

#### PREZ RELEASE

As I write this, it is the last day of BACK TO THE 50's at the Minnesota State Fair grounds. I was going to go today but it is raining, and I must get this PREZ RELEASE done! I was going to go yesterday but opted instead to participate in our Club sponsored lunch run to NORM's HIDEAWAY in Buffalo Minnesota. This event was setup by Larry and Gail Berg and Joe and Virginia Bisanz. It was a good top down day. The run covered some great rural, horse country roads. It was well attended. To my less than expert memory there were about 11 Triumphs (TR2, 2 TR4's, TR4A, 4 TR6's, TR8, 2 Spitfires). It allowed me to put another 159 miles on the new Triumph in my garage, a 1964 TR4 that was expertly restored by Club Member Gregory Thompson with an eye on VTR Concours Showroom Stock judging. Everything was restored as original,

including a TRIUMPH AM push button radio and Silverstone magnesium alloy wheels made famous in 1964 when competition manager Kas Kaster used them on the Shell 4000 Rally factory rally TR4 http://www.shell-4000rally.org/4000\_web/1964/pdf/ 1964\_TSOA.pdf These wheels were offered as a factory option for the Triumph TR4/4A/250. My 1958 TR3A was left pouting in the garage. **Minnesota Triumph Club** 

Minnesota Triumph Club Regalia is now available.

Go to our Club website and click on the regalia tab at the top on the page: <a href="http://mntriumphs.org/index.shtm">http://mntriumphs.org/index.shtm</a>. If you have any questions, or

would like to inquire about reduced shipping for multiple items, contact Suzanne McWilliams at 612-860-7358 or via email at

suzanne@wildthreadsonlne.com

. Don't see what you want, contact Suzanne. She can refer you to 4 other catalog sites she has access to. Club members remember, this newsletter has a TRIUMPH TRADER page where you list <u>FOR SALE</u>

and <u>WANTED</u> items.
Just contact Orrin McGill,
Newsletter, listed on last
page of newsletter.
Check out the TRIUMPH
CALENDAR. On
Sunday, July 7, Dale
Simpson will be hosting
an <u>Art and Wine Tour.</u>
Hope to see you there!

HAPPY MOTORING Jon/Jack Meier, 1958 TR3A

President MN Triumphs

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#### MINUTES OF THE MINNESOTA TRIUMPHS

Minnesota Triumphs Meeting Minutes
June 13th 2019

I think we came close to a record turnout for the June meeting. I counted 71 in attendance with 17 Triumphs in the parking area. The meeting day graced us with a great 71 degree Spring day to fire up our favorite rides for the evening meet.

We had a new member Rich Riemersma join us for the meeting. Rich has a 69 TR6 and is ready to roll.

Get those TR's out there. I hate to remind you that the daylight hours are getting shorter and summer goes way to fast.

## If you want stinkin' name badges...

We now have a source.



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Same as current badges • Engraved lettering is red • Printed logo is dark blue • Edges are red \$10 each with pin or magnet back Car(s) and year(s) optional Order by email from member Stephanie Greenstein <stephanie.greenstein@gmail.com>
She'll deliver at the next meeting or you may order from her at any meeting.

The Meetings will be held here:

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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.

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**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



#### Know Thy Car

A few of us were chatting at the May meeting and Dick Leighninger was telling us he had a noise in the front of the car and there was a slight clunk when he turned the wheel to the left. He is planning on taking his TR6 to the VTR Convention in October so I suggested he order up the parts to do a full rebuild and we would make it happen. Four of us got together at 10 am on a Tuesday and Dick rolled out at noon Wednesday with a full smile! The bushings were not terribly worn but one trunnion had some wiggle and was causing a front end shimmy at 68 MPH. Dick thought it may have been a tire out of balance but it was loose enough to cause some shake. The other trunnion was tight but the seal had failed and the vertical link had bad pitting from moisture intrusion so we sourced another one to replace it. The kit also came with new sway bar links, a common place for noise to come from metal to metal rubbing. New air shocks rounded out the rebuild followed by a string alignment and we were off for a test ride. It was smooth and ran straight as an arrow at 70 but at low speed there was still a little clank (not a clunk) I couldn't place. It didn't happen at high speed only low. We popped the hood and I had him rev the motor, no noise! When he shut it down and the motor shook, as they do, there it was. After 2 or 3 starts we determined the noise was coming from the carbs, and the rear one in particular. Turns out Dick was having to add oil to the rear dashpot on a regular basis and when low on oil the piston having no resistance against the dashpot oil will jump up and down. We added some oil and voila! the noise was gone, at least till the oil leaks out in a hundred miles. There is a little O ring that gets overlooked during most rebuilds that shrinks a bit with age and only costs 89 cents. Many times it's small things that accumulate that turn a car that is enjoyable to drive into a car you worry will get you home from the ice cream shop around the corner. Drive them and listen, most often they will tell you they need something! Dick did and now he's ready for VTR. Greg Thompson

