

TRIUMPHS & TRIBULATIONS



LAST ISSUE FOR 2017



Lots o' Events



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ON THE COVER

Three great events: VTR, Wine Tour and Black Hills.
Thanks trip organizers...Thompsons, C Bigelow, Bisanzs.

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PREZ RELEASE

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It's been an eventful month since my last Prez Release. The Sanderson's, Thompson's and Neuman's represented Minnesota Triumphs at the 2017 VTR in Princeton, New Jersey. On August 19, they announced that Minnesota Triumphs will host the 2018 VTR in LaCrosse, Wisconsin. The convention dates are Tuesday, July 17, 2018 through Friday, July 20, 2018.

o To make reservations on-line, please follow these directions:

o Go to www.radisson.com and select La Crosse.

o Choose the date of your stay and then enter "VTR18" in the "Enter Code or ID" area.

o You will then be directed to your guestroom options!

I have made my reservations, how about you?

On August 26, Christina Bigelow hosted A great Wine Tour. Six Triumphs (a TR8, TR6, GT6+, TR4, TR3A and Spitfire) met at Point Douglas Park. We toured 63 miles of scenic back roads to the Alexis Bailly Vineyard outside of Hastings. There we sampled a variety of wines, swapped tall tales and listened to some great jazz music. It did rain some on the way home, just enough to make the British cars feel at home!

According to the **British Motor Industry Heritage Trust** my TR3As was built on September 5, 1958. Happy 59th birthday!

On September 9th through September 14th, Joe Bisanz and Orrin McGill led a group of 8 cars (a TR250, 5 TR6's, a 1979 Corvette and a late model Jaguar sedan) to the Black Hills. Ok yes, I was the non-British car driver. To accommodate carrying spousal luggage on long trips I must drive with the top and side curtains on in my 1958 TR3A. Driving approximately 600 miles from home to the Blue Bell Lodge in Custer State park did not seem like a good idea. Especially considering the 80-mph speed limit in South Dakota and the 90-degree temperatures! Individually or as a group we visited: The Minuteman Missile National Historic Site Visitor Center, Wall Drug, the Badlands, Corn Palace, Devils Tower, Deadwood, Spearfish Canyon, Mount Rushmore, Crazy Horse Memorial and drove most roads in Custer State Park. It was a great time and I look forward to the next long road trip!

During our September 14th, monthly Triumph Club Meeting next year's slate of Club officers and Club Position Chairs was formulated/proposed. These will be voted on during our October Club Meeting. The October Meeting is our last formal Club Meeting of the year. Please plan on attending. I am in the process of arranging free food for attendees! **ALSO, SOMEONE**

PLEASE CONSIDER VOLUNTEERING TO BE OUR EVENTS COORDINATOR CHAIR.

This position coordinates the annual Club calendar of motor and social events put on by Club volunteers.

Happy Motoring

Jon/Jack Meier

President MN Triumphs

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TRIUMPHANT LADIES

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!!!

MINUTES OF THE MINNESOTA TRIUMPHS

Minnesota Triumphs Meeting Minutes September 14th 2017

Summer returned for our Sept meeting with Sun and 84 degrees. I counted 14 TR's in the lot awaiting inspection.

Several new members joined us for the meeting;

Brandon and Gary Berman, a father and son team with a 77 Spitfire.

Ross and Owen Phernetton & Natalie Obee, with a 71 TR6

Attending Club officers shared their respective information, which is shared with us in the club newsletter.

The tech session at David Moracco's was in Dave's words was wonderful. There was 10 sets of helping hands that worked thru the "to do" list with ease. Being his first tech session, he was a little reluctant to

have one, but afterwards, he couldn't express enough on how great it went, and how impressed he was with the knowledge everyone brought to the session. A big thank you to all who attended.

Nominations were held for the upcoming board and volunteer positions, which will be voted on in October. The much needed position of event coordinator is still open for a nomination. Our president asked all club members to please consider helping the club out by volunteering for this spot.

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MONTHLY REPORT as of 9/21/2017

Club Funds Balance

Total.....\$13,180.31

Memberships

Total paid.....116

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)



I sit here this morning by the lake watching a flock of geese feeding on weeds or shells on the lakes shallow bottom. Beside them are a group of ruddy ducks appearing to do the same. Just beyond them and out a bit deeper is a loon feeding on minnows who should be soon leaving for his southerly haunts. The lake is like glass as the wind ceased overnight and the temps dropped to 42. What a difference a week makes from being out last week early morn in shorts and no shirt cleaning and painting Triumph parts to no, I don't want to go out but rather stay in looking at the lake and drinking fresh brewed coffee. So like the ruddy's and the loon this bird is soon to fly south in search of warmth.

