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Exploring Winona, MN and the surrounds was the theme in Oct. Good weather added to the well thought out trip. Thanks Erik P .





PREZ RELEASE

PREZ RELEASE Oh, Oh! Like a bad penny I'm back! I know I am supposed to be gone, but since no one stepped up to be the Club President for the coming year, at the last Club meeting, I was asked, and I agreed to continue for another year. As I write this, Christmas is a week and half away so HAPPY HOLIDAYS and a **Triumphant NEW YEAR!** Several of our Club members have been actively working on setting up our Winter Party. See flyer in this Newsletter. I would like to especially thank Dick Leighninger (for coordinating with Josephs Grill), Terry Mackey (for creating the Flyer Notice) and Joe Bisanz and Larry Berg (for handling the Door Prize Raffle). THANKS! I hope you can attend! Next month, Thursday, January 10, 2019 is our first Club meeting of the year. The meetings again will be held at Ol' Mexico in Roseville, MN. As always Tire-kicking starts at 6:00

pm and the Meeting at 7:00pm.

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It is never to early to start thinking about and planning for the possible trips you want to take with your Triumph in the coming year. Here are some possibilities to consider:

> New Years Day. In the past, at sunrise, we have met at Birkmose Park in Hudson Wisc. for our traditional toast to the New Year. (No one has ever driven their Triumph to this event as far as I know).

- June 6-9, 2019, Rendezvous 2019 in Eau Claire, Wisconsin.
- 2019 VTR, second week in October, Dripping Springs. Texas.

2019 will be the 9th driving season in my 1958 TR3A. Wow, amazing how time slips by. Seems like yesterday that I flew to Washington, Missouri to pick it up at Wilson Motors. I've had this 3A longer than the 1961 3A that I had in college. That Triumph and a Jaguar

XK 140 Fixed head coupe was replaced by a 1969 Fiat 124 Sports Coupe, which was replaced by a 1969 Triumph GT6+, which was replaced by a 1972 Jeep Commando, which was replaced by a 1972 Corvette and on and on until 39 years after selling my last Triumph the 58 3A was purchased from Dennis Wilson. One thing I've learned since joining Minnesota Triumphs is that the more involved you are in the Club and its activities, the more fun you will have driving your Triumph and the more friendships you will develop.

Here's to a great 2019 !!

HAPPY MOTORING

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MINUTES OF THE MINNESOTA TRIUMPHS

Minnesota Triumphs Meeting Minutes Oct 11th 2018

A chilly 35 degree day greeted our members to the last club meeting of 2018. Only 4 Triumphs braved the trek to Ol' Mexico. Many are already tucked away for the winter, some are awaiting some of the remaining beautiful fall days, the rest are being repaired.

I counted 49 in attendance this month with new member Jane Mausser joining us. Jane currently has a 75 Spit she is enjoying. Jane has had several TR's over the years, and fond memories of them all.

October meeting officer elections were great. All positions are filled. Our Pres and Vice Pres are returning for another year with a great team of officers and advisors. Under old Business- Status of looking for a PA system was asked. (last month it was suggested to get a PA system for the club meeting under new business.) Side conversations going on during the meeting make it hard for many to hear the REAL meeting. No progress to date.

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

Have a great Holiday season, see you in 2019.



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)



VTR REPORT OCTOBER 2018



The American Triumph community lost its greatest PR man and historian. Mike Cook, long time editor of The Vintage Triumph (TVT), passed away on November 27th of pneumonia at the age of 85. Mike started at Standard-Triumph North America in 1958 as an assistant advertising manager and was also put in charge of the Triumph Sports Owners Association. He is the one that took all those great shots of Triumphs on the beach. Except for a 16 month stint at Mobil Oil, Mike stayed on through all the changes of Standard-Triumph to British Leyland untill Jaguar was all that was left. He retired in 1991. Mike never stopped promoting the Triumph brand right up to the end.

Mike wrote this summer for the Triumph Register of America newsletter: "We have transitioned to looking at our cars as collectibles, but we have real, hands-on memories of driving and enjoying them from the beginning. In the not-too-distant future, we with our first-hand knowledge, will be gone ... I hope that enough of our children have learned to appreciate our lives with Triumph and will both keep them and enjoy driving them."

