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### PREZ RELEASE

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As I write this, it is the day after Easter. The weather has been great so I'm sure most of our Club member's Triumph are out of their Winter wraps.

Unfortunately, some continuing health problems have caused my 3A to remain in its Car Cocoon, yelling at me every time I walk by. Hopefully this week?

Thanks to the Club members who braved the elements to attend our April 11<sup>th</sup> meeting. Those 12 or so folks got to witness probably the shortest Club meeting ever! That left more time to share tall tales and to tip a few! Remember, now that nice weather is here, we will be looking for folks who have traffic cones to bring them so we can block off the parking spots reserved for us. I'm guessing we could use around 20. I will have Ol 'Mexico find a spot for us to store them there.

This issue has some great shots of the Tech Session held on the 20<sup>th</sup> at Jeff Johnson's in Andover.

Amazing the level of Club members mechanical skills and their willingness to utilize them to keep fellow Club Member's Triumphs on the road. A big thanks to Steve Shogren for setting up these Tech Sessions. The end of this month kicks off our very active Triumph Calendar. Check it out in this issue and plan to attend as many events as you can. Our cars like to be

exercised! On this issue I remember reading mechanical parts are not like people; they don't know how old they are. All they require is vigilant upkeep and the proper adjustments and lubrication, and all will be well. What's more, the more often old cars are driven, the better they perform, because all their bearings, seals and other mechanical components are kept well lubricated. Like the saying goes, use it or lose it.

One thing I read that cracks me up is that old British cars aren't any different than those cars that were built in America. Despite the opinion that domestic electronics built by Delco, Mopar and Motorcraft are superior and more reliable, the Lucas electrics can be just as reliable, they only require more maintenance.

I was reading the Tech Talk column in **Classic Motorsports**. It states: "Most people who think they bled their brakes three years ago aren't correctly remembering and actually did it 10 years ago. If the fluid is even a bit brown, bleed the brakes and replace all the fluid". Gives me something to check when I get the 3A uncovered. I'm pretty sure I did it 3 years ago... maybe not. So, what brake fluid should we use in our Triumphs? Moss Motors has a great link that addresses this issue:

Brake Fluid Tech <a href="http://www.mossmotoring.com/brake-fluid-tech/">http://www.mossmotoring.com/brake-fluid-tech/</a>

Now the age-old discussion about what gas we should use. **Hagerty** has a nice article addressing this: <a href="https://www.hagerty.com/articles-videos/articles/2018/08/13/choosing-the-right-fuel-for-your-classic">https://www.hagerty.com/articles-videos/articles/2018/08/13/choosing-the-right-fuel-for-your-classic</a>

There are also some interesting comments following this article. Check it out.

HAPPY MOTORING Jon/Jack Meier, 1958 TR3A

President MN Triumphs

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### MINUTES OF THE MINNESOTA TRIUMPHS

### DUE TO SEVERE WEATHER THERE ARE NO MINUTES THIS MONTH

# If you want stinkin' name badges...

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## Minnesota Triumphs Tech Specialists

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

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

**TR4** - John Myers (507-633-2017)

**TR4A** - Larry Sanderson (507-775-6940)

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

**TR7** -Charles Setala (651-490-0489)

**TR8** - Greg Gelhar (763-424-6434)

Spitfire - Bill Gingerich (612-850-4072)

**GT6** - Pat McFarland (763-427-5612)

Renown -

Citroën - A. Lindberg (651-292-8585)



