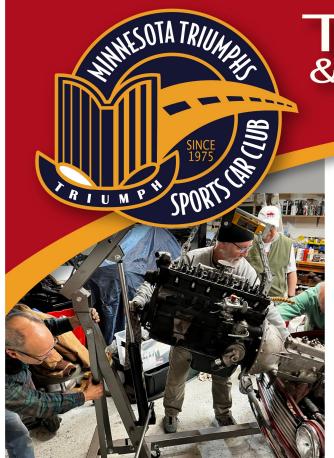
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Couple of Tech Sessions

Always a good time helping or learning. Try to make this month's event.

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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!

### **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 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**

David is currently out of town handling some difficult family matters so we are writing this in his stead. Thoughts and prayers his way. As you will read further in this month's newsletter, we are a club that supports our fellow members. Even if it is moral support when needed or having true concern for them when we know they are hurting, knowing our fellow members well enough to know and understand what they are going through means the world when it counts.



If you didn't attend the February meeting, remember our new meeting location is at Lucky13 just north of Rosedale Mall. The address to punch in your GPS is 2480 Fairview Ave N 55113.

Baseball training camp has started, the sun is starting to burn through the ice on our driveway, and the daylight is nearing 12 hours so driving weather is just around the corner. At this month's meeting, there will be several pleas for volunteers for the events we will be hosting or just helping with over the summer. Some may only be a commitment of 30-60 minutes. Three of us sat under a tent at the entrance to the Hastings Car Show last summer and directed traffic. Every car that came in seemed to jog a memory in one of us that we would share. What a great way to hear stories from each other's past.

See you in March,

Your editors

## **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)



### February 2023 Meeting Minutes - Jill Davenport

2/9/2023 Meeting Minutes

Call to order 7:02

42 in attendance, 32 degrees, overcast. No triumphs in the parking lot

New Members: Mark Hill, Tom Croten, Mark Bergmeier

Previous Meeting Notes approved.

New location update - Our first meeting at Lucky 13, Roseville! Thanks to the small group of members who researched many possible places. There is currently no parking for our cars set up.

### Reports

Treasurer - Brandon Baker on vacation, report by David Anderson. Bank balances shared.

Membership - Mike Smith, 70 online and in the mail so far. Renewals ahead of the pace of last year.

Newsletter - Greg and Carol Thompson, the deadline for the March newsletter is February 20 - please submit any reports on projects on your car.

Events Coordinator - Bill Connell. Should we have another summer picnic? Members say yes! Bill will try for the same park in Hastings; the best date available on our and their calendar is Saturday, August 5. Volunteers are needed to help plan. We still need volunteers to host the Spring Shake-down cruise and November High Tea. Bob Lee and Dave Phillips volunteered for the Spring Shake-Down. Spring Kick-off is in May. Britfest is the second Saturday in August, Hudson.

Tech Sessions - Frank Weber. February 18 tech session is a field trip to Wichterman's upholstery shop, Chanhassen.

VTR Liaison - Greg Thompson, no report

Intermarque Liaison - Glen Wilson, no report

Webmaster - Bill Connell & Fred Olson. An Arkansas trip route was posted on the website.

Historian - Bill Nelson. 1757 the Treaty Linegar restored Calcutta to British Rule. Princess Margaret died this day in 2002.

Vice President - Doug Foster, no report

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

Past President/Member-at-large - Chip Lederer, no report.

### **Ongoing Club Business**

Rendezvous update - Pat Holt. June 8-10. 90 rooms booked. 13 registrations so far. A member suggested sending registration info to all car clubs. There was also a request to share the flyer.

New Business - none

Door Prizes: Dave Phillips and Roger Kramer won \$30 gift cards to Lucky 13.

Adjourn 7:32

### Website - Bill Connell

The MN Triumphs club website is: <a href="https://www.mntriumphs.org">https://www.mntriumphs.org</a>

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 <u>webmaster@mntriumphs.org</u> 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 <a href="mailto:webmaster@mntriumphs.org">webmaster@mntriumphs.org</a>, 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.

