

TRIUMPHS & TRIBULATIONS



Sweat Equity



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ON THE COVER

Call for entries brought a number of projects.
Lot of work being done to fill those non-driving months...enjoy looking from your couch.

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It's getting that time of the year where Triumphs are awakening. I would expect to see some at our April Club Meeting. I hope to have mine out of its cocoon and running next week, God willing and the creek don't rise. It's true that youth springs eternal when one gets out on the road for the first time in the Spring. I usually scare the heck out of birds and cows when I blast down country roads, top down, side curtains off (I don't need no stinking rollup windows) singing at the top of my lungs. Life doesn't get much better.

Coming events. I just received a letter notifying me of this year's **10,000Lakes Concours d'Elegance**. They are asking for nominations. The event is held on July 30, 2017, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. in Excelsior, Minnesota. They are looking for pre-1981 Concours-quality cars. I would love to see some Triumphs at this year's event. In the past, John Meyers TR4 and my TR3A have been displayed. I know some of our other club TR's would qualify. The nomination form can be accessed at

www.10000lakesconcours.com.

Tech Sessions. What a great way to meet members, help get TRs on the road and pick up a bit of knowledge. If you haven't signed up for one or attended one I would urge you to do so. Roger Kraemer (our past Tech coordinator) and Steve Shogren (our current Tech coordinator) have

been great at getting these sessions on our club calendar. I'm always amazed at the level of knowledge and mechanical skills possessed by our club members and what they get accomplished at each session. Don't be shy about attending if you don't have great mechanical skills. I don't and I do! At our last session work was done on David Poinar's nice TR6. Among other things, a new clutch was installed and clutch hydraulics updated.

We still need someone to coordinate a Spring Shakedown Tour next month. This is simply planning some nice roads to drive on and a place to have lunch. It's a way for us to exorcise any demons that have taken up residence in our Triumphs during the Winter.

Work on our Clubs sponsorship of next year's V*R continues. Greg Thompson has done great work hammering out a contract with our host Hotel. More information will be provided as we get close to next year's event.

Happy Motoring
Jon/Jack Meier

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MONTHLY REPORT

as of 3/24/2017

Club Funds Balance

Total.....\$13,164.69

Memberships

Total paid.....74

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 Thank you everyone!!!
Nancy

MINUTES OF THE MINNESOTA TRIUMPHS

Minnesota Triumphs Meeting Minutes

Minutes for the March 2017 Meeting

Meeting was called to order at 7:06PM at the Ol' Mexico.

New Members – Not present.

Dick Leightninger referred to a new member with a similar last name "Dave Leininger"

Secretary report:

There was no Secretary present to give a report.

Treasurer report:

Jill Davenport, the Treasurer reported a balance of \$12,870.28

Activity of +\$492.62 in memberships renewals.

Expenses of -\$100.00 mailing and -\$140.00

Newsletters

Membership report:

1. Need volunteer for name badge ordering – Stephanie Greenstein.
2. 68 / 117 paid 2017 dues.

Newsletter editor's Report:

Need contributions, send them to Orrin McGill

Intermarque report:

Go to the newsletter for events

Spring Kick Off will be needing volunteers

A list of gas stations that sell non-oxy fuel can be found at www.msra.com

Face Book report by Nancy Gelhar:

Nancy will be working with Richard to get this process set up.

Details will be provided in the newsletter.

VTR2018 Lacrosse Report:

The Radisson, the VTR Hotel's location is walkable to many sites in Lacrosse.

Greg Thompson is the chairperson.

There is a need for volunteers – Program coordinator, trophies, goody bags, banquet, tech sessions, fun rally, etc.

Regalia – Terry Mackey will do logo

Events Coordinator Report:

Shack Down Cruise has a volunteer, please see flyer page 9.

Tech Session Coordinator Report:

Roger Kraemer will no longer be doing these.

Steve Shogren will be leading/ coordinating these.

3/18 is the next tech session at David Poinar's house.

