



TRIUMPHS & TRIBULATIONS



2023



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Ring in the New Year...a Long Standing Event

Some die-hards have been enjoying this for over a decade...we know who you are!

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Please note the new location for the Club Meeting below - Lucky 13 in Roseville.

See the notice for the call for your projects to be featured in the April newsletter.

Tech Session dates available! Maybe your project or part of it could be a candidate for a Tech Session. We will feature January's tech session in next 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 February 9** at the **Lucky 13 in Roseville**. The address is 2480 Fairview Ave N Roseville MN 55113. It's north of Rosedale Mall.

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,

As I write this I am enjoying a -22 degree windchill morning. One of the only things that keeps me smiling is knowing that the days are getting longer and I am closer to spring.

which means I cannot wait to enjoy things that are to be....

Like our new meeting space at the Lucky13 pub in Roseville. It will be great to have a new space. I hope that we will get some new faces to attend our meetings.

Next, see if you can carve out some time to volunteer or attend some of our events. We have some new events that don't regularly occur to try out and some old standards that you may not have attended.

For me, I'm excited to attend Rendezvous this year. It will be my first. I'm also excited for car show in Hastings and attending some tech sessions.

What is on your list of things for this year to enjoy?

Cheers,
David

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David



NEW MEETING LOCATION STARTING FEBRUARY 9, 2023!!!!

Lucky 13 in Roseville - north of Rosedale mall.

2480 Fairview Ave N
Roseville MN 55113
Meeting starts at 7pm
arrive early for socializing
and to order food (6/6:30)



January 2023 Meeting Minutes - Jill Davenport

Minnesota Triumph Club
1/12/23 Meeting Minutes
Crooked Pint Ale House

Call to order 7:03

27 in attendance, 25 degrees, overcast. No triumphs in the parking lot
New Members: Geoff Senn, '58 TR3; Brett Schneider '75 TR6

Reports

Treasurer - Brandon Baker. New treasurer has made changes to the spreadsheet record keeping. He passed out a preliminary budget for this year. He noticed that we were running about even or slightly losing ground. He'll be adding line items for Rendezvous.

Membership - Mike Smith. There have been upgrades to the online registration system. 30 members have renewed online and 10 in the mail so far. Last year 130 members; the goal to keep all past members, plus new!

Newsletter - Greg and Carol Thompson. Please send any pictures and info from New Year's event and the January tech session.

Events Coordinator - Bill Connell. Looking for hosts for the spring shake-down and high tea in November. Bill will send out a call for an event planning meeting.

Tech Sessions - Frank Weber. January tech session is taken (heated garage!) February 11 tech session is a field trip to an upholstery shop.

VTR Liaison - Greg Thompson (no report)

Intermarque Liaison - Glen Wilson. Intermarque has put the Rendezvous on their calendar. Currently 90 hotel rooms are reserved for Rendezvous. Intermarque planning will take place for the next three months at the Saturday breakfast at Elsie's.

Webmaster - Bill Connell (no report)

Historian - Bill Nelson. King Gustav was crowned king of Sweden on this day in 1524.

Vice President - Doug Foster. Absent due to accident on the ice yesterday; he's okay, his truck is not.

Regalia - Dan Booth. Order anything through Dan via email.

Past President/Member-at-large - Chip Lederer (no report)

Ongoing Club Business, none

New Business

Meeting Location: Crooked Pint notified us Dec. 15 that they would be renovating the entire lower level starting in 2023 so we need to find a new meeting location. We can meet in this upstairs room at Crooked Pint for this month and next. The goal is to have a new location by March. We have started with Chip's spreadsheet for comparing locations, and ideas for meeting locations. Criteria include a central location, menu ordering, and safe lot reserved for our cars. David asked for volunteers to help in the search.

Adjourn 7:42

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 ME

Scan the QR code to go to the website listed above.

