



TRIUMPHS & TRIBULATIONS



MTSCC Hosted Rendezvous in Ashland, WI
Welcome Party, Funkhana, Madeline Island, Poker Run, Photo Shoot, Car Show, Autocross, Banquet.

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SAVE THE DATE!

Club Summer Picnic - August 5th

Spring Lake Park Reserve - Hastings, Minnesota

Contact Bill Connell to volunteer to help. Bring a side dish to share. Also lawn games if you like.

Thank you to Doug Burch, Rich Riemersma, and Terry Mackey for photo contributions for this issue.

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 July 13** 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

Greeting fellow Triumph friends,

Summer has officially kicked off and I hope you are making the best of it. I have missed seeing you over the last two months; one for an unplanned reason but the other was to go and experience what many of you have told me about.

Attending a Rendezvous event. Boy did it deliver.

I had a blast and couldn't be more proud to be a part of what I think is one of the best car clubs ever. The planning committee did such an amazing job and the folks that attended and volunteered to ensure that the event ran well was flawless. You would have been so impressed with your club mates.

Speaking of, let's give a shout out to Pat & Marsha, Joe, Wayne & Joan, Jon & Jody, Larry & Gail, Terry & Bernadette, Joe & Virginia, Terry & Sharon, Phil, Brandon & Libby, Dick & Sally, Doug, Mary, Bill, Tom, Daniel, and Greg & Carol.

The attendees had a wonderful time and the townspeople and chamber of commerce were so supportive. Even some locals with their cars came out to talk shop. All in I think we had a little over 90 cars. Around 18 folks from Canada, around 9 from North Dakota, some from Wisconsin and even a few from Iowa. But the majority were from Minnesota. It was such a great assortment of people and the stories and experiences were phenomenal.

The weather was beautiful for most of the event. We had one half day of British weather which happened to be the day of the car show. I met so many people and had such a wonderful time. We will post pictures on [Groups.io](https://www.groups.io) and our Facebook page once we get them uploaded.

In conversation with other clubs or attendees they could see that we are a different kind of club. I remember talking to a member of the MG club and they were asking how we do it. How do we keep having a club that sticks together and has continued to grow and stay active? As I reflected, I was trying to think of what it was. There is one word that kept coming back to me from the moment I left to drive to beautiful Ashland to the moment I arrived home.

That word is community. Thank you all for helping build 'community' in our club. I hope to see you at a meeting, the picnic, or another summer fun event.

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)

Vintage Sports Car Rendezvous - Ashland, WI June 8-10, 2023



Job well done Pat!



Caravan headed north.



Early arrivals.



Higher
Not lower



Dinner for 16!



Funkahna Crew



Life preserver toss.

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Lining up for the ferry ride to Madeline Island



New members Steve and Cathy Schwister find out you are never stranded on a TR weekend!



British bar for the night!



Phil Ethier going over the proper line through his well laid out course!



Getting out of the cold north wind at the Saturday car show. No drugs were bought or sold!



Non-traditional Banquet turned out to be a success!

Website - Bill Connell

The MN Triumphs club website is: <https://www.mntriumphs.org>

We've added a Drives and Tours page to the club website with some of our favorite driving routes and destinations. Send your routes to webmaster@mntriumphs.org to add them to the list!

If you want to have your car featured on the site, send the story about your car and a photo or two, and I'll add it. Or, just send a photo and it can be in the rotating photos on the home page.

Please email your car photos and stories webmaster@mntriumphs.org, or if you see anything missing, not working right, or if you have other ideas for new things to add.

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



SCAN ME

Membership - Mike Smith

The 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

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.

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.



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 at DCTC
- 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
- TBD High Tea - Brandon & Libby are organizing. More info to come

Rendezvous in the Black Hills
Foreign Motor Car Rally
August 17-20, 2023

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If you have questions contact Bob at rendezvousintheblackhills@gmail.com

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!

