



TRIUMPHS & TRIBULATIONS



Spring Shakedown Tour

Great roads and ok weather...rain held off for the trip home. Thanks to B/S Lee and D/J Phillips...

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If you're still thinking about Rendezvous in Ashland, Wisconsin - June 8 - 10

Ashland has lots of rooms up and down the price scale. We will have extra tee shirts and banquet tickets available for onsite registrations. <https://www.mntriumphs.org/2023-rendezvous-online-registration/>

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 8** 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 don't know about you, but I am so excited about this summer. After getting through a rough start to the first half of May, the Spring Kick-off got me so excited about being on the road. I volunteered to help park cars and set up. I met many wonderful people and truly enjoyed myself. This year they had well over the 220 cars and they may have to expand even further for next year.

If you didn't attend anything in May, don't worry. There are plenty of things to do. In two weeks I'll be headed to my first Rendezvous event in Ashland! I'm very excited for the trip. I'm going out a day early to help set up and volunteer. I can't thank the team that has been organizing the event enough. Many hours have been invested to seeing this event get life and take flight.



For the TR3, I replaced the fuel pump and have the parts I need for the repairs from the accident. Thank you Chip! Our club and its members are awesome. Everyone is so helpful and giving.

I got the hardtop for it back from the paint shop and I assembled the new rubber and wools **clothe** headliner. This week, I'll get the window installed. I'm thinking of using it for the ride up to Ashland.

Also in June, if you're in the cities on Father's Day weekend come on down to the Stone Arch Bridge Festival and visit some of your club members at the car show. I think three or four will be there.

I'll miss the June club meeting as I'll be in Ashland so I'll see you in July. I hope you have a wonderful couple of weeks and hopefully I'll see you out and about.

Cheers,
David

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)

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 132 "household" memberships with over 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 one 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 May 2023:

Scott Faragher – Savage, MN – '73 TR6
Daniel Zei – Washburn, WI – '80 TR8

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.

May 2023 Meeting Minutes - Jill Davenport

May Meeting Minutes 5/11/2023
Lucky's 13, Roseville, MN

Call to order 7:00, by treasurer Brandon Baker.
35 in attendance, 78 degrees, partly sunny. 12 triumphs in the parking lot
Previous Meeting Notes approved.

Reports

Treasurer - Brandon Baker reported on finances of club. Rendezvous financials seem to be on track, we will probably make a profit.

Membership - Mike Smith, New Members: Scott Faragher, 1973 TR6; George McCracken, 1978 Spitfire; Leigh Sprague and Sarah Harper, 1969 GT6.

Newsletter - Greg and Carol Thompson, the deadline for the June newsletter is May 20. Submit articles or submit an ad or cancel a current running ad.

Events Coordinator - Bill Connell. Spring Shake-down was good. Dick Leighninger shared details of the Intermarque Spring kick-off on May 20 - in Osseo. Volunteers are still needed. The Healy Club will be running a timed lap event on June 24 and August 4. 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. Elkhart race weekend in July. August 20, 10 AM - 2 PM Intermarque event to mark the 10th anniversary of Lift Garage, a non-profit organization. Bring your car for this benefit event. VTR in the fall. Jerry volunteered to host the Fall Colors Tour and we still need a volunteer for the High Tea in November.

Tech Sessions - Frank Weber. All sessions in the future unclaimed.

VTR Liaison - Greg Thompson, shared a suggested route for the September VTR trip to Dillard, Georgia.

Intermarque Liaison - Glen Wilson, no report.

Webmaster - Bill Connell & Fred Olson, will put the route for the Shake-down on the website if you want to drive it.

Historian - Bill Nelson. In 1068 Matilda was crowned queen of England. In 1812 the waltz was introduced. In 1858 MN became the 32nd state. In 1963 the Beatles started 31 weeks on UK record charts. In 1969 Monty Python started.

Vice President - Doug Foster, absent

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

Past President/Member-at-large - Chip Lederer, absent

Ongoing Club Business

Rendezvous update - Pat Holt. June 8-10. 97+ rooms booked, two hotels. 144 registrations so far, 72 cars. Thursday: welcome party, funkhana; Friday: Madeline Island, poker run; Saturday: downtown car show, autocross, and deck party.