Your VTR rep

#### **Triumph Calendar**

#### MINNESOTA TRIUMPHS SPORTS CAR CLUB 2019 EVENTS CALENDAR

#### **JULY**

07 - Winery Tour Taylors Falls
Art and Wine Tour
At 9:45 will meet at the Zephyr
Theatre parking lot 601 Main
St.N Stillwater MN 55082
Then start our engines for a
scenic drive to Franconia Sculpture Park.

After being artistically moved at the park, we'll move our rolling sculptures to the Dancing Dragonfly Winery in St Croix Falls for lunch, wine and music. A Tour Bob Ross would be proud of! Host: Dale Simpson

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 September 7-2019 \* Schech's Mill Tour; Caledonia, MN Gather at Little Oscars restaurant located in Hampton MN at 8:15 am. (Rendezvous Spot ). If you decide to stay overnight, you may want to stay overnight in Lanesboro, MN

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

#### Multi Marque Calendar: 4-15-19 Edition

For All Twin City Rally Club, Rally Events, contact TCRC for details

Every Saturday – InterMarque Breakfast at Elsie's Restaurant and Bowling – 8AM – Casual Breakfast with other auto enthusiasts

**July 7th** – Mad Dogs and Englishmen British Car Show – Kalamazoo, Mi. at the Gilmore Car Museum. National MGC club will be holding their annual meeting here at the same time. Featured cars are pre-1956 MGs. Check out the car show and register here

**July 10-14** – NAMGAR (MGA Register) Dubuque, IA. with a British Tonne of Magnettes and MGAs to show at the Hotel Julien, a Grand place. Read about NAMGAR GT-44 Here.

**July 13-14** – Ralleye de Valleye: May 31 deadline. Form is available here.

**July 28th** – 10,000 Lakes Concours d'Elegance: 9-4 PM Excelsior, Mn. Pre and Post war cars along with Boats and Motorcycles. For more info contact 10,000 Lakes Concours

August 9-10-11-12: A Citroën Centennial Celebration Weekend In celebration of the 100th anniversary of the first Citroën automobile, and organized around the 24th annual Botham Vineyard's Vintage Celebration, our 'celebration central' will be the Swiss Aire Motel https://swissaire.com/in picturesque New Glarus, WI. Citroënistes of the midwest will gather for a weekend of marque-marvelous maneuvers (museum tours, country drives, good food). Details TBA. More than two dozen Citroëns from Minnesota, Iowa, Wisconsin and Illinois are expected. Other French marques are invited to participate, too. Rooms at the event motel are limited; ask for the special 'Citroën Celebration' rate. Early reservation is suggested (may cancel up to 48-hours before with no liability). For more information, contact: Michael Barone mbarone@mpr.org or 651-290-1539.

**September** – Waumadee Hillclimb – Hillclimb is cancelled for 2019 – will resume in 2020 **September 6th thru 11th** – Austin Healey Club Conclave, Deadwood SD Hosted by the Minnesota Austin Healey club for more info click here

October 12th – Stiff Upper Lip open house and car show BMC British Automobile 651.400.0145 or info@bmcautos.com



