB Club Monthly Meeting** First Thursday of the month, 7 p.m., 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.

**Minnesota Triumphs Monthly Meeting**, second Thursday of the month (except Nov. & Dec.), 7:00 p.m., The **September and October** Meetings will be held here: ANDERSON-NELSON ROSEVILLE VFW Post 7555 1145 Woodhill Drive Roseville, MN 55113 [vfwroseville.com](http://vfwroseville.com)

**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/>



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## British National Meet 2016

The weather dawned gloriously on Wednesday June 1 as the three amigos (Orrin McGill, Joe Bisanz and Steve Greenstein- yours truly) departed the Twin Cities for Blytheville, AR., this year's venue for the British National Car Meet that ran from Thursday June 2 through Saturday June 4.

The ride to Kansas City, our overnight stay on day one was uneventful (unlike the following day), with cool temps and clear, blue skies. A quick lunch stop at Baker's Square in Des Moines was all that interrupted our fleet journey past miles of odiferous Iowa farmland and into Kansas City around rush hour. A quick clean up later, we met Orrin's cousin Kay (more on Orrin and his southern relatives later) in the Holiday Inn hotel lobby for the now traditional serving of beer and hors d'oeuvres. With Kay in tow in a separate car, we met Sue Berkowitz, a sales rep for Victoria British (located a few blocks from our KC hotel) who has supported the British National Meet in the past and her son Blake at a great KC barbecue restaurant for dinner (Jack Stack Barbecue).

Day two was a picture postcard weather wise as we headed southeast through Missouri into Arkansas. In the small town of Ava, Missouri we stopped at a Burger King for lunch, where one of the servers turned out to be Orrin's cousin Cindy McGill Everett. Some of Orrin's family hails from this area, but meeting another McGill in the restaurant was a bit stupefying for Joe and I as was their conversation about the well-being of all their common relatives from the area, including their cousin Wendell, the Baptist preacher.

The latter half of Day 2 was not one of yours truly's better days; memorable, but hopefully forgettable. It all started after lunch when Orrin decided that we would go 'off road'; not the gravel and dirt kind per se, but those windy "B" roads through the Mark Twain National Forest. Let's just say 'windy' is not really the correct term. With rollers the height of

commercial buildings that went on for what seemed like hours, yours truly's stomach had had enough. After a quick pullover to deposit lunch by the side of a narrow two lane road, we motored onward. Whether it was before that full set of rollers or after, yours truly's ride Nigel also got the blues and started stuttering as if on 1-2 cylinders (a long-term problem supposedly cured before the trip). Orrin diagnosed the issue as a contaminated fuel/fuel line problem and removed the carb float plugs to dump the fuel – this seemed to help for 50-75 miles when we had to repeat the procedure again - for a total of 5-6 times that afternoon. With more B roads to go until Blytheville and heat climbing into the mid 80s, yours truly had to stop again – and with lunch now ALL gone, dehydrated and ready for a nap while sprawled on the ground in a small park-like area in some tiny, nowhere town (but with a hospital sign nearby), four local EMS guys who happened to be nearby came over to offer assistance. I declined their tempting offer to take me to the hospital, but this was a kind gesture of southern hospitality that we would see on more than one occasion during our trip.

After what seemed like an eternity (at least to me), we pulled into Blytheville around 6:30 PM, about 90 minutes later than planned, cleaned up and hustled over to the Barry Harrison's (the event organizer) large, white southern mansion for a traditional southern barbecue of ribs, pulled pork, chicken, pork shoulder, beans, slaw and apple pie with the other National Meet attendees. Good food and conversation later, we headed back to our hotel to rest for the following day's activities with yours truly enjoying a night's rest like no other.

Friday, June 3 was warm, humid with intermittent showers- typical southern spring weather which continued for the remainder of our stay in Arkansas. Even after a night's rest, yours truly was too bonked to do much; Orrin, Joe and a number of other British Meet participants traveled a short

distance from the hotel to see the historic Blytheville Greyhound bus terminal. Built in the art deco style in 1937, and now on the National Historic Building Register, this station saw the likes of Elvis Presley and many others of future generations pass through it on their way to war. Later, the group traveled out of town to visit Dyess, Arkansas and the boyhood home of Johnny Cash (now a museum), and the historic town of Wilson, AR as well as a large, organic farm.

Later that morning, feeling more refreshed, yours truly took a self-guided tour through Blytheville, which included the Blytheville bookstore, one of the south's most famous remaining independent bookstores, where many budding writers have gotten their start (they have over 100 separate editions of author autographed copies) including those by John Grisham (an Arkansas native), who has sold his books there from the beginning of his career. A favorite destination of Bill Clinton (another Arkansas native) he, Hillary and Conde Rice have all passed through the store that still survives with a strong core of local supporters.

Later Friday afternoon, your truly visited the local AutoZone to pick up extra fuel line and a fuel filter and together with Joe's help, replaced the old fuel line sections from the pump to the carb and added a second fuel filter there in the hope this would help Nigel's stuttering carb issue.

Friday dinner was held at the historic Blytheville Greyhound bus terminal (which now serves as a gathering place for local events) with tasty leftovers from Barry Harrison's barbecue the night before.

On Saturday, the three of us drove a short distance to the Blytheville Aeroplex, the site of the Blytheville Cars for Cancer Auto show. About 30 British cars from the British National Meet attended as well as another 150-200 cars of all types; mainly American muscle and classic rides, including a notable, completely

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## Drive West Young Man/Woman To Colorado

Join your hosts Orrin & Pam McGill and Joe & Virginia Bisanz on a drive to the beautiful gold mining town of Ouray, Colorado in Southwestern, CO.

