

# TRIUMPHS & TRIBULATIONS



## Colors & Cheers

Color Tour was the middle of October with a good turnout. The New Year's celebration had some hardy souls braving the sub zero temps.



Photo Credit: Erik P, Doug B





It is mid-January. I am now a week post-op total right knee replacement. Since I don't handle pain medications well, they make me sick, I am one sorry human Clump. So, what is one to do? Get out and read old Triumph **Road & Track** Road Tests! Thought you might be interested in some of **R&T's** comments. Oct. 1968 Comparison road test: Austin Healey Sprite, Datsun 1600, Fiat 850 Spider, Triumph Spitfire. "The straight-line acceleration of the Spitfire was the best of the 4 cars tested. In summing up, we would fault the Spitfire on its swing-axle rear suspension but praise it for its driving position, performance, comfortable ride, pleasant appearance and engine accessibility." "0-60 mph 13.6". April 1954, TR2 Road Test: "Side curtains feature zipper flaps for signaling and cigarette butt discarding but should a driver neglect to leave the zipper open, entrance (with top up and curtains in) is difficult because of handleless doors." "0-50 mph 8.3, 0-60 MPH 12.2". June 1956 TR3 Road Test: "The interior is snug and dry during the heaviest downpour and sliding (two panel) side windows give good viability and easy hand signaling." "The 1957 engine will run up to at least 5500 rpm occasionally without complaint even though red-lined at 5000." "The Triumph is a genuine

enthusiast dual-purpose car; very easy to drive, safe handling, a potent performer. Durable and economical. In its price class (at \$2665) it has no competition." "0-50 mph 7.8. 0-60 mph 11.4" May 1965 Triumph TR4A "The new top of the TR4-A is a great improvement over TR tops of yore. Now it is a completely modern folding top anchored at the front by two smoothly working clamps and it can be conveniently raise and lowered by one person." "Although the optional i.r.s. will add about \$125-\$150 to the delivered price of the car, we can not imagine that many buyers will chose the TR4-A without it." "Now, with the independent rear suspension and the new top, the TR4A offers Triumph drivers unprecedented amount of handling, comfort and convenience." "0-50 MPH 7.3, 0-60 MPH 10.5"

This information was taken from Road & Track Triumph Sports Cars 1953- 1967. Road & Track also has books covering Triumphs 1967-1974 and Triumphs 1974-1982.

With time on my hands I have checked the following items off my to do list: Pay my 2018 Triumph Club dues, register and get hotel reservations for the 28<sup>th</sup> Annual Vintage Sports Car Rendezvous in Thunder Bay. Ontario, June 7-10, 2018, register and get hotel reservations for the 2018 VTR National in La Crosse Wisconsin, July 17-21. 2018, secure lodging

for Door County Triumph Run, September 14-17, 2018. Time for fellow Club Members to check off their Triumph 2018 to-do list.

Unfortunately, I will may not be physically able to attend our Triumph Club Winter Party on January 29, 2018 or February 8, 2018. Hope to see you yahoos soon.

Happy motoring,  
Jon/Jack Meier, 1958 TR3A  
President MN Triumphs

## MONTHLY REPORT as of 1/15/2018

### Club Funds Balance

Total.....\$11,273.74

### Memberships

Total paid.....30

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# MINUTES OF THE MINNESOTA TRIUMPHS

Due to circumstances beyond our control there will be no Minutes this month



It's NEW. Now you can keep in touch, share photos, and let other Minnesota Triumph members know what you're up to. Check in at MN Triumphs on facebook. Go ahead, write on our wall.



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

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

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

## BREAKFAST REMINDER

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



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](mailto: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)



While waiting for the next cold front here in S FL the temp has just jumped to 75 as the wind is now coming from the south. As I write all of MN Triumphs are waiting for the next Arctic blast to arrive also. It takes about 2-3 days for MN cold to strike S FL if it does at all. It has been a long week here for us in Florida and I find I now shy away from the NFL channel and any sports new in papers or TV. Our Vikings were miraculous the week before, but this past Sunday they let the Eagles put on a clinic. Oh well, our purple shirts are now buried in the drawer in hopes of a new season come this August. One thing for sure this guy will never cheer for Philadelphia as that town is loaded with quite a few very crude folks. Saying nasty things about our Millie, how dare them!!

