



TRIUMPHS & TRIBULATIONS



Triumph Projects

A call for entries produced three good ones...enjoy the process Jeff K, Roger K and Pat H.

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Thank you to all who contributed to this newsletter!



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 March 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



PREZ RELEASE

Hello all,

For those of you in the great white north I hope that you have been staying warm and cozy, while the rest of the snow birds I hope you know that I live vicariously through you.

It was so exciting to see everyone last month at the club meeting. I was impressed with the turn-out given the weather, and our guest speaker Tom Warth was a delight.

I truly enjoyed listening to him share his stories of racing, owning a publication company and just his life stories. Such a colorful character and it was great to see what the true love for motoring can look like through his eyes.

I hope you all enjoyed it as much as I did.

This month's letter is about the hope of spring. I'm not sure that I fully feel it yet, but the signs of spring are revealing itself in south Minneapolis. I am starting to hear the chirping of birds in the morning and occasionally we have enough melt to realize that there are growing living things under that blanket of snow.

The other signs of spring are the Moss Motors and Rimmer Brothers catalogs hitting my mailbox to remind William and myself of our list of things that we want to do to our cars this year. He and I have been working on our lists and we can hear our cars in the garage quietly reminding us that they are as anxious as we are to get on the road.

This conversation with my son sparked a conversation on us naming our cars. We reflected about what was so exciting about our cars and what it made us feel like when we drove/rode in them to give us inspiration. We kept coming back to the sense of freedom our cars gave us and how they even, for a moment, could melt away our cares in the world. Needless to say Will has a short list for his Spitty - "White Lightning", "Storm Trooper" and "Moon Knight" and as for my Stag I'm still working on a name. He pointed out that I'm struggling because I've never driven my car yet and so he and I should focus on getting my car on the road this year. So that is where my energy will be this year.

I'd love to hear what you all have named your car if any.

As for the club we continue to refine the driving, show and summer party events for us to enjoy our freedom of driving and continue to gather helping hands in tech sessions to help others have their freedom of driving.

I look forward to seeing you all at the March meeting.

As always please feel free to reach out to me if you have any feedback or comments.

Cheers,

David





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MEMBERSHIP

Members, the tank is now about half full. Please renew your club membership by March 31st to make it in the 2022 Triumph Club Directory and to remain on the Triumph Club's distribution email list through "Groups.io." Prices have remained unchanged from 2021. Cost is \$25 for a single membership and \$26 for a family membership to cover a partner. Additional fees apply if you want printed copies of newsletters instead of the emailed pdf. The renewal form is available on the membership page of the mntriumphs.org website. You can pay via Paypal through the website or mail checks and forms to my address. Thank You!

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Membership Renewals

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 Kraemer (651-207-3920)

TR8 - Roger Kraemer (651-207-3920)

Spitfire - Bill Gingerich (612-850-4072)

GT6 - Pat McFarland (763-427-5612)

Stag - David Anderson (612-810-9740)

February Meeting Minutes - Jill Davenport

2/10/2022 - 34 degrees snowing, windy, rain later. Zero Triumphs in the parking lot, even though it is Drive Your Triumph Day! 39 in attendance

New Members:

Mike Smith, returning member
Jeff Kussard and Rita DeZurik, joined last year, first meeting tonight
Jamal Rusdy, TR6, and son, Adam, age 16
Nick Clausen, '78 Spit
Gary Johnson, TR6

Reports

Treasurer - Jody Meier: bank balance \$914.87, savings \$6304.08

Membership - Mike Smith: 143 on roster, currently cleaning. 33 renewals up to tonight.

Newsletter - Greg and Carol Thompson: Deadlines the 20th of the month.

Events Coordinator - Bill Connell: Summer party this year again, instead of a winter party - more volunteers needed. Looking for host for Spring Shakedown. Inter-marque Spring kick-off in May. More track days by Healy this summer. Rendezvous in Tower, MN. We are hosting the Hastings Car show again this summer; will need about 8 volunteers. Jeff and Mary will do the Fall Color tour again this year - October 15?

Tech Sessions - Jeff Johnson: March and May are taken, all other months available.

