



TRIUMPHS & TRIBULATIONS



Vintage Triumph Register (VTR Galena, IL)

Nearly 200 cars on the "Green"...coming to Georgia next year.

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This is our last newsletter for 2022. It was a great year getting out on the road! Wishing all a glorious fall and a wonderful holiday season!

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 October 13 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,

Another fall season is upon us. What's your favorite season and how do you like to celebrate it?

For me it's fall. All of the glorious colors, it's like a beautiful painting. With the crispness in the air, sweater weather is upon us and it's time to get as many rides in before it gets too cold. It's also fun to get in as many grilling sessions you can. We like to sit outside under a patio heater and take in the cool air. Still having kids at home and being married to a high school band teacher we spend many nights supporting the White Bear Lake football programs.



This month will be our last club meeting for the year. We will be finalizing our expenses and voting on our open board roles of Treasurer and Tech Session Coordinator. So please join us and celebrate another year of happy motoring. It has been a wonderful year as we have had so many new members join and helped folks get and keep their cars on the road.

We have also been there to support our friends with loss. Last month's memorial service of our friend Greg Gelhar was a beautiful example of how clubs like ours build life-long friends. Even though I didn't know Greg as well as many of you, I could see the years of friendship and community that the club had created.

I have enjoyed being your president this past year. I still have much to learn and would be willing to go another round if the group is up for it. We have made strong progress in some areas and there are always areas for us to build upon. I'd like to take the time to thank all of you for sharing the club's rich background to help me understand the president's role.

Cheers,
David



September Meeting Minutes - Jill Davenport

9/8/22 Meeting Minutes

32 in attendance, clear, windy day in the 80's, about 10 triumphs in the lot.

Call to order 7:05, by Vice President Doug Foster

We remembered Greg Gelhar. He touched nearly all cars in the club and his skills, talents, and personality will be greatly missed. His funeral is Tuesday, September 13. We also remembered the Queen of England who died today. The club celebrated her birthday for many years.

Reports

Treasurer - Jody Meier - reported on the current state of accounts.

Membership - Mike Smith, reported by Bill in Mike's absence. New Members:

Bill Weaver; Ryan Sutter - 69 Spit, 71 GT6, lives in Hugo; and Michael and Sarah Filipi, in attendance at the meeting

That brings us to about 140 memberships. Mike will publish an updated roster in October.

Newsletter - Greg and Carol Thompson (no report)

Events Coordinator - Bill Connell, October 15 fall color tour route still being set. Air force event this Saturday. Jesse James' days this weekend in Northfield, car show.

Tech Sessions - Jeff Johnson, reported by Bill. Walt Bowser, TR7, Saturday, September 10

VTR Liaison - Greg Thompson, reported by various members: Brandon Baker won TSD rally. Larry Sanders won concours. Our club members had 3 People's choice winners!

Intermarque Liaison - Glen Wilson, reported by Pat Holt. Pat is the new head of the organization.

- Interested in a trip to the Black Hills next August 17-20 with the Denver Rocky Mountain Triumph club?
- Next year's Rendezvous is rolling along - need volunteers and hotels are getting full. Spring Kick-off 2023 is also in planning.

Webmaster - Bill Connell, VTR awarded our website "best" for the second year in a row.

Historian - Bill Nelson, if you have any rosters from previous years, supply them to Bill.

Vice President - Doug Foster (no report)

Regalia - Dan Booth (no report)

Past President/Member-at-large - Chip Lederer, the In Search of America long trip scheduled for the end of this month has been rescheduled for next year, in conjunction with VTR. There will be a shortened six-day trip this year in late September.

Ongoing Club Business

We need two members to step up to volunteer for tech session coordinator and treasurer roles for next year; Elections in October.

New Business - Orrin with the idea to introduce new members to the model expert in the club. Another idea is to add training sessions for something like adjusting the carburetor, etc.

Adjourn 7:55



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 listed above.



SCAN ME

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



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](#) ; [Magnolia Screen Printing Ink on Instagram](#)



Fall Color Tour - Jeff Gilmer

Hello Everyone,

We are excited to host the fall color tour again this year and are looking forward to seeing everyone and all the Triumphs. We were out of town for the meeting last week and wanted to give you an update. Here is the current schedule for planning purposes:

8:45 to 9:15: Meeting time, location to be determined in the Plymouth area

9:15: Part 1 drive begins, we will pass through the areas of Medina, follow the curvy roads along the Crow River, and a few lakes along the way

11:00: Stop at Rides and Rods in Annandale, Jordon the owner has graciously agreed to open his three buildings with classic cars for us to look, learn and enjoy. There are also gas stations within a few blocks for anyone who may need to fill up.

