







Great weather and great turnout for both events. Thanks to those for hosting and organizing.

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Thank you to all who hosted events and 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 June 9 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,

Here we are turning the corner on May and moving into June. I hope you all enjoyed your Memorial Day weekend and got to remember and honor those military members who gave their lives so we could enjoy our freedom. Coming from a military family and having served in the Air Force myself, it has always been an honor to have been a part of something for the greater good. It was great to work with such a diverse group of folks working toward a single cause.

That is one thing I love about our club. We have such a great diverse group of folks that keep showing up and doing the right thing. I got to attend my first car show (ever) at the Spring Kick-off in Osseo. It was so wonderful to see our club members helping represent our club with 22 cars parked on the street. What I loved even more was our club doing the right thing by helping drivers park, facilitating valve cover racing, assisting with the judging and prizes and finally the clean-up crew. It was everyone working toward a single cause.

Side-note: One thing I did notice when you volunteer like we did, is also happening to win the top three spots for valve cover racing, Best in show and 3rd in Best in Show. Not sure if there was any influence, just saying highly coincidental.

All kidding aside now that I have participated in an event one can see why it is so important to keep these traditions and events going.

I can tell you that I am very excited about the Hastings car show and can't wait to volunteer and participate in that event.

I'd like to put a special shout out to Pat Holt for volunteering to chair the Rendezvous for 2023. Since the May meeting he has been busy pulling hotel bids, working on the budget and pulling coordinators together to plan and facilitate advertising, registration, food and deck party, registration and poker run. I am very excited about how far he has taken the event planning since the May meeting. At the upcoming meeting or via email he may need some more support. Please help where you can.

For now I will part with you. I am hoping to have my wife and kids in two Triumphs at the next club meeting. I hope to see you there.

Cheers, David



May Meeting Minutes - Jill Davenport

Meeting Minutes 5/12/2022 90 degrees, 12 triumphs in the lot, 46 in attendance Call to order 7:00

There were no new members, but four visitors: Mr, Kampmeier (TR6); Don Wolf and Horace Beale from the Jaguar club to see how we run our meetings. Former member David Hoel, 612-525-6155, had several parts, etc. for 1979 Spitfire to give away for free.

The previous month's meeting notes were approved.

Summer Picnic update: there were about 20 responses to the survey that will be used to assist the committee with planning.

Rendezvous follow-up conversation from last month's many issues raised - event chair, volunteers, time to plan, etc. Board discussion since the last meeting

leaned to our inability to sponsor without someone to step up to chair. Pat Holt shared information about this year's Rendezvous regarding budget/revenue, liability, and a possible location for next year in Ashland, WI, as Pat would like us to host. He volunteered to chair the event, so the club decided to go ahead with the sponsorship.



Treasurer - Jody Meier reported a bank balance of just over \$9700.

Membership - Mike Smith: updated roster was published last night and many corrections. 190 people/members, about 130 memberships

Events Coordinator - Bill Connell: Dave Phillips reminded us of the shakedown cruise Saturday, May 14. Dick Leighninger reminded us of Spring Kick-off in Osseo May 21. Bill said that Elmer's Auto and Toy Museum drive will be Saturday, May 28 and more details will follow.

Tech Sessions - Jeff Johnson: session this Saturday. July, August and September are open

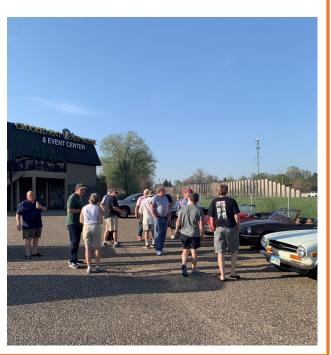
Intermarque Liaison - Glen Wilson. The primary Rendezvous hotel is full.

Beverage can holder drawing- Don Wolf, Mike Smith, Dick Leighninger Adjourn 7:58









Get ready for Valve Cover Racing at Rendezvous!

It was great fun at Spring Kick-Off!!

The max dimensions of the racers are, W13 inches, L26", Ground clearance 3".

The track incline is about 20°, which means there is a 160° transition at the bottom of the track to the flat ground run-out. To make sure the front of the racer doesn't hit the ground when leaving the track, and the rear doesn't drag on the track when it completely exits, you can't have too much car protruding at the front or back relative to the wheels. Thank you to Larry Berg and Joe DeMuth for constructing the track.