#### **NOTICES**





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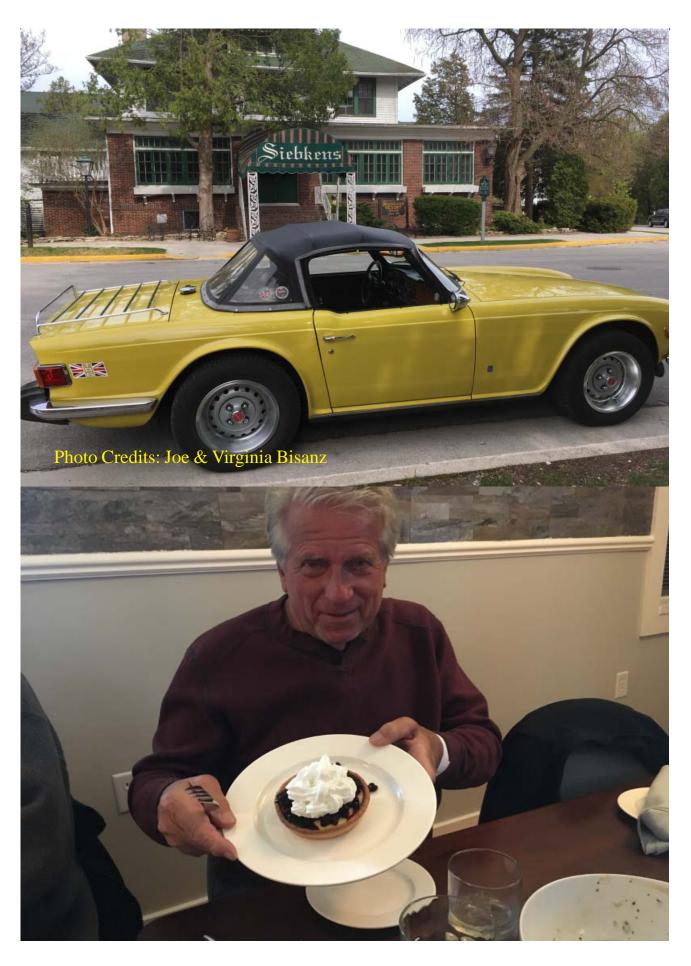
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#### "Weekend at the Races"

By Joe Bisanz

Of the eleven members who had planned to go, seven of us left the starting line to head for the races. The races being the Spring Vintage Races May 17-19<sup>th</sup> 2019, at the Road America Race Track in Elkhart Lake Wisconsin. Road America is a 4 mile road course track about 2 miles outside of the town of Elkhart Lake – population 952. Before 1952 when the track opened, the races took place on the streets of the town.

Terry Mackey, Orrin McGill and Dick Leighninger and I left my driveway at 7:30 Friday morning the 17<sup>th</sup> and picked up Joe Soucheray about 2 miles down the road at a gas station. We headed south on Hwy 52 to Rochester. Just south of Rochester we got on I-90 heading east. After about 20 miles we exited at St. Charles and met up with John Myers who was waiting there. After gas and coffee refills we headed on to Tomah. There we got on I-94 south for about 24 miles and exited on to Hwy 82 east toward the town of Montello. At Montello we met up with Wayne Morris who had been had been visiting relatives there. Montello is where Wayne grew up. He led us to the next town of Princeton where we spotted the American Legion Hall on Main Street. They happened to be having a Brat, Pulled Pork and Burger feed in their parking lot – we hit the brakes.

After lunch and conversation with the locals, we again headed east on Hwy 23 through Fond du lac and on to Elkhart Lake. We drove right to the track to get our \$60.00 weekend passes and headed for the race track paddocks to see the cars. The Friday time trials were in progress and we sat and watched the



cars at the starting line as we walked around the paddocks.

We left for the Siebkens Resort where we were staying about 4:00 to check in. Next was the Race Track Tavern, which is part of the resort for a Happy Hour beer. We had driven 358 miles.

At the Tavern we met up with Pat Holt and his friend Craig. They had arrived the day before. We all visited and talked about the upcoming races and went to dinner about 7:00.

Saturday morning we all met for breakfast at the town Café. Pat Holt suggested we all stop at "Throttle Stop" before heading out to the track for the day. It was quite an experience and a great recommendation. It consisted of a beautiful assortment of cars that are mostly part of one man's collection plus some that are under consignment for sale. Early Corvettes, Porsches, Mustangs, BMWs, GTOs, Jaguar 140s, Cobras and on and on. It was a state of the art showroom, with a 3 car high stacked storage facility. Did I mention the collection of antique motorcycles?

We drove to the track about 11:00 and set up camp on a sharp curve at turn 5. We watched the races all afternoon. We had lunch there and walked around looking at the cars getting ready to race in the paddock.



Saturday!

However, Sunday the weather that had been missing our area would finally be arriving with a 70% chance of rain all day. Although the races are held in the rain, watching them in the rain is not the most enjoyable. We had all come prepared for rain with umbrellas and a 10x10 foot canopy cover John Myers provided, but we talked it over and decided to head back on Sunday morning instead of Monday. We agreed that a good time had been had by all.

We left for home at 8:30 and headed back

through Fond du lac – North on I-41, exited on Hwy 21 where we went west to Tomah. Then we took I-94 back to the Twin Cities where we all waved as we took our different exits home. The rain started about noon on our route and then continued all of the way home.

