

#### PREZ RELEASE

This will be my final Prez Release as I have now completed my third year as President of Minnesota Triumphs. Our Club By-Laws specify that the positions of President and Vice President are limited to two (2) consecutive One (1) year terms. Since no one stepped up to be President last year I agreed to continue for another year. This coming year Lois Larson has agreed to be Vice President and we have two great candidates who have put their hats in the ring for President: Roger Kraemer and Chip Lederer. Voting will take place during our October 10th meeting. Show your support for these two great guys and come to the meeting and vote. Oh yes, it is also FREE TACO NIGHT. Unfortunately, I will not be able to attend the meeting as I will be in Dripping Springs, Texas, attending the 2019 VTR. Our Club Vice President, Steve Greenstein will run the October meeting.

I am looking forward to the 10-day round trip to the Texas VTR. I estimate I will put about 2500 miles or so on my newly acquired 1964 TR4. As many of you know, this TR4 was expertly restored by Club member Greg Thompson to original specifications. I am very fortunate to be able to drive a TR4 as it must have been like off the showroom floor. I still have

my 1958 TR3A but was given marching orders to get a second Triumph with "roll-up windows" for long Triumph outings. Done! What a guy!

On September 7 and 8th I participated in a nice 150-mile Club sponsored driving tour to Schech's Mill. (<a href="http://schechsmill.com/">http://schechsmill.com/</a>). It is in the Houston/Lanesboro area. This active Mill is a piece of living history. It was built in 1876 and is the only original water powered mill in Minnesota. Thanks to Chip Lederer for setting up the tour! Many of us spent the night in La Crosse and had a great evening meal at historic Piggy's restaurant ( http://www.piggys.com/). If you haven't already done so, I would encourage you to take part in one of these Club sponsored events. It's a great way to enjoy your Triumph (you know you got it to drive it) and get to know fellow Club members. As that guy Shakespeare so eloquently stated: "Our doubts are traitors, and make us lose the good we oft might win, by fearing to attempt." So, attempt! Remember there are no newsletters in November and December as well as no meetings in the final two months of the year.

Well, that's it for me. Thanks to all the fellow Triumph Club members that have made my run as President easy and enjoyable! It was fun, you should try it sometime.

Oh, as a PS, why do I go by the handle Jon/Jack. Two reasons.

First, there is another John Myers in the Club and second, although the name on my birth certificate is Jon, I was always called Jack until I got out of college. As you know perspective employers always refer to you by your given name and not a nick name. So folks who knew me through my college years know me as Jack, folks subsequent my college days Jon.

Jon/Jack Meier, 1958 TR3A. 1964 TR4

President MN Triumph Sports Car Club



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#### MINUTES OF THE MINNESOTA TRIUMPHS

#### Minnesota Triumphs Meeting Minutes September 12<sup>th</sup> 2019

The weather for our September meeting night was not kind. 64 degrees, cool and rain in the area left the parking lot void of Triumphs. 43 members drove their "other cars" to the meeting to join the fun. Two new members were in attendance; Tim Winker, proud owner of a 74 TR6, and Nathan Arvold, enjoying his 67 Spitfire.

Please join us for the October meeting. We will be voting in a new President and recognizing the new club officers. (Look for the complete list published within this newsletter)

# 2020 Minnesota Triumphs Slate of Officers

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Carol Thompson

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#### 2020 Minnesota Triumphs

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Burch

VTR Liaison: Greg Thompson

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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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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)

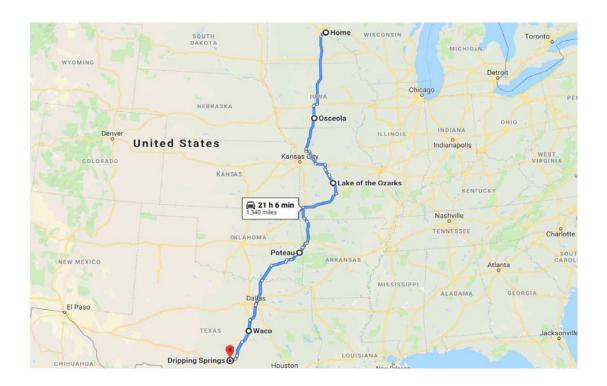
**GT6** - Pat McFarland (763-427-5612)

Renown -

Citroën - A. Lindberg (651-292-8585)



# **VTR REPORT**



As I write this, we are only 11 days from leaving for the VTR National in Texas. The route has been planned for a while with hotels set too. Day one we have a detour in lowa to cross a few bridges in Madison County. Our second night we will be at a beautiful resort in Lake Ozark Missouri at fall rates. The third day we will ride the ridges of the beautiful mountains of Arkansas. Our last big travel day leaves us in the hot town of Waco Texas to visit all things "Fixer-Upper".

