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TRIUMPHS & TRIBULATIONS

45th Anniversary Year • 1975-2021



Lots of activity in May

Motorcycle museum trip, shake down tour and tech session. Lots of fun...

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About Minnesota Triumphs Car Club

Minnesota Triumphs formed in 1975 when our club was first given a Charter with the Triumphs Sports Owners Association.

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. **Our next meeting is June 10 at the Crooked Pint Ale House.** The address is 1734 Adolphus St., Maplewood, Mn 55117. It's the northwest corner of I-35E and Larpenteur Ave. **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



Pent-Up Demand - Chip Lederer

Wow, what a great start to the active driving season for the Club. I can say that a majority of members have participated in at least one event. It's really good to see all the faces, now if I could only remember the names. It's been two years for some and there are also a lot of new members. We hope to see more smiles as the summer progresses.

A big thanks goes to those who made it to the Spring Shake Down tour and to Matt Hunting, our host. This event was a first for me. I had planned to host last year but the event was canceled. The weather cooperated and the livery for the drive included a combination of Triumphs and grocery getters. We had our share of issues throughout the event but, I guess that's why they call it a "shake-down." Christina Bigelow showed up at the REI starting spot, took off in the other direction to do a delivery of groceries for Mother's Day and a short visit. She then booked down the back roads with the car top down. Almost beat the group to Fishtales in New Prague. Her Spitty ran flawlessly but she reported she was very chilled when she got home. Everyone reported they made it home, but not all without some mishaps. Thanks to all who participated.

The middle of the month was filled with the Club meeting and a Tech Session focused on brakes, shocks and universal joints on Nathan Arvold's Spitfire. On the agenda for the Club's meeting was an update on the Anniversary Party and a discussion led by Wade Peterson on "How One Might Access and Use the MNTriumphs@Groups.IO site." I was disappointed the audiovisual equipment in the meeting room didn't work but you can find the presentation slides and a "cheat sheet" on line. We should all thank Wade Peterson and Bill Connell for the work they have been doing behind the scene on the Groups IO website. It's a huge undertaking. Many of the Club's historical photos, business documents, and tour routes are uploaded and available. Also, this is where "club talk" between members takes place. Just a reminder to "Watch what you say." It all gets archived. I am one who especially needs to be mindful of this! The site is getting there. Please make suggestions as to how you wish it to work. If you were at the May Club meeting you had the opportunity to ask Wade questions about issues you may have had and voiced your opinion.

May's events also encompassed the Intermarque Spring Kick-off Car show in Osseo, MN and long-distance travel tour to the National Motorcycle Museum Tour. I heard through the grapevine that 29 Triumphs were in attendance at the Osseo show. It was a pretty impressive line-up. The last information I have on the tour to Anamosa, Iowa was 14 members were in travels. The weekend definitely had our members enjoying the great weather and doing what they enjoy the best. Thank you to all members that participated.

The Club's 45th Anniversary Celebration and Picnic will be held on July 10th at Spring Lake Park Preserve near Hastings, MN. The time will be 10:30 to 3:00 with things starting to happen around 11:00. Details for the Celebration are coming together nicely. Volunteers are working diligently. Please set aside this date on your calendar. Drive your Triumph!! Come visit with current and past club members. Gatherings are getting easier, so there is little reason to not attend. We have a shelter that will hold 100 guests comfortably. There will be something for everyone at the Celebration. Check out the stupendous Terry Mackey event poster in this edition of the newsletter. Don't forget to order a commemorative T-shirt or coffee mug. Look for the details on how to do so in this issue of the Club's newsletter.

As we look forward, the number of events is stacking up and we have something for everyone throughout the year. "Back to the 50's" is back on for Father's Day weekend. Go Karting at the Stockholm Karting Center is on June 12th. There is still room for those that wish to find out if they "still got what it takes." Also, on June 12th there is a tech session to add an electronic ignition to a '79 Spitfire. Check the Club calendar and the Groups IO "Events" and "Activities" subgroups for details on events and activities. We could use a tour in August. Maybe something heading north from the Fridley or the Arden Hills area. How about a volunteer!! Thanks for getting involved.