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](#)



Membership - Mike Smith



Membership Renewals

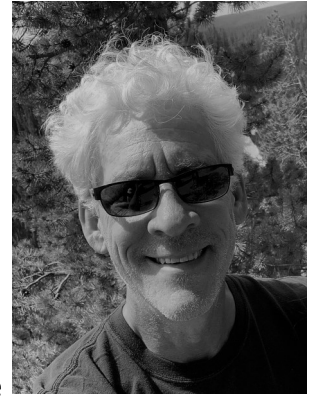
The 2023 membership drive continues. The tank is close to 1/2 full, and we still need the support of many members to renew again. Please renew your club membership by March 31st to make it in the 2023 Triumph Club Directory and to remain on the Triumph Club's distribution email list through "Groups.io." Cost is \$30 for a household membership allowing up to two registrations from your home. Additional fees apply if you want printed copies of newsletters instead of the emailed pdf. Please **renew and pay electronically** through PayPal on our website's "membership" page. This is the easiest method for all involved and will make sure we have your current phone and address for the 2023 directory! **Follow this link to register**<https://www.mntriumphs.org/about-the-minnesota-triumphs-sports-car-club/membership/>.

The printed renewal form is also available on the membership page if you wish to send a check instead.

Mike Smith, MN Triumphs
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Red 14 at Race School

On our 2-day drive home from purchasing Red 14, my wife and I discussed the options for me to take the required driver's school to enter into vintage racing. It was only July and I certainly didn't want to bring the car home and let it sit in the shop till spring 2023 before bringing the tires up to operating temp! Bob and Greg are members of Corinthian Vintage Auto Racing (CVAR) based in Texas, and Greg invited me to come to the September race weekend at Eagles Canyon Raceway in Decatur, Texas as they have their driver's training that weekend. At first I thought there was no way I would want to drive that far to race my first race but the more I thought about it the more it made sense.



Plans were set in motion. Since I am much taller than Bob, I had several changes to make for me to fit in the car. Seat moved back, pedals forward, and 2.5" added to the roll bar height to meet rules for helmet clearance. Updated safety gear purchased and a trip to the doctor to get cleared to race and we were off. I had been to many vintage race events before, but when you drive in for the first time as a driver not knowing the ropes it is somewhat daunting. Greg was coming with his TR3 but would be there much later so I found two pit spaces next to each other and borrowed a cone from a neighbor to save the spot. Next was passing tech. I had no clue how detailed the inspection would be or all that it would entail. Since I had the log book with the car passing tech for the last 10 years with CVAR I think it helped and having all new gear made that step a breeze as well. After passing tech I covered the car for the night and headed to the hotel to study the materials one more time before class in the morning. Greg arrived after 9pm and set up his trailer for the weekend. Bob had an engagement the next morning and would arrive later Friday afternoon.

We arrived back at the track at 6:30am as I had a student check in at 6:45, before the 7am drivers meeting. After the meeting we had a 2 lap tour of the track and then I was off to the classroom followed by on-track training with my instructor Glenn, another great CVAR member that sacrificed his test and tune day to help me learn the line and pass and be passed. Throughout the day, the on-track session became faster eventually adding passing in session 3 and 4. Bob arrived later that afternoon and the first thing he did was hug the rollbar of Red-14. He was so happy to see her. We went over all the little things I did to ready the car. He stepped right in helping me with his between session routine checking water levels and tire pressures.



CVAR ECR ~ Sep 2022 ~ David T. Gillen

During every session Bob would go to the best viewing stand with my wife and watch my progress. On Saturday the instructors were gone leaving only the students to pass and be passed and perfect our lines. During Saturday's racing I dropped my lap times by 10 seconds under Friday's time. In the first session Sunday morning I led the whole session and dropped another 10 seconds. Immediately afterwards, the head instructor came to our pit and informed me he was moving me up to race with the regular group. I think Bob was as elated as I was. Together we did a quick car check as I only had 20 minutes to be back on the grid. I started at the back as I was an addition to the grid even though I had better lap times than some of the small displacement cars. My goal was to not be lapped by 2 very fast Datsun 510's that led the pack. I didn't get lapped and I even passed a few cars in the 20 minute session.