I have started getting the car ready for the trip a week sooner than normal and it is a good thing, more on that later! I refurbished a set of Silverstone wheels and installed new tires, adjusted the bonnet (the bolts on one hinge had vibrated loose) and tracked down a loose wire for the fog lights. I almost always bleed the brakes so I have fresh fluid in the master cylinders and always top off the rear end. On the way back from the auto parts store to stock up on DOT3 I noticed the throw-out bearing started to squeal! It seems like things fail at the most inopportune time. It may last the trip but if it seizes up in the middle of nowhere it would be a nightmare. So I thought back and realized that clutch and throw-out bearing had been in the car since 2007 and it was used when I put it in, so I am not too upset. The other good thing is, BPNW has a good sale ending tomorrow so I can add a few more things to the order and get free shipping. Parts get to my door the 29<sup>th</sup> some time, so by the time you read this I hope it is back on the road.

On another note, this will be the last VTR report I will be writing. I am not relinquishing the VTR liaison post but Carol and I will be taking over the newsletter from Orrin in the new year and I will be expanding the subjects I write about. So look for a new look and some new subjects in the new year.

**Greg Thompson** 

Your VTR rep

# Triumph Calendar

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

#### **OCTOBER**

5 - Colour Tour The Fall Color Tour will happen Saturday Oct 5th at 10AM, (rain date Oct 6th). We will meet at a little parking lot on Hwy 61 in White Bear Lake where the sign says (White Bear Lake Downtown next three right turns). This is just beyond the Clark station at 4648 Hwy 61, and between Don Julia's Restaurant and the Clark Gasoline Station. Assemble at 9:30 and we will attempt to depart at 10AM Triumph time.

Steve Shogren 651-454-2037 steveshogren@yahoo.com

10-Club meeting

6-11 VTR Dripping Springs, TX

19- Down The River Tour Come join Joe & Virginia and Larry & Gail on another destination lunch drive. This time we're planning a slow scenic drive following the river on Wisc 35 south to Alma where we'll then take Wisc Co Rd E southeast to Wisc Co Rd 88 northeast and on to the "one of a kind "Bucknuckles Bar & Grill roadhouse for lunch with a planned arrival around 11:30. After lunch we will take the same route back and in to MN by mid afternoon.

We plan to meet at the Holiday Station right after crossing the bridge to Prescott at the corner on Main St. at 9:00 for gas/ restroom/coffee refill and leave for the drive at 9:30. Questions - Call Joe @ 651-

324-2573 or Larry @ 763-228-0072.

Hope you can come and join us!

19 - The Oct. 19th tech session will be at new member, Jim Senden's house, 507 17th NW, New Brighton, MN, 651-633-3934, cell # 651-334-1048, JWSenden@hotmail.com. Jim is the original owner of a '66 Triumph TR4A that he took delivery of in Germany. Once shipped to the states it was his daily driver and has not run since 1988. The engine does turn, so we will attempt to start the motor. The car is rusty so we will be asking if it can be saved and rebuilt, 10AM.

#### **NOVEMBER**

3 - High Tea Well it's that time of year again !!!

Gary and Barb Stephenson will be hosting their fifth High Tea.

Sunday November 3rd 1:00 PM (remember it's the day we change our clocks Back an hour).

1901 Bloom Ct Lino Lakes, 55038

Bring your favorite dish, sandwiches or finger foods. Was GREAT food last year.

We will serve a sheet cake as the dessert to celebrate our last year of hosting.

We Have SO enjoyed having all of you participating in this event. Have all of the stuff to pass on to whom ever would like to Host this FUN event next year.

