



TRIUMPHS & TRIBULATIONS



Tech and Meeting Keeping Club Active

In anticipation of spring...getting cars ready, camaraderie and learning about LEDs.

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It's Spring! Check out the Shake Down Cruise and the Spring Kickoff this month!



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 May 11** at the **Lucky's 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,

I hope that you are all doing well. It has been a long and difficult winter, but it is drawing to end. Thank goodness!

As I write to you my wife had her car stolen two weeks ago and just a few hours ago I was rear ended in Shannon's TR3B on the way home from work. No one was hurt which was the good news. However, I would be lying if I told you that I wasn't extremely bummed out about it.



I was having trouble getting over being mad, sad, numb to it all so I needed a way to pivot my mind.

I've shared with you in a previous newsletter my love for most all music and one song that came to mind shortly after was a Bob Marley song called 'Three Little Birds' where he sings, 'Don't worry about a thing, cause every little thing, is going to be alright.' If you listen to the lyrics, he doesn't worry because of the little things like birds singing, waking up with the sunrise and the great things that mother nature brings us. So I have had to replay that song a few times to help change my mindset.

And then I was reminded about the little things. I love spring, where you can sit with friends on the patio, you can go out for a walk with your sweetie pie and go on a date with the top down. And then there is the club. I still have Rendezvous that I can attend, and the Spring Kick-off, the art festival, picnic, and Hastings Rivertown days as well as the monthly meeting with my Triumph friends and I started feeling even better.

I was thinking my Triumph family will help me figure out the best steps to get the car back in order and everything will fall into place.

I hope all of you can leverage the club the way I have been able to as it has helped me enjoy the things that I treasure. I hope to see you at the club meeting or somewhere as we travel down life's highway.



Until then,
Stay safe and don't worry about thing.

Cheers!
David

Here is a pic of the accident. I was on highway 62 when a Subaru rear ended me. I was impressed by how well bumper guards held up.

April 2023 Meeting Minutes - Jill Davenport

April Meeting Minutes

4/13/2023

Lucky's 13, Roseville, MN

Call to order 7:00

44 in attendance, 84 degrees, sunny, windy. 10 triumphs in the parking lot

Jerry's joke...

Non-Member announcement: John Schumacher has 1969 TR6 for sale - sitting on jack stands for 10 years, he is original owner. Details will be sent out to the membership.

New Members: Nic Close

Special Speaker: Lew Palmer, Brittrix, LED lights. He talked about LED advantages: instant on, low current draw, long life, low heat, narrow spectrum - 30 degrees - so little light loss, no darkening over time, colored lights depending on lens color, and polarity neutral. He sells LED light boards, not LED bulbs. Over 350 British cars/models included and they will do custom design. If running incandescent lights in the front, you may not need to change flashers, but if you run LED all around, you will need a new electronic flasher.

Previous Meeting Notes approved.

New location update - Lucky's 13. Parking is available on the upper level of the parking ramp at the back of the restaurant or the Mattress Firm lot.

Reports

Treasurer - Brandon Baker provided the treasurer's report.

Membership - Mike Smith, 127 household memberships were received by the March 31 deadline. This encompasses 200 people.

Newsletter - Greg and Carol Thompson, the deadline for the May newsletter is April 20. Submit an ad or remember to cancel a current running ad if no longer needed.

Events Coordinator - Bill Connell.

Spring shake down May 6. Dave reported the 10 AM meeting spot; currently finalizing the route.

Spring kick-off May 20 - in Osseo, volunteer sign-up sheet posted today. Take posters to post in local businesses in your neighborhood.

Monthly informal lunch - May 4, 11:30 AM at Merlin's Rest.

Our club is hosting the Rivertown Days car show in Hastings again on July 23rd.

The summer picnic will be on August 5, same park as last year.

Our club is hosting the Internarque picnic on July 27, at Cherokee Park.

VTR in the fall.

We still need volunteers to host the Fall Colors Tour in October and the High Tea in November.

Tech Sessions - Frank Weber. all tech sessions after April 15 are available.

VTR Liaison - Greg Thompson, we still have a long time to prepare for September.