### 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 <a href="mailto:dbooth41@gmail.com">dbooth41@gmail.com</a>

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 almost 3/4 full, and we still need the support of many members to renew again. Please renew your club membership by March 31<sup>st</sup> 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. Thank you!

Mike Smith, MN Triumphs 3260 Garland Lane N Plymouth, MN 55447 membership@mntriumphs.org **Member:** Definition: "One that **belongs** to a group or organization."

I became a member of the Minnesota Triumphs Car Club in 2012. Ten years later I truly discovered what "membership" is all about. It's really as much a *people* club as it is a *car* club. Maybe it starts with a car; most members have a Triumph or a connection to one, even though it's not a requirement to join this club. That's where my connection started, with the restoration of a 1964 Spitfire. This club helped me finish the restoration of that car and get it back on the road in 2013. I first attended a club meeting, and then held a tech session in my garage. About 10 guys showed up. We had a few beverages and some BBQ, and by the end of the morning we had two seats recovered and half of the interior carpet installed! The next summer I had that car on the road. Many busy years went by with me only attending one or two spring car shows in Osseo, and maybe a rare tech session.



Getting involved again as the membership chairperson this past year has had me attending many more club events than I did in the past. I also put more miles on the Spitfire last year than I have in the past 10 years total and logged my longest daily drive to date at 150 miles last fall! I know that's nothing to some members who do the VTR trips and Rendezvous trips, but baby steps, right?

What I've really enjoyed the most this past year is the time with my butt in the lawn chair at club events, more than I have the time in the seat of the car. I've been getting to know more members on a different level as I sit for an hour or two at a car show, tech session, club meeting, picnic, or fall color tour luncheon. Learning that every member has different struggles and often, keeping that old car running is the smallest of those! That's where this Triumph Club "Support Group" that many joke about really shines through. Watching how other members come out to support one another in more ways than car repairs. Yes it's great to go to events and learn how someone else routed their throttle cable, tuned their carburetor, or hooked up their bonnet brackets. But even better to learn what you may have in common with other members, what they're going through, or their interests outside of the car world.

We've had more than 25 new members join the club in the last year! I gave an assignment at the October meeting for all established members to make sure they have met and welcomed a new member. Try to make a connection. It's vital for our group's survival. And to the new members, I challenge you to attend one more event this next year. If you didn't feel the connection at your first event, please try again! Attend someone else's tech session, group luncheon, weekend drive, club meeting, or car show. It's OK if you've forgotten our names. I'm guilty of that as well. Say "hello" and do know that **YOU BELONG** in this club, the Minnesota Triumphs Car Club, "come for the cars, stay for the people!"

And also please remember to renew your Club Membership for 2023! Thank you for allowing me to be your membership chair. Looking forward to many more years in this club!

Mike Smith

### Free To Roam

I am not sure how many of you follow the current trends of the COVID pandemic. At Christmas time, the most prevalent variants that made up a majority of the cases were BQ.1 and BQ.1.1 and their symptoms were basically the same as the common cold! Those two have now merged and become XBB.1.5 and as of this writing makes up about 43% of all cases. I think most of us that don't have major health issues have resigned ourselves to the fact that it may never go away and we are living with the risks much like the risk of getting the flu. Carol and I just got back from a 10-day trip to a warmer climate and we saw few masks. With that, this summer's schedule of car events may be brimming with attendees.



Our own Dick Leighninger is once again chairing the Spring Kick Off held in Osseo on May 20th and the featured cars are the vintage race cars of the Vintage Sports Car Racing Club. It is a local vintage racing group that races at Brainerd International Raceway Memorial Day weekend, 4<sup>th</sup> of July weekend and Labor Day weekend. Our own Steve Rixen started racing with them last year and new member Russ Westfall races a TR4a with them as does Quality Coaches owner Mark Brandow. This is a well-attended event by not only our club but many others as well and several unusual cars show up every year.

The next big event is the Vintage Sports Car Rendezvous being hosted by our club June 8-9-10 in Ashland, Wisconsin. If you have never done an overnight event with other club members and if you want a better connection to the club and other members, this is a great way to do it. Rendezvous is an annual event held at different locations mostly near the border between the US and Canada and hosted by different clubs from the region. The drive is short and there will be several groups traveling together so you won't have to worry about traveling alone. More info can be found along with registration information at <a href="https://www.mntriumphs.org/events/2023-rendezvous">https://www.mntriumphs.org/events/2023-rendezvous</a>.