New Business - art sale this Saturday night, benefitting the artist, check intermarque.org for details. Bill will forward a detailed email to the IO group. Continue thinking about the idea of having a mentor program for new Triumph owners.

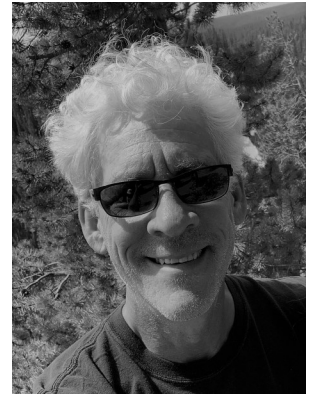
Adjourn 7:50



Good Friends, Good Times, Good Travels

Carol and I recently attended a milestone party for a couple that are in the Triumph club. When I got home, I realized that nearly one half of the guests were members of the club. When the couple said a few words, they stated that the people in the room were those that made a difference in their lives and helped them make lasting memories. Another thing most of the club attendees had in common is we all traveled together to VTR national conventions going back to the 1990's. Those trips are what cemented our relationships.

I have always loved driving. I love maps and I enjoy planning. In doing that, I have been planning and leading a group that travels to the VTR National back to our 2004 trip to Richmond, Virginia where we toured Washington DC with Wayne Morris and Joan Ostenson. Joan got us tickets to then senator Norm Coleman's office followed by a ride on the underground train to the capitol building with a private tour.



One of our favorite trips was our trip to San Luis Obispo in 2009 with John and Vanya Kallaus, may John rest in peace. We drove 14 days with the top down only to hit a snow squall coming into Denver on the way home.

Memorable stops were Rocky Mountain National Park and Monument Valley in a sand storm with tops down. When we left home we barely knew John and Vanya but by the time we got home we knew them quite well.



RT 1 along the Atlantic coast



There have been many memorable roads we have traveled, places where we've eaten, and just stuff that happened that we often reminisce about. One such memory is the meal we shared with the Sandersons and the Neumans at the Inn at Gristmill Square in Warm Springs, Virginia on our way to the 2014 VTR National in Dobson, North Carolina. This year, I have added it as an overnight stop on our way to Dillard. On our trip to Oklahoma in 2021, we stayed at Queen Wilhelmina State park, a must stay at lodge, and the waiter we had entertained us during the entire meal. We have never laughed so much while having dinner.



On our trip to San Rafael, California in 2013, we had many memorable moments but our drive up Bolinas Fairfax Road just north of Stinson Beach is a stand out. We, along with the Neuman's and the Mackey's went to lunch in Stinson Beach after a morning tour through the wine country north of San Rafael. I looked at the map for a direct way back to the hotel and saw a squiggly road a few miles north. Starting at sea level it rose steadily many hundreds of feet twisting and turning. As we rose in elevation our speeds rose as well and it became a race to the top. About half way to the top, we stopped at a pull off at the site of an abandoned wooden water tower where the drivers were severely admonished by the riders. Since I was the one that instigated the rising speeds, I let the Mackey's take the lead for the final ascent. After a short distance, Terry's foot got heavier and heavier and soon we were throwing our cars fore and aft as they were designed to do.



These are just a few of our highlights from past trips and there are sure to be more to come. I know there will be several new attendees from our club at Rendezvous in Ashland this June and it is not too late to add your name to the list. If you are up for a longer trip, join us in Dillard, Georgia in late September. Come and travel with us, make some new friends, and have a good time.

Greg

Cruise Control For Your Classic Car - Pat Holt

Last summer at Elsie's Saturday breakfast, one of the regulars was showing us his very nice MGB-GT, and lo and behold, he had an after-market cruise control. I asked where he got it: Dealer Automotive Services in Hopkins. <https://dealerautomotive.com/> This reminded me that several Triumph club members were jealous of the Neumanns, who drove on cruise to the VTR national meet the year before in Oklahoma.