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/>

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



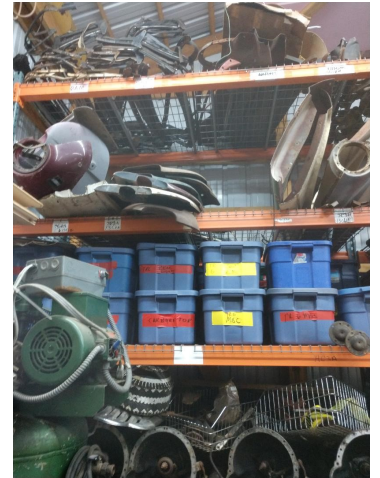
1972 TR6 for sale. Car runs well and we've had fun with it for the last 18 years. Currently has Miata seats, but price includes original TR6 seats, plus many miscellaneous parts, a Tonneau cover and hardtop (hardtop needs restoration). Located in Twin Cities suburb. Asking \$11,500. Call Bill 612-991-7136.



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

1973 spitfire 1500
the engine does turn over
lots of extra parts
the under carriage is rusty , not sure about frame
I live in Minnetonka by Ridgedale
Contact Corey @ 612-708-4284

  **BY DESIGN**
VTR NATIONALS 2023



2023 NORTH AMERICAN

TRIUMPH CHALLENGE

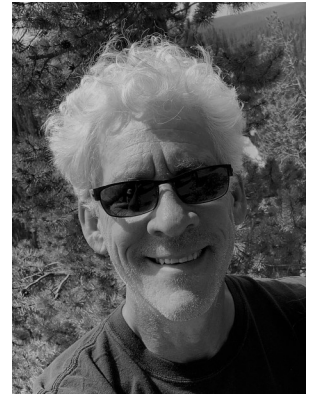
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Pushing The Limits (AKA Acronyms 101)

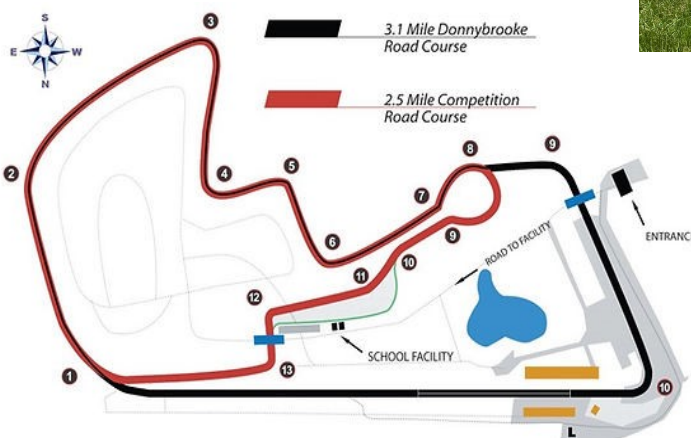
Many of you have told me you have enjoyed reading the story of buying the race car and want more stories about it. I am pleased and humbled by the accolades. I need to thank Carol for correcting my sentence structure and spell check for correcting my even worse spelling thanks to my dyslexia.



The last weekend in May I entered my first race with the Vintage Sports Car Racing group (VSCR). They are the group that had their cars displayed at this year's Spring Kick-Off (SKO). It was a challenge just getting my paperwork together to be able to register for the race. VSCR shares the track with the Sports Car Club of America (SCCA) so I needed a valid license with the Vintage Motorsports Counsel (VMC) to register. I bought the car in July

of last year and there were no groups up north that had any drivers training available so I went back down to Texas for that in September. After competing in three weekend races with Corinthian Vintage Auto Racing (CVAR) I did my fourth race as a novice with Vintage Sports Car Drivers Association (VSCDA). I then sent off my application for a national license with VMC hoping they would accept the total of my races but since I didn't do them all with one group neither CVAR nor VSCDA would sign off. Thanks to the person in charge of licensing for the VMC being a member of VSCR, I was able to send him detailed documents proving I raced enough races without incident and I got my credentials with 2 days to spare.