12:00: Part 2 drive begins, we will continue through wooded areas around several lakes and other scenic areas, ending at our home.

2:00: Relaxing at Jeff & Mary's, Taco bar, food, water, and soda will be provided, please bring chairs, a desert, and your choice of other beverages. There will be an opportunity to take pictures of your car in different wooded areas on the property (see picture below) while you relax and enjoy the creek, waterfalls, and lake views. There is plenty of parking for all your cars.

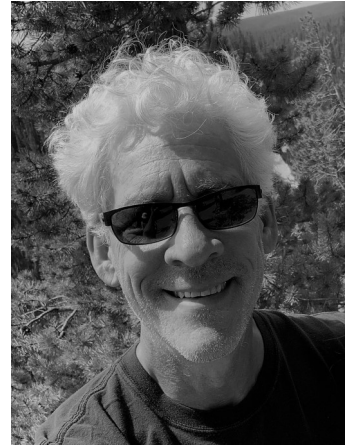
We are working through the final route and details expecting to have it posted around the first of October.

Looking forward to seeing everyone,
Jeff & Mary



Success Story - VTR 2022

Based on the feedback I received from all that attended the 2022 VTR national convention in Galena, Illinois everyone had a great time. Carol and I led a group of 8 cars down 2 lane roads making stops at the John Deere Museum, the Farm Toy Museum, and the Field of Dreams, with a final stop at the National Mississippi River Museum & Aquarium in Dubuque. Our Sunday night dinner at Vinny Vanucchi's in downtown Dubuque may have been the best dinner we have had on a VTR trip.



There was a full slate of events to take part in on the great roads around historic Galena. I got a surprise award in the mail that wasn't mentioned at the banquet. Our club with 22 cars and 38 people in attendance got the VTR Chapter Participation award. Other awards to club members in no particular order were:

Concours:

Terry Telke - 1st place historic

Bill Krause - 1st Place TR3

Jon Meier - 1st place TR4

Larry Sanderson - 1st Place TR4A

Wayne Morris - 2nd Place - TR6 Early

Daniel Buchen - 1st place - TR8

John Meyers - TR4 Senior Class

Peoples Choice:

Bob Kessler - 1st place TR3 early

Steve Shogren - 3rd place TR3 late

Greg Thompson – TR4 2nd place

Pat Holt - 3rd place - TR4

Mark Brandow - 3rd place - TR250

Dick Leinghinger - 1st place - TR6 Early

Jeff Gilmer & Mary Deeg - 3rd place - TR7

Roger Kraemer - 3rd place - TR8

Terry Telke – 1st place post 1940

TSD Rally:

Brandon & Joe Baker - First place in their Spitfire

Website award - Bill Connell

Next year's VTR convention will be held in Dillard, Georgia September 27 through October 1st. Dillard is located right on the South Carolina border 1.5 hours southwest of Ashville so the drives and sightseeing should be great. The last time it was in that area it was in Ashville in 1993 and there were over 225 cars so this could turn out to be a great show. The web site with a schedule of events should be live soon. As of this writing, our club has 11 cars on the list already with rooms reserved so it is shaping up to be a great showing by MN Triumph's again. I am already thinking of some fun places to stay on our way down. After all the trip down is half the fun.

Greg

Bill & Angela's Excellent Adventure: Our First VTR

This year, my wife Angela and I went to our VTR Convention, hosted for 2022 in Galena Illinois. We drove our '69 TR6, caravanning with Steve & Kay Shogren and Pat & Marsha Holt joining about 20 total cars from the Minnesota Triumphs club arriving in different groups.

This would be our longest trip away from home in our TR6. I drove it solo to Wau-
mandee last year, and I was feeling pretty confident about it after last year's engine rebuild, this year's gearbox rebuild, and several hundred miles of driving this year already. Angela believed in my mechanical abilities and wore a new t-shirt for the drive down that proclaimed "Say YES to New Adventures."

I loaded some tools and spare parts in the trunk, so even though the three cars in our little caravan didn't share many parts we could definitely fix things like leaking hoses or ignition issues. Just north of Winona we tested our roadside abilities when the fan belt on Steve's TR3 disintegrated. We fixed that fairly quickly on a side road... once the radiator cooled off enough for only second degree burns.



We then had an uneventful rest of the drive, picking up the pace a bit as the day got warmer, until my engine quit just under a mile from the resort. The engine lost power and sputtered to a stop, acting exactly like it has when I forgot to open the fuel shutoff valve. As I guessed, the fuel pump had broken, the diaphragm disconnected internally. The top of the post in this photo should have a distinct T-shape, to fit into the pump lever.