Earlier this fall, Mike had recruited Shawn Frank to be associate editor of TVT to learn and eventually to take over as editor. Shawn is well known in the Spitfire community and has a Facebook site at North American Triumphs and is also part of the TR4 Facebook site. I am excited to see where Shawn is going to take the TVT and the changes that he will bring. Maybe worth signing up to VTR for a year to see?

Greg Thompson

Your VTR rep

Triumph Calendar

<u>FOOD for Thought</u> <u>A calendar of ideas</u> <u>of what we can do this year</u>

1/1/19 MINNESOTA TRIUMPHS SPORTS CAR CLUB 2019 EVENTS CALENDAR

(TENTATIVE)

Does not include tech sessions (not yet scheduled)

JANUARY

10-Club meeting

FEBRUARY

14-Club meeting

24 -WINTER PARTY February 24, 2019 / 1:00-5:00 **Details on page 7**

MARCH 14-Club meeting

APRIL 11-Club meeting

13-Tech Session

20-Shakedown / Spring Tour ?????? will be hosting.

MAY 9-Club meeting

11-*Intermarque in Osseo, MN

<u>JUNE</u>

<u>6-9 - Rendezvous</u> <u>See pages 14,15</u>



See Intermarque Monthly at: www.intermarque.org

2019 Multi Marque Calendar

We're always happy to add new events. Send additions, deletions and corrections to andyrlind@gmail.com

Multi-Marque Breakfast Every* Saturday morning! 8 a.m., Elsie's Restaurant
Bar and Bowling,
729 MarshallStreet 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

2019

June 6-9, Rendezvous. Eau Claire, Wisconsin. Hosted by the Minnesota MG Group. Best Western Conference Center. 715-838-9989. For event info: <u>www.mn-mggroup.org</u> or Diane Rindt <u>drindt427@yahoo.com</u> or 715-379-6001



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







Jill's Tech Session

September 15 was a hot and humid day, but that didn't stop about a dozen helpful Triumph club members from coming to the tech session at Jill Davenport's house. The '75 Spitfire had a long and varied list of issues to address. One team started under the hood to try to figure out why it starts with such difficulty. Someone else replaced the gasket on the ragtop so that rain will no longer soak the laps of occupants! A team started on replacing the window seals and door panels. Another looked at why there were no dash lights and intermittent backup lights. And another tried to install three-point seatbelts but determined we had the wrong part. The window seals were such a bug-a-boo, that Steve Shogren and Doug Burch returned early the following week to battle the task to completion. Big thanks from Jill to all who lent their expertise and hands to continue to improve the Spit!





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Winona Culture Tour

To say that Saturday, the 20th of October was not the best day to be out in a classic, British, sports car would be an understatement. The thermometer was somewhere in the 40s (around 7 Celsius), with a breeze and... snow. And while a classic Mini or Land Rover would have taken it in stride, our group of five: Dick and Sally Leighninger, Jill Davenport, my lovely bride Susan and myself, prudently decided to utilize our "daily drivers" for this particular outing.

Our excursion began at Remlinger Muscle Cars, where local Winona businessman Jim Remlinger has assembled an impressive collection of classic pieces of Detroit iron, mostly of the MOPAR marque, with the odd Ford, Ferrari and Devin racer added to the mix. The eclectic collection of automotive ephemera, gas pumps and pop coolers only added to the ambiance of the experience. The group then visited the Watkins Museum, taking in the history of the maker of home products, pondering the equipment used to produce their wares and admiring the displays of tins and bottles of the variety of products they have produced over the years and some of us feeling a tad nostalgic, remembering family members who sold or utilized (and still implement) Watkins products in their daily routines. This was followed by a short stroll down the block to the Polish Cultural Institute and History Museum where the group learned a little about the Kashubia region of Poland and the people who settled the area around Winona. Afterwards, the group lunched at Bub's pub, went antiquing or sought out provisions and later dined at the Green Mill before turning in for the night.

Sunday found our members starting the day by taking the drive up to the scenic overlook at Garvin Heights to take in the panoramic view of Winona, and the surrounding bluffscape. The group then proceeded to take in the impressive collection of artwork on display at the Minnesota Marine Art Museum, the centerpiece of which, arguably, is one of two existing, original copies of "Washington Crossing the Delaware." Lunch was then had at the Boat House restaurant adjacent to Levee Park and overlooking the Mississippi River before finishing the weekend by viewing the variety of artifacts on display at the Winona Historical Society Museum and heading home.