Our club will be parking cars at the Rivertown car show in Hastings for the 3<sup>rd</sup> year on July 23<sup>rd</sup>. It is a great way to show the community we have a club. Last year a fuel injected TR6 showed up and the owner didn't know the club existed. He lives and works in the Middle east but if his job changes he knows we are here.

The annual picnic was resurrected two years ago and I find the new format to be very relaxing. At the last one, Carol and I sat with folks we had never spent time with and had a great time getting to know them. This year a tentative date is set for August 6th. The specific details are still being worked out.

So if your car is in your garage, in storage, or in boxes, feel free to wander into a meeting, a tech session, a tour, or an overnight event. It may just change your life!



Rendezvous 2017

Greg

### **Tech Sessions**

January Tech Session - Paul LaVoie Saturday, January 21, 2023

Tech Host - Paul LaVoie

Tech Session Project Car: 1968 TR250

**Tech Session Project:** Prepare the TR250 to convert to electronic fuel in-

jection system

**Tech Session Objective:** Remove the engine and transmission to begin a rebuild on the TR250 motor

The Tech Session was well attended as

seven members showed up to grab wrenches and help. The TR250 currently has 85,000 miles with STD pistons and declining compression, so it's in need of rebuilding.

To prepare for the tech session, the fluids were drained and the hoses were removed from the motor the night before to expedite the engine removal process. I removed the carburetors, linkage, intake and exhaust manifold as well. I provided the engine hoist and had that ready to go.

Once the crew arrived, we broke into two teams. One team worked to remove the stubborn shifter from the transmission and the other team worked on removing components from the engine bay such as the front cross-member, motor mounts, fuel system, radiator, fan and fan belt. Once it was determined that we were clear of attachments and things in the way, the engine hoist was bolted to the head. We also used a leveler attached to the hoist chain and that allowed us to adjust the angle of the motor as we coaxed it out of the car. Between removing the shifter, the leveler and lots of guiding hands, the motor was out in record time. We celebrated with pizza and brownies. We wrapped up the session about 1:00pm.

Thanks to the Tech Session Team for all their help. I appreciate it!

Paul

Photo credits; Mike Smith, Jerry Moehnke, Dick Leighninger,



# **Tech Session - January photos**













### **Tech Sessions**

### February Tech Session - Frank Weber

### Saturday, February 18, 2023

### Wichterman's Upholstery - Matt Huntting host

February's Tech Session was a little different than our usual mode of operation. It turned into more of a teaching moment vs a hands-on work session. The Tech Session was held at Wichterman's Upholstery in Chanhassen. Seventeen club members attended the session. We had the privilege of company founder, Bob Witcherman, sharing a fraction of his experience and knowledge on the art of creating automotive interiors. Bob touched on many subjects brought up by members. Some of the topics included:

- Adjusting for proper seat height and fit
- Proper preparation of the interior substrate to get the desired finish
- Preparation and shaping of the padding and foam
- Preparing the cover material
- Understanding cover material stretch and shrink
- Techniques for removing wrinkles from the cover material
- Specialized tools and equipment
- Safety and proper protective equipment

This session was extremely helpful to both the potential DIYer and those looking to hire a professional upholsterer to understand the level of work and skill needed to successfully refurbish your automo-

tive interior. It quickly became evident that a quality interior is more complicated than slipping the seat covers over the bucket frame. But with some patience, basic knowledge, a little confidence and possibly a mentor a proper looking interior can be accomplished.

A special thanks to club member Matt Huntting for arranging the opportunity. And thank you to club member Chip Lederer for providing the teaching props from his TR3 project and feeding the group.

If you have a Triumph project that you want or need help with, or you have an idea for a Tech Session, please contact me at frankj.weber3

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@gmail.com or 952 934-0523. Currently our Tech Session calendar is wide open for the rest of the year.