#### VTR REPORT MAY 2019



Rendezvous 2017 at Sugar Lake Lodge. Grand Rapids

There hasn't been anything written up about the upcoming Rendezvous being held in Eau Claire, WI this year so I thought I would highlight it, as it is a perfect primer to the VTR. There are many similarities. Rendezvous is 3 nights long, VTR is 4-5. Rendezvous usually has 100-120 cars in attendance and VTR runs about 155-170. There are driving events at both, some just for fun and some to learn a little history. The car show at Rendezvous is casual and usually a fund raiser for a local charity. VTR car show is competitive and for some the culmination of a nut and bolt restoration. Both end with a banquet to wrap things up and give out awards although Rendezvous' is a little more light hearted. To get there, you will have to drive out of the 7 county metro area but Rendezvous will probably never be closer. Our club usually has 3 or 4 groups driving together, leaving at different times from different parts of town. Taking the interstate will take a mere 1 hour 19 traveling only 83 miles from St Paul. If you wanted a more leisurely pace, taking WI Highway 64 east will add 50 minutes to the trip but you won't have to battle semis and SUVs for your lane. I would assume there may be a group meeting in Prescott heading south and east to enjoy some spirited driving on the twisty roads of Buffalo and Trempealeau Counties. I am sure you can find a group that you will enjoy traveling with.

One thing both events have plenty of is the opportunity to just hang out or have a meal with old friends or new ones.

Greg Thompson

Your VTR rep

### **Triumph Calendar**

### MINNESOTA TRIUMPHS SPORTS CAR CLUB 2019 EVENTS CALENDAR

### **MAY**

9-Club meeting

11-\*Intermarque in Osseo, MN 17 - 20 Elkhart Lake Vintage Racing

18 - Tech Session TBD

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

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

### **JUNE**

01 - MN Arboretum We will leave from the Ridgedale parking lot NE corner at 9:30 and head for the MN Landscape Arboretum and tour the grounds. Some in our cars and some on your own on foot. We will leave there around 2:00 and head for ENKI Brewing Co.to finish up the afternoon. We will have a brewery tour that starts at 3 O'clock and spend the rest of the afternoon in the tap room. Lunch is available at the Arboretum and at EMPI. If rain is expected -canceled.

02-Merlin's Rest

08-CAF Hanger Dance, 6PM to Midnight (host: Dick Leighnimger) 6-9 -\*Rendezvous in Eau Claire, See pages 14 & 15

13-Club meeting

15 - David Moracco will host a June 15th tech session. This will be David's 3rd tech session and we hope it results in the Spitfire driving down the road. Details to follow.

22-Norm's (host: Joe B. & Larry B.

20 - 23 Back to the 50s at MN State Fair

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

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

### **JULY**

07 - Winery Tour Taylors Falls

11-Club meeting

11-13 \*Iola Car Swap & Show in Iola, WI

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

August

xx-Queen Mum Tour?

08 - Club meeting

10 -\*Britfest in Hudson, WI 10 - New London/New Brighton Antique Car Run

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

### **SEPTEMBER**

6-11 Austin Healy Conclave Deadwood, SD

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

7-\*Wheels & Wings in Osceola, WI

12-Club meeting

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

15 - Antique tour at the Bacon Bash Car Show Belle Vinez Winery Antique Tour Extravaganza! I know its a mouth full but think of a mouthful of Bacon! instead of the Bacon Bash Car Show and Belle Vinez extravaganza

Host: Dale Simpson

### **OCTOBER**

5 - Color Tour (Steve Shogren)

6-11 VTR Dripping Springs, TX

10-Club meeting

#### **NOVEMBER**

xx-High Tea (Host needed)

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

<u>Multi-Marque Breakfast</u> 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: <a href="https://www.mn-mggroup.org">www.mn-mggroup.org</a> or Diane Rindt <a href="https://drindt427@yahoo.com">drindt427@yahoo.com</a> or 715-379-6001

### BREAKFAST REMINDER

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





DOWNTOWN OSSEO, MN



10AM-3PM RAIN OR SHINE

# SPRING-KICK-OFF

27TH ANNUAL VINTAGE FOREIGN CAR SHOW



Alfa Romeo Owners Club, Stella del Nord Chapter
Citroën Club of MN • MN Austin-Healey Club
Jaguar Club of MN • Lotus Owners Oftha North (LOON)
Mercedes-Benz Club of America: Twin Cities Section
Metropolitans from MN • MN MG Group • MN Triumphs
Vintage Sports Car Racing (VSCR) • North Coast Borgward Club