We finally arrived with the TR3 towing the TR6. I had all the tools needed to replace a fuel pump, but no pump or repair kit. However, this being VTR, we had the first of several offers of a replacement fuel pump within 5 minutes of arriving in the parking lot from more seasoned attendees who had brought spares.

I accepted the offer of a new fuel pump from Tom from the east coast and got it replaced before breakfast the next morning. I arranged a replacement pump for him from Ted Schumacher (at the event as a vendor) and we dove into the fun, having paid our dues with a minor and fixable mechanical issue.

In addition to looking over the wide variety of Triumphs at the resort and in Galena (I really like the simple lines of the Heralds, Angela is still skeptical of the wedges), we joined the funkhana, a winery tour, the breakfast run to the DeSoto House, the poker run (collecting an ace-high straight but still losing to a better hand), and dinner on the patio at Chestnut Mountain where we had the best sunset view I've seen since my last visit to the Oregon coast. The car was running great and we were having a wonderful time.



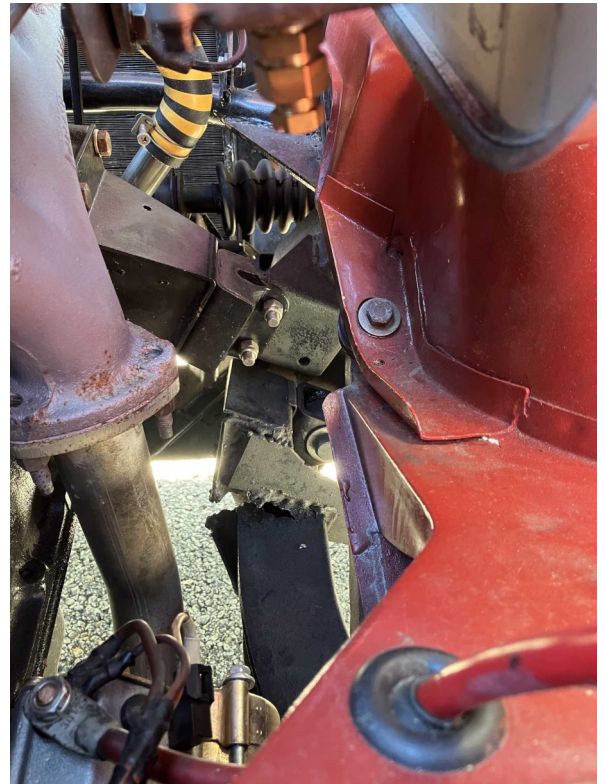
Bill & Angela's Excellent Adventure - continued

That night, while backing out of our parking spot after dinner, my front tire was rubbing oddly. We got home fine, but when I investigated in the morning, I found trouble.

Right next to the exhaust pipe you can see a break where the lower a-arm bracket is pulling away from the frame. On closer inspection, that bracket had obviously broken before and was badly welded, so the break wasn't that surprising. It was only Wednesday morning, but the TR6's trip was done.

I thought back to a drive from a month earlier when I thought I hit a rock or something on the road. Maybe that's when it first cracked? I didn't make it to the VTR prep tech session because we were out of town. Maybe I would have caught the crack there before it got worse? It hardly matters, we can't drive it now.

We were able to attend the next day's car show thanks to Jeff Gilmer & Mary Deeg offering the use of their tow vehicle for the day. We got the car home thanks to Jerry & Carol Moehnke who had towed their TR4 but offered to drive it home so we could use their trailer.



It wasn't a sad end to the trip, despite the breakdown and tow home. We made it home safely. We were surrounded by the support and hands-on help from members of our club as well as many others who attended VTR from across the country. And the fact that our Triumph got to VTR at all is thanks to all of the help with parts and advice from many of our club members over the years.

Truly, it was about the best luck you can have, if you have to have bad luck. Angela learned, as Dick Leininger noted at the recap meeting, the MN Triumphs club is less of a car club than a support group.

Most of all, we really enjoyed the time with so many folks in the MN Triumphs crew at various events, dinners out, the banquet, and just hanging out on the back deck together. Everyone made us feel welcome and included, every day. We had a wonderful time with everyone there, and arrived home determined to both fix the car and get to the next VTR that we can.

