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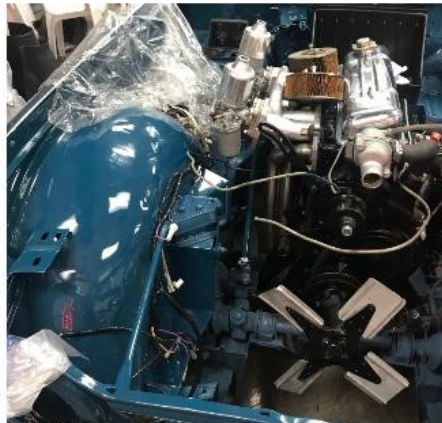


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TECH SESSION TR4A

Assembly line at Quality Coaches for Craig B's Triumph. Thanks Steve S for setting up.

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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.

Monthly Meetings

Membership meetings are the **SECOND THURSDAY** of the month January through October. Meetings begin at 7:00pm. **Our August 13 club meeting will be at Joseph's Grill, 140 Wabasha St. S, St. Paul, MN 55107. We will park our cars in the lot between Wabasha St., and the west side of the restaurant. Access to the lot is only from the northbound side of Wabasha St.** For membership information visit our website at www.mntriumphs.org

Minnesota Triumphs is a charter member of the Vintage Triumph Register (VTR).

For VTR Membership information visit www.vtr.org



PREZ RELEASE

As I am writing this Pres Release, I am getting ready to head out to Road America for the Redman Vintage Race Weekend. This year Steve Shogren and I are doing it a little different.

Original plan: purchase a smaller motorcycle 250 to 350cc, which we did, get an infield pass, and run back and forth from the hotel and around the track on our motorcycles. Could not find a hotel within 50 miles of the track with 2 beds in the room. Separate rooms were too expensive.

Plan B, take my camper, camp in the infield and bring our bicycles. Success. We have a track side camp site, put our lawn chairs out and watch the cars fly by 50 ft away. Weather reports, so far, sound good, should be fun and having our own campsite should make social distancing easy. We also have other friends camping in the infield so we will hook up with them too.

Because of COVID-19 most of the summer events have been canceled or postponed although, at the time of writing this we do have an Ice cream run to Stockholm WI scheduled and a Tech Session at Quality Coaches. Masks and social distancing I am sure will be in play .

I have my 4.0 Rover V8 project sorta keeping me busy. Most parts are gathered up. Thanks to Wayne Morris for some much-needed pieces. Now I have a 3.5 TR8 long block to get rid of. Anybody interested?

Originally this worked over motor was going into my TR8, but I am considering purchasing a TR7 drop top and putting it into that. Why mess with a good, low mileage TR8 when everyone messes with a TR7.

As you know we started having meeting again. July meeting was at the Crooked Pint in St. Paul like the June meeting. Nice place with many pluses and some minuses . The August meeting will be at Josephs, where we have our winter party. We are trying out different locations to see what fits best. If nothing really works out we will go back to 56 Brewing when we can.

That seems to be all the ramblings I have for now. Please stay safe and use common sense. Drop the tops if you can and go for a ride.

Roger Kraemer



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 every-

thing 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)

PLEASE NOTE! Updates on events:

Weekly Intermarque Breakfast - currently meeting at Silverwood Park - corner of Silver Lake Road and County Road E in St. Anthony. Meet about 9:30am - bring a lawn chair, coffee, and food.

Brits in the Ozarks - Sept 10-12 - Cancelled

August Meeting: The August 13 club meeting will be at Joseph's Grill, 140 Wabasha St. S, St. Paul, MN 55107. This is where we've had a number of club winter dinners. We will park our cars in the lot between Wabasha St., and the west side of the restaurant. Access to the lot is only from the northbound side of Wabasha St. Meeting time is 7:00 pm; tire-kicking at 6:00 pm. Don't forget your masks and your nametags. Thanks. Site Selection Committee (Dick, Jon, Chip and Lenny)