VTR Liaison - Greg Thompson: Think about attending it this year, it will never be closer.

Intermarque Liaison - Glen Wilson (no report)

Webmaster - Bill Connell: Website has been updated

Historian - Bill Nelson (no report)

Vice President - Doug Foster (no report)

Regalia - Dan Booth: let Dan know what you want.

Past President/Member-at-large - Chip Lederer (no re-

port)

Ongoing Club Business:

Crooked Pint contract options: would like to secure the space for all the year's meetings, working on contract.

Monthly meeting communications: Please use the RSVP function in the Groups/IO article when meeting is announced.

Welcoming new members process: There is an enhanced welcome process.

SPEAKER, Tom Warth, former owner of Classic Motorbooks - started book business with distributing car books, then started stocking some. Best selling book: American Cars Spotting guide. Motoring Mascots (hood ornaments) best book, but didn't sell well. Started Books for Africa - sends 3 million books a year. Had a lot of fun with a lot of cars over the years. Cobra was his car with the most stories - bought for \$7K, sold for \$850K. Brought books for everyone to take one. He was instrumental in starting Wheels and Wings: the most interesting car that showed up - his helicopter!

New Business: Greg Thompson asks if we would we like to publish a 2023 calendar? Submit a photo and they will choose 12 for a calendar.

Terry reports that we have run out of window clings. Need to order more. He has sent in the art, waiting for a quotes.

"Bring a Trailer report". David created a scatter chart for seeing how much your car might be worth. He'll do it every quarter.

Adjourn 7:52 PM

Tom Warth

(photo credit Nancy Gelhar)



Are You Keeping Track?

I don't have a spreadsheet on my computer dedicated to tracking prices of cars similar to mine that have sold at auction or those listed for sale, but I do look at Bring-a-Trailer (BAT) most every day to see what is selling and what is trending up or down. I would love to have a BMW 2002tii and the prices a couple of years ago were going out of site but have since come down a bit and leveled off. Jaguar E types and Austin Healey 3000s both took a big "market correction" 3 years ago but have climbed back up. There are other cars on my "list of want to own" but I have come to the realization I can only drive one at a time and maintaining and insuring several cars is not cheap. Classic cars like commodities and real estate go up and down in value based on the economy, market trends, and buyer pressure to name a few. My belief is that the pandemic has forced many people that have had interests away from home to homebound so they purchased that car they always wanted to tinker with and drive on weekends.

So what has that done for the Triumph owner? I will be using metrics from BAT as it is easily accessible.

The Triumph Italia has been trending up for some time and nice ones sell for well north of 75K. The TR250 has been rising in value but I think has leveled off at 35-40k for a nice restored one. In 2021, 4 of the 5 cars listed on BAT sold for 26-43k.

A couple of TR4s have topped 50k on BAT in the last couple of months but is that the new norm or an anomaly? Before 2021 no TR4 had topped 40k on BAT and in the last 14 months 4 have. In 2018 BAT listed 12 TR4s and in 2021 there were 28 that went through so numbers of cars auctioned have gone up considerably. The interesting thing is the pricing of the bulk of the cars going through has not changed that much. For the last 3 full years, there have been 3-4 cars under 10k, 7-11 between 10 and 20K, 6-9 from 20-30k and 1-6 from 30-40K. The biggest growth has been in the cars between 30-40k but there are still plenty you can nab in the 20s.

I think the biggest market jump is in the TR6, both in numbers sold and the value. In 2018, 25 cars were listed with 19 selling. In 2021, 106 cars were listed with 91 selling. In the last 3 years the number of cars selling over 30K went from 1 to 12. In 2019 there were 7 cars sold under 10K and last year only 2.

The reality that the price of most cars sold on Craigslist, FB marketplace, or Hemmings is much lower than the prices bid on BAT I think the trend up is still valid. Our Triumphs have risen in value.