Red 14 (continued)

Greg's last race was done at 1:30 on Sunday and my last race was at 4:20. My wife and I helped them pack up and load Greg's trailer and they could have left but they stayed on to watch my last race of the day. My previous lap time put me right in the middle of the pack on the start. This was a first for me outside of the training sessions. The pace car left us and we came around the final turn in tight formation, the flag man waited till the lead cars were almost at the flag stand before he waved the green flag. I was on the outside going into a right hand turn 1 with a short chute to a left hand turn 2. I had a horsepower advantage over the Sprite next to me going up a hill to turn 3. We went 2 wide through 1 and 2 and I had down shifted into 2nd at the first turn as I knew speeds would be a little slower. Going up the hill the torque of the TR4 blasted past the Sprite. My wife relayed to me later that Bob and Greg cheered me on like I had made a pass on the final lap at Indy. Here is a link of the start of that race from the hood of a very fast XK120. [1952 Jaguar XK120 in CVAR Group 4 \(ECR 9/11/2022\) - YouTube](#) I start the race about 4 cars in front but he lapped me by last turn of the first lap.

Both Carol and I had a great time at our first race weekend. I learned a lot, and we met some new friends along the way. A month later Carol and I drove to Hallet Motor Racing Circuit near Tulsa, Oklahoma for my 2nd race weekend to improve my craft. Although I will race with a vintage group closer to home for most of the season going forward, I think one race with CVAR may be on the calendar every year if for no other reason than to see Bob and Greg. The current focus is to get as ready as I can be in the short time I have to compete in the Kastner Cup at Road America as part of the WeatherTech Challenge, July 14-16 2023.

Greg



Bob applying the student driver "X" with help from son Greg.

6 Triumphs in attendance at the Hallet race in OK.



Photo Credit: Chuck Gee

The InterMarque Spring Kick-Off is a family event that runs from 9 AM to 3:00 PM.

We look forward to seeing you there.



SAVE THE DATE!

InterMarque

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The Minnesota Triumphs Sports Car Club will be hosting Vintage Sports Car Rendezvous 2023.



Come enjoy Lake Superior's South Shore in historic Ashland, Wisconsin for 3 fun nights and event-filled days.

REGISTRATION NOW OPEN AT:
<https://www.mntriumphs.org/events/2023-rendezvous>

June 8-9-10, 2023

Best Western•The Hotel Chequamegon
101 Lake Shore Drive West
Ashland, WI 54806
(715) 682-9095

The Cobblestone Inn & Suites
818 Main Street West
Ashland, WI 54806
(715) 682-5066



YOUR CAR PROJECTS!

*Asking for your current Triumph projects
to be featured in the APRIL newsletter.*

No project too small or too large.

*Send 1-2 of your BEST photos with
a short write up to editor Carol:*

<caroljt@prodigy.net>

DEADLINE MARCH 15, 2023

**First 2 or 3 entries received will also
go on the cover, so HURRY!**

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Can be delivered at the next meeting.

*paraphrased from "The Treasure of the Sierra Madre"

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WINDOW CLING?**



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.

Or you can pick 'em up at your next club event.

Terry Mackey
1961 East River Parkway
Minneapolis, MN 55414

Tech Sessions

Next Tech Session: Saturday - February 11

It will be a visit to Wichterman's Upholstery shop, Matt Hunting hosting.

With January's tech session occurring in late January it will be featured in the March newsletter along with February's tech session. Thanks to all who sent pics.

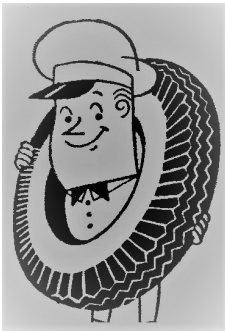
We have the rest of the calendar open for tech sessions. Please see the events page for proposed dates.