Number of Triumphs in the parking lot = 1, a TR-6

Old Business – no

New Business – no

Adjourn : 7:40PM



The Meetings will be held here:
Ol' Mexico Restaurante & Cantina
1754 Lexington Ave North
Roseville, MN 55113
Phone: 651-487-2847
Email: info@olmexico.com

Minnesota Triumphs Tech Specialists

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

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

TR4 - John Myers (507-633-2017)

TR4A - Larry Sanderson (507-775-6940)

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

TR7 - Charles Setala (651-490-0489)

TR8 - Greg Gelhar (763-424-6434)

Spitfire - Bill Gingerich (612-850-4072)

GT6 - Pat McFarland (763-427-5612)

Renown -

Citroën - A. Lindberg (651-292-8585)



Once more I greet you from sunny, warm, non humid south Florida. I understand the yoyo weather of the north country may be coming to an end. Soon the sound of sweet tuned mufflers should be coating the by ways. My six is down after the trip to Pottsboro, TX. Some ticking and lots of heat under the hood leads me to believe I may have a leaking exhaust or manifold gasket. Once the Florida line is in the rear view mirror I've got lots of grass and other yard work looking me in the face once I cross the Minnesota border before I think of manifolds. Well that's my penalty for spending too much time at the beach.

A reminder to you that the Rendezvous is just around the corner and will be back in Mn this year in Grand Rapids from June 1-4. So I'm hoping to see you there with a secure manifold exhaust.

I hear big plans are in place for the 2018 VTR convention to be held by an unannounced club and a location that also seems to be obscure. 2018 is exciting and 2017 will prove to be more exciting since we all know we are heading to Princeton, NJ. If Gayle and I are fortunate enough to jump on with the same group we've been riding with the last couple of years, it will be superb as those in the know pick some of the best roads and venues to see great spectacles like "balls of twine" in American and Canada. When I think of all the great fun we all had going to Texas, it makes me ready to head out now. Man that was fun. So think of coming with us or forming your own caravan of enthusiasts and head out for adventure to Princeton and who knows...New York City?

Since you all know that the VTR convention will be in Princeton, NJ for 2017. Here we will celebrate 50 years of the Triumph GT6 from August 16-20. Convention headquarters is the Westin Princeton at Forrestal Village about an hour from the Philadelphia and the Newark Airports. Block your calendar as this again will prove to be a fun packed drive and adventure to the East Coast. Visit the website at vtr2017.org. Take a chance. Get a room. Let the fun begin in 2017. You must be a member of the VTR.

Since you are a Mn TR member, you should join VTR. The VTR magazine is always loaded with tidbits and Triumph history that as a passionate TR owner I know you would enjoy. All you have to do is spring for \$35 and go to the Vintage Triumph Register website, www.vtr.org, or just send \$35 for one year subscription to The Vintage Triumph Register, PO Box 655, Howell, MI 48844. If you don't have a Triumph, no problem. This will help you discover what you need to know to buy one more easily. Your benefits include a bi-monthly magazine, The Vintage Triumph, technical consultants; annual convention which brings together hundreds of Triumph enthusiasts, support of local and regional clubs like us here in Minnesota. You can also find more TR regalia and maybe a better rate on your insurance. Be loyal to the VTR and join today.

Larry Sanderson, your MN TR VTR Liaison, 507 269 1500 or myfriendlar@yahoo.com

Princeton, NJ Or Bust Let's Go For It.

**Lets see some beautiful country and have a
great time at the The Westin Princeton .
This should be the best VTR ever.**

Look Who's Going!