The warmth of last week found me out each day degreasing, washing, sandblasting, washing again, and then priming and painting many Tr4a parts. Thanks to John Myers, I was able to use his bench box sandblaster and cleaned some corrosion from many of those parts. Added bonus was the bounty from John and Cindy's garden loaded with tomatoes, pep-

pers, squash and cukes that they gave me. Not only is John a good mechanic, he's got a pretty green thumb behind those grease stains.

Anyhow the Tr4a frame is totally painted by brush with Por15 and 2 coats of rust inhibitor and top coated with chassis black. Now I need some Tr club advice. Should I foam the interior frame like the Ratco frame guys do or omit the foam? Will foam prevent rust or possible create more if moisture gets in and can't get out? Now for the important stuff!

It was very nice to see new members taking an interest in Triumphs and joining the club at the September meeting. Now I hope you will join the VTR. It is the only club that honors each Triumph model. In addition to having more regalia and more access to technical help they publish a very nice slick and full color magazine every two months. The best part is they have the VTR CONVENTION each year. For 2018, as most of you now know, Minnesota Triumphs will host the national convention in LaCrosse, WI JULY 17-21. You may make a reservation for your room at the LaCrosse Radisson by going on line to:

www.radisson.com/lacrosse/vtr. Rooms are king city view at \$124 or 2 queen River view at \$134. Or you may contact the Radisson directly at 608 784 6680 and ask for the vtr18 room rate. So please plan now for a great vacation by attending this 2018 VTR convention. 2018 will be the year you finally can make a great river get together.

PLEASE JOIN VTR AS YOU MUST BE A MEMBER TO PARTICIPATE IN THE 2018 CONVENTION. WWW.VTR.ORG

Larry Sanderson,
your VTR liaison,
Myfriendlar@yahoo.com or
507 269 1500

Triumph Calendar

OCTOBER

12-Club meeting - 7:00 PM

14-Color Tour, See Eric Paulson

21- Minnesota Triumphs Fall
Wienie Roast

The fun starts at 6 PM on Saturday October 21 2017 in Ethier's back yard at 22 West Robie Street, Saint Paul, 55107.

Remember that the Smith Avenue High Bridge is closed for renovation. We will provide all-beef hot dogs, buns and the usual condiments. There will also be lemonade and coffee. For desert, we will have the stuff for s'mores.

Please bring lawn chairs, any roasting forks you may have, and a dish to share. You also will need to provide your own adult beverage. If you want to bring wood, make sure it is dry and devoid of paint or any other stuff that should not be burned under people's food. We hope to see you around the crackling fire on the 21st!

NOVEMBER

05-High Tea - Gary and Barb Stephenson will host the HighTea on November 5th at 1PM. More details to follow.

See Intermarque Monthly at:

www.intermarque.org

La Crosse, WI Or Bust

Let's Go For It.

**Lets see some beautiful country and
have a great time at the The Radisson
in La Crosse, WI.**

This should be the best VTR ever.

Look Who's Going!