Greg



Winter Projects

Pat Holt - My winter project photo, new paint for the TR4



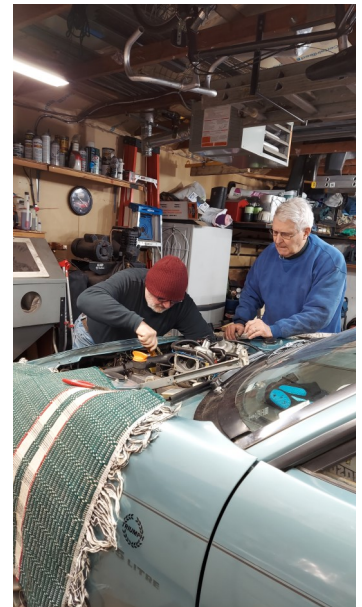
Roger Kraemer

Well, it's January, COVID is firing up again, it's cold and the winter blahs are setting in. What to do, how about pulling the engine and transmission out of my TR8? So, I turned up the heat in the garage and Steve Shogren, Pat Holt and my brother came over and that's what we did. The manual said the unit has to be dropped out the bottom. I asked the TR8 group if the transmission is removed first can the engine come out the top. Several replies came back and said they both can come out the top if the rear of the car is raised and the front is down. That is what we tried. That sorta kinda worked. Things went OK until the crankshaft pulley wouldn't clear the radiator header. With a little coaxing the pulley was removed and out the assembly came. I think going back in I will do it separately.

Now that things are out, I'm going to replace the clutch assembly along with the slave cylinder and clutch master. On the engine I have oil leaks, so I am sending the block to my cousin's engine shop in St Cloud to have it bored slightly, install 9.5 to 1 pistons and new cam, main and rod bearings. When it comes back, I'll install the 4 bbl, intake, headers and performance cam. The engine bay will get though cleaning and me being me I suspect some chrome will be added.

Also scheduled for this winter down time is a new leather interior and top. The interior and top I take out of the TR8 is going to go into my TR7.

More updates later.



Winter Projects - continued

Jeff Kussard

This project is a frame off resto-mod on our 72 TR6, purchased in Minneapolis from a private party in 2014. This project will touch every part. Tear down, repair of most rust areas, and removing body shell from original frame is underway in our garage. I'll load and trailer it to Bob Lee for remaining rust repairs and painting on February 20/21. The refinished body will mount to....



A new Ratco frame with rear coil over shocks, front shocks, uprated springs, uprated front sway bar and rear sway bar. Additional upgrades include Goodparts alloy hubs front and rear, uprated front spindles, uprated front brakes, rear disc brakes, split front/ rear master cylinders, CV half shafts. Nissan limited slip rear end.

Interior will include electronic conversion of speedo and

tach, with faces refinished in Magnolia, matching new small gauges. The dash will be re-skinned with engine turned aluminum. Miata seats are being re-upholstered with Mr. Mikes covers. All interior panels will be replaced with Bob Danielson parts. New carpeting, pads etc. Many other updates and mods, too numerous to list.

We planned engine rebuild for next Winter. The head was



totally rebuilt in 2018 with all new parts. Since we're this far, and history of the bottom end is unknown, the engine work will be this year.

Notable previous work includes HVDA 5 speed, Goodparts lightened flywheel, Patton throttle body injection / electronic distributor conversion were done Spring of 2019.

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

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A Look In The Rearview Mirror

Submitted by Bill Nelson - Historian



5 years ago

March 2017

- + Minutes of the February 2017 meeting. Attended by 43 members at the new meeting location of Ol' Mexico. 19 degrees at the opening gavel.
- + VTR Report stated that the 2017 convention would be in Princeton, NJ and celebrate 50 years of the Triumph GT6.
- + The club was asking for photos of your project for the Triumphs And Tribulations covers.
- + The 27th Annual Can/Am Rendezvous would be in June 2017 at Grand Rapids, Mn.
- + The Intermarque Spring Kickoff would be on May 13th in Osseo.
- + The 2017 Walleye 1000 is a two day driving event on the back roads of Minnesota and Wisconsin. Entry fee of \$299 per vehicle (driver and co-driver). Overnight accommodations, finishers dinner, T-shirts and swag included. For June 10 and 11, 2017.