Enough, off to the garage. It's a good place for a hot humid rainy day.



May Meeting Minutes - Dave Anderson

The meeting started on time at 7 at the Crooked Pint. In attendance were 41 members and 12 Triumphs in the parking lot which was exciting to see. We are always happy to have new members join the club. Welcome Cam, Mike and Tina, Craig, Brock and Roy Moody. Roy has a 76 Spitfire and Cam brings a 66 TR4a to the club. Welcome!

Attending Club officers shared their respective information on events, tech session and general topics which is located in the club newsletter or web site.

Mark your calendars for July 10th's club anniversary event. It will be held at Spring Lake Park Reserve in Hastings. There will be a food truck, games and raffle prizes. You can take a walk down memory lane by thumbing through the years of photo albums. The club will provide beverages and dessert but feel free to bring your own beverages if you'd like. In addition, we will have some anniversary merchandise at the event but no need to wait until July. Email Dan Booth and he can get your order in right away.

As for the funding of the anniversary party the motion was submitted and approved to fund the event. The site, beverages, desserts and the raffle items were the expenses voted on.

Next we talked about the new tool called Groups IO which is our communication tool, documents management and forums tool. Wade created a cheat sheet that he will email for folks who couldn't attend. This is the way you can subscribe/unsubscribe to the newsletter and message others in the club.

Finally the Vintage Triumph Register is a great ally club of ours. They help us with insurance when we host and help bring Triumph motorist together which we appreciate. The VTR convention is September 14th so check them out.



COME CELEBRATE OUR TRIUMPH CLUB'S 45TH ANNIVERSARY!



WHAT•WHEN•WHERE

SUMMER PICNIC CELEBRATION

Saturday July 10, 2021 rain or shine
11:00-3:00

Spring Lake Park Preserve
Hastings, MN west shelter

Signs for the event will be placed
near the park entrance and at intersections
within the park

All current and past members welcome

WHAT'S GOING ON

Club providing:
Soda and bottle water
Dessert

Door prizes for participation and attendance
Park pavilion rental

Historic picture books for viewing

Participation Activities:

Bean bag tournament and giant Jenga

Anniversary T-shirts and coffee mugs
available for purchase

Reminisce with past and current members

WHAT'S FOR EATS

Full menu can be purchased from the onsite
food truck, service 11:30-1:15

WHAT TO BRING

Suggest bringing your own lawn chairs
Bring your own alcoholic beverages
Park does allow

Thanks to all the members who volunteered their time for this event.

MNTR Karting Day - June 12th at the Stockholm Karting Center in Cokato, MN.

This is world class racing facility, located just 45 minutes west of the Twin Cities metro area.

Members will meet at the Perkins Restaurant located at 2945 Empire Lane N, Plymouth MN and leave at 10:00.

Our reserved track time is 12:00 to 2:00. Helmets are included in rental fee, but you will need to purchase a liner. If you have a full-face helmet, you can use it.

The track size is a .65-mile, 14 turn road course. With the option of multiple layouts this creates a challenge for the

full time to novice karter. The road course has a combination of long straightaways, sweeping banked turns and two significant elevation changes providing a very challenging layout to conquer. Heat races will be organized and run by the facility.

Chip Lederer will supply hamburgers, buns, and condiments for the grill. Bring what you wish for sides, deserts and drink. No Alcoholic beverages are allowed before or during race times. Let's keep it simple. There are still openings and we can accommodate any number. Track fee will be split evenly between those attending.

There are currently 10 members signed up who have RSVP'd.

Please contact Chip Lederer at 612-760-6615 or fastro-

Mark your calendars for Saturday, July 10 for the club's celebration of its 45 anniversary.

We have scheduled a pavilion at Spring Lake Preserve, West Shelter, located at 8395 127th Street E., Hastings, Mn 55033. Directions will be published beforehand. **The time will be 11 am to 3 pm.**

Member Dan Booth will have his food truck, "Dine 11", available for us to purchase sandwiches. The club will

provide canned soda and cupcakes. We can bring and consume our own alcoholic beverages.