Membership - Mike Smith

The MN Triumphs Car Club is always welcoming new members. Our tank is never full. Cost to join is \$25 for a single membership and \$26 for a family membership to cover a partner. Membership dues are accepted throughout the year. Dues paid after September 1st will apply to the following calendar year. The fastest way to join or renew is to pay by PayPal through the membership page on our website and send an email to me. MN Triumphs Website - Membership Page Any other questions or comments regarding membership, please contact me. Thank You! Mike Smith, MN Triumphs

membership@mntriumphs.org



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.

TR2-3B - 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)

My Final Years

I know, some of you that may be a bit older than I are thinking "his final years?", let me elaborate! My mom died when I was 8, she was 32, so when I reached that age, I thought and still think every year is a bonus. I have surpassed mom's 32 years. I have no problem thinking about my own mortality and I am ready to go when my day comes. I was at a family function about 15 years ago and a friend of the family had gotten cancer at 50 and some of my cousins were mortified. I told them there is a more than a 1 in 3 chance any one of us will get cancer and more than one of them was mortified that I would even think of it. My thought was not thinking of it was denying the reality of life!

I often think about how many cars can I finish restoring before I get too crusty and bent-up to work on them or before the inevitable happens, but when I see something for sale, I have a hard time resisting buying yet another one. I certainly can't spend the next 20 years, if I live that long, sitting in a recliner watching reruns of Matlock.

When I turned 60, I told my wife my new mantra was to experience more new things. I am a creature of habit, or as my wife would say, in a rut, so she was happy to hear it! I did pretty good until the COVID put a stop to that. We went on our first cruise in 2019 and I bought a car for the specific reason of traveling to Banff and through the Canadian Rockies and other fun road trips. The border was closed last summer so instead we drove it through the US Rockies and visited Seattle and some National Parks in the Northwest. The trip I wrote about last month to the parks in Utah was on the list of experiences as well so one more thing to check off the list.

Earlier this month I was able to experience the Carlisle Import & Performance Nationals car show in Carlisle, Pennsylvania. It was the 2nd time for me but the first with my son. We had a great time traveling together and experiencing the show. There is a good-sized swap meet with a handful of British booths so I picked up a few parts to add to my stash. On Saturday there were about 500 show cars with a great mix of old and new from just about every country that builds cars. There were a dozen or so Triumphs there and the PA Triumph Association had a tent set up for its members.

Nissan was a feature marque so the new 400z was on display along with a one-family owned 280ZX with 8200 miles, original down to the raised letter Goodyear Wingfoot tires. Cars of note were a Renault A310 that was based on the defunct DeLorean but with a more curvaceous body and roll up windows. There were a couple of real Audi UR Quatros and an Opal Senator based Bitter SC. I was able to experience watching my first drifting event live and had a blast watching a 1978 Monte Carlo compete with much nimbler rotary RX-7s, 3-series BMWs, and Lexus IS300s. Another

thing on the list is to experience as much with the younger ones I love so when I am gone, they have a few good memories of me! After all, when you are gone that's all they will have of you.

Greg



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 <u>webmaster@mntriumphs.org</u>, 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 <u>dbooth41@gmail.com</u>
 See samples of Dan's work: <u>Magnolia Screen Printing Ink on Facebook</u>; <u>Magnolia Screen Printing Ink on Instagram</u>







Spring Shakedown Tour - May 14 - hosted by Dave & Jolene Phillips and Bob & Sue Lee

A great drive through Western Wisconsin to check out the cars for the upcoming driving season. A big thank you to the Dave & Jolene and Bob & Sue for organizing and hosting this drive! Photos: Terry Mackey















Intermarque Spring Kickoff in Osseo - May 21 - Dick Leighninger

We had a great show today in spite of a threatening sky. 300 Cars total - 27 Triumphs, 28 MGs.

Tom Warth's presentation drew about 20 people and the valve cover race track drew many Triumph customers.

People's Choice Awards: 1) David Anderson's Red TR3B; 2) Bill/Katre Krause's White TR 3; 3) an Alfa Romeo

Valve Cover Race: Triumph Club members took 1st, 2nd & 3rd. Greg Gelhar took 1st!