Bill Connell











Tech Session - Walt Bowser

On what turned out to be an absolutely perfect late morning and early afternoon, yesterday's tech session to get my 1976 TR7 safely back on the road because of primarily clutch problems and a few other things was a tremendous success. My complete thanks and appreciation are extended to Terry Neuman, Frank Weber, Jeff Johnson, Pat Holt, Doug Burch, Adam Vernier, and of course Joe Bisanz for their expert efforts towards this success. I am amazed at the level of knowledge they showed and well they worked together as a team.

Again, I extend to you my sincere thanks.
Walt Bowser





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*paraphrased from "The Treasure of the Sierra Madre"

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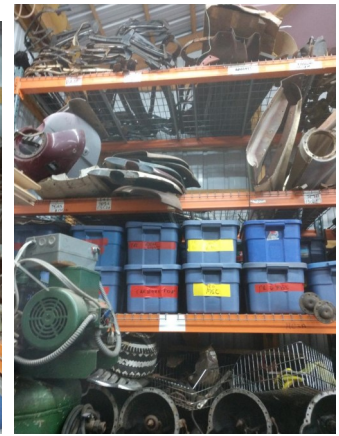
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TRIUMPH TRADER

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

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 FREE

Pair of GT6 rear shocks, *non-rototflex* 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.

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For Sale

- TR3/TR4 Parts for sale: Original 4 speed gearbox from '59 TR3A which was removed and replaced with a complete overdrive gearbox. Probably has 45,000 miles on it. Shifts well and throwout bearing moves freely. \$100.
 - Complete but disassembled '64 TR4 engine, engine #CT30838E. Has been my backup spare if needed. Some pistons were stuck. I freed them and removed pistons and rods. Crank is still in block. Comes with intake manifold with Stromberg carbs which are likely not usable, exhaust manifold, distributor, coil, water pump, and oil filter canister. It's all there. I can reassemble it loosely and leave the rods and pistons out for the next owner or leave it in parts. Includes engine stand if you wish. \$400. or best offer.
 - 5 original TR3 steel wheels which have been sandblasted, crack tested, and painted plus 4 like new 165R15 Starfire radial tires which were on the chassis during restoration. Almost no miles but old. \$150. for wheels and tires (with tubes).
- Mike Frazzell (MNTR member)**
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EVENTS CALENDAR

Time to start thinking about events for 2023! 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! Contact Bill Connell to get it added to the calendar.

October

8 BMC open house, Isanti MN

8 Tech Session - OPEN

13 Club Meeting

15 Fall Color Tour - Jeff and Mary hosting at their place in Annandale - We'll meet in Plymouth about 9am, with a stop at Classic Rides and Rods to see their fleet of classic rental cars, then arrive at Jeff and Mary's place around 2pm for a taco bar lunch. BYOB!

16 Intermarque Fall Gathering - "**SALUTE TO FALL**".

At the home of Todd & Jody Bjerknes - *More Details to come*

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.shtml> 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/>

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 -

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)

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A Look In The Rearview Mirror

Submitted by Bill Nelson - Historian



5 years ago

Oct 2017

- From the minutes of the Sept 14, 2017 meeting. The tech session at Dave Moracco's in Dave's words "Was wonderful". There were 10 sets of hands that worked thru the "to do" list with ease. Being his first tech session he was a little reluctant to have one, but afterwards, he couldn't express enough on how great it went, and how impressed he was with the knowledge everyone brought to the session.

- Eight cars (plus drivers and passengers) participated in the Blackhills Tour. A visit to Devil's Tower, the Badlands and the Blackhills were included in the tour. Quotes heard by John Kallaus included "That road made the trip across South Dakota worth it", "Larry and I were the wildest thing" (on the Wildlife Loop in Custer State Park), "Don't surrender to peer pressure and put the top up". Color photos credited to Joe Bisanz, Virginia Bisanz, Joe DeMuth, Daniel Buchen and Jon B Meier.

10 years ago

Oct 2012

- From the minutes of the Sept 13, 2012 meeting. Rick Hanson's treasury report: "We have money". He reports it's about the same as last month.

- Larry Berg reminded everyone that there's only one month left in the take-a-picture-with-your-car-in-a-place-named-for-water contest.

- Total attendees at the meeting 39. Total Triumph cars 19. 1-GT6+, 4-Spitfire, 1-Stag, 3-TR3, 1-TR4, 6-TR6, 3-TR7/8.

- Jeremy Forenkamm had the fastest time at the Waumandee Hill Climb in his Spitfire. Photo credits to Jeremy Forenkamm and Fred Olson.

- In the Triumph Trader. Five speed transmission conversions for your TR. Complete conversion, installed about \$2,300. Contact Larry B.



Joe S, Joe B, John M, Orrin M, Joe D, and Larry B at the Des Moines Concours!!
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