**Pat & Marsha Holt
Bill Nelson
Joe & Karen Demuth
Joe Soucheray**

**Larry & Gayle Sanderson
Greg & Carole Thompson
Terry & Sharon Neuman
Terry & Bernadette Mackey**

Please refer to www.VTR2017.org

Triumph Calendar

APRIL

13-Club meeting

15-Tech Session

MAY

11-Club meeting

13-*Intermarque Spring Kick-Off in Osseo, MN

See Page 15

27 - Spring Chicken Drive
(Think Shake Down Cruise)
May 27, 2017 **See page 9**

JUNE

1-4 Rendezvous At Sugar Lake Lodge **See pages 12, 13**

8-Club meeting

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

17-Antique tour
The Antique Tour will meet at the River Falls WI City Hall 222 Lewis Street, River Falls WI 54022 at 10:00 am.
Lunch at Belle Vinez Winery around noon. After lunch a scenic 22 mile drive meeting at the Emporium in old downtown Hastings MN for more Antiquing. For those interested stay and show our cars, we'll be there already! In the Historic Downtown Hastings Cruise- In Classic Car Show from 5 to 9 or till when ever time for a great mix of cars, food, music and fun!
Hosted by Dale Simpson
Home 715-426-9529 or Cell 715-307-5435
Thank You Dale Simpson.

17-*Amery Auto Cross & Speed Run in Amery, WI

23-25 Back to the 50s at MN State Fair

25-Intermarque Cherokee Park picnic

JULY

13-Club meeting

xx-yy *Iola Car Swap & Show in Iola, WI

xx-**Super Sausage Sunday**
See Larry Berg

30- @ 2:00pm Meisville Mud Hens Vs Northfield Knights
See Jon Meiers.

30 -*10,000 Lakes Concours in Excelsior, MN

30- Intermarque Cherokee Park picnic

AUGUST

x-Queen Mum Tour (host needed)
?

xx-*Wine Tour
See Christina Bigelow

10-Club meeting

12-*Britfest in Hudson, WI
12 - New London to New Brighton Antique Car Run

xx-*Amery Auto Cross & Speed Run in Amery, WI

SEPTEMBER

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

9-*Wheels & Wings in Osceola, WI

9-Summer Picnic (host needed)

14-Club meeting

xx-yy *Waumandee Hillclimb in Alma, WI

zz-Mystery Tour
Host is Terry Mackey

OCTOBER

12-Club meeting

xx-Color Tour, See Eric Paulson

xx-High Tea (host needed).

See Intermarque Monthly at:
www.intermarque.org

HAVE AN EVENT TO SHARE? We're always happy to add new events (or update current listings). Send additions, deletions and corrections to andyrlind@gmail.com

May 13, Intermarque Spring KickOff, Downtown Osseo, MN. 9 AM to 2 PM. Celebrating 25 years of rain, shine and snow, don't cha know. All vintage foreign cars and bikes are welcome. British, French, German, Italian, Japanese, Czech, etc. First 200 cars to register at the event receive a free 25th Anniversary commemorative dash plaque. Info: intermarque.org

May 19-21, SVRA Spring Vintage Festival, Road America, Elkhart Lake, Wisconsin. More laid-back and less pretentious than the July vintage event. Walk through the pits. Talk to the many upper Midwest drivers. Info: roadamerica.com

May 27, Spring Chicken Drive, A tour of Wisconsin's rolling hills and twisty roads. Meet at the Family Fresh Market in Hudson before the mandatory drivers' meeting at 9 AM sharp. See flyer in this issue. Rsvp to Diane Rindt by May 19. drindt4271@yahoo.com or 715-379-6001

May 27-28, Harvey West Memorial Day Classic, Brainerd International Raceway. Sponsored by VSCR and SCCA/LOL

June 1-4, Race to the Rapids, Rendezvous 2017, Grand Rapids, MN, USA. Sugar Lake Lodge. 800-450-4555. Hosted by the Minnesota Austin-Healey Club. Thursday afternoon registration 3:00-7:30 p.m. Welcoming hospitality at the lodge 8 p.m. Friday Gymkhana at the Grand Rapids Airport at 9 a.m. 4-7 p.m. "Sweet Sixteen" Downtown Car Show benefiting the local Boy Scouts troop. Saturday morning the Fun Rally starts in front of Sugar Lake Lodge where you'll get your Rendezvous 2017 commemorative photos taken, followed by a challenging but enjoyable drive. Afternoon highlights include a Lakeshore Show & Shine, Wine & Cheese Party and Tech Sessions. The evening's happy hour and awards dinner will cap weekend activities. Info and registration: mnhealey.com