Photos: David Anderson, Bill Connell, Dick Leighninger, Mike Smith, Tim Winker





















Intermarque Spring Kickoff in Osseo - May 21 - continued

















Tech Session - Jamal Rushdy

We had a great tech session at Jamal and Adam Rushdy's house on May 14th. The car is a 1969 Triumph TR6 that we acquired in January from a warehouse dealer delivered to us in a snowstorm refusing to start, and barely rolling.









With the help of some parts and advice from Jeff Kussard, and a lot of YouTube, we got the rolling part fixed before the tech session by refurbishing or replacing most of the braking system including the master cylinder, booster, front calipers and rotors, rear drum cylinder and pads, handbrake, and a few brake lines.

The focus of the tech session was to get it to start and a general inspection to assess the condition of the car to determine safety and functional priorities to address next. We made great progress and replaced the fuel filter, tested newly installed spark plugs and wires, adjusted the carburetors, straightened (enough) a crook-





ed hood so it would close, installed new air filters, and figured out some vacuum line issues. We finally got it started by unsticking the carburetor and some fine tuning, and a carb-rebuild is now high on the list. The inspection determined a good list of other minor projects for the summer, and we prioritized certain body and other major work we can do in the fall and winter. Thanks to Jeff Kussard, Jeff Johnson, Greg Gelhar, and Mike Smith for helping out, and Brandon Baker for loaning the Quick Jacks!

We decided it was good enough to drive so we gave it a go. We did a few laps around the neighborhood and it ran great! After the tech session was over, we decided to take another run and drove down to a church parking lot for stick-shift driving lessons for Adam. He made great progress and had a blast.

It was an almost perfect day, except for a flat tire when we pulled into our garage at the end! No matter, that was an easy fix and we'll be enjoying driving and working on our list this summer.



TRIUMPH TRADER

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





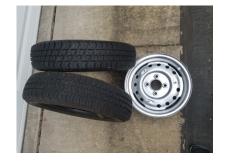




For Sale I have 5 original steel wheels for sale from my TR which now has wire wheels.

They have been straightened, sandblasted, magnafluxed for cracks, primed and painted. They look like new. I'm asking \$200. for the 5. Included are 4 Starfire 165R-15 tires which look like new but are old. I bought them for the car when I did a body off restoration. The tires have about 1500 miles on them from post-restoration driving. Good inner tubes are also included. See the photos attached. Contact Mike Frazzell at 715-878-4933. I could deliver them to the Twin Cities area as I visit often.











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Trader - continued

For Sale 69 Spitfire - has gone through a major body restoration and there is no visible rust or other body damage. It was purchased in 2006 just prior to my deployment to Iraq and has been stored in an unheated garage since then. It starts and runs and the brakes are completely functional. The windshield, side windows and convertible top are brand new and still have the original stickers attached the them. I am working to reinstall the interior (door panels and carpeting) and will adjust the sale price accordingly if the interior is not completely installed. But I am sure my Triumph will be a nice ride for many miles . \$8000.00 or Best Offer. **Contact Rod Holland - 612-597-3945 or plowproof@gmail.com**















Trader - continued

For Sale

Rare, authentic Ansa exhaust for 1972-1976 TR6 (Ansa part# TR0840). Twin down pipe, two mufflers/two resonators with 2 3/8" slash cut, chrome plated quad exhaust pipes. These are one of the last sets acquired before Ansa discontinued production (again) a couple of years ago. Less than 500 miles, like-new condition. They will fit fine over rear sway bars. Note they are significantly louder than stock, but these were attached to a high performance motor with aftermarket, free flowing, ceramic coated headers. They won't be as loud with a stock motor/exhaust manifold, but will still be louder than an OEM muffler. \$450 firm.



Contact Steve Greenstein @ 651-494-7214

For Sale

1976 TR6. The last year of the model. I've owned it nine years and it is in exceptional mechanical (A+) and cosmetic (B+) condition. I believe the mileage (57,500) to be accurate, but its early years are undocumented. I was told it spent most of its life in California and Colorado. It is rust-free. Bare-metal repaint in 2005 in correct blue color. Restoration over recent years includes ALL OF THE FOLLOWING: total top-end rebuild (ported, shaved, valve seats ground, new valves, guides, springs, rocker