Greg & Carole Thompson

Terry & Sharon Neuman

Larry & Gayle Sanderson

Please refer to

www.VTR2017.org

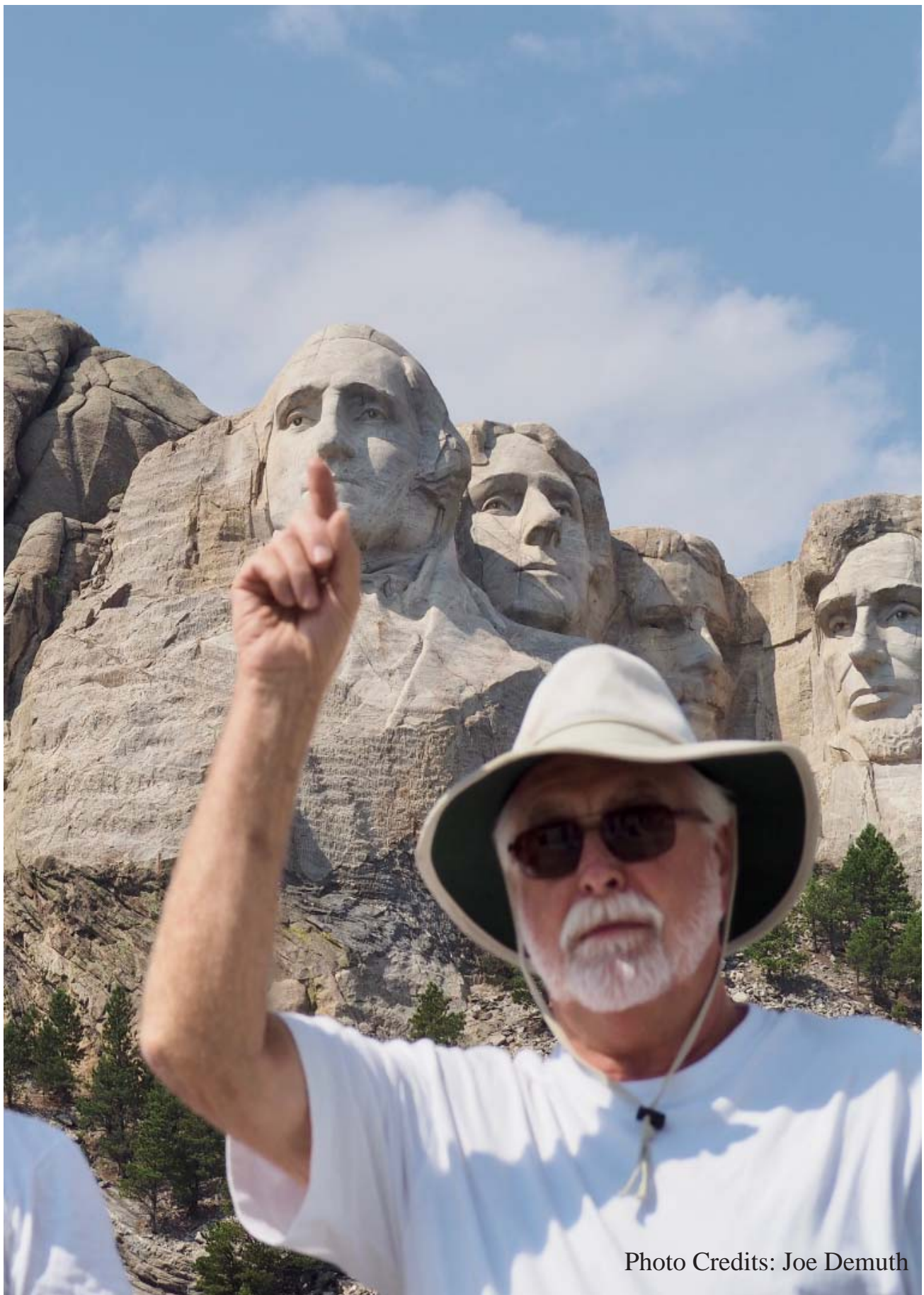


Photo Credits: Joe Demuth



Please note that John Myers won a trophy on Saturday, Sept. 9th at the polo match/
car show in Watertown, MN with his blue '62 TR4.

Photo Credits: Jon B. Meier



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Blackhills Tour

Those who went, said this:

In September of 1974, we started off for Wyoming via Mt Rushmore in our new yellow (or for those in the know Mimosa) Triumph TR6. We had acquired it less than a month earlier, and couldn't wait for our first trip.

Little did we know that in September 43 years later we would set off on a return trip – but this time with 14 other Triumph lovers – friends that we came to through the Minnesota Triumph Club. This thought stayed with me last week as I watched all 8 cars exit on a ramp – one after the other, or the many expert parking lineups that Triumph drivers just can't help but form in front of any site we arrive at.

Each morning, as we took a look around, we saw cabins – with – you guessed it – one of our friend's cars in front of it. For each of three days – we set out on a new adventure – on roads just made for us.

Custer State Park is a rewarding destination, and just the right distance from home. We left feeling like there was still more we could have done and seen. We experienced the roads, but there were hiking, horseback riding, and “just sitting” options that we did not have time for.

Consider it – if you have not been there – or even if you have, say 43 years ago, or so.