Door prizes and yard games will be available. Joe Bisanz, one of our club's original members, will be able to talk about our club's founding. Attempts will be made to invite as many former members as possible, and we will have albums of pictures available. You will be able also to purchase anniversary t-shirts. Instructions are in the latest club newsletter. This is intended to be a family event so bring them with you.



**Anniversary
T-Shirts
\$13.00**

Call or text Dan to place a shirt order for a short sleeve, long sleeve, or a women's V-neck to Dan @ 651-208-9355 or dbooth41@gmail.com. Deadline for shirt orders to have by the July meeting and the party are June 25th.

Route 66 - The Mother Road

VTR NATIONAL CONVENTION
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1. Round Barn - Arcadia 2. Rock Cafe - Stroud 3. Fort El Reno 4. Rt.66 Museum, etc. etc.

Reasons to Belong

Last month I wrote the history article with help from Joe Bisanz and was pleasantly surprised to find out our club became a VTR Chapter very early on in our club's history and is one of the VTR's charter members. We received an email from Wayne Simpson, the VTR Region and Chapter Services Coordinator, in April asking for us to check that we were up to date on our insurance recording and payment and to make sure we had the required 10 person minimum to be a VTR chapter. I knew we had the minimum 10 covered but was curious what our total was. I inquired and was pleasantly surprised to find we had 56 VTR members as of January 1st. That puts us in the top 5 for members enrolled.

You may ask, "why should we as a club, or I as an individual be a member of the VTR"? The most compelling is something that may not affect you personally but affects the club as a whole. Insurance! Without the buying power of the national club, insurance would not be at all affordable to our club. The liability insurance we buy through the VTR, at a very affordable price, covers members of the club at our own moving events as well as larger events we may host such as the VTR National in 2018 and the Rendezvous in 2015.

They are also an active member of the British Motor Trade Association. BMTA Members have an annual meeting to discuss parts availability and the quality of parts being made for our cars. It also facilitates communication between suppliers, sellers, and shops to help keep our cars on the road for us to enjoy and to help keep values in line with makes from other countries. The VTR is our voice at the annual meeting and they only have us to advocate for as they have no financial interest in the market.

The VTR has a top-notch website as well. The VTR website offers a comprehensive list of suppliers to buy parts from and ones that offer services too. They have a list of model specific vehicle consultants to contact if our consultants are stumped. They also send out a by-monthly magazine that under the reins of Shawn Frank always has relevant articles that cover TR history, tech, and restorations that will inspire you.

Finally, and foremost to me is the National Convention. Carol and I have attended all but 3 in the last 25 years and have enjoyed every one. It's a great way to see other cars, meet folks from other clubs and get you to places you may not have chosen to go to otherwise. This September the National Convention will be held in Edmond, Oklahoma on historic route 66. Many from our club have indicated they are attending so this would be a great opportunity to go to a relatively close convention. We will even accept a grocery getter in the line if your TR isn't travel ready!

Greg Thompson

Your VTR Liaison

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

Submitted by Bill Nelson - Historian



5 years ago - June 2016

- + Ladies can stay in touch about who is going to an event, meeting, trip or drive. Nancy@gelhar.com.
- + The club welcomed new member Brian Willcoxon from Chanhassen who owns a 1974 TR6.

10 years ago - June 2011

- + The Intermarque Kick-off on May 14 at Como Park had unseasonably cold and wet weather. A group got together for a drive the next day to The Pickle Factory at Lake Pepin Wisconsin with better weather.
- + The 2nd Annual British Sports Car Display was held at the Woodland Hill Winery in Delano.
- + 20 years ago on June 23, 1991 Jim Malinski led a tour through the farmlands South of the Cities to his home in Jordan, Mn.