This month my computer has been working and it has put out some invitations to lots of sponsors. I'm not at liberty to say, but I will say all of a sudden we at least have one surprise vendor who is coming but I've been nudging them to pony up to GOLD status. If we are lucky they will go gold as they are registered for a room or so at the Radisson in LaCrosse. I will say this vendor coordinator stuff is tuff when you are a hunt and peck computer dumbo like me. But it is happening. When I get to a certain point on incoming dollars or parts I will defer my list to those looking for ads for our program booklet.

I hope our committee is planning a nice full sized book with lots of gloss and color as we saw in Princeton. Our vendors are looking for that kind of wow factor.

As I said last month all of our members and those who read Triumphs and Tribulation, the award winning newsletter produced by our own Orrin McGill, should at least get your reservation in for a room for this July 17-21. It will be a nice close vacation in a quaint river town with lots to do for those who are not 100% tire kickers. We are downtown close to all the action and the spirits flow in downtown as LaCrosse once had 200 bars in a three block portion of downtown. But there is more to do than drown your sorrows if you do not win a trophy when you enter your car into concours. Please go to [www.radisson.com/la-crosse/vtr](http://www.radisson.com/la-crosse/vtr) and choose your room rate either king city view for

\$124 or 2 queens river view for \$134. Then choose your vtr rate in the drop box and next to the pay screen. Radisson has been good to us and there's no penalty for canceling even up to the last day. Soooo get your rooms and it will be a short trip of less than a tank of gas.

But coming to VTR has one more minor expense that you will have no matter what convention you attend. That is you finally have to be a member of VTR if you plan to attend. So the new year is here and it is time to pony up your \$35 to [www.vtr.org](http://www.vtr.org). Please, now is the time to join VTR. Also I might remind you it is time to join Mn Triumphs too if you have not sent in your \$25 for that.

Our little mansion in Boynton Beach is open for guests. Just call ahead for reservations!

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

**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.VTR2018.org](http://www.VTR2018.org)**

# Triumph Calendar

## FOOD for Thought

A calendar of ideas  
of what we can do this year

### **MINNESOTA TRIUMPHS SPORTS CAR CLUB 2018 EVENTS CALENDAR Does not include tech sessions (not yet scheduled)**

#### **FEBRUARY**

8-Club meeting  
17 - Boot and Bonnet Party @  
Petroffs **MG club**  
952 893 9149 address is 5017  
Kingsdale drive in Bloomington  
party starts at 6:30 pm or try  
[jjpetroff@comcast.net](mailto:jjpetroff@comcast.net)  
  
24 - 10AM, Tech Session  
at new member Dan Booth's  
house at: 905 Magnolia Ave, St.  
Paul, MN. Dan has a '64 Spitfire  
that needs to go back on the  
frame. East of 35E on Maryland.

#### **MARCH**

8-Club meeting  
24 - Go Kart Racing  
[https://www.mb2raceway.com/  
locations/go-kart-racing-minneapolis-  
mn/](https://www.mb2raceway.com/locations/go-kart-racing-minneapolis-mn/)

#### **APRIL**

12-Club meeting  
14-Tech Session  
21 - Queen Mum Tour T.B.D.

28-Shakedown / Spring Tour  
Doug Burch

#### **MAY**

10-Club meeting  
  
12-\*Intermarque in Osseo, MN  
**See Page 6**

Memorial Day Weekend:  
Drive the Brainerd International  
Race Track with your Sports Car  
See the BIR web site:  
[www.brainerdraceway.com/2013-  
schedule/eventsbydate.html](http://www.brainerdraceway.com/2013-schedule/eventsbydate.html)

24- 27 Rally in the Valley  
See pages 14, 15

#### **JUNE**

##### **02- Merlin's Rest**

09-CAF Hanger Dance, 6PM to  
Midnight (host: Dick Leighninger)  
  
7- 10 -\*Rendezvous in  
Thunderbay, See pages 12&13

14-Club meeting

16-Antique tour (host: ?????)