Minnesota Triumphs Meeting Minutes - July, 2020

- President Roger Kraemer called the meeting to order and reminded everyone to register for the door prize drawing at the end of the meeting.
- Welcome to two new members who introduced themselves:
 - David Wojcik from Delano. He has a 1975 Spitfire. He had a 1968 before.
 - Jeff Nord from Bloomington. He has had his 1972 TR6 for thirty five years and it hasn't driven for 25 years.
- Reports:
 - Treasurer - Jill Davenport. Bank Balance as of today is \$10,256.52. Transactions since the last meeting: Expenses – July Newsletter \$196.93 and annual insurance \$250.00. Income - Memberships \$234.00 and \$15.00 for classified advertising. The insurance policy is sourced by the VTR and covers liability and an umbrella policy for club activities, plus a Directors and Offices policy. The annual renewal is taken care of but going forward, VTR needs to source a new insurer as the current insurer will not cover competitive/times events. Remember, members must carry personal insurance coverage for their personal vehicles.
 - Newsletter – Carol Thompson. With the reduced events this year, it is difficult to fill the newsletter, so please send any event photos for the newsletter to Terry Mackey. Newsletter deadline is the 20th of the month for all article, photos, and classified ads-buy/sell.
 - Tech Session - Steve Shogren. The next session is July 18 at 10AM at Quality Coaches. We will be putting together a TR4A.
 - Membership – Roger gave the report for Joe DeMuth. We are at 114, of which 58 are family memberships, for a total of 172.
 - Intermarque – Doug Burch. Although some events have been canceled, several remain. The monthly picnics are on schedule. The Spring Kickoff in Osseo has been rescheduled to September 26. See the intermarque.org calendar to see what events are on.
 - Historian – reminder from Bill Nelson to submit a story about you and your Triumph.
 - Events – Bill Connell. Minnesota Triumphs club event July 25 Stockholm Pie Run. October 9-11 Waumandee Time Trials. Keep up to date on club events by viewing the calendar on mntriumphs.org
- Old Business:
 - The meeting site selection committee is working on a new meeting spot. Given a choice between Crooked Pint Ale (very noisy tonight) and Joseph's (on Wabasha), the membership voted for Joseph's for the August meeting while the committee is finishing their selection work.
 - Steve Shogren reminded us how beautiful the cars are that come to the every Saturday morning Intermarque coffee & cars at Silverwood Park in St. Anthony.
 - There are a number of TR3s for sale in California. Someone's grandfather has a collection and passed away. Contact Chip Lederer for the contact information.
 - Larry Sanderson announced that he brought his TR4 in process to the meeting and will show it off after the meeting.
- Jeff Gilmer won the door prize and the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted by Jill Davenport



MEMBERSHIP NOTES

We welcome four new members in July;

- Alan Shilkrot, from Minnetonka driving a 1971 TR6
- Jeff Nord, from Bloomington with a 1972 TR6
- Debra Frimeran, lives in Minneapolis and has a 1974 Spitfire
- And David Wojcik, Maple Plain with two Triumphs, 1964 and 1975 Spitfires

Jeff included a short note with his membership form saying that he has owned his car for 35 to 40 years, it hasn't been driven for 20+ years. He says he would like to get it back on the road. Well, Jeff, I think you have come to the right place. The club has resurrected several cars from that situation.

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

Name	
Partner	<small>New member as you want it to appear on a name tag</small>
Address	
City, State, Zip	
Day Phone/Cell Phone	
Home Phone	
E-mail Address	
Car, Model/s	
Member of VTR	Yes No

Season of Retrospect

Most summers we have a couple of trips or drives to add to our car culture memories. For obvious reasons this year will be remembered forever but not for the reasons we want it to be. This has made me think back and appreciate the great trips we have taken revolving around cars. Here are a few top memories.

Diving across Monument Valley from Utah into Arizona on our first trip to California during a sand storm as the sun was setting (2009). The soft sand was drifting like snow across the road and when you hit them it felt just like a snow drift as the car slid to the side just a bit before catching the pavement on the other side. The sand filtered view of the towering stone monoliths in the distance was surreal. We rolled into Grand Canyon after dark and woke to a breathtaking clear sunrise over the canyon.



On the final day driving into San Luis Obispo from Barstow we caught CA-58 just west of Bakersfield. Listed here as one of the most scenic roads in America.