June 10, Tom & June's 50th , 910 Ridge Pass, Hudson, Wisconsin. A picnic celebrating fifty years of marital and fifty-plus years of automotive bliss. Info: tcmoerke@presenter.com

June 10-11, Walleye 1000, HALF FULL! A 500-600 mile tour starting Saturday morning in the Twin Cities, Minnesota area. Put some fun miles on that old car you probably don't drive enough anyhow. Saturday night in La Crosse, Wisconsin. Info: walleye1000.com

June 11, Merlin's Rest's 5th Annual All-British Car show. Noon-4 (parking can start at 10 AM) & again is part of their annual block party. The block party goes until 8 PM. Stay for all or just the show. Dancing, bands, bag pipers, food and family fun! Ask anyone who has been to the show! FFI contact Merlin's Rest or Rex (rr2025@hotmail.com)

June 16-18, Back to the '50s, Minnesota State Fairgrounds. Hosted by the Minnesota Street Rod Association.

June 17, Amery Airport Autocross/Speed run, Amery, Wisconsin. Hosted by the Minnesota Austin-Healey Club. Info: mnhealey.com

June 24, 25th Annual Coulee Classic, Maiden Rock Village Park, Maiden Rock, Wisconsin. 10:00 AM to 6:15 PM. An easy all-paved Monte Carlo style rally using the sports car roads in Wisconsin's coulee country. Run it as a timed event or just ignore the timing and drive it as one of the best tours that you've driven. Info: Meetup | Auto Italia

June 25, Intermarque Picnic, Cherokee Park, St. Paul, MN. 1:00PM. Bring a chair and a dish to share. June picnic hosted by the Minnesota Austin-Healey Club.

June 30, Blackhawk Farms Raceway Track Day, 15538 Prairie Rd, South Beloit, IL. Hosted by the Chicago Alfa Romeo Owners Club and the Austin Healey Club of America Midwest. Additional participants of all makes and models welcome! Roll bar not required. Info: www.caroc.com or www.healeyclub.org



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July 1, Blast from the Past Car Show, Chetek, Wisconsin.
Info: Steve or Diane Rindt 715-456-1174

July 12-15, 2017 MOCNA International Meet (Metropolitan Owners' Club of North America), Minneapolis, MN. Visit the MOCNA website for details! <http://mocna.us/>

July 15, Scottish Fair and Highland Games Eagan, MN. Please visit the website to see car show info and all the wonderful things that will be going on. www.mnscottishfair.org/

July 19-23, Fiat FreakOut, Milwaukee, Wisconsin. Fiat Club of America national convention. Info: fiatclubamerica.com

July 20-23, Weathertech International Challenge with Brian Redman, Road America, Elkhart Lake, Wisconsin. This is the biggest vintage race in this part of the world. Over 400 racers. Feature races this year are CAN-AM. Car shows in downtown Elkhart Lake Friday and Saturday night. Info: roadamerica.com

July 30, 10,000 Lakes Concours d'Elegance, Excelsior, Minnesota. Not Pebble Beach, but a very nice location and many interesting cars at a much lower entry price. Info: 10000lakesconcours.com

July 30, Intermarque Picnic, Cherokee Park, St. Paul, MN. 1:00PM. Bring a chair and a dish to share. July picnic hosted by the Minnesota MG Group.

August 12, BritFest, Hudson, Wisconsin. Hosted by the Minnesota MG Group. Info: mn-mggroup.org

August 12, New London to New Brighton Antique Car Run, A 120-mile tour between its namesake cities for 1908 and earlier vehicles. The lunch stop in Buffalo is a fun viewing spot. Info: antiquecarrun.org

August 19, Royal British Car Show, Jaguar Minneapolis, 8905 Wayzata Blvd., Golden Valley, Minnesota

August 26, Amery Airport Autocross/Speed run, Amery, Wisconsin. Hosted by the Minnesota Austin-Healey Club. Info: mnhealey.com

August 27, Intermarque Picnic, Cherokee Park, St. Paul, MN. 1:00PM. Bring a chair and a dish to share. Hosted by MUM-MN United Minis.