**CRAFT SHOW** 

IN BOERBOOM VETERANS PARK

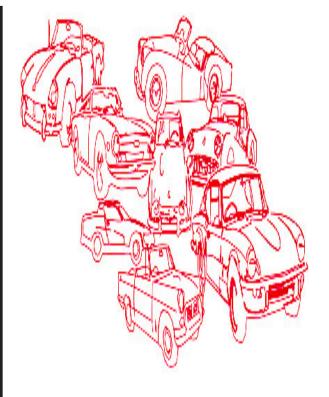
This is a FREE\* event open to 1999 OR OLDER, FOREIGN motorcars, motorcycles, scooters, and racers. FIRST COME FIRST PARKED. Placement starts at 9 am. Parking staff will be on hand to direct arrivals. Groups wishing to park together MUST ARRIVE EN-MASSE. \*Please bring a non-perishable food item to donate. Visit InterMarque.org for a map + updates.

Girl Scouts Traveling Europe (GSTE) will be handling the voting to help raise funds for their trip to Europe.









### THE SHAKEDOWN CRUISE



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he Minnesota MG Group invites you to

Rendezvous 2019!

June 6th - 9th



**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

- Car Show on the Green
- Funkanna Skilled Driving Event
- **♣** Awards Banquet with Entertainment

Host Hotel: 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

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.



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

**Contact Diane Rindt at:** (715) 379-6001

drindt4271@yahoo.com

29th Annual

Rendezvous





### 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:					
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Club Name:					
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Confirmation of registration will be through email address only. Cancellations may be subject to \$15 fee. No refunds after May 1<sup>st</sup>, 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 Clarie, WI. Or make your reservations on line at Hampton Inn link
For questions contact Diane Rindt (715) 379-6001 or email drindt4271@vahoo.com

### Triumph Trader

### FOR SALE

Trader- 75 Spitfire Blue in color. Engine built by Ted Schumacher bored .040 over, 9.5 to 1 compression, performance camshaft, Weber DCOE sidedraft carb, headers, Mallory unilite distributor, oil cooler, electric fans and lots of custom chrome. Transmission is a Ford T9- 5 spd conversion. Quick ratio rack & pinion, 1" lower front springs with heavier spring rate, Air shocks in the rear, Michelin 195-15x15 front 205-55x15 rear. Interior has custom stitched sunrise pattern in the door and rear panels, cloth inserts in the seats and custom headrests.Runs good and sounds good. \$9800/offer. Contact Roger at kraemer@q.com or text /phone 651-207-3920

TR7 or 8 alloy wheels with Bridgestone tires. wheels are in excellent condition and tires still have nubs on them. \$550/offer. Contact Roger at Kraemer@q.com or 651-207-3920 text/phone.

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. Lam just

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!!

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

### **Monthly Meetings**

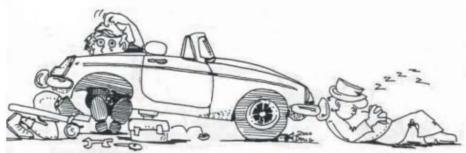
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Phone: 651-487-2847 Email: info@olmexico.com

## MEMBERSHIP NOTES





# Minnesota Triumphs Tech Session?

As you can plainly see, I have nothing to report this month. I didn't make the last club meeting due to the weather, so I do not know if any new members showed up.

I did get my car out of storage, it started and the drive home revealed no apparent problems. I am always amazed at the reliability of these cars, they seem to just keep going and going.

I will be emailing the new club roster soon which will include contact information of all new members that joined since the last edition, Oct, 2019.

Hope to see many of you in Osseo on May 11.



### Membership Form

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

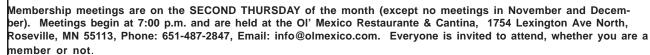
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Cars	

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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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