When I called Terry about the CC, he told me he bought it from the Cruise Control Store on the internet. His unit stopped working around Kansas City, on the way back from Oklahoma. He said that I could have it because he had already ordered a new one. The speed

sensors are around \$100 so he would be keeping his magnetic pickup.

Yes, when can I come over? It took a few weeks but when I showed up Terry explained that his problem was the magnet had come off his driveshaft.

I must admit that when I saw all the wires I was intimidated.

Meanwhile, other members of the

Minnesota Triumph club were finding that the best price to buy cruise control systems was at Dakota Digital in Sioux Falls.

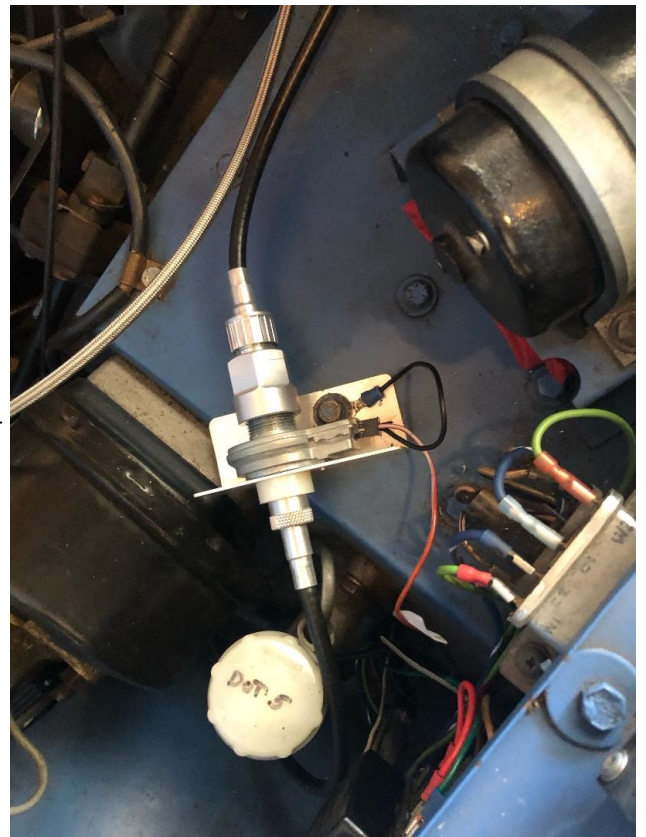
Here's where things take a twist. I was helping Roger Kraemer do an engine removal and re-install in his TR8 that had an early generation cruise control, probably from JC Whitney.

Do you want it? Yes.

So now I had two sets, one with a speed sensor for a speedometer cable and another with a drive shaft magnetic speed sensor.

Meanwhile, several other Triumph Club members got their new units from Dakota Digital. They come with speedometer cable speed sensors.

How do you put a modern speed sensor in a 50 year old car? You call a master machinist to cut you an adapter. Problem solved.



Cruise Control For Your Classic Car - continued

Autumn arrived and time was running out to get to Galena, Illinois for another national Triumph meet. Running out of time, Roger was off to Dealer Automotive Services for the professional install. He picked up the TR8 the next day and everything worked as advertised.

This was now going to be my TR4 winter project.

Using parts from several different generations of aftermarket cruise control, I started on my install by offering beer to Terry Newman to come over and get me started.

I have a 63TR4. They have an hourglass frame where the drive shaft runs through a tunnel. The magnetic pickup needs to be $\frac{1}{4}$ " to $\frac{1}{2}$ " from the magnet. This requires that it be at the front just back of the universal joint. With the rear moving up and down with bumps in the road, there would be changing the distance from magnet and the sensor.

The hardest part of my install was removing the interior to get the transmission cover off. Terry set up the throttle cable while I started on the wiring. After the install, a test drive this spring confirmed it worked. I will be the first to admit that my wiring looks like an amateur did it because I wasn't sure it would work and didn't cut any wires for length. Now that I know it works, I'll trim and heat-shrink the wiring.