23- All British Car Show (Jaguar)

21-26 Back to the 50s at MN  
State Fair

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

26- Cherokee Park picnic (host:  
????)

#### **JULY**

12-Club meeting

12-14 \*Iola Car Swap & Show in  
Iola, WI

17-21 VTR National, La Crosse,  
WI

22- 9am – 4pm\*10,000 Lakes  
Concours in Excelsior, MN

28 - @ 2:00pm Meisville Mud  
Hens vs. Lake City Serpents.

#### **AUGUST**

xx-Queen Mum Tour?

09-Club meeting

11-\*Britfest in Hudson, WI  
11- New London/New  
Brighton Antique Car Run

24-25 Fagan Air Museum -  
Granite Falls, MN

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

#### **SEPTEMBER**

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

8-\*Wheels & Wings in Osceola,  
WI

13-Club meeting

TBD -Summer Picnic (host: Phil  
& Sue Ethier)

21-22\*Waumandee Hillclimb in  
Alma, WI

TBD-Mystery Tour (host  
needed)

#### **OCTOBER**

11-Club meeting

20-Color Tour (host needed)

#### **NOVEMBER**

xx-High Tea (host: Gary & Barb  
Stephenson)

See Intermarque Monthly at:

[www.intermarque.org](http://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](mailto:andyrlind@gmail.com) **NEW EVENTS HAVE YELLOW**

## 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** Now gathering at the The Brookside Bar and Grill in downtown Marine on St Croix on the first and third Saturdays at 9am. Brookside has outside tables, plenty of parking, and great Bloody Marys (for those who are so inclined). Feel free to post comments on the InterMarque Facebook page.

**First Saturday Car Show: 8am-11am** Come experience the place for your motorsport passion as the owners of the AutoMotorPlex open their doors. Bring or see your antique, American muscle, classic, exotic or collector cars of varying shapes, models and generations. SHOW RULES: NO RECKLESS DRIVING, NO SMOKING, NO CAR SALES, NO LITTERING, NO SKATE/HOVERBOARDS, NO SCOOTERS, NO DRONE FLYING, NO DOGS PLEASE, DO NOT TOUCH CARS, GARAGE ENTRY IS BY INVITE ONLY [Automotorplex.com](http://Automotorplex.com)

## 2018 EVENTS!

**May 12, InterMarque Spring Kick-Off, Osseo, MN**

**May 24-27, Rally in the Valley, Eau Claire, Wisconsin.** Best Western Conference Center. 715-838-9989. For event info: [www.mn-mgggroup.org](http://www.mn-mgggroup.org) or Diane Rindt [drindt427@yahoo.com](mailto:drindt427@yahoo.com) or 715-379-6001

**June 7-10, Back to the Bay Vintage Sports Car Rendezvous, Thunder Bay, Ontario.** Nor'wester Hotel. 807-473-9123. Mention the sports car rendezvous. Hosted by the Thunder Bay Vintage Sports Car Club. Show & Shine Car Show (come dressed in the same era as your car), driver challenges, driving tours, fun rally. Info: [www.tbvsc.ca](http://www.tbvsc.ca) info@tbvsc.ca or John Colisimo 807344-7694



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# REGULAR CLUB EVENTS

**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.arrowheadsccl.org](http://www.arrowheadsccl.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., 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@pressenter.com](mailto:esolstad@pressenter.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.tbvsccl.ca](http://www.tbvsccl.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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# Happy New Year



Eleven brave and hardy and good looking folks raised a glass to toast the New Year at Birkmose Park in Hudson, WI at 7:49 am on 1-1-2018. The temp was -18 degrees. All of these folks then went down to Dick's Bar for a hearty breakfast which included eggs, pancakes, bacon, sausage, hash browns, toast, breakfast potatoes, oatmeal and coffee and bloodymarys. The group left Dick's Bar after 9:30. This fun pack consisted of Clarence and Kate Westberg, Roger and Nora Kraemer, Jon and Jody Meier, Tom and June Moerke, Chip Lederer, Doug Burch, and Pat Holt.