September 9, Wheels and Wings, Simenstad Municipal Airport, Osceola, Wisconsin. More a Wing show and a muscle car parking lot. Big news: Last year there was free admission to the car show.

September 10?, Wayzata Rotary Motorsports Show, Minnetonka Avenue, Wayzata, Minnesota. An impressive gathering of foreign and American vehicles.

September 15-17, VSCDA Elkhart Lake Vintage Festival, Road America, Elkhart Lake, Wisconsin. In addition to watching the races and touring the pits, on Saturday fans can see a tour on almost the original '50s road course. Info: roadamerica.com

September 22-24, Waumandee Hill Climb, Waumandee, Wisconsin. Hosted by the Minnesota Austin-Healey Club. Info: mnhealey.com

September 24, Intermarque Picnic, Cherokee Park, St. Paul, MN. 1:00PM. Bring a chair and a dish to share.

September 30?, Intermarque Banquet?, Elsie's?, Minneapolis, MN. More details later. Maybe.



REGULAR CLUB EVENTS

Audi Club Glacier Lakes, Most months there is a Third Thursday gathering with time & date announced at 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

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

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

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

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

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

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., Ol' Mexico restaurant, Lexington and Larpenteur, St. Paul

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

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

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

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

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

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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Spring Chicken Drive

Saturday May 27, 2017

Join us on the first drive of the season. Travel on some of the most beautiful country roads in Wisconsin with rolling hills, spectacular bluffs, scenic rivers and picturesque countryside. All roads will be paved and are guaranteed to be full of twist and turns.



- Saturday morning meet at the *Family Fresh Market* parking lot in Hudson, WI at Address: 2351 Coulee Rd, Hudson WI, 54016
Arrive early to get a cup of coffee and a sweet roll at the Caribou Coffee Shop.
- The drivers meeting will be at **9:00am sharp!** Every car will receive easy to read detailed directions that are spouse friendly.
- Our lunch destination will be The *Six String Saloon* in Maiden Rock, WI
Lunch choices: *Pulled Pork Sandwich, Chicken Sandwich or Hamburger.*
Prices **start** as low as \$6.50 Pay your server that day but please **R.S.V.P. to Diane Rindt by May 19th** with food choice and how many attending – email drindt4271@yahoo.com or call 715-379-6001.
- After lunch, socialize as long as you like. There is no organized drive to return home. Your trip will be simple, follow HWY 35 North back to Hudson.

Wilwood Disc Brake Upgrade

After driving the mountain roads of Colorado for a few days last fall, fully loaded with luggage and a passenger and (Virginia isn't exactly a heavyweight), Joe (Joe Bisanz) decided that an upgrade to the stock TR6 braking system would be a nice improvement. We all know that Triumph cars have had disc brakes up front for a long time however they just don't compare to the modern four wheel systems out there today. We decided to take a look at the Wilwood system that Richard Good of Good Parts Inc. has engineered to fit the TR6. Richard has quite an extensive line of parts that he has engineered to improve handling and performance for the TR6. The setup we decided to use has four piston calipers up front and disc brakes in the rear with drilled and slotted rotors all around. Stainless steel wrapped flexible brake lines were also specified. This set-up allows you to retain the original master cylinder with solid pedal feel and travel for everyday driving.

The installation was quite straight forward. Richard has a very good detailed set of instructions and photos that you can actually clearly see. All the components were separately packaged and clearly



marked. Installation of the front system consisted of simply replacing the old with the new taking care to use the appropriate spacer to center the caliper over the rotor.



The rear installation took a little bit longer but was certainly not difficult to accomplish. The 5/16" studs that secure the rear hubs to the aluminum trailing arm are replaced with 3/8" studs for added strength. I found that it worked quite well to use a 5/16" reamer rather than a drill bit to size the holes correctly for the 3/8" tap. Take special care to have the reamer properly aligned perpendicular to the mounting surface when doing this. Note: A drill bit tends to grab and screw itself into the already threaded holes in the soft aluminum. After reaming the holes, they must be tapped and then bottom tapped to allow



the studs to fully bottom out in the holes.