<https://www.dangerousroads.org/north-america/usa/4665-california-state-route-58.html> If you are ever in the area it's a worthwhile diversion.



Retrospect (continued)

On our second TR trip to California for the VTR national in San Rafael (2013) we had lunch in Stinson Beach with the Neumanns and Mackeys. The lunch was ok but the trip back to the hotel was memorable! I spotted a curvy road on the map that looked promising. Fairfax-Bolinas Road was a hoot for those that were driving but not so much for the passengers. About half way up we stopped at a pullout and Terry took the lead and promised to slow down. After a few curves the rhythm of that perfect engine speed for the steepness of the hill took over and we were back to great neck speed once again.



The Savannah Speed Classic is held every year in conjunction with the Hilton Head Concours at the end of October. The track is the location of the first Gran Prix held in the US in 1908 on Hutchinson Island just across the river from downtown Savannah. We have attended the event several times and in 2013 my son and I drove down for the race weekend ahead of the girls. BMW of Hilton Head is a major sponsor and one of the things they do are ride-alongs with professional drivers in new BMW's but also in retired race cars. That year they were running a couple of E36 M3 Trans Am cars so my son was bargaining with me to do the ride.

Cheap old dad wasn't so sure about loosening the wallet but when I saw who one of the Pro drivers was, I was in. Brian Redman! Yes, that Brian Redman, F1 driver, Porsche 917 driver, winner of the Formula 5000 series three years in a row, just to list a few of his accomplishments. What an experience!



He was so nice, shaking my hand and introducing himself as I climbed in and was strapped in and put on my helmet. He was 76 at the time and I couldn't believe how he handled the car at those speeds and G-forces. Gave me a new appreciation for the physical aspect of racing. The smile on my son's face when he exited the car was worth every penny!

Hoping your memories are good,

Greg

July Club Meeting Pics & Plans for Upcoming Meetings

AUGUST MEETING LOCATION

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TECH SESSION



Saturday July 18th we had a tech session at Quality Coaches, to work on Craig Blechtas' '67 TR4A. Quality Coaches did the motor and transmission and are in the process of building it back.

We had about 10 to 11 people attend. The A/C was out but large fans were brought in. We were able to attach the front & rear bumpers and the dash pad and some of the wiring.

Craig bought this in the UK and has owned it since the mid- 80's. The car will be very nice when completed even if the steering wheel is in the wrong place.

There are no scheduled tech sessions yet for August or September. Steve Shogren



For Sale

Famco 2 1/2 ton arbor press. Great shape. Need to clear some space. \$50 or reasonable offer. Must pick up. (10/20)
Chip Lederer

fastroadcar@gmail.com. 612-760-6614



Give Away:

Fiberglass battery box. Good for a quick fix for the usual rusty battery holder. Dave Heglund davisnlinda@yahoo.com

Fuel tank for GT6. Sensor works. Dave Heglund davisnlinda@yahoo.com (10/20)

For Sale

For sale, excellent carbs, intake manifold, and air box for TR6. Carbs have been rebuilt and functioned perfectly before I changed to Mikuni carbs. Make me an offer. Rick Morris morri033@umn.edu. (10/20)



For Sale

3.5 TR8 long block, mostly complete except for intake, carb and timing cover. \$350.00/offer

3.5 V8 4bbl intake. appears to have a Quadrajet bolt pattern. \$150.00/offer

Pair of 1 1/4 SU carbs new still in the box \$550.00/offer

Weber DCOE 45 used season \$300.00/offer

Pair of TR7 Stromberg carbs, rebuilt but never remounted \$125.00/offer

Contact Roger kraemer 651-207-3920 phone or text or kraemer@q.com (10/20)

Rare TR3B For Sale in Minnesota!

TCF634 is a Signal Red synchromesh TR3B with approximately 71,000 miles. It runs well, but shows the signs of being 58 years old, with some dents and dings on the body and a bit of rust underneath. It was featured on its 50th birthday in the VTR magazine, along with its owner, as the two were "born" two days apart. More information and pictures can be found at www.tcf634.com. Questions can be directed to david@davidrkoenig.com. Price: Best Offer (I really don't know what to ask) (10/20)



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EVENTS CALENDAR

DUE TO THE RECENT CORONAVIRUS OUTBREAK MANY EVENTS HAVE BEEN CANCELLED. ITEMS OFFICIALLY CANCELLED ARE CROSSED OUT.