## The 2017 Fall Colour Tour by Erik Paulson

Saturday, October 14 was a day that exhibited stereotypically “English weather,” starting out cold and overcast, eventually becoming drizzly and rainy. A fitting bit of ambiance for a group of British sports car enthusiasts who gathered together to enjoy a drive through the rural landscape of southeastern Minnesota and take in the autumnal foliage.

Participating members began assembling around 10am at Sportsman’s Park in Zumbro Falls, with the caravan consisting of TR4s, TR6s, a Spitfire, a GT6 and two interlopers in the form of a C3 Corvette and a Volkswagen Golf GTI, the latter of which sported signage advertising the tour and led the procession. The tour wound its way to Wabasha and followed the Mississippi River to Winona, where there was a pause at the visitor’s welcome center around 12:30pm for tea, treats and a bit of socializing. While a couple of members returned to the metro, the rest of the tour proceeded to Rushford for a fuel stop and then meandered along the scenic bluffscape of highway 16 and the Root River to Lanesboro. Sylvan Park afforded a pit stop and a bit of entertainment in the form of the local waterfowl before heading out to the final destination of Preston. Lunch was at the Branding Iron Supper Club, where good food and good conversation were had, the group was officially welcomed by Mayor Kurt Reicks and Tourism Director Gabby Kinneberg. The final touch was a stop to Erik Paulson’s storage unit, where members were introduced to Sadie, his 1975 TR7 and inspected some of the work he has done on it.

It was a wonderful trip enjoyed by everyone who attended and we look forward to the 2018 excursion!













*The Thunder Bay Vintage Sports Car Club invites you to join us*

**JUNE 7-10, 2018**

## EVENTS

**Show & Shine Car Show**

*Come dressed as the same era as your car!*

**Driver Challenges ■ Driving Tours ■ Fun Rally**

## ACCOMODATIONS

**Best Western Plus Nor'Wester Hotel**

2080 Highway 61, Thunder Bay, ON ■ (807) 473-9123 ■ 1-888-473-2378

*Remember to mention the TBVSCC Rendezvous!*

## INFORMATION

[www.tbvsccl.ca](http://www.tbvsccl.ca) ■ [info@tbvsccl.ca](mailto:info@tbvsccl.ca)

Or contact **John Colosimo** at (807) 344-7694





# "Back to the Bay"



## 28th Annual Vintage Sports Car Rendezvous – Thunder Bay, Ontario Registration Form

Basic registration covers one vehicle, two adults, and all children under 15 years of age.

Register by May 1, 2018 to receive a free commemorative golf umbrella\* and to qualify for the Early Bird Draw for one free night at the **Best Western Plus Nor'Wester Resort Hotel!**

Cancellations will be subject to a \$10.00 cancellation fee. **Refunds will NOT be offered on or after May 1, 2018.**

The club will provide registration packages to those who have paid the full registration fee but were unable to attend.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Spouse/Guest Attending: \_\_\_\_\_

Children Attending: \_\_\_\_\_

(Include names & ages of each child)

Street: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ Province/State: \_\_\_\_\_

Postal/Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_ Club Name: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Vehicles to be registered: \_\_\_\_\_

(Year) (Make) (Model)

(Year) (Make) (Model)