The next step is to enlarge the holes in the hubs to 13/32" to allow 1/32" clearance for the mounting studs. Now you are ready to reassemble. The studs are installed in the trailing arm with medium strength loctite. Then Good Parts disk brake carrier and the hub is installed and secured with 19 pound-feet torque. The rotor is temporarily secured in position with a lug nut while the parking brake caliper and the rear brake caliper



are bolted in place.



The next step is to route the steel brake line from the flexible hose mount to the caliper. I thought this might be a little tricky to do but it went quite well. The brake line was easily bent to shape with bare hands to make the connection, no tubing bender required, and the instructions have a photo of the routing for the tube.

There was a little mix up when we ordered the system. It wasn't made clear that we were going to use the stock steel wheels and there was interference between the rear wheel and caliper. Good Parts



supplied A 3/8" spacer and longer wheel studs that solved the problem. The spacer is not needed if using alloy or wire wheels.

The spacer is

The next step is to bleed the system, install the road wheels and follow the procedure to properly bed the brake pads and rotors but that will have to wait until spring when the roads clear.

Photos by Joe Bisanz

Text by Larry Berg



The shores of Sugar Lake and banks of the Mississippi in Grand Rapids beckon you to “Race to the Rapids” for the 2017 Vintage Sports Car Rendezvous June 1-4.

With Sugar Lake Lodge as the focal point of weekend activities and accommodations at other Grand Rapids inns, there are plenty of rooms for everyone to enjoy the hospitality of the Minnesota Austin-Healey Club and citizens of the Greater Grand Rapids area.

Those wanting an early start on the weekend, can arrange a relaxing – or at least challenging – round of golf Thursday at the lodge’s 18-hole course. Tee times can be made directly with the pro shop. The official good times begin Thursday afternoon with registration from 3-7:30 p.m. At 8 p.m., welcoming hospitality begins at the lodge with refreshments, announcements and activities that renew existing friendships and foster new ones.

Friday will dawn on a variety of activities. Gymkhana enthusiasts will gather at 9 a.m. for the drivers’ meeting at the Grand Rapids Airport, followed by pulse-pounding runs until 3 p.m. on an autocross artfully designed by Greg Willodson. If you prefer more sublime driving, take one of several self-guided tours of the surroundings, or meander into downtown Grand Rapids for nearby shopping and lunch.

Starting at 3:30 p.m., Dave Herreid’s team will begin aligning our sports cars around the Grand Rapids town square for a 4-7 p.m. “Sweet Sixteen” Downtown Car Show benefiting the local Boy Scouts troop. Each driver will receive a bucket with their registration number on it to place before their car. Townspeople and tourists will be encouraged to cast as many votes as they wish for their favorites using \$1 bills to buy ballots. All proceeds go directly to the scouts. Car owners also may vote for their cars as often as they like. The byword



is “Vote Early & Often” – just like they do in Chicago. The 16 sports cars receiving the most ballots will be recognized at Saturday’s awards dinner. Food and beverage options will be available on the square and at local restaurants throughout the late afternoon and early evening.

Saturday morning is all about rallying or otherwise enjoying the beauty of the area. Afternoon highlights include a Lakeshore Show & Shine, Wine & Cheese Party and Tech Sessions for the guys. That evening’s happy hour and awards dinner will cap weekend activities.

Register Now: www.mnhealey.com/rendezvous



Friday’s “Sweet Sixteen” Downtown Car Show will be a fundraiser for Grand Rapids area Boy Scouts.

27th Annual Can/Am Rendezvous

June 1-4, 2017

Vintage Sports Car Gathering

Grand Rapids, Minnesota

Host: Minnesota Austin-Healey Club

Weekend Schedule

Thursday -- Registration: 3-7:30 p.m. Hospitality: 8-9:30 p.m.

