



# TRIUMPHS & TRIBULATIONS



Photos Credit: Steve S

The last of the season Fall Color Tour  
Good weather and good times for the fall outing. Thanks Steve S for hosting.



## PREZ RELEASE



First, I hope that all of you had a fun and safe Christmas and New Year. Now that the holidays are over, we can turn our attention to the new year and upcoming driving season.

We are starting the new year with a new meeting location, 56 Brewing Co, 3055 NE Columbia Ave, Minneapolis MN 55418. Just off Marshall Ave and St. Anthony Blvd. The team contacted and looked at several locations and 56 Brewing Co topped the list. The membership was asked to vote on whether to stay at Old Mexico or go to 56 Brewing Co. The vote was more than 2 to 1 to move. Kale Johnson, owner, is a car enthusiast and went all out to get us to have our meetings at his establishment. He is going to advertise our meetings on his website in hopes of bringing in more customers to see the cars and give us more exposure, something I said I wanted in my pre-election speech. Of course, this won't be effective until this spring when we start driving our Triumphs.

Shortly after the January meeting we then look forward to the Holiday party. This year it will again be at Joseph's in St Paul. Jill Davenport is coordinating a lot of the event and is still looking for members to help at the party. Don't forget door prizes are always welcome. In the past members brought Triumph shirts, Triumph related posters and other related regalia, wine, beer, gift certificates, and auto accessories. All door prizes are welcome.

Next, we move into the "get them ready to drive" season. Steve Shogren will again be our Tech Session Coordinator and looking for cars to work on. Contact Steve to set something up.

The fun really starts in the "driving season". Bill Connell is our new Events Coordinator and has a couple of ideas and is actively looking for more from the membership. Be creative, think outside the box, be bold. Last year Nora and I decided to host a tour to the MN Landscape Arboretum in Chaska. First time, great fun. So, think about an event and get in touch with Bill.

That's all for now. Remember if you have a concern, feel free to contact me. Your Email may be important enough to be included in the next Pres release.

Roger Kraemer

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## MINUTES OF THE MINNESOTA TRIUMPHS

Official Minutes for the October meeting were not submitted.

The October meeting consisted of the annual election.

### **The 2020 Officers are:**

President: Roger Kraemer

Vice President: Lois Larson

Treasurer: Jill Davenport

Secretary: Patrick Holt

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Newsletter Editor: Greg and Carol Thompson

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### **2020 Advisory Positions:**

Tech Session Chairman: Steve Shogren

Intermarque Liaison: Doug Burch

VTR Liaison: Greg Thompson

Event Coordinator: Bill Connell

Historian: Bill Nelson

Webmaster: Ron Ruettimann, Fred Olson

Regalia Chairman: Glenn Anderson

### 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 -

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)

# The Season of Youth

It was the spring of 1977 and the songs of Boston blared from my 8-track. I was 19, single and had just bought my first Triumph. It was still a bit chilly, and as Bob Lee pulled me down Maryland Ave in St Paul the cold air was rushing around me. It was not from the top being down, but because the floors were ravished by rust and there was a hole where the transmission should have been. It was in the trunk in 116 pieces. My left foot was planted against the fire-wall and when not on the brake my right rested on one of the few remaining bits of the floorboard, the pavement rushing



by below me. It was a '66 Spitfire and I had big plans to get it back on the road for some top down fun! But when reality sunk in what I realized is, I had a perfectly good parts car.

As fate would have it, a friend of mine had purchased a metallic blue '65 spitfire the summer before and the differential was making noise and his dad wanted it out of the driveway. I filled the trunk of my Chevelle with every tool I owned (fit in the tray of one tool box) and swapped out the rear end with the good one from my parts car and drove it home. I had great fun with that car that summer and kept it till 1980. The summer of 1978, I picked up a '71 Spitty with some body damage and drove it as I fixed it. Sold that in '79. I have had several since and still have a few!

So what is the story of your first Triumph? Send a write-up and a picture if you can and we will feature your story!

Keep warm,

Greg Thompson



**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.



**MINNESOTA TRIUMPHS SPORTS CAR CLUB**

# **WINTER PARTY**

**JANUARY 26, 2020 / 1:00-5:00**

**ENJOY A COZY JANUARY AFTERNOON  
WITH YOUR TR FRIENDS IN OUR OWN SEPARATE ROOM  
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# MINNESOTA TRIUMPHS SPORTS CAR CLUB

## 2020 EVENTS CALENDAR

### January

- 9 Club meeting
- 26 Winter Party (see flier in this issue)

### February

- 10 Drive Your Triumph Day  
<https://driveyourtriumphday.shutterfly.com>
- 13 Club meeting