Thanks, Gary and Barb

651 230 1555

See Intermarque Monthly at: www.intermarque.org



#### Multi Marque Calendar:

**September** – Waumadee Hillclimb – Hillclimb is cancelled for 2019 – will resume in 2020

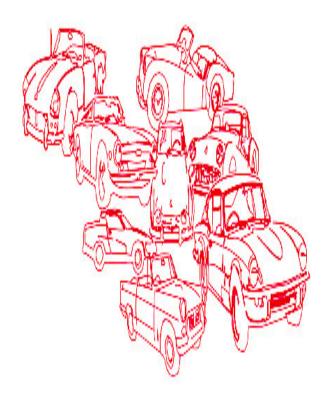
**September 6th thru 11th** – Austin Healey Club Conclave, Deadwood SD Hosted by the Minnesota Austin Healey club for more info click here

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

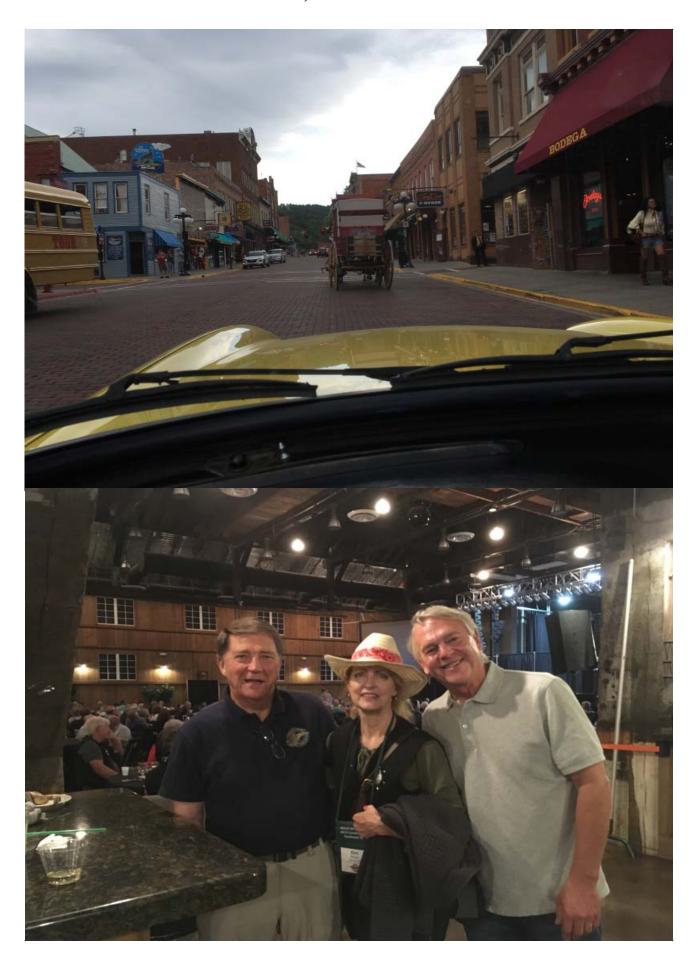








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# THE MILL TOUR



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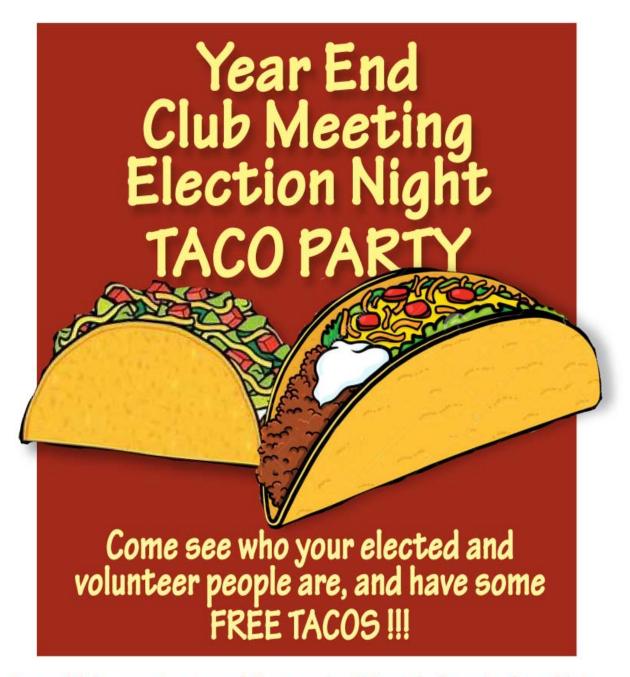


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## THE 7TH ANNUAL BACON BASH



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# 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!