Winona Culture Tour



Winona Culture Tour



Gene Kimball's Tech Session





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Back to the '70s

The Minnesota MG Group invites you to

Rendezvous 2019!

Experience Rendezvous in Wisconsin

It's time to get behind the wheel and see the breathtaking views! You'll drive on roads that twist and turn through the countryside with stunning scenery that's never ending including rolling hills, bluffs, streams, rivers and lakes.

Some of the Event Details:

- Rally's to Excite the Driving Senses
- Domestic Local Winery Tours
- 🖊 Tech. Sessions for the Guys and Gals
- 🖊 Wine and Cheese Tasting
- 🕹 Car Show on the Green
- 🖊 Funkanna Skilled Driving Event
- Self-Guided Country Tours
- **4** Awards Banquet with Entertainment

<u>Host Hotel:</u> The Best Western Plus Conference Center 3340 Mondovi Rd, Eau Claire, Wisconsin (715)838-9989 or 1(800)780-7234

Alternate Lodging: The Hampton Inn by Hilton

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For more Information and to Register for this Event visit the MN MG Group website www.mn-mggroup.org

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Contact Diane Rindt at: (715) 379-6001 drindt4271@yahoo.com

29th Annual Vintage Sports Car Event, Rendezvous



2622 Craig Rd, Eau Claire, Wisconsin (*It's just down the road from the Best Western*) (715)833-0003 or make your reservations on line by visiting the MN MG Group website Rendezvous page.



Registration Form - June 6 - 9 th - Eau Claire, Wisconsin

Must complete fields for Name, Address, Email & Phone (Email address is for confirmation of registration)

Name:

Address:		
State/Province/Postal Code:		
E-mail Address:	Phone:	
Club Name:		
Vehicle/s to register: Year:	Make:	Model:
Vehicle/s to register: Year:	Make:	Model:
Early Bird Breakfast (Friday and Sar Fri. per/plate (\$15.00) x Qty	turday only) (Cost includes tip Saturday per/plate (\$15.00)	
	CT ONLY ONE "OPTION" F	
Vineyards and Restaurant (Cost include Adult per/person (\$22.00)	es tip and tax for both Park and I x Qty	= Total
Option #2 - Friday " <u>Leinenkugel's Bi</u> Paradise Shores Resort (Cost includes <u>mn-mggroup.org</u> (Rendezvous 2019) of Adult per/person (\$25.	tip and tax) * Leinenkugel's call 715-379-6001 for availabil	ad Drive including a Private Banquet Lunch at a Tour has limited space, please check on line at ity * = Total
Option #3 - Friday " <u>Cook-Rutlege M</u> <u>Paradise Shores Resort</u> (Cost includes <u>mn-mggroup.org</u> (Rendezvous 2019) or Adult per/person (\$23.00)	tip and tax) * Mansion	Data Drive including a Private Banquet Lunch at Tour has limited space, please check on line at ity *
Friday night Ballroom Dinner & a live acoustic performance by the Original Morris Garage Band (Cost includes tip and tax)		
Saturday night the <i>Rendezvous</i> Awar Adult per/plate (\$35.00) x	ds Banquet and Ceremony. (C Qty	ost includes tip and tax) = Total
Rendezvous T-Shirt Men(S-LG)\$13 (XL-3XL)\$15 Size	Qty Women(S-LG) \$20 (X	CL-3XL) \$22 Size Qty Total
Sign me up! Thursday Welcome to Rendezvous 2019 Party! Sat. Classic Car Show Party!		t. Afternoon Sat. Afternoon Ladies & Gent's <i>Fech Session Wine & Cheese Party</i> \$15.00/person Total
Rendezvous 2019 Registration Fee: R (Before April 6 th , 2019) \$ 65.00 (After Apr The weekend schedule will be emailed to you when your re For detailed times and activities prior to completed reg <i>Rendezvous</i> page on the Minnesota MG Group website <u>mn-meg</u> For questions or comments please contact Diane Rindt (715)379-60	il 6 th , 2019) \$75.00 Cancellations may gistration is received. istration, visit the roup.org/rendezvous-2019	es, two adults, children under 18 and event expenses. be subject to a \$15.00 fee. No refunds after May 1st, 2019 Reg. Fee (\$ 65.00 or \$75.00) \$ EVENT TOTAL \$
Send completed registration form an MN 55109 Make Check payable to:		vous 2019) 2589 Seans Way, North St. Paul, Rendezvous in the <i>memo field.</i>