### March

- 12 Club meeting

### April

- 09 Club meeting

### May

- 14 Club Meeting

### June

- 11 Club meeting
- 11-13 Rendezvous in Kenora  
<http://rendezvous2020.com/>
- 19-21 Back to the 50's at MN State Fairgrounds  
<https://msrabacktothe50s.com>
- 28 Intermarque picnic, Cherokee Park

### July

- 09 Club meeting
- 09-11 Iola Car Show & Swap - Iola WI  
<https://www.iolaoldcarshow.com>
- 26 Intermarque picnic, Cherokee Park

### August

- 09 New London to New Brighton Antique Car Run  
<http://www.antiquecarrun.org/>
- 30-Intermarque picnic, Cherokee Park
- 31- Sept.4 North American Triumph Challenge in Galena, IL, sponsored by Illinois Sports Owner Association (ISOA)  
<https://www.vtr2020.org>

### September

- 10 Club meeting
- 25 Waumandee Hillclimb
- 27 Intermarque picnic, Cherokee Park

### October

- 08 Club meeting Annual elections

# 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 - davisninda@yahoo.com

## Five Wire Wheels

Two have 205 x 15 tires with considerable tread. \$25.00 for the lot. Orrin McGill milorrrin2@gmail.com or 612-865-6518

## 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

## For Sale: Surround Trim for the Tr3 Smallmouth front nose or shroud opening, along with 7 horizontal bars for the grill,

will need straightening and cleaning. Made of Stainless Steel, Original Parts, not perfect but very usable.

See Pictures, questions 608-784-8916, Lacrosse Wis. \$150.00 or best offer. email, [bpbritish@aol.com](mailto:bpbritish@aol.com) for more and better pictures!



## For Sale: Triumph TR2-TR3 Smallmouth front Shroud.

Is in pretty good shape for it's age, No rust, will need body work, as in getting the shape, edges, etc. around the mouth.

See pictures, questions 608-784-8916. \$850.00 or best offer, Located in Lacrosse Wis. so just a drive down the river instead of costly shipping. email, [bpbritish@aol.com](mailto:bpbritish@aol.com) for more and better pictures!



## WANTED

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



## 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 concours 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 2020 the meetings will be at:**

**56 Brewing Co, 3055 NE Columbia Ave, Minneapolis MN 55418**

**Just off Marshall Ave and St. Anthony Blvd.**





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 **56 Brewing Co, 3055 NE Columbia Ave, Minneapolis MN 55418**

Everyone is invited to attend, whether you are a member or not.



## 2020 OFFICERS

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# MEMBERSHIP NOTES

## Welcome Our New Member

Hi! I'm Jon Anderson and, thanks to Tim Winker, I am now a member of Minnesota Triumphs. Here are photos of my '70 Spitfire, which is not quite ready for the road...



### 2020 New Membership Form

\$25 for a single membership + emailed newsletter    \$26 for couple 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

### 2020 Dues Paid



2019 Membership = 144

2020 Paid Members = 24

- 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.

Name	_____ New member as you want it to appear on _____
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City, State, Zip	_____
Day Phone/Cell Phone	_____
Home Phone	_____
E-mail Address	_____
Car Model/s	_____
T-Shirt Size (New members)	S / M / L / XL / 2XL
Member of ViTR	Yes No

# Regalia Notes

After a few years gap, last year Triumph regalia once again became available to the club. With the start of the new year I thought it would be a good time to provide an update about regalia.

While I was working with Suzanne at Wildthreads to set up the club regalia, I did some research to see what other Triumph/car club sites offered for regalia. Looking at the Triumph clubs Web site links listed on the VTR site, I was surprised to discover we are one of a very small group of clubs that even offer a regalia option. I was also surprised to see for those clubs that do offer regalia, most do not offer the variety of items that Suzanne/Wildthreads is willing to offer us, and the variety of logo design options she is offering. Seeing this I realized having the regalia option we have is a great plus for the club!

Some people have expressed concerns about how much some items cost. Again, I did some research and Suzanne's pricing is not out of line when considering almost all orders are for only one or two items at a time, especially considering the variety of items and options she is offering the club.

Talking to members who have placed orders I've heard positive comments about the overall satisfaction about the items they've ordered, but people noted concerns about how long it took to receive the order (me included). Since the last club meeting in October, I've worked with Suzanne at Wildthreads to identify ways we can smooth out the ordering process. We were able to identify the following areas that if followed should help the overall ordering experience:

- **It's best to place your order via the link on the Minnesota Triumphs Web site to the WildThreads Esty site.** Only email Suzanne directly if you have a question about an item, but if you're going to order an item that is listed on the Esty Web site it's generally better to order it through the site. (The exception to this is if you're working with Suzanne on an item that is not listed on the Etsy site and/or you have a special/custom request).
- Be sure ALL information is entered when you place an order, including any size, color, logo options, shipping information, etc., plus your payment information.
- From the WildTreads side, Suzanne has promised she will ship orders within ten business days after they have been received.