July

9 Club meeting - at Crooked Pint

~~9-11 Iola Car Show & Swap - Iola WI~~

~~<https://www.iolaoldcarshow.com>~~

25 Stockholm Pie Run hosted by Bill Connell

26 Intermarque picnic, Cherokee Park

August

~~9 - New London to New Brighton Antique Car Run~~

~~<http://www.antiquecarrun.org/>~~

2, 16, 30 - Cruise IN at Tamarack, car shows at X-Golf in Woodbury

13 Club Meeting at Joseph's Grill

29 Cars and Caves, Chanhassen AutoPlex

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

~~10 - 12 Brits in the Ozarks Car Show & Tours, Joe Bisanz and Orrin McGill leading the trip~~

13 Cruise IN at Tamarack, car shows at X-Golf in Woodbury

September (continued)

26 Intermarque Spring Kickoff, Osseo MN

27 Intermarque picnic, Cherokee Park

October

08 Club meeting Annual elections

09 Waumandee Time Trials

Please see the events page on MN Triumphs website for more information about our different events and a google calendar with the events for the year.

<http://www.mntriumphs.org/events.shtm>

Every Saturday 8 am: Intermarque Breakfast at The 400 Tavern - 1300 Industrial Blvd. in Minneapolis - corner of Industrial Blvd and I35 W. Casual breakfast with other auto enthusiasts.

A Look In The Rear View Mirror (adapted from Greg Gelhar)

Submitted by Bill Nelson - Historian



5 years ago, August 2015

- + Member Ship Notes. Reason #5 to be a Minnesota Triumph member : Access to hard to find parts.
- + A very tale about a trip to Canada complete with tools taken for roadside work, emergency room, passports and wrong passports. No author was mentioned.

10 years ago, August 2010

- + Super Sausage Sunday. Since a sloppy soaking scenario spoiled Super Sausage Sunday...Super Sausage Sunday substituted the situation superbly with a serene satisfying summer scamper and some succulent sustenance.
- + There was a write up about the Jim Larson tech session. The front shock absorbers were replaced, the coffee cake was eaten and Lois was kept busy ferrying cold drinks from the fridge to the garage.
- + Bob Lee had 2 SU carbs listed for sale in the Triumph Trader. \$350.

Minnesota Triumphs Officers History

Bill Nelson - historian



	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
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Historian	Greg Gelhar	Greg Gelhar	Greg Gelhar	Bill Nelson	Bill Nelson
Tech Sessions	Roger Kraemer	Roger Kraemer	Steve Shogren	Steve Shogren	Steve Shogren
Intermarque	Pat Holt	Doug Burch	Doug Burch	Doug Burch	Doug Burch



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.

Regalia Notes

A wide range of regalia and logo designs is available for Minnesota Triumphs members through the WildThreads Etsy site: <https://www.etsy.com/shop/MNTriumphsStore>

Wearing club regalia is fun and a great way to promote awareness about our club and Triumphs!

When ordering it is best to use the following guidelines for a smooth ordering process.

- **Place your order via the link on the Minnesota Triumphs Web site to the WildThreads Etsy 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 WildThreads side, Suzanne has promised she will ship orders within ten business days after they have been received.

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!

Questions? Contact Glenn Anderson

New Website Launch - Bill Connell

The new MN Triumphs club website is live! You can see the new site at the same URL: <https://www.mntriumphs.org>

The new site features an updated design, expanded maintenance resources (based on the list that Chip worked on last year), and a new way to feature member car photos, along with all of the great content we've built up over the years.

Thanks to everyone who sent early feedback on the site, I've incorporated a lot of great ideas from members. A few members mentioned wanting more photos and pages about member cars, and we have an easy way to add those now. If you want to have your car featured on the site, send the story about your car and a photo or two, and i'll add it. Or, just send a photo and it can be in the rotating photos on the home page.

Please email your car photos and stories webmaster@mntriumphs.org, or if you see anything missing, not working right, or if you have other ideas for new things to add.

Scan the QR code to go to the website:



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