I should explain that the new versions of the aftermarket cruise control units use a 12v servo to pull the throttle cable while the earlier ones used engine vacuum. Mounting the controller is also something to be considered. Earlier units attached to the turn signal with slide controls for set, coast, accelerate, and resume. The newer ones use a square controller that will need to be mounted.

Pat Holt 1963 TR4



Intermarque Spring Kick-Off - Osseo, MN May 20, 2023

A great turnout for the Spring Kick Off!

44 different makes of cars

233 cars as of noon.

35 Triumphs

Thank you for the counts Jerry & Steve Moehnke!



Shake Down Cruise - May 6, 2023

Thank you Dave & Jolene Philips and Bob & Sue Lee!



  **BY DESIGN**
VTR NATIONALS 2023



2023 NORTH AMERICAN

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SEPTEMBER 27 – OCTOBER 1, 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
<membership@mntriumphs.org>

TRIUMPH TRADER



For Sale

Helping Ralph Zerbe liquidate his Collection of cars and shop full of equipment. Ralph now lives in France but will be home to help farm for 3 months starting June 14th. Also to clear out his shop and car collection. He tells me there is much more shop stuff and tools to be considered for your shop.

'59" Standard 10, restored, engine not running, \$10,500.00. "57" TR3 with 2 front. fenders and small mouth front shroud: \$8,500.00.

'59 Triumph Estate wagon, engine out, VERY Rare, Unabody, Extremely adorable! Have never seen another! \$3,500.00



'57 TR3 with 2 front. fenders and small mouth front shroud: \$8,500.00.

'58 TR3A restored frame, plus many body parts and pieces, no Tub, No Title, \$2,500.00.



TRIUMPH TRADER

"63" Spitfire tub junk, many parts and pieces good, 1147cc engine, \$600.00



"68" Spitfire baby blue one in pictures, looks to be complete, 1296cc engine, good restoration project. \$2,000.00



"67" VW Bug, running and driving, good shape, respectable driver, \$14,500.00 Sold Separately not included in group sale.

All vehicles can be bought at a group price for \$24,000.00

All vehicles were kept indoors out of weather and still are along with shop equipment.

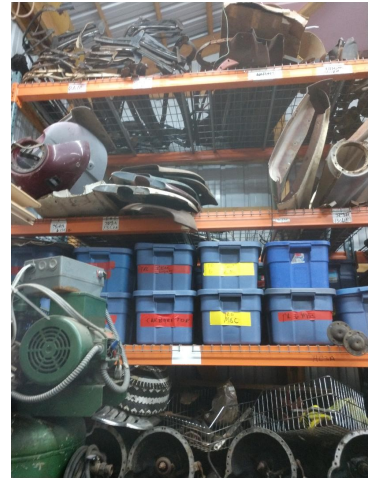
Contact Bob and Pat Kessler for more pictures or appointment to view or questions - 608-860-0613 email bpbritish@aol.com

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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 Sale

For TR7/8: RH outer door handle (used). \$15. New \$30.
TR7 RH interior lock assembly (used) \$12. Door handle link (used) \$5. New \$10.
Door handle linkage clips (qty 10) \$7. Door seal \$60. Pinion oil seal \$2.
For Spitfire Mk1 & 2: Valve guides (qty 8) \$24. Intake valves (qty 4) \$20.
Exhaust valves (qty 4) \$20. Valve stem seals (qty 8) \$4.

Bill N. Nelson1_2@msn.com

For Sale

Now that my GT6 resto is behind me, time to pass along my blasting and pneumatic gear.

'Castair' 60 gal compressor, 5 hp twin, 220v, reg, hose, wheels - \$300
40# floor cabinet with wheel kit, light, nozzles, Black Diamond media \$150
40# Portable blast unit - \$50

Air tools: impact hammer, 3/8 ratchet, 2 sanders - \$40 for all

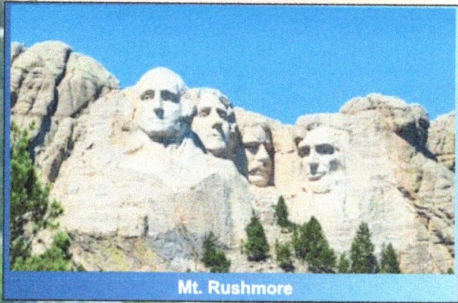
Take it all, I will throw in the tools.