Intermarque Liaison - Glen Wilson, no report.

Webmaster - Bill Connell & Fred Olson, no report.

Historian - Bill Nelson. Handel's Messiah first performed this day in 1742.

Vice President - Doug Foster, no report

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

Past President/Member-at-large - Chip Lederer, reminders about food/beverage checks and location parking.

Ongoing Club Business

Rendezvous update - Pat Holt. June 8-10. 97 rooms booked, first hotel filled, second hotel still has rooms. 86 registrations so far, 47 cars. Early registration ends May 1 - you can win your entrance fee! Thursday: welcome party, funkhana, Friday: Madeline Island, poker run, Saturday: downtown car show, autocross, deck party. Will try to schedule a tech session before this event.

Door Prizes: 3 winners of \$30 gift certificates to Lucky's 13 Adjourn 8:05

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.

Membership - Mike Smith

The Minnesota Triumph club is always welcoming new members! We presently have 127 "household" memberships and 200 members on our roster.

If you would like to become a new member, please do so through our website's "membership" page. Follow this link to register <https://www.mntriumphs.org/about-the-minnesota-triumphs-sports-car-club/membership/>. Or join in person by attending a club meeting or event any-time. Annual membership fee is \$30 for up to two members in your household. New members receive a Triumph name badge, car window cling and access to our club events and email support group.

Mike Smith, Membership Chairperson
membership@mntriumphs.org

The MN Triumph Club welcomes the following new members in April 2023:

Nic Close – Minneapolis, MN
George McCracken – Minneapolis, MN
– '78 Spitfire

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](#)



Tech Sessions Available

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@gmail.com or
952 934-0523.

Currently our Tech Session calendar is wide open for the rest of the year.

Race Car History

Have you ever wondered how many owners your TR has had and where it has been? I sure did when I got my race car. I figured it had been turned into a race car in some guy's garage in the mid 70's at the time when Paul Newman was tearing up the track in his TR6. Maybe it then blew up and languished in a barn somewhere till the owner got tired of looking at it. Back then, the landscape was littered with small tracks across the country and local SCCA clubs were thriving with loads of local club racers. I went to my first road race at Brainerd with Bob Lee in 1978. I drove my 72 Spitfire up and camped at the track. It was a raucous crowd that bordered on mayhem and I had a blast. That was where the spark was lit in my mind to race on a track someday.



When I finally got my car last summer, referred to as Red 14, its history given to me began in 1993 when it was sold to a gentleman in Florida with 4 truckloads of parts, as a rolling chassis with a roll cage. It was then traded to Wire Wheel in Vero Beach as an unfinished running, driving project for a Daimler Dart in 2007. From there it went to Newport Beach, California where it ran races at Buttonwillow, Las Vegas, Willow Springs, and Route '66 from September 2008 through March 2009. It then went to Texas where it raced from September 2009 till 2021. He raced it 33 times which included 2 Kastner cups.

I was at the Chicago British swap meet in March of this year talking to a friend that had raced a TR4 in vintage. He had

restored his car before racing it and asked me if I had found the roll bar inspection hole with the corresponding number. I had not looked because I didn't know about it. I went home and proceeded to find the hole and started scraping away several layers of paint to reveal the numbers 054-082 just above the hole. The numbers 054 are the region of the SCCA the car was first registered. Region #54 is the North East Oklahoma Club (NEOKLA) and 082 would be the 82nd rollbar they certified. The club started in 1957 so I figured the car started its racing life pretty early on.

I then went online and discovered many old SCCA records were kept at the International Motor Racing Center (MRC) at Watkins Glen. Looking at the files I could see they had newsletters from the NEOLKA Club from the early 1960's. I contacted them and there were several mentions of a Vick Campbell racing a TR4 starting in 1963 till 1966. I then contacted the current president of the NEOKLA club only to find out the log book archives had been lost when someone skipped town but at the monthly meeting some old timers had memories of Vick and the TR4.

I followed up with the MRC and they forwarded me copies of the newsletters pertaining to Vick Campbell. He was from the Tulsa area and won many regional events and went to the runoffs in 1965 with the TR4 but had a DNF. My excitement was growing. Could this be my car? The next step would be to track down Vick or find someone that knew him.