Friday -- Registration: 8 a.m.- Noon, Airport Autocross,
Self-Guided Tours, Downtown Car Show

Saturday -- Fun Rally, Lakeshore Show & Shine,
Wine & Cheese Party, Awards Dinner

Sunday -- Breakfast & Goodbyes



ON-LINE REGISTRATIONS PREFERRED @ www.mnhealey.com/rendezvous

Name _____ Spouse/Guest _____
(PRINT LEGIBLY first and last name/names as they should appear on badges)

Street _____ City _____

State/Province/Postal Code _____

E-mail address _____ Phone _____
(Include e-mail address if you want a confirmation of registration – none will be sent otherwise.)

Club Name _____

Vehicle/s to be registered: Yr. _____ Make _____ Model _____

Yr. _____ Make _____ Model _____

On-line Registration \$75 Mail-in Registration \$80 After April 20: \$90 (All fees in U.S. \$\$s) \$ _____
(Registration includes one vehicle, two adults, one child under 18 & one free event ball cap)

Each additional person: \$5.00 x _____ \$ _____

Each additional vintage car: \$5.00 x _____ \$ _____

Extra ball caps: \$15.00 x _____ \$ _____

Wine & Cheese Party: \$15.00/person \$ _____

Awards Dinner tickets: \$40.00/person x _____ \$ _____

SIGN ME UP FOR: Autocross _____ Downtown Car Show _____ Rally _____ Total \$ _____

IF MAILING REGISTRATION, make checks payable to Minnesota Austin-Healey Club (U.S. \$\$s) Send completed form to:
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www.walleye1000.com

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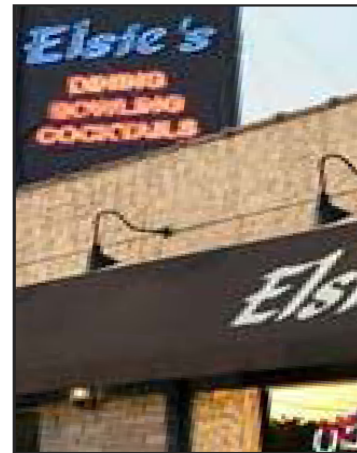
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BREAKFAST REMINDER

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



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

Monthly Meetings

Minnesota Triumphs meets the second Thursday of each month, during 2017 the meetings will be at the:

Ol' Mexico Restaurante & Cantina
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MEMBERSHIP NOTES

2017 Dues Paid



2016 Membership = 117

2017 Paid Members = 74

As you can see from the gauge, there is a significant number of members who have not renewed their membership. I will email all those people one more time reminding them they will lose club privileges.

New Members in Their Own Words

My wife Diane and I have been avid British car enthusiasts for almost 20 years. I personally have had British Sports Cars since my early twenties. My first British car was a MGA which I still have. Over the years we've had several MG's, Triumph's and other Italian and German sports cars.

After a career change back in 2001 I opened my own business doing service and restoration on British made cars. The business "EAU CLAIRE BRITISH CAR" has kept us busy for the last 16 years.

We live in Eau Claire WI. and have been members of the MMGG for years. Having recently completed our nut and bolt restoration of our 73' Triumph GT6 MK III we felt it was time to join the Minnesota Triumphs car club. We also recently acquired a 59'



TR3A and have been using it as a daily driver during the summer month's. My wife and I know many of the Triumph club members and look forward to meeting all of you. We have volunteered to do many drives down through the years and have successfully run "Rally In The Valley" multiple times. We are currently making the plans for "Rally 2018" as I write this. Some of you have attended the event in the past and we forward to your participation next year. - Steve & Diane Rindt

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

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

Minnesota Triumphs
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Minneapolis, MN 55412



Check our web site at:

www.mntriumphs.org

Membership meetings are on the SECOND THURSDAY of the month (except no meetings in November and December). Meetings begin at 7:00 p.m. and are held at the Ol' Mexico Restaurant & Cantina, 1754 Lexington Ave North, Roseville, MN 55113, Phone: 651-487-2847, Email: info@olmexico.com. Everyone is invited to attend, whether you are a member or not.

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Are you connected to the group? Do you get in on the latest information?

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

Simply send an e-mail to

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



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