## **Tech Session - February photos**



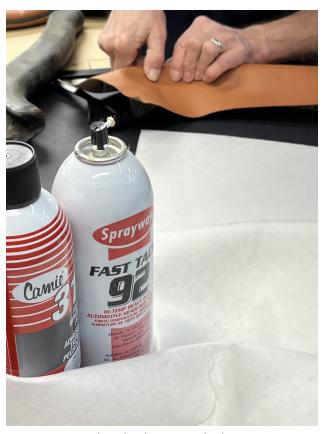
Trimming the tail to make welt lay flat. Never use steam on leather.







Explaining seat backs and lumbar



Stretching leather on scythed cap

We look forward to seeing you there.







# 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:

<carolit@prodigy.net>

# **DEADLINE MARCH 15, 2023**

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







### **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!

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### TRIUMPH TRADER

#### For Sale

The Gelhar family has decided that it is time to part with Greg's TR6. Nancy has asked that I post this notice first with the Minnesota Triumphs Club in hopes that it will remain associated with the club. Being familiar with the car and its history I will be happy to field any questions. This well maintained 1973 TR6 shows only 58,xxx miles and is ready for the road. Asking \$18,500. The attached photo speaks for its overall condition.

Nancy Gelhar (763) 670-5346; Larry Berg (763) 228-0072 lsbergdtm@gmail.com





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



### **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. <a href="http://www.mntriumphs.org/events.shtm">http://www.mntriumphs.org/events.shtm</a> Or scan the QR code to go to the website.



### March

9 Club Meeting

11 Tech Session - OPEN

### April

8 Tech Session - OPEN

13 Club Meeting

TBD - Spring Shakedown tour - host needed

### May

6 Spring Shakedown Tour, Bob Lee & Dave Phillips hosting

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

23-25 MSRA Back to the 50s

25 Intermarque picnic - Cherokee Park

### July

6-8 Iola Car show

8 Tech Session - OPEN

13 Club meeting

14-16 Kastner Cup at Road America

23 MN Triumphs host Rivertown Days car show in Has-

30 Intermarque Picnic - Cherokee Park

### August

**5** MN Triumphs Club Summer Picnic! Spring Lake Park Reserve, Hastings

10 Club Meeting

12 Tech Session - OPEN

**17-20** Rendezvous in the Black Hills - contact Bob Arnio at rendezvousintheblackhills@gmail.com.

**27** MN Triumphs host the Intermarque Picnic - Cherokee Park

### September

9 Tech Session - OPEN

9 Wheels & Wings, Osceola, WI

14 Club meeting

**24** Waumandee Time Trials - open to cars at least 20 years old

24 Intermarque Picnic - Cherokee Park

27-Oct 1 VTR National in Dillard, GA

### October

8 BMC Open House, Isanti, MN

14 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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**Past President** 

Chip Lederer

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



(Apology from the editor for missing the February history)

5 years ago

March 2018

- From the minutes in the March newsletter for the February 8, 2018 meeting: 11 degrees,
   no Triumphs in the parking lot. New member Dan Booth joined us for his first meeting.
- From the President's Report: The VTR Convention will be sponsored by our club from July 17-21 in LaCrosse, Ws.
- From the Triumph Trader. For sale: 2 ton folding shop crane \$100. Wgringerich.

### 10 years ago

March 2013

- From the minutes of the March newsletter for the February 14, 2013 meeting: The club president had a copy of the new Triumph Calendar, featuring pictures of Bill Nelson's Spitfire. Unfortunately there wasn't much participation, outside of Bill, in the "take a picture of your car in front of a water related city". On the plus side, we now get to see pictures of Bill's little Spitfire every month. (Historian's note, unfortunately Bill can't find the calendar).
- There was a story and color photos credited to Larry Berg of the engine rebuild being done by Larry, Joe Demuth and Joe Bisanz.
- From the Triumph Trader. 3 TR3's for sale by Pat H. '72 Stag for sale by Kent. Triumph V8 automatic, wire wheels, red with black interior. Asking \$9,750.

IN MEMORY OF GREG GELHAR, HIS LAST 2 TRIUMPHS.

The Persan blue" TR8" is owned by Roger Kraemer

The red TR6 is looking for new home - see inside Triumph Trader





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