Shakedown Tour - Matt Hunting

The spring shakedown drive consisted of about 12 cars (half of which being Triumphs, the rest other people's drivers). We met at 10:30 AM at the Bloomington REI with clear skies, and proceeded south toward New Prague... Where we rather quickly started losing folks! (Note for future drives, start more rural, limit left turns). About half of our original convoy managed to stick together for the entire drive, mostly the triumphs at the front. We met at a local restaurant in New Prague as members we lost caught up for a great lunch. We then made our way back up North, as members split off to head back home. We had approximately 15 people show up, and had a great spring shakedown, with everyone's car making it (but my own- ignition issues before I got started!). Thanks to Rick for letting me ride shotgun and navigate in his TR6, and Chip for the ride back in the Porsche. Hope the folks who joined enjoyed the ride!

Matt



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 - Greg Gelhar greg@gelhar.com

TR4 - John Myers (507-633-2017)

TR4A - Larry Sanderson (507-775-6940)

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

TR7 - Roger Kramer (651-207-3920)

TR8 - Roger Kramer (651-207-3920)

Spitfire - Bill Gingerich (612-850-4072)

GT6 - Pat McFarland (763-427-5612)

Stag - David Anderson (612-810-9740)

Member Project - Jill Davenport

When the little rumble (that I liked!) from a small hole in the muffler turned into an obnoxious noise from a bigger hole, it was time for a new muffler in Jill Davenport's 1975 Triumph Spitfire. Talented and big-hearted club members Doug Burch and Steve Shogren came to my house May 5 to install the new exhaust system. My assignment in advance was to spray Master Blaster on the studs (well, two studs and one replacement bolt) on the manifold. It helped because the old pipe came off pretty easily. Wiggling the old pipe out was impossible so it had to be cut out; thanks to Doug for bringing his Dremel tool! The Dremel also helped grind out the holes on the manifold end of the pipe for easier attachment. Old hangers came off easily and the new muffler installed easily, with the exception of one more job for the Dremel – the pipe was $\frac{1}{2}$ " too long. I stood back and admired my new stainless steel exhaust system, and said THANK YOU! We then fired up the Spit for the first time of the season. After a couple episodes of gas leaks last season, eagle eyes watched the fuel pump and the answer was "NO, don't drive this until a new fuel pump is installed". Part is on order....I'm sensing that this is a normal Triumph repair session, fix one thing, and find another that is next on the list!



Anamosa Trip

A big thank you to Larry Berg for setting up the trip to Anamosa, Iowa to visit the National Motorcycle Museum. We headed out on the road on a very rainy Friday morning and took the freeway to Black River Falls where we then got on to more fun and scenic roads to the Mindoro Cut. The weather cleared up and we had a great drive to Potosi Brewing Company for a stop over, then on to Dubuque, Iowa where we spent the night. Thank you to Joe Bisanz who got us a table for all of our group at the Hotel Julien to have dinner - it was fun to be together. Saturday's weather was great as we headed out on some more beautiful back roads to make our way to the National Motorcycle Museum. This is quite an amazing place with their display of over 450 motorcycles but in addition to the bikes themselves, was all the other memorabilia and historical pieces they had displayed. After a quick bite for lunch we headed back toward La Crosse to spend the evening at the Radisson. The group split up for dinner but a few then hung out afterwards for some more socializing. Back on the road Sunday morning to head home (with more rain). Only one mechanical issue - Jerry Moehnke experienced some generator problems but found a solution and managed to continue with the group.



Anamosa Trip



Website - Bill Connell

The MN Triumphs club website is: <https://www.mntriumphs.org>

We've added a Drives and Tours page to the club website with some of our favorite driving routes and destinations. Send your routes to webmaster@mntriumphs.org to add them to the list!

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:



REGALIA - Dan Booth

Minnesota Triumphs Club logo apparel is available on demand in many different styles, for men and women, with different logos and colors.

Contact our apparel coordinator Dan Booth to start an order, he can get you the item and logo you're looking for.

- Text or call 651-208-9355 or email dbooth41@gmail.com

See samples of Dan's work:

[Magnolia Screen Printing Ink on Facebook](#)

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For Sale

I have many parts for all Triumphs. I have motors, frames, wheels and most other parts.