Please let me know of ways the selection of regalia items and/or ordering process can be improved!

NEW FOR 2020...Suzanne is now offering a full-size logo option for the Minnesota Triumph Club logo that can be applied to the back of the clothing options!

Hopefully in 2020 we'll see a better ordering experience for club regalia because being able to wear club regalia is fun and a great way to promote awareness about our club and Triumphs!

[Mntriumphs.org](http://Mntriumphs.org)

<https://www.etsy.com/shop/MNTriumphsStore>





# Kenora, ON June 11-13, 2020

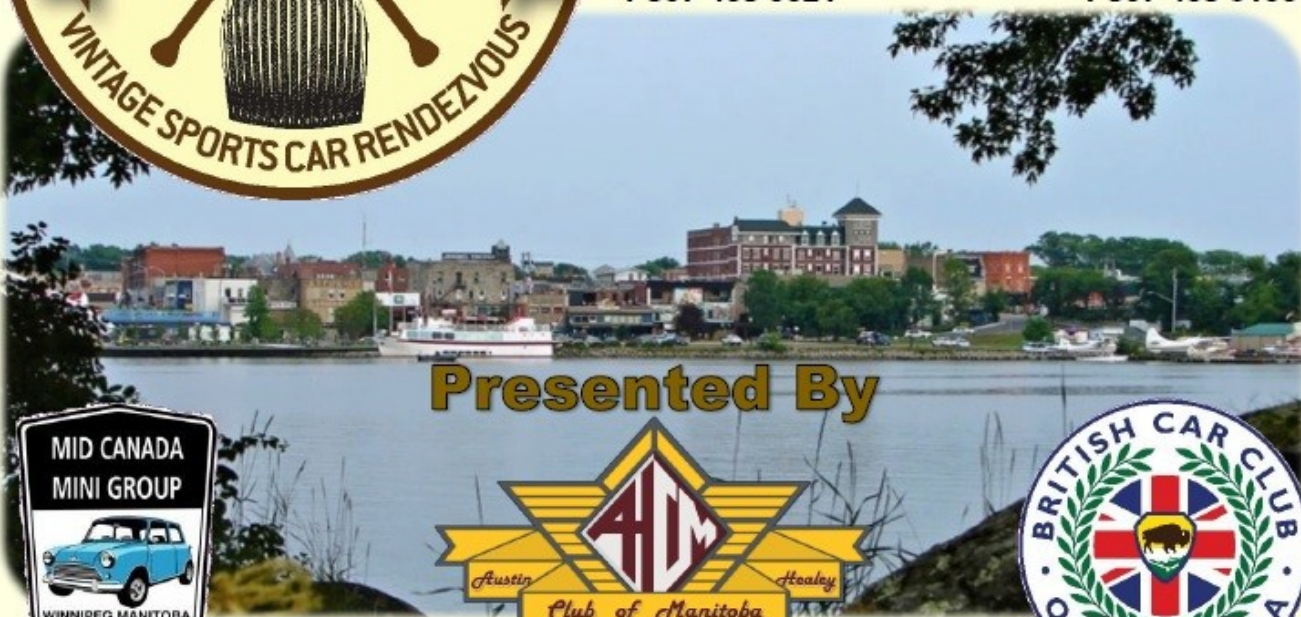
## Accommodations

### Host Hotel

**Clarion Lakeside Inn**  
470 1st Ave South  
1-807-468-5521

### Alternate Hotel

**Travelodge**  
800 Highway 17 East  
1-807-468-3155



## Activities

- Meet & Greet at Lake of the Woods Brewing Company
- Scenic Driving Tour & Pickerel Lunch at Smith Camps
- Art Gallery & Museum Tour with lunch at Boston Pizza
- Evening Cruise on the historic M.S. Kenora
- Fun Rally
- Harbour front Charity Car Show
- Awards Banquet at Lakeside Inn



## Event Sponsor



[www.rendezvous2020.com](http://www.rendezvous2020.com)



# If you want stinkin' name badges...

We now have a source.