	Can. \$	U.S. \$
<b>Basic Registration Fee \$80.00 Can. / \$68.00 U.S. until May 1</b>		
<i>After May 1: \$90.00 C/ \$78.00 US (Registration includes one vehicle, two adults, one child under 15, &amp; one early registration golf umbrella*)</i>		
Each Additional Person: \$20 C/ \$16 US x .....		
Each Additional Vehicle: \$10 C/ \$8 US x .....		
<b>Buffet Breakfast - Friday</b> \$16 C/ \$13 US x ..... (\$10 C/ \$8 US Child under 12) x .....		
<b>- Saturday</b> \$16 C/ \$13 US x ..... (\$10 C/ \$8 US Child under 12) x .....		
<b>Wine and Cheese Tasting</b> \$20 C/ \$16 US x .....		
<b>Banquet Saturday Night</b>		
\$46 C/ \$37 US Adult x .....		
\$20 C/ \$16 US /Child under 12 x .....		
<b>TOTAL \$ NOTE: U.S. residents please pay in U.S. funds</b>	<b>\$ 0.00</b>	<b>\$ 0.00</b>

Please indicate if you are interested in the following activities

Celtic Barn Dance ☐ Fun Rally ☐ On the Bay Car Show ☐ Tech Session ☐

**HOTEL:** Contact **Best Western Plus Nor'Wester Resort Hotel** directly for headquarters hotel room reservations @ 1-888-473-2378. A block of rooms has been held until May 1<sup>st</sup>.

Please make cheques payable to TBVSCC and send with completed registration form to:  
Thunder Bay Vintage Sports Car Club, c/o Chris Pyne, 302 Southgate Court, Thunder Bay, Ontario, P7A 7Z5



# Rally in the Valley is “On The Road Again” in 2018 !

**When: May 24<sup>th</sup> – May 27<sup>th</sup>**

**Where: Eau Claire, Wisconsin**

**Rally in the Valley is British Sports Car  
Event and all European Sports Cars are Welcome!**

*Rally in the Valley* is an event where you will be entertained as well as enjoy the traditional car enthusiast activities. Come to Wisconsin where we have spectacular country roads with bountiful rolling hills, bluffs, creeks, rivers and lakes. It's a great way to get out of the city and re-vitalize.

- **Thursday May 24<sup>th</sup>**, We kick off the event with *The Tune up your Intake* party at the Best Western Plus Conference Center in Eau Claire, Wisconsin our host hotel.
- **Friday May 25<sup>th</sup>** Tour the countryside on the *Life is a Highway Rally*. Our lunch destination will be at the *Villa Bellezza Winery and Vineyards* in Pepin, Wisconsin.
- Friday afternoon return to the Best Western Hotel and compete in the *Valve Cover Races*.
- Friday night enjoy happy hour and dine at the hotel ballroom. We will finish the evening with a live acoustic performance from the *Morris Garage Band*.
- **Saturday May 26<sup>th</sup>**, We will start the morning by rallying to Carson Park in Eau Claire and participate in the *Start Me Up European Classic Car Show*.
- Saturday afternoon rev your engines for the the *Jumpin Jack Flash Funkhanna!*
- Saturday afternoon pick from the many *Self Guided Tours* in the area. There are beautiful roads to travel on in the Chippewa

Valley plus you will find numerous sightseeing attractions to choose from. Including parks, wineries, breweries, shopping and museums. All of the information will be included in your registration packet.

- Saturday evening attend the famous *Rally in the Valley* awards banquet and ceremony.
- **Sunday May 27<sup>th</sup>** Farewell breakfast.