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# Triumph Trader

## **1980 TR7 Coupe,** car located near Prairie Du Sac,

Wisconsin

\$2500

Contact:

Doug Burch 763-780-4706

#### For Sale: 1971 Triumph GT6 MK3

1971 Triumph GT6 MK3 –
Original Blue paint. 6 cylinder,
2 Liter engine. Manual
transmission. All original
parts. Has not been driven
since 1982 and has been sitting
in a garage. 40,720 original
miles. Extra Transmission
included. Not sure if in car
transmission is good or not.
Clutch does not work. Extra
Wheels also included. All glass
is intact and not cracked.

There is some rust and some front hood and bumper damage. Interior is not in great shape.

This car is not running but did run when parked in a garage 37 years ago and not moved until recently.

I have obtained a current clear title from former owner. Have new regular plate

Great car for restoration or parts car. I will be checking engine and will look to start the car shortly.

Asking 3000.00 or best offer. 651-307-3774

#### **Eight (8) Spitfire wheels**

to give away. Original style. Some quite good, all decent.

Free for the taking.

Dave Heglund

davisnlinda@yahoo.com

#### **Tonneau Covers**

I have two TR6 Tonneau Covers for sale. Both are in excellent condition. One is slightly used and the other has never been used, the snaps have not been installed. Both are black with headrest pockets. Moss lists them at \$349.99. I am asking \$150.00 each. Larry Berg lsbergdtm@gmail.com

#### For sale: upper auxiliary oiler

**tube,** never out of the package. I have one on my engine. This braided stainless oil feed line will get full oil pressure to your cylinder head and rocker arms. Will fit all Triumph TR250, TR6, GT6, Spitfire and Midget 1500. Sells new at BPNW for \$69. Will sell mine for \$40. Rick Morris 612-207-7990

#### **Five Wire Wheels**

Two have 205 x 15 tires with considerable tread. \$25.00 for the lot.
Orrin McGill milorrin2@gmail.com or 612-865-6518

#### For Sale:

#### 1960 TR3

Goes on eBay next week Make a decent offer or forever hold your piece

- ✓ 2012 restoration (frame-off, stripped to bare metal)
- ✓ Overdrive, 1960 shilling shift knob
- ✓ TR4 engine
- ✓ Silverstone grey with red interior

Andy Lindberg 651-242-7635 andyrlind@gmail.com

#### **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**

Minnesota Triumphs meets the second Thursday of each month, during 2019 the meetings will be at the:

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# MEMBERSHIP NOTES



Just a short note about club dues. As you know, 2019 dues were suspended for the year due to the success of the club's hosting the VTR convention last summer. But all good things need to come to an end, and this is one of them. Next year's dues will be collected starting in January. I will send an email in early January reminding you all. There are a few members that paid dues this year that didn't need to and that money was counted as next years dues. I have that data in the club database and will remind them of that as well.

I would encourage members to use the PayPal option on our website instead of mailing the dues to me. It is much more convenient on my end, and Jills, I suspect. But if necessary, I

of course will accept mailed checks or payment at a club meeting.



And back by popular demand the trusty gas gauge (actually, nobody asked to have it back, it just helps fill some of this page) indicating dues payment progress.

The last edition of the club roster for this year will be emailed to all members later this month.

#### Membership Form

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

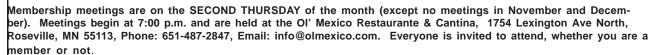
Name	As you want it to appear on a name tag –
Partner	73 you want it to appear on a name tag
Address	
City, State, Zip	
Day Phone/Cell Phone	
Home Phone	
E-mail Address	
Car Model/s	
T-Shirt Size	S / M / L / XL / 2XL
Member of Vintage Triumph Register	Yes No

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

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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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