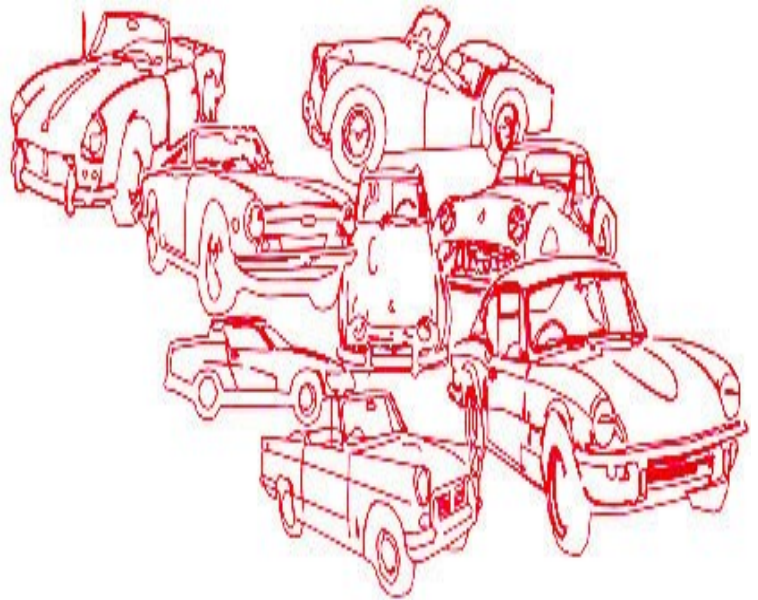


1.25" X 3" white plastic.

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

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**The 2019 VTR National Convention in Texas was a great time!**

**Start planning for the VTR National Convention in 2020!!!**

The VTR National Convention for 2020 will be hosted by the Illinois Sports Owners Association in Galena, Illinois.

**DATES: August 31 - September 4, 2020**

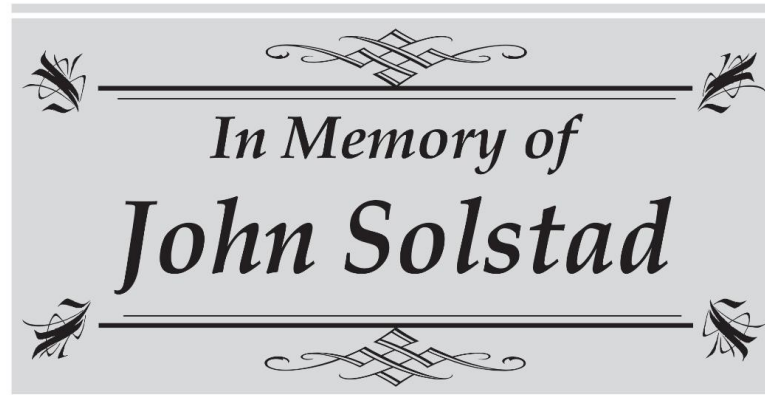
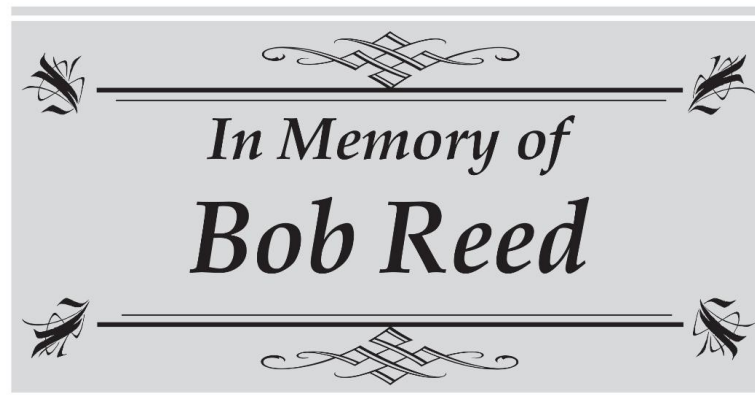
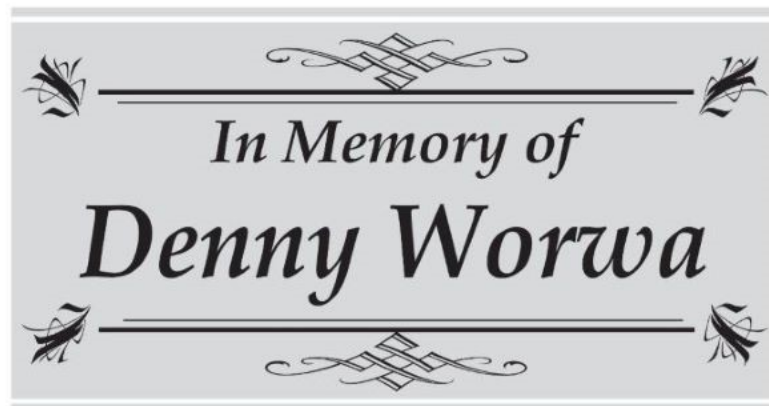
Visit [VTR2020.ORG](https://vtr2020.org) for details and registration.

For VTR Membership information visit [www.vtr.org](https://www.vtr.org)





*Our sympathy to the following families*





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