**Make your reservations now at:**

The Best Western Plus Conference Center  
in Eau Claire, Wisconsin  
(715)838-9989 or 1(800)780-7234

**Ask for the Rally in the Valley special rate:**

**\$89.99 Standard - 2 Queen or 1 King**  
**\$99.99 Suite - King**

For more information and to register for this event visit the Minnesota MG Website at:  
[www.mn-mggroup.org](http://www.mn-mggroup.org) or contact Diane Rindt  
[drindt4271@yahoo.com](mailto:drindt4271@yahoo.com) (715) 379-6001

Hosted by: Diane and Steve Rindt and  
The Minnesota MG Group





## Rally in the Valley is *On the Road Again* in 2018!

Registration Form

May 24<sup>th</sup> – May 27<sup>th</sup> in Eau Claire, Wisconsin

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

State/Province/Postal Code: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Club Name: \_\_\_\_\_

(Include email address for confirmation of registration – none will be sent otherwise)

Vehicle/s to register: Year: Make: Model:

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Friday "Life is Highway" Rally including a Private Banquet at the *Villa Bellezza Winery and Vineyards* (Cost includes tip and tax)

Adult per plate (\$20.00) x Qty \_\_\_\_\_ = Total \_\_\_\_\_

Friday night Ballroom Dinner and a live acoustic performance by the *Original Morris Garage Band* (Cost includes tip and tax)

Adult per plate (\$25.00) x Qty \_\_\_\_\_ = Total \_\_\_\_\_

Saturday night the *Famous Rally in the Valley Awards Banquet and Ceremony*.  
(Cost includes tip and tax)

Adult per plate (\$35.00) x Qty \_\_\_\_\_ = Total \_\_\_\_\_

Sign me up:

Thursday evening Tune  
up your Intake Party ☐

Friday Valve Cover  
Racing ☐

Start Me Up European  
Classic Car Show ☐

Jumpin Jack Flash  
Funkhanna Auto Cross ☐

**Rally in the Valley Registration Fee:**

Registration includes one/two vehicles, two adults, children under 18, event trophies, door prizes and event expenses.

(Before March 24<sup>th</sup>, 2018) \$ 60.00 (After March 24<sup>th</sup>, 2018) \$70.00

Cancellations before April 1<sup>st</sup> are subject to a \$15.00 fee. No refunds after April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2018

The weekend schedule will be emailed to you when your registration is received.

For detailed times and activities prior to completed registration, visit the

Rally in the Valley page on the Minnesota MG Group website [www.minn-mggroup.org](http://www.minn-mggroup.org)

For questions or comments please contact Diane Rindt at [drindt4271@yahoo.com](mailto:drindt4271@yahoo.com)

\$ \_\_\_\_\_

EVENT TOTAL \_\_\_\_\_

Send completed registration form and check to:

Diane Rindt (Rally in the Valley) 4271 North Shore Drive, Eau Claire, WI 54703

Make Check payable to: [Diane Rindt with Rally in the Valley in memo field.](#)



Confirmation of registration will be through your email address only.

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Hotel Reservations: Best Western Plus Conference Center, Eau Claire WI

Phone: (715) 838-9989 or 1 (800) 780-7234 3340 Address: Mondovi Road, Eau Claire, WI 54701

For questions contact Diane Rindt (715) 379-6001 or email [drindt4271@yahoo.com](mailto:drindt4271@yahoo.com)

# Triumph Trader

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## FOR SALE

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For Sale: 2 ton folding shop crane - \$100

612-850-4072 or  
wrgingerich@gmail.com

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:

5 speed transmission from 76 TR7

\$250.00

Complete rear axle assy, drum to drum from 76 TR7 \$50.00

2 new SU 1 1/4 dia carbs in the box \$550.00

Used Weber side draft DCOE 45 \$300.00

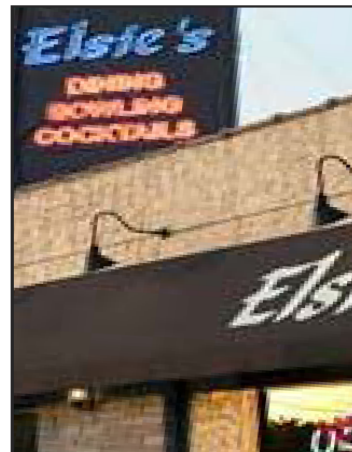
Contact Roger Kraemer @ 651-207-3920 or  
spitsand7s@gmail.com

## WANTED

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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.