We will leave early on Fri. Sept. 9th stopping around Grand Island, NE for the day. Saturday we drive to Pueblo, Co. Sunday we'll drive the scenic Hy 50 to Hy 550 into Ouray, CO.

We'll be staying at the Hot Springs Inn in Ouray where each room has a patio to sit and watch the Uncompahgre River flow by just a few yards away. The following days Monday thru Thursday we will set out each day mid-morning after breakfast and drive a different loop route of approx. 130/miles each day thru five different National Forest and Wilderness Areas. The scenery and views will be beautiful for top down driving at an easy pace in this early fall time in the Rocky Mts.

At the end of each day we arrive back at our rooms for leisure time and a drink & conversation on the patios before dinner. At this time of year the aspen trees should be starting to turn color and school will have started freeing up our routes of vans & buses but the weather will still be wonderful.

The four loop routes around Ouray that we will be driving on are the routes that the MG clubs use for a Time and Distance fundraising event held in the town of Ouray. They're "the real deal" for driving fun & scenery.

We've reserved six rooms at the Hot Springs Inn of which four have been taken - McGills, Mackeys, Bisanz & Wilcoxsons. The Berg's are going but will be towing their TR6 behind their motor home and staying in it next to the Inn.

Please let Orrin or me know if you'd like to join us soon so we can reserve more rooms.

The return trip home will be 2 1/2 days also. We hope you'll consider joining us.

**Joe Bisanz**

## British Natl. Meet from page 13

restored 1932 Sudebaker President . MN Triumphs proudly hung our banner on the large tent set up for the British National Meet group under which we all hung out together. Most of the British cars in attendance were MGBs (two with 3.4L V6 conversions), along with a few Metropolitans, an E type coupe and a newer (2011) Lotus Evora. Ours were the only Triumphs there; the other MN car in attendance was an MGB owned by a St. Cloud couple.

Dinner Saturday evening was held in our host Holiday Inn hotel Bistro restaurant, fine dining with good company (including 20 or so British National Meet members). There, yours truly received the "Slalom Award" and trophy for 'endurance, perseverance and good sported-ness' given my travel mishaps; the trophy was originally to be given out to the winner of the driving Slalom at the Aeroplex on Friday but that event was cancelled due to rain, so the

award was re-purposed to me. Everyone's kind thoughts were much appreciated, although yours truly has much to do to overcome this reputation that will no doubt survive this trip and be re-told often in the future. Our return trip on Sunday was uneventful, with beautiful weather as we left the South and our route set for the interstates this time (Hwy. 55 direct from Blytheville to St. Louis, then west to KC) as opposed to a return through Missouri on those 'holy rollers' in respect of yours truly's stomach. Our travel was only punctuated by one event of Nigel's fuel related stuttering, where in Jefferson City, MO, in addition to draining the carbs through the bowel plugs, Orrin attached a section of extra hose to the offending (we surmise) rear carb inlet and took a few draughts of Exxon's finest. This seemed to do the trick as Nigel made back to KC (and on Monday to the Twin Cities) without a further hiccup.

After several hours of driving mild "B" roads from Jefferson City to Kansas City (Orrin just can't help himself, and yours truly voluntary acceded to his request) we made it safely back to the Holiday Inn in Kansas City. Sunday evening saw us at Jack Stack Barbecue a second time where we met Sue Berkowitz again, this time with her husband Jack for more, good southern 'cue. Our departure Monday back to the Twin Cities was uneventful (thankfully) with beautiful, warm and sunny weather as we left Kansas City, turning very windy, cool and cloudy as we headed north from Des Moines into Minnesota (of course). All in all, a good time was had by all, shared with many nice and interesting folks, together with a few "memorable" events to re-tell in the future (at least over alcohol) ☺.



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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, during 2016 the meetings will be at the:

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# MEMBERSHIP NOTES

I am the owner of a Signal Red 1962 TR3B that was given to me by my father about 20 years ago when he sold his house. It is mostly original, with just a few new parts and the addition of whitewall tires. The fun fact about my car is that it came out of the factory two days before I did. So, we are nearly exactly the same age.



Here is a photo of my car, and a photo of my father with his first TR3 on the streets of Paris. I include this only because his ownership of that car is the reason that I ultimately wound up with mine. And, it makes a great period picture, especially if you view the incredulous faces of the café goers whose quiet drinks were, no doubt, interrupted by the TR3's rumble. Perhaps also a blast of the horn?



The car is running pretty well, but, has the bumps and bruises of a 54-year-old car (more since the photo above). I'm at the stage where I think I owe it to the vehicle to look at a repainting/chrome clean-up. But, I'm not sure who to trust with such a job. Any suggestions are welcome!

I hope to be able to join you at a meeting sometime. The Roseville VFW is about 50 minutes from us and that seems to be my car's current maximum drive time. I may be being overly cautious about that.

I look forward to keeping up-to-date with the club and to making some drives, at some point, with you all. - David Koenig, Northfield.

*Editor's Note: David was a member of the club several years back and is reacquainting himself with Minnesota Triumphs. Welcome back David.*

## Membership Form

\$25 for a single membership + emailed newsletter    \$26 for family membership + emailed newsletter

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Mail to: Joe DeMuth, 4018 Emerson Ave N, Minneapolis, MN, 55412

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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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