When I arrived at Eagles Canyon to compete in my first race of the year, I relayed all of this information to Bob K, a fellow racer from Texas I had gotten to know. Bob has owned 2 TR4's with considerable race history and knows many people that have been around the sport for some time. He emailed a friend John L that lived and raced in the Tulsa area in the 60's. John replied with a long narrative of the racing scene that existed in the Tulsa area from 1963-66 that included his friendship with Vick Campbell and included 3 pictures of the car. In the black and white pictures, you could see the car is red or green and it has a white or yellow roll bar. I got more excited because I found yellow paint underneath all of the other coats of primer and red paint. The curve of the roll bar hoop was also as close as it could be in looking at the pictures. I think this is the car Vick Campbell owned and raced but more research is needed and I will dig till there is nothing more to dig up. I would love to piece together the whole story from start to finish.

Greg

SHAKE DOWN SPRING CRUISE

Minnesota Triumphs Shake Down Spring Cruise Saturday May 6th. Gather at 10:00 AM First Triumph out at 10:30 AM Sharp Meet at the Trailhead Parking lot on the east side of Highway 95 about ½ mile north of Hwy 36 at 10:00 – 10:30 A.M.

We will travel about 100 to 120 miles with food and beverages at the end point. Be there or Be square.

Bob & Sue and Dave & Jolene



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!

Tech Session - Frank Weber

On Saturday April 15 seven Club Members gathered at Brett Schneider's house for the April Tech Session. The mission was to install the "magic clutch kit", sold by the Roadster Factory, into a 1975 TR6. Brett had meticulously prepared the car by removing the required interior items and placing the car on roller dollies. Removal of the transmission went pretty much as planned. However, once the transmission was removed it was discovered that someone had welded the clutch fork to the clutch shaft. Employing an angle grinder quickly eliminated this obstacle. Next, the various components of the "magic clutch kit" were installed to the flywheel and the bellhousing without much fanfare. Installing the transmission back into the car was a group effort. With the many sets of hands pushing, lifting, prying and pulling, the transmission begrudgingly fell into place. Bolt up of the transmission to the engine was as much fun as usual. Either you could see the bolt holes but not reach them with a bolt in your hand. Or you needed a third hand to hold everything in place. But persistence paid off and everything went together with no extra pieces left over. Brett ordered some pizzas and the Tech Session was officially over. A test drive will have to wait until the interior is reinstalled, but Brett thought the clutch "feel" was much better.



If you would like to host or discuss a Tech Session feel free to contact me at frankj.weber3@gmail.com Or text or call at 952 934-0523. Currently we do not have any additional Tech Sessions scheduled. Happy Motoring.



April Meeting

Lew Palmer from Brittrix attended our April meeting and provided a great amount of information about LED lights.

We also had a crowd and some cars.





The 2023 Vintage SportsCar Rendezvous will be having an early bird drawing for everyone who registered before May 1st for reimbursement of their registration fee.(\$130 value) Registration is by mail or online @ <https://www.mntriumphs.org/2023-rendezvous-online-registration/>

I'm happy to say that with both hotels reporting that our block of rooms is almost gone, The Cobblestone Inn will expand the number of rooms available at the discounted rate. For both hotels, be sure to mention that you're with the Vintage Sports Car Rendezvous event, otherwise you will be told they're full and you won't get a room.

The [Cobblestone Inn and Suites](#) (715-682-5066) [The Chequamegon Hotel](#), 715-682-9095 When both these hotels fill up, the town of Ashland still offers a wide range of accommodation up and down the price scale. <https://www.visitashland.com/plan-your-visit/lodging/>

The schedule of driving events and activities planned are shaping up, and we'll keep adding updates to our website as they're available. Thursday registration will open at 1.p.m at the Chequamegon with a funkhana going on in the parking lot across the street followed by a Meet & Greet, deck party with drawings from 6 till 9.p.m

On Friday the Madeline Island trip by ferry will leave at 9.am. <https://www.madelineisland.com/> This year's ferry pricing is \$31 for a car plus \$17 per person. For those who want to sleep in, other tours will be run on a more leisurely start of 10:30.