There is talk of another Road America trip next May – So keep 'em tuned up.

Back at Siebkens Resort, after the races we cleaned up and met at their Tavern again for Beer – then on to dinner. Elkhart was having their second annual Block Party right at Siebkens Resort so we mingled with the locals, racers, and their crews as we listened to the local band.

The weather report before we had left on Friday indicated a high probability of rain in the area all three days. Perhaps because of the kind of lives the attendees live, it did not rain on Friday or





Registration is now live! Visit www.event-wizard.com/events/vtr2019 for tickets!

## VTR 2019 October 6-11, 2019 Dripping Springs, Texas

Hosted by the Hill Country Triumph Club of Austin

#### Location

Welcome to Dripping Springs, Texas - the heart of the Texas Hill Country. There is plenty to see and do and we can't wait to host you. Scenic drives through the Texas Hill Country filled with yucca, prickly pear, desert spoon and wildflowers (not to mention a few cows along the way) await you. As our club president always says, "It ain't a drive 'til you cross a cattle guard and a low water crossing."

The Spanish and German influences of the area culminates in a unique food, beer and wine experience that is sure to WOW you. We will have tours of local wineries, breweries and even an olive oil plantation.

"Everybody's somebody in Luckenbach" - the town Willie and Waylon made famous. This is a can't miss spot. Nearby wineries, breweries and even an olive oil orchard and mill are on the schedule of drives/tours offered. Historic Mercer Street, only a few blocks from the host hotel, offers shopping in storefronts built between 1870 and 1940. On top of all of this, Dripping Springs is only 20 miles from the state capital Austin - The Live Music Captial of the World!

## Meet Us in Dubuque



American MGA Register GT-44
We at the Minnesota MG Vintage Racers (MMGVR) have been working with the NAMGAR board and the City of Dubuque to bring you a GT you will long remember. While we don't have everything nailed down yet, we do have some exciting news to share as our plans begin to take shape.

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Look Who Is Going

Joe Bisanz Joe Soucheray Orrin McGill

#### Triumph Trader

#### FOR SALE

1957 TR3, clean car, runs and drives, could use a coat of paint. Underside is undercoated and rust free, spare tire area and trunk are perfect. Most chrome is good, not perfect. Great to drive as is or with a little work have a perfect car. Engine crank, jacks, spare, and both covers included. 218-256-0693



1964 Triumph Spitfire MK2 that has been gone through and restored every single bolt. It currently runs perfectly and is a blast to run around in. Mechanically it is very sound and operates like brand new. Suspension has been all lubed up and new bushings too. Stainless exhaust, new tires and all brand new interior. It has a brand new soft top and also a hard top too! Plus MANY additional parts if interested in those as well. Call/ text/email Dan 651-208-9355 with questions or to come seriously look at it.



Thank you, Jon for forwarding information about my 1960 Triumph. Would you please forward these pictures along as well? I would also like to sell the trailer. Thanks again. Mary (Dennis) Worwa

Hi Jon,

Since Denny's passing last November, I have decided to sell the 1960 TR3. It is currently still in storage at BMC British Auto in Isanti. The owner, Brian McCullough, has said he will help me sell the car and show it to anyone who is interested in buying it. As much as I feel bad selling it, Brian explained to me that having the car sit in my garage without being driven is hard on the car and costly as well. My two sons, with young families, are not interested at this point in their lives.

So I greatly appreciate Brian offering to help me with this. He got to know Denny pretty well, and we ran into him last summer at the Hill Climb in Waumandee.My cell number is 651-246-0854 if you might want it.

Thanks for taking time to read this!!!
Thanks again.



Mary (Dennis) Worwa

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.

#### **WANTED**

I need the round plastic cap that fits the brake fluid reservoir for my '72 TR6. It's a 2-piece cap, and the center section of the lid has come loose, and is floating in the fluid reservoir. I think this cap is the same for all years on TR6's. Will pay \$10 to \$15. Thanks.

Dick Leighninger (651-216-4491 or imsplashcaf@yahoo.com).

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**

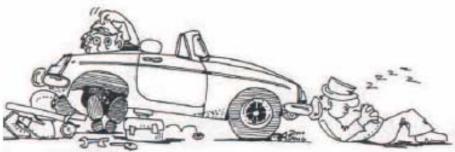
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## MEMBERSHIP NOTES





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

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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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