Email to davisnlinda@yahoo.com , I will reply with pics

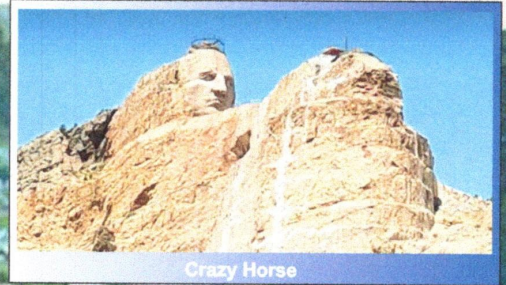
Dave Heglund

Rendezvous in the Black Hills

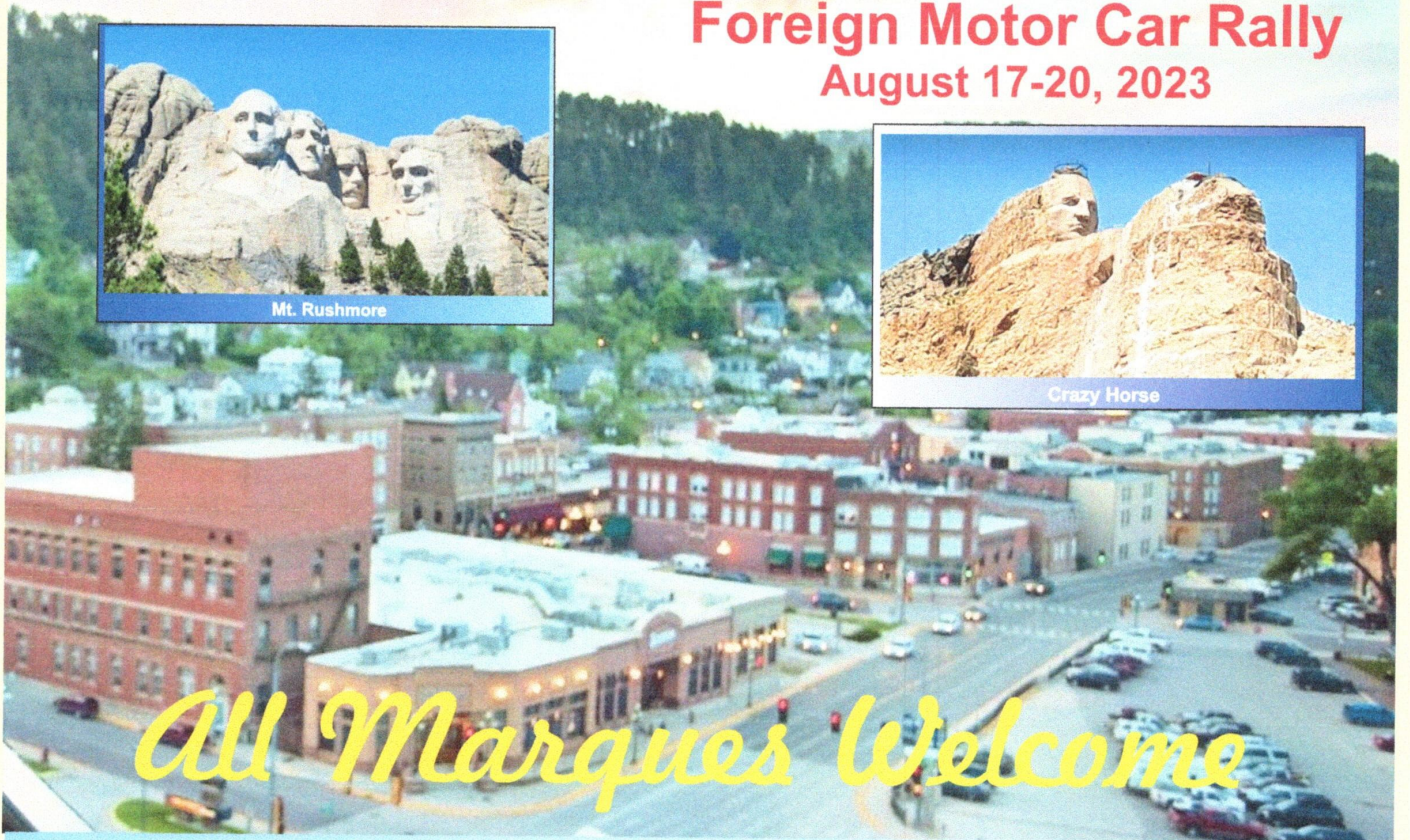
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August 17-20, 2023