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**Trader information** *Members' notices run three months — unless you tell the editor to drop them earlier or keep them running longer. Dates in parentheses indicate the first month in which they ran. Non-member notices are published at a rate of \$5 per month.*



## About Minnesota Triumphs Car Club

Minnesota Triumphs formed in 1981 when a group of Triumph enthusiasts met for an afternoon of fun and conversation at Fort Snelling Park.

Since then, the club has grown to more than 150 members from throughout the Midwest.

Our activities include:

- Monthly meetings
- Social gatherings
- Tech sessions
- Road rallies
- Regional and national events

We welcome all Triumph enthusiasts, whether you own a concourse-winning showpiece, are restoring a diamond in the rough, are searching for just the right addition to your garage or just appreciate the marque.

Together we can locate those hard-to-find parts and assist one another in keeping our vehicles on the road. But most of all, the club offers opportunities to explore some of the best roads in the region with others who enjoy the Triumph experience.

## Membership

Our membership year runs January 1 through December 31.

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

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

Join after September 1<sup>st</sup> and enjoy full membership benefits through the remainder of the current year and the entire next year.

## Monthly Meetings

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

**Ol' Mexico Restaurante & Cantina**  
**1754 Lexington Ave North**  
**Roseville, MN 55113**  
**Phone: 651-487-2847**  
**Email: [info@olmexico.com](mailto:info@olmexico.com)**

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# MEMBERSHIP NOTES

## New Members in Their Own Words

We (Mary and I) are very excited to spend some time getting to know the other Triumph owners and learn about their cars. I had some other sports cars over the years and when I graduated from college two of my closest friends purchased triumphs, one a spitfire and the other a TR-7. While I was always the passenger those were some great times cruising around with the top down by the lakes in Minneapolis. Our TR-4A was part of a collection owned by a neighbor of mine and when he told me he was selling this car I jumped at the opportunity to purchase it. The car was originally shipped to Standard Triumph in Houston in the fall of 1965. We have been tracing the history and have been able to verify the information back to 1983. We purchased the car in 2003. Our neighbor found the car in Wyoming in 1993. We have not made contact with this owner but have been told the car was driven on the street for the 2,000+ miles it shows on the odometer and then was raced for most of its early years. When we purchased the car it was in race format, stripped for weight, no dash, limited gauges, roll bar, race seats, etc. We have been told (Not completely verified but based upon the condition of the body and parts this appears to be realistic) the total mileage on the car including the racing is estimated around 12,000+ miles. The car has been in storage in a controlled environment since 1983.

In February of 2016, we decided it was time to get the car operational. Mark Brandow from Quality Coaches came over to look at the car. He brought the car to his shop and based upon the condition we really wanted to carry forward what the previous owners had started by bringing it back with a complete restoration.

With many of the parts in boxes, we really wanted to get it back to its original build. This includes the original red signal color, white top and visors, leather interior, wire wheels, etc. This is a solid axle car as well.

While the car has been off to restoration camp for almost two years now. The body is complete, drivetrain installed and interior taking shape. It is actually starting to look like a complete car. We are looking forward to driving it this summer and hoping to have it ready to show at the VTR Nationals in July.

I have attached a few pictures of the car in process. It is in the front showroom at Quality Coaches so the next time you are there stop by to take a look at the progress.

Looking forward to meeting you and everyone in person. - Jeff & Mary Gilmer



### 2018 Dues Paid



2017 Membership = 124

2018 Paid Members = 27

- Pay at the monthly meeting;
- Pay using PayPal - visit our web page at [www.mntriumphs.org/join.htm](http://www.mntriumphs.org/join.htm)
- Or mail payment to me at 4018 Emerson Ave. N, Minneapolis, MN, 55412.