Next month we will feature the January and February Tech sessions in the newsletter.

Contact Frank Weber if you would like to host a tech session or have questions.

Text or call at 952-934-0523.

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)

Stag - David Anderson (612-810-9740)



2023 NORTH AMERICAN

TRIUMPH CHALLENGE

SEPTEMBER 27 – OCTOBER 1, 2023

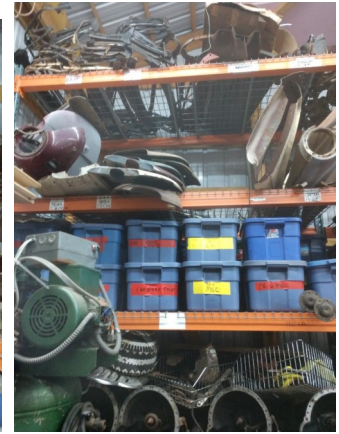
DILLARD, GA

The **Georgia Triumph Association** and **British Auto Owners of Middle Georgia** are proud to host the *2023 North American Triumph Challenge (as it's correctly known)*, scheduled for September 27 – October 1, in Dillard, Georgia!

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

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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! Contact Bill Connell to get it added to the calendar.

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.



February

- 9 Club Meeting
- 11 Tech Session at Wichterman's Upholstery shop, Matt Hunting hosting

March

- 9 Club Meeting
- 11 Tech Session - OPEN

April

- 8 Tech Session - OPEN
- 13 Club Meeting
- TBD - Spring Shakedown tour - host needed

May

- 11 Club Meeting
- 13 Tech Session - OPEN
- 20 InterMarque Spring Kick- Off, Osseo

June

- 8 Club Meeting
- 10 Tech Session - OPEN
- 8 -11 Rendezvous - Ashland, WI
- 25 Intermarque picnic

July

- 6-8 Iola Old Car show
- 8 Tech Session - OPEN
- 13 Club meeting
- 23 Rivertown Days car show in Hastings
- 30 Intermarque Picnic

August

- 10 Club Meeting
- 12 Tech Session - OPEN
- 17-20 Rendezvous in the Black Hills - contact Bob Arnio at rendezvousintheblackhills@gmail.com.
- 27 Tech Session - OPEN

September

- 9 Tech Session - OPEN
- 9 Wheels & Wings, Osceola, WI
- 14 Club meeting
- 24 Intermarque Picnic
- 22-24 Waumandee Time Trials - open to cars at least 20 years old
- 27-Oct 1 VTR National in Dillard, GA

October

- 12 Club Meeting
- 14 Tech Session - OPEN
- TBD - Fall Color Tour

November

- TBD High Tea

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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Chip Lederer

A Look In The Rearview Mirror

Submitted by Bill Nelson - Historian



5 years ago

January 2018

- Minutes of the October 12, 2017 meeting. 15 TRs in the lot with 60 friends and members enjoying food and drink at Ol' Mexico.
- VTR report: Our sights are set on VTR 2018 in LaCrosse, Wisconsin. Registration is set and all plans seem to have fallen in place with the LaCrosse Radisson Hotel.
- 18 cars participated in the 9/30/2017 Mystery Tour. The run covered around 100 miles through some of the better twisty roads the eastern suburbs of Minnesota (that's Wisconsin) has to offer.

10 years ago

January 2013

- The cover of the January 2013 newsletter had photos of members and their Triumphs at some of the 2012 events.
- VTR report: The VTR National Convention / Triumphfest 2013 from October 2 - October 6, 2013 - Greater San Francisco Bay Area, California.
- Minnesota Triumphs sports Car Club Mid-Winter Bash on January 27, 2013. 2:00 - 5:00. Meager cost of \$20.
- From the Triumph Trader. For sale, 1972 Triumph Stag. Triumph V-8, wire wheels. 36,000 original miles, one re-paint, engine rebuilt. Asking \$9,750. Kent

DON'T FORGET!!!

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