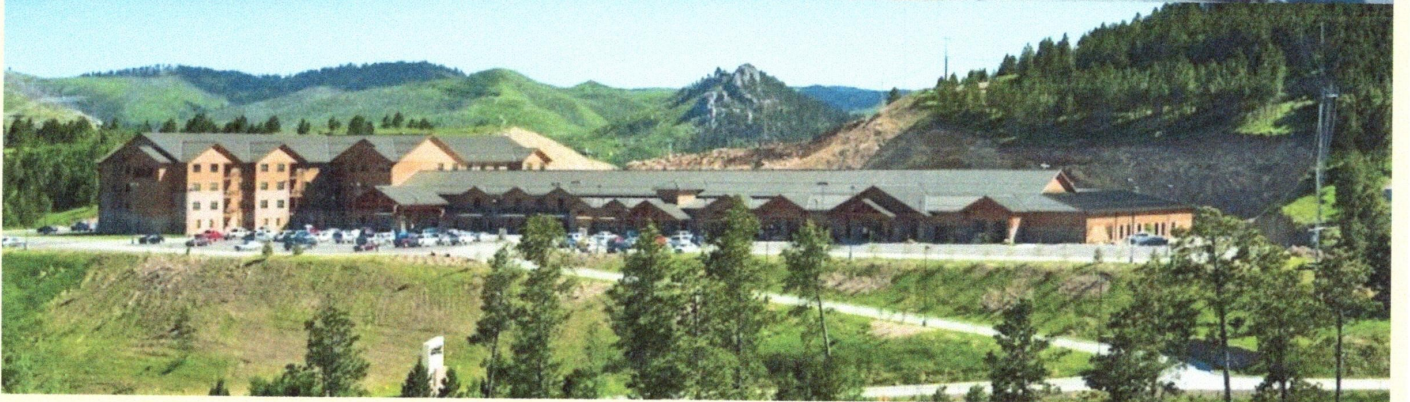
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EVENTS CALENDAR

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.



June

- 3 BMC Car Show, Isanti, MN
- 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, Elkhart, WI
- 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 - Jerry Moehnke 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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A Look In The Rearview Mirror

Submitted by Bill Nelson - Historian



5 years ago

June 2018

- Color photos credited to Doug B on the newsletter cover from the Shakedown Drive around the metro.
- Many color photos credited to Bob Peterson in the newsletter of the Osseo Spring Kickoff.
- Minnesota Triumphs beckon you to the VTR NATIONAL 2018 in La Crosse, Wi.
- Minnesota From the Triumph Trader. For sale. Hard top roof for Triumph Spitfire 1500. Royal blue with white headliner. Original glass, no rust. Asking \$500. Beverly.

10 years ago

June 2013

- On the cover. Spring Tour postponed. Meisville Mudhens event postponed. Osseo Intermarque event went on as scheduled. Color photos credited to Fred and unknown.
- From the minutes. At the May 9, 2013 meeting 42 total attendees. 8 Triumph cars.
 - 1-GT6+, 3-Spitfires, 1-TR4A, 3-TR6s.
- Black and white and also color photos credited to Fred Olson of the Osseo Intermarque show.
- From the Triumph Trader. Wanted. Stock steel wheels for a 1972 TR6. Only need 1 rim. Jim L.



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