10 years ago

March 2012

- + The Walleye 1000 will be held this summer. It's a non-competitive rally tour covering about 400-500 miles (they were shooting for 600 miles which would have been about 100 kilometers, but quote the web site, "Why kill ourselves?")
- + Color photos of the tech clinic at Total Engine Services credited to Doug Burch and Joe Bisanz.
- + The Triumphs And Tribulations had a page showing the old wording, the new wording and the reason for a By-law change (Dissolution of Minnesota Triumphs). This By-law change is due to Federal definitions of for-profit status and non-profit status for organizations. The club officers decision was to take the second option and we are now filing for Federal non-profit status.
- + From the Triumph Trader. Dick L. was looking for a dashboard support bracket for a '72 TR6.

Vintage Foreign Sports Car RENDEZVOUS

A gathering of Vintage-Foreign Automobiles attended by fans from Canada and the USA!



E V E N T S C H E D U L E

Thursday, June 9 3PM until 8 PM Check In Sumac Room,

Friday, June 10 9 AM to 4 PM - Poker Run and Scenic Drive
6 PM to 8 PM Fish Fry
8 PM CAN/AM Poker Playoff between the best three (3) Canadian and American hands

Saturday, June 11 6 to 11 AM Golf, Fishing, Lake Tour (Reservations Required. See note.)
1 PM Car Show
6 PM Banquet with speaker Mark Brandow who will talk about his 50 years in Vintage Racing

Sunday, June 12 8 AM to 11 AM Farewell Breakfast

NOTE: Some Events and attractions require a reservation. Golf at Fortune Bay: call to schedule a tee time -1-800-992-4680. **Reserve a boat or pontoon** at the Marina to ride or go fishing Call 218-753-7875. Reserve a spot to ride along on the Lake **Vermillion Boat mail delivery**, spots are limited AronsonBoatWorks.com. Reserve a spot for the **Sudan Mine Tour**- Tour is about 2 hours long and reservations need to be made.- mndr.gov/VermillionSoudan. Check on tour times - **International Wolf Center** - 218-365-4695 North **American Bear Center** 218-365-7879



RESERVE A ROOM:

Fortune Bay Resort Casino Room Reservations

Be sure to say it's for "Rendezvous"

June 9th, 10th, and 11th 2022

Phone number for reservations: 1-800-555-1714

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Website: <https://fortunebay.com/>

RESERVE A CAMPING SPOT:

Fortune Bay Resort Casino also has a campground for RV's Trailers and Tents.

To Reserve a spot call 1-800-992-7529

For questions about the event, see the InterMarque web site at <https://intermarque.org>
 OR contact event coordinator John Engstrom at: jmjengstrom@yahoo.com

EVENTS CALENDAR

If you'd like to host an event think about a favorite antiques stop or day trip you like to take and let's make a club outing of it!

March

- 10 Club Meeting
- 12 Tech Session

April

- 14 Club Meeting
- 10 Tech Session
- TBD Spring Shakedown tour, **looking for a host!**

May

- 12 Club Meeting
- 14 Tech Session
- 21 Intermarque Spring Kickoff - Osseo

June

- 9 Club Meeting
- 9-12 Rendezvous - Fortune Bay Resort and Casino located on the south side of Lake Vermillion near Ely, MN
- 11 Tech Session
- 17-19 Back to the 50's
- 26 Intermarque picnic, Harriet Island

July

- 14 Club Meeting
- 16 Tech Session
- 17 Hastings Car Show & Riverfront days: Triumph Club is hosting
- 31 Intermarque picnic, Harriet Island
- TBD Summer Party!
- TBD Healy Club Track Day

August

- 11 Club Meeting
- 13 Tech Session - VTR travel prep session?
- 28 Intermarque picnic, Harriet Island
- 29-Sept 1 - VTR 2022 in Galena, Illinois at the Eagle Ridge Resort and Spa. Check out the event at VTR2022.org

September

- 8 Club Meeting
- 10 Tech Session
- TBD Wings & Wheels - Osceola, WI
- 23-25 Waumandee Time Trials
- 25 Intermarque picnic, Harriet Island

October

- 8 BMC open house, Isanti MN
- 13 Club Meeting
- 15 Tech Session
- TBD Fall Color Tour

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 - See Intermarque calendar at <http://intermarque.org/index.php/event-calendar/>

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