Virginia and Joe Bisanz

I was a Black Hills Rookie. In a half century of mainly Midwest living I had never seen the Bad Lands, Black Hills or Devils Tower except in photos. The Real Thing was incredible. The first day in country, we joined the Mackeys on a trip to Devils Tower, Wyoming. The trip to this National Monument was a treat in itself. Amazing landscapes and over every hill was a new vista more breathtaking than the last. The main event was awe inspiring. Devils Tower appeared in a smoky haze on the horizon and became more defined as we got closer. Finally we were standing at the foot of this unique geologic formation. They are still not certain how it was formed, but it has inspired many Native American stories and spiritual beliefs. It was the landmark for alien contact in Spielberg's film "Close Encounters of the 3rd Kind". It totally lived up to its reputation. The drive back to the Black Hills was just as beautiful. We drove through the winding two lane blacktop of Spearfish Canyon and through Deadwood. At a road block for highway paving, we enjoyed a chance encounter with the Village People. The natives are friendly in the Black Hills.

Daniel Buchen

Favorite part of Black Hills Trip? The great people who participated. Every day was something different, new roads to drive, things to see, places to eat! Accommodations in Custer State Park were great. Jody especially liked Spearfish Canyon and the Oyster Shots Larry introduced her to in Deadwood. Thanks to Joe Bisanz and Orrin McGill for planning this trip.

Jon Meiers

Barb and I had wonderful time on the Minnesota Triumphs Black Hills Tour. Some of the highlights were seeing Mount Rushmore, going through the Badlands, and of course seeing Norm the Buffalo roam around the cabins, and on occasion visiting with some of the patrons at the local watering holes. The most exciting part of the tour was the 14 mile spirited drive on the Needles Highway. The TR6 did not skip a beat during the 1600 mile tour albeit there were a few times the carburetors seemed to flood out during start up. We were with a fabulous, friendly group of people from the club and enjoyed ourselves immensely

Gary and Barb Stephenson

Blackhills Tour

The best part of this trip for Karen and I, aside for spending time with the club members that were along, was the two roads, Iron Mt. Road and the Needles Highway, each of which is about 17 miles long. They could be the twistiest roads in the US, well certainly that we have driven on.

Particulars for Iron Mt. Road

- 17 MILES
- 314 CURVES
- 14 SWITCHBACKS
- 3 PIGTAILS
- 3 TUNNELS
- 4 PRESIDENTS
- 2 SPLITS

Amusing quotes heard on the trip, an idea stolen from John Kallaus.

Karen D, "That road made the trip across South Dakota worth it."

Gail B, talking about the Wildlife Loop in Custer State Park, "Larry and I were the wildest thing on that loop."

"Don't surrender to peer pressure and put the top up," Joe D while driving up Spearfish Canyon.



Tour bus in the Needles tunnel.

Photo Credits: Joe DeMuth



Meet Norm, the resident Bull Bison

Photo Credits: Joe DeMuth

Blackhills Tour



Photo Credits: Joe Bisanz



Photo Credits: Virginia Bisanz

Blackhills Tour



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Blackhills Tour



Photo Credits: Daniel Buchen



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Year End Club Meeting Election Night TACO PARTY



Come see who your elected and
volunteer people are, and have some
FREE TACOS!

Brought to you by your Minnesota Triumph Sports Car Club.
Our meeting place for October 12 will be the
Ol' Mexico Restaurante
1754 Lexington Ave N
St. Paul, MN 55113

Minnesota Triumphs Fall Colour Tour

October 14th, 2017

Okay, Campers...

(Yes, I channeled Mischke just there!)

Here is the itinerary for the Fall Colour Tour for those who are interested in participating...

**Departure from MSP - ???
(Still need someone to organize this!)**

Meet Zumbro Falls 10:00 am

- There is a nice, big grassy area here that should accommodate all the vehicles, and a couple of Port-A-Johns for those who need.

- We will spend 10-15 minutes, or as long as is needed.

- Depart ZF at 10:15 for Winona

Arrive in Winona roughly 11:15am

**- 1 hour tea and social
- Venue is to be secured, but there will be facilities available for a "comfort stop."**

- This is where the two halves of the tour split. Those wishing to return to MSP may do so, although I would highly encourage staying in Winona and taking in the sights. (If I receive enough positive response to this tour, I may be willing to organize a "History Tour" in Winona in the future, as I lived there for three years during my time at Winona State.) Those wishing to do the full tour will continue to Preston.

- Depart Winona around 12:15pm

Arrive in Lanesboro about 1:45pm

- Sylvan Park has a nice big lot in which to park, facilities and a nice, scenic place to stroll for 10-15 minutes.

Arrive in Preston 2:10

- Drive through downtown Preston and final destination at the Branding Iron Supper Club.