Saturday will be busy with a morning Car Show and an afternoon Autocross and finishing the day with another party/banquet on the deck at The Chequamegon Hotel.

The team of volunteers from the Minnesota Triumph Club invites everyone to come and enjoy the beautiful roads and meet the great people that make this get together such a success every year.

Patrick Holt
MnTr's

Register now at <https://www.mntriumphs.org/2023-rendezvous-online-registration/>

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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

**SPRING
KICK-OFF**

**30TH
ANNUAL
VINTAGE
FOREIGN
CAR SHOW**

**MAY 20,
2023
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Can be delivered at the next meeting.

*paraphrased from "The Treasure of the Sierra Madre"

GOT WINDOW CLING?

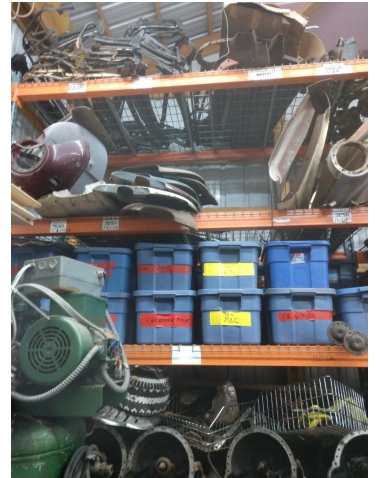


If not, pick 'em up at the next club meeting or club event.
Or contact membership chair at
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TRIUMPH TRADER

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



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)

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.



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 -10 Rendezvous - Ashland, WI
- 17-18 Art of the Car Show, Stone Arch Bridge Festival
- 24 Healy Club track day
- 23-25 MSRA Back to the 50s
- 25 Intermarque picnic - Cherokee Park

July

- 6-8 Iola Car show - <https://www.iolaoldcarshow.com>
- 8 Tech Session - OPEN
- 13 Club meeting
- 14-16 Kastner Cup at Road America
- 23 MN Triumphs host Rivertown Days car show in Hastings
- 30 Intermarque Picnic - Cherokee Park

August

- 4 Healy Club track day
- 5 MN Triumphs Club Summer Picnic! Spring Lake Park Reserve, Hastings
- 10 Club Meeting
- 12 Tech Session - OPEN
- 12 Britfest - Hudson, Wisconsin
- 17-20 Rendezvous in the Black Hills - contact Bob Arnio at rendezvousintheblackhills@gmail.com.
- 20 Vintage car show at The Lift Garage in Minneapolis
- 27 MN Triumphs host the Intermarque Picnic - Cherokee Park

September

- 9 Tech Session - OPEN
- 9 Wheels & Wings, Osceola, WI
- 14 Club meeting
- 22-24 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
- 12 Club Meeting
- 14 Tech Session - OPEN
- TBD - 14 or 15 - Fall Color Tour - **Need a Host**

November

- TBD High Tea - **Need a Host**

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



5 years ago

May 2018

- From the minutes of the April 10, 2018 meeting: 45 members attended the April meeting, with no Triumphs in sight on the 45 degree day.
- The April tech session was held at Roger Kraemer's house. This was a continuation of what got started at the March tech session. Work was being done on the TR7 and the TR8.
- Color photos credited to Doug B of the club go-cart event.
- From the Triumph Trader. For sale 1975 Spitfire 1500. Royal blue, new rag top, tires. 71,670 miles, no rust. Asking \$5,250. Beverly

10 years ago

May 2013

- From the minutes of the April 11, 2013 meeting: Pat H mentioned that at this year's Intermarque Spring Kickoff, each operation will have only two spaces for cars, plus one space for a promotional table / tent around the town square. All the other cars will be scattered along the streets in no particular order in an effort to provide a little more variety to visitors.
- Color photos credited to Doug B and Terry M of the tech session for the spitfire at Linda Nelson's home.
- From the Triumph Trader. Wanted, seats for TR-6 or Spitfire. 1969-1972 high back seats that recline preferred. Mark.



Rendezvous Trip 2018



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