Email me at wmorris11134@yahoo.com or call me at 612-723-4602 or text. - Wayne Morris



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 Rover V8 from a TR8, long block with 4 bbl intake and Holly 600 carb - \$400.00 / offer
- Engine stand , almost new, \$60.00 / offer
- 4 TR7 steel wheels with almost new tires set \$140.00 / offer
- TR6, 4, 250 add on AC complete under dash unit, Manual included. \$275.00 / offer
- Pair of new in the box SU 1 1/4 cards for spitfire \$550.00 / offer
- Book - Spitfire Gold Portfolio Brooklands Book 180 page \$5.00
- Book - Triumph Spitfire GT6 Guide to Originality by John Thomason 160 pages \$10.00
- Book - TR3 original dealership parts book - really used but all there \$15.00

Contact: Roger Kraemer 651-207-3920 call or text kraemer@q.com

For Sale

Securon three-point inertia seat belts (2) in beige. NEW, ordered for my Spitfire and didn't fit; too expensive to ship back to Rimmer. Says they fit Spitfire, TR7, GT6, TR4-250, TR6, and MG Midget, MGB GT, MGB Roadster. Check with Rimmer to see if #RB735515 fits your car. Paid \$106.66 for both, currently priced \$155.08. Asking \$90. Jill Davenport, 612-202-8748

Tech Session

Tech Session on May 15th at Nathan Arvold's garage helping him with his 1967 Spitfire to go through the brakes, replace a u-joint, and replace struts.



Intermarque Spring Kick Off

There were 29 Triumphs at the Spring Kick Off in Osseo on May 22.



photos: Nancy Gelhar- MN Triumphs facebook





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EVENTS CALENDAR

We're looking for more mid-summer events!

It looks like COVID restrictions may be easing by the summer, so think about a favorite antiques stop or day trip you like to take and let's make a club outing of it!

May

- 8 Spring Shakedown Tour to New Prague - Matt Huntting hosting
- 13 Club Meeting
- 14-16 - SVRA Vintage Festival Weekend at Road America
- 21 Tour to the National Motorcycle Museum in Anamosa Iowa - contact Larry Berg for details
- 22 Intermarque Spring Kickoff in Osseo

June

- 10 Club Meeting
- 12 Tech Session - 10 am - Michael Murray-John garage, update 1979 Spitfire with electronic ignition
- 12 Go-kart racing day at the Stockholm Karting Center, Cokato MN. 2 hours of track time booked, starting at noon. Contact Chip to get on the list of racers.
- 18-20 MSRA Back to the 50s, MN State Fairgrounds
<https://msrabacktothe50s.com>

July

- 8 Club meeting
- 8-10 Iola Car Show, Iola WI
- 10 MN Triumphs Summer Party - Spring Lake Park Reserve, Hastings, MN - near the West Shelter picnic area. Good space for parking; catering from the "Dine-1-1" food truck.**
- 22-25 Kastner Cup - Portland International Raceway
www.kaskastner.com/kastnercup.html

August

- TBD Spam museum tour, Jon Meier hosting
- 12 Club meeting
- 15-23 Canada to Mexico Rally
<https://cana-mex.com/>, Joe Bisanz and Orrin McGill are planning to shadow part of the route, Contact them to join in the trip

September

- 3 or 4 (to be finalized) Drive-in night, River's Edge Drive In, Chip hosting
- 9 Club Meeting
- 10 Mississippi Mayhem vintage car and bike festival, LaCrosse Fairgrounds. Joe Bisanz and Orrin McGill are planning to go. <https://mississippimayhem.com>
- 11 Wheels & Wings, Osceola, WI
- 14 - 18 2021 VTR in Edmond, OK
<https://www.triumphsokc.org/vtr2021>
- 17-19 - Ariens Art on Wheels Vintage Weekend, Road America
- 24-26 Waumandee Time Trials - Alma, WI

October

- TBD Fall color tour - Doug Birch, NW of the cities
- 14 Club Meeting

All club meetings are at the Crooked Pint in Maplewood unless noted otherwise

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> Or scan the QR code to go to the website.



SCAN ME

Every Saturday: Intermarque breakfast: currently meeting at Elsie's at 9am - 729 Marshall St. NE, Minneapolis, 55413 -

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