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Membership Form  
 \$25 for a single membership + emailed newsletter  
 \$35 for a single membership + mailed newsletter  
 \$26 for family membership + emailed newsletter  
 \$36 for a family membership + mailed newsletter  
 Mail to: Joe DeMuth, 4018 Emerson Ave N, Minneapolis, MN, 55412



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

Minnesota Triumphs  
4018 Emerson Avenue N  
Minneapolis, MN 55412



Check our web site at:

[www.mntriumphs.org](http://www.mntriumphs.org)

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

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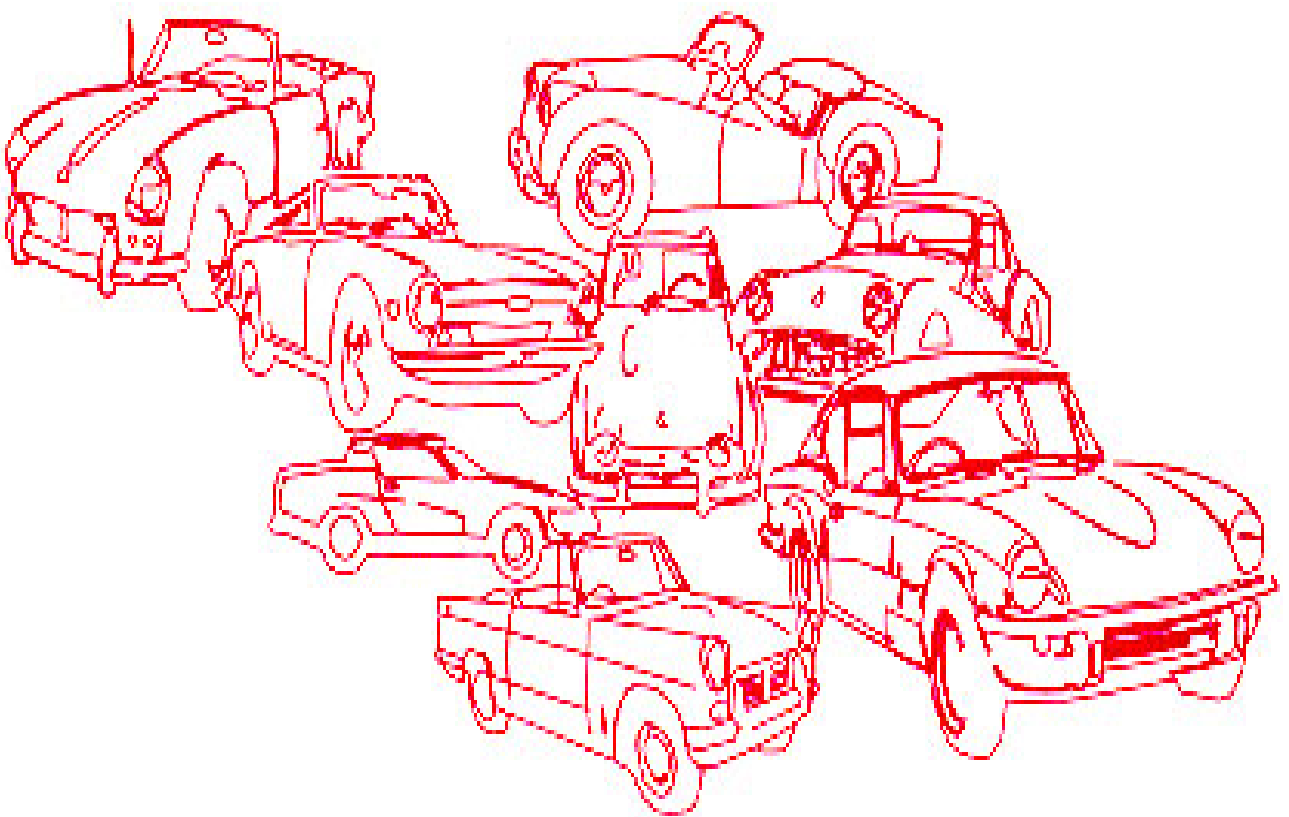
**Are you connected to the group? Do you get in on the latest information?**

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

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



## **Triumphs & Tribulations**

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