assembly, oil feed line, timing chains and sprockets, vib damper, performance 2 Good Parts camshaft, intake and exhaust manifolds)--estimated 125 HP; 5-speed transmission conversion; triple Mikuni carbs; ignition coil, plugs, distributor, wheel bearings and hubs, differential seals, sway bars, tube/gas shocks, seat foam, newer top, door seals, windshield, radiator, brakes, clutch disc and cylinders, seat belts, carpets, bonnet release cable, heater valve, tires, fuel pump, driver's seat rail extension, and more. No expense spared. Seats and dash top have no cracks. Chrome is probably original and shows some light scratches but no rust. This car has never been raced or autocrossed during my ownership. I would drive it thousands of miles with no concerns. This is not a "garage queen", it should be driven. \$28,000 is a very fair price for this exceptional TR6. No low bids please. Many photos available on request. Text Rick Morris 612-207-7990.



For FREE

Pair of GT6 rear shocks, non-rotoflex KYB Gas-A-Just KG3198. Lightly used.

Pair of motor mounts for TR4A, 143057, unused.

Plastic battery box, drop-in instant fix for rusted out box. Should fit any car.

Dave Heglund davisnlinda@yahoo.com







If not...send me a self-addressed stamped envelope and I'll send you two of 'em. One for each Triumph you have or one for your daily driver or two for your TR or one for your front door or... Compliments of your Minnesota Triumphs Sports Car Club.

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Terry Mackey 1961 East River Parkway Minneapolis, MN 55414



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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!

June

4 Healy Track Day

4 Spring into Summer Car Show, BMC Automobile, Isanti MN

9 Club Meeting

9-12 Rendezvous - Fortune Bay Resort and Casino in Tower, MN

11 Tech Session - Judy Sherwood's TR7

17-19 Back to the 50's

18-19 Stone Arch Bridge Festival - car show on Sunday

19th - https://stonearchbridgefestival.com/art-of-the-car-show/

25-26 Hagerty's Great Race Lunch Stop

26 Intermarque picnic, Harriet Island

July

7-9 Iola car show - 50th Anniversary

12-13 National MG Rally at La Crosse Radisson

14 Club Meeting

16 Tech Session

17 Hastings Car Show & Rivertown days: MN Triumphs Club is hosting - contact Christina Bigelow

31 Intermarque picnic, Harriet Island

August

6 MN Triumphs Summer Picnic! Spring Lake Park Reserve, West Shelter

11 Club Meeting

12 Healy Track Day

13 Tech Session - VTR travel prep

20-22 SRO GT World Challenge America, Elkhart Lake

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 <u>VTR2022.org</u>

September

8 Club Meeting

10 Tech Session

10 Wings & Wheels - Osceola, WI

11-12 Des Moines Concours d'Elegance

23-25 Waumandee Time Trials

23-26 Brits in the Ozarks Gathering

25 Intermarque picnic, Harriet Island

October

8 BMC open house, Isanti MN

13 Club Meeting

8 or 15 Tech Session

15 Fall Color Tour - Jeff and Mary hosting at their place in Delano

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.



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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A Look In The Rearview Mirror Submitted by Bill Nelson - Historian



5 years ago - June 2017

- + The newsletter had a flyer for the upcoming Minnesota Walleye 1000 Vintage Rally. A two day vintage car tour on the back roads of Minnesota and Wisconsin.
- + Total paid memberships......104
- + Around 20 or so Triumphs were at the May meeting, and thanks went out to Doug Burch for directing the parking.
- + Members were reminded that the 2017 VTR would be in Princeton, NJ to celebrate 50 years of Triumph GT6.
- + Joe B and Orrin M were setting up a tour of the Badlands, Custer State Park and the Black Hills.
- + From the Triumph Trader. Steve S was selling two tonneaus and Roger K was selling a 5 speed transmission from a '76 TR7.

10 years ago - June 2012

- + From the minutes of the May 10th 2012 meeting. A welcome to new member Jon Hoaglund. 32 total attendees. 19 Triumphs. 5-Spitfire, 3-TR3, 2-TR4, 8-TR6, 1-TR8.
- + 2012 VTR would be in Galveston, TX.
- + The 2012 Northern Lights Rendezvous would be in Kenora, Ontario from June 14-17.
- + Minnesota Triumphwear. Leather sleeve wool jacket with 30th Anniversary Logo on the front \$750.
- + From the Triumph Trader. Joe B was selling a pair of rebuilt hubs off his '74 TR6. \$150.





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