- Lunch Reservations are for 3:00. So, we can enjoy "tasty adult beverages" beforehand.

That is the rough timetable, as real-world circumstances will undoubtedly affect things, but that is what we're looking at for a timeline.

Don't know if that will entice a few more people to join us, but if you'd like to tag along, we'd love to have you! Just send me an email to let me know.

- Erik Paulson



October 14th, 2017



Minnesota MG Group Fall Colour Tour

Join us on a beautiful drive through the countryside and then dine out for lunch.



*** Saturday morning meet at the *Family Fresh* grocery store parking lot in Hudson, WI ***
Address: 2351 Coulee Rd, Hudson, WI 54016

Get up a cup of coffee at the *Caribou Coffee Shop* and be ready for the drivers meeting in the parking lot at 9:00 sharp! Every car will be handed detailed instructions that will direct the group down breathtaking winding scenic country roads in Wisconsin.

*** Our lunch destination will be the *Monarch Public House* in Fountain City, WI ***



They will be serving us their famous
(*Irish Stew*) or (*Potato Soup*)
with a ($\frac{1}{2}$ *Ruben*) or (*Chicken Breast*)
sandwich with
(*Kettle Chips*) or (*Potato Salad*)
Your choice!

It's all made from scratch for \$8.95
per person.

DOES NOT include tax or tip

Please R.S.V.P. Diane Rindt by **October 7th, let me know your selection of food so they know how much to make (715) 379-6001 or email drindt4271@yahoo.com**

*** Your trip home will be simple, follow HWY 35 North back to Hudson***

Triumph Trader

FOR SALE

For sale: 1974 Triumph TR-6, 50,xxx mi., rusty, good motor and 4 speed trans. Many good parts, original tires. \$1000.00 or best offer. 651-501-8377
Thank You, Donald Strom

For Sale: Hard top roof for Triumph Spitfire 1500. Royal Blue w/ White headliner. Original glass. No rust. Asking 350.00 Call and leave message. Beverly 715-669-3555
Thorp, WI.

For Sale: 1975 Triumph Spitfire 1500. Royal Blue. New Rag top, tires. 71.370 miles. No rust. Asking \$5250.00. Call and ask for Beverly. Thorp WI. Phone 715-669-3555.

For Sale:
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Contact Roger Kraemer @ 651-207-3920 or
spitsand7s@gmail.com

FOR SALE: Original Hard Top for a 1958 Triumph Sports Type 20 TR3A. Top is in excellent condition. \$400.
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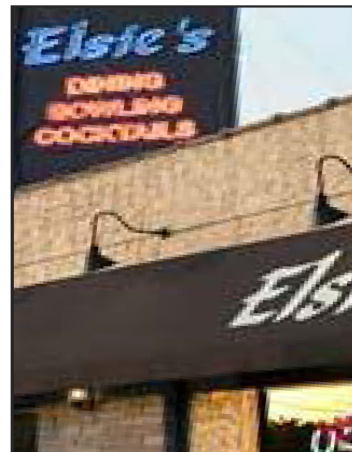


1980 1500 Spitfire, carmine red, am-fm cd radio, plays up to 10 cd's. New top, boot, interior. All bearings recently packed. Has a hardtop also. Needs some work. Tonneau cover. Contact Rick at 612- 963-1827. \$5,995 obo.

WANTED

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
1754 Lexington Ave North
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MEMBERSHIP NOTES

We have more new members!

With four new memberships this month our total is 117. This is nearly as good as the all-time high (since I have been keeping track, anyway).

- Hudson and Mary Nichols, St. Anthony, MN. Hudson says, "Roadster history: 1967 MG B (new) while in the Army; 1974 Alfa 1750 Spider (used); 1976 Alfa 2000 Spider (new); 1978 TR6 (used) still own. Have not been without a roadster since May 1967."
- Thoeme Berntsen, Minneapolis, 1960 TR3A
- Ross Phernetton, Richfield, 1971 TR6
- Andy Westerlund, Shorewood, 1964 TR4

Here are some pictures of the Badlands/Black Hills trip that club members took last month. I figured there would be enough pictures in the newsletter showing cars, so mine are wildlife (or not so wild). If you want to view all of my pictures, [click here](#) (on line users only, of course.)



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Membership Form
 \$25 for a single membership + emailed newsletter
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 Mail to: Joe DeMuth, 4018 Emerson Ave N, Minneapolis, MN, 55412
 I am a member of VTR Yes No

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

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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