Confirmation of registration will be through email address only. Cancellations may be subject to\$15 fee. No refunds after May 1st, 2019. Hotel Reservations: The Best Western Plus Conference Center, Eau Claire WI, Phone: (715) 838-9989 or 1 (800) 780-7234 3340. Alternate Lodging: Hampton Inn by Hilton, Eau Claire, Wisconsin Phone: (715) 833-0003 Address: 2622 Craig Road, Eau Claire, WI. Or make your reservations on line at Hampton Inn link For questions contact Diane Rindt (715) 379-6001 or email drindt4271@yahoo.com

Triumph Trader

FOR SALE

Just heard about a TR 4 that is on the market-red, totally redone years ago. Owner ready to sell-\$20000,

Call me- Mark-(612)306-0044 On offer for the enthusiast, call

Mark @ (612) 306-0044, or respond to blt@quality-coaches.com

TR3 factory metal hardtop, blue in color, rear window removed- make reasonable offer.

TR3 windshield glass, in packing box from The Roadster Factory- old stock.

1970 GT6- silver, dormant for years. 1980 TR7 5 speed, w/AC, orange convertible, dormant for years. 1980 TR7 5 speed, w/AC, gold convertible, dormant for years. Health forces sale of TR7 cars, I am just handling the communication, All cars are parked at owner's houses remote from my shop, Please respond with any reasonable interest in the cars!!

Noel

Noel Zorn Office Manager, Quality Coaches 20 W 38th Street Minneapolis, MN 55409 612-824-4155 1973 TR6 (CF4338U in Emerald Green). Doesn't run due to bad starter and a very long idle. New parts. Considered as parts car. \$2,500 or B.O.

1973 TR6 (CF8802U) in Sienna Brown and black interior (basket case)

chassis (beefed up, painted with POR15, rustproofed twice by Triumph Works)
engine (completely rebuilt including new internal parts and new valve seats for unleaded gas. Rebuilt carbs and electronic distributor, all done by TRF)

newly rebuilt transmission with overdrive)
tons of all new parts including all interior trims (all necessary for frame-up restoration)

 only body needs work (used/new fenders and body parts are included)
 \$21,500 or BO Triumph TR-6 parts: -Brand new Electric Fan with temperature switch \$50.00 -Plinthe with CD/FM/AM radio with removable face plate. \$50.00 TR-6 Lucas Alternator (early) Oil Punp and Gear Half Shaft 5 Headlights & 1 Headlight Ring One horn (Generic) Brake Rotor OrrinMcGill newsletter@mntriumphs.org or 763-755-7765



Thomas Virnig tjvirnig3@gmail.com 612-424-4439.

WANTED

Wanted:

Club-member, Larry Berg, needs a spoiler for a 74-76 TR6. Please call (763) 228-0072 or email lsbergdtm@gmail.com

Thanks

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 2019 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



MEMBERSHIP NOTES

OK, this is the month that I normally start reminding members that their yearly dues need to be paid by March 30. But this year, since the club is taking a one-year hiatus from collecting dues, I don't have anything to write about. So....let's see what I have been up to since the TR has been put snuggly to bed for the winter.

When Karen was in the hospital last September I asked her what she wanted for her birthday, not really expecting any answer other than the usual, "Oh, I really don't need anything." But this year, without even thinking, she said, "A sideboard for the den to take the place of the piano." It has sat unused since the daughters moved from home (more years ago than I want



to count). Well, that was a real surprise. A quick internet search resulted in several possibilities, all of which were deemed "too expensive!" by my budget minded wife. Well, what if I built one instead? "Oh, that's too much work," was the answer. But after talking it over with woodworking friend Larry, I decided that was what I should do. A woodworking project is perfect for winter, and clean-up is so much easier than washing grease stained cloths after a car project.

Then, what did we do with the piano, you may be wondering. It was donated to an organization called Keys 4/4 Kids, that refurnishes older, but usable pianos and gives several a year to families that want a piano but otherwise couldn't afford one. The rest are sold to generate money for music related activities around the metro area. Website: <u>http://keys44kids.net</u>

I'll post a picture of the finished sideboard in a later newsletter. Keep warm.

Membership Form

\$25 for a single membership + emailed 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

Name	
Partner	
Address	
City, State, Zip	
Day Phone	
Evening Phone	
E-mail Address	
Cars	

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



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 OI' Mexico Restaurante & 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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