Heading to Brainard International Raceway (BIR) formerly known as Donnybrook, I had every expectation that my aging brain would take the whole weekend to learn the 13 turns and start turning some decent lap times. That had been the case at the three other courses I had attended. Adding to the drama of first track jitters was the fact that several of my family were coming to watch me for the first time as well as a bunch of MN Triumph members. The old Donnybrook configuration was opened in 1968 as a 3.1 mile road course with 10 turns but soon started hosting drag races that became more popular at the track than road racing.



The track was reconfigured in 2008 into a 2.5 mile more technical track with 13 turns so both types of racing could take place at one time. There are many parts of the track that are very narrow with concrete barriers on both sides adding danger and intimidation to the track. The start finish line is actually between turns 11 and 12 on the new Competition Course.

My first lap out I turned a 2:25 and nearly went off course in turn 12, a hard 90 degree turn with little room for a mistake. By the last lap of the 15 minute warm-up session my times dropped to 2:15. I had a long way to go and I thought I may be all alone in the back of the pack all weekend. There were very few small bore cars that have a hard time reaching 100 mph that I could spar with at my slower lap times. After lunch, we were first out with a 20 minute qualifying race to set the grid for the feature race of the day based on lap times. I was able to follow several cars through different turns to see their lines, when to brake, where to turn in, and where to hit the apex. Different drivers have different lines based on their car's handling characteristics but I could feel I was improving. My first lap out was a 2:10 and after nine laps, the final 3 were 2:03. After that session I knew if I put the best segments of each of those last laps together I could get down in the 2:01 range and there were cars to race with at that lap time. During practice and qualifying we went out in no particular order so I was not close to any cars my speed but during a race I would start right next to the car just ahead of me or just behind me.



To my surprise, I had qualified ahead of an MGB, a Sprite, and fellow Minnesota Triumphs member Steve Rixen in his AH 3000. I was next to the #13 Sprite and I stuck close to him for the first lap but he soon pulled away as did the #44 MGB. Soon Steve Rixen was on my tail and he passed me on the more difficult turn 8, a long 180+ degree turn that sets up the entry speed to the last 2 fast turns before a short straight to the start finish line. He carried that speed through the last turns and onto the original banked turn 1 and into 2, the fastest part of the track. I must have a better HP to

weight ratio because once we got onto the banked portion I had just enough to pass him and stay ahead until turn 8 where he would pass me on the outside every time. This went on for several laps and when we got the white flag for the final lap I knew I had to take a different strategy to hold Steve off in turn 8 to stay ahead and cross the line first. On the final lap I went wide instead of taking the inside line. There is a bump on the inside that unsettles the car and I knew Steve didn't like hitting it. He still got along side of me but not enough to pass.



We crossed the finish line within feet of each other. What a great end to a fun day of racing.

Greg

Co-editor's note: It was so fun watching Greg and Steve go back and forth on the track till the final lap. After the race they embraced each other. Then they discussed the technical parts of the track with Steve telling Greg where the best line is and how to get faster. I must say that I am happy to be part of this experience. - Carol

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*paraphrased from "The Treasure of the Sierra Madre"

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WINDOW CLING?



If not, pick 'em up at the next
club meeting or club event.
Or contact membership chair at
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A Look In The Rearview Mirror

Submitted by Bill Nelson - Historian



5 years ago

July 2018

- From the minutes of the June 14, 2018 meeting. There were 14 TR's in the parking lot of Ol' Mexico.
- Color photos credited to Jill Davenport of the tech clinic for the interior of her Spitfire.
- Color photos credited to Jon B. Meier of the Rendezvous Thunder Bay 2018.
- Uncredited color photos of the tech clinic for Bob Swanson's red TR3.

10 years ago

July 2013

- Color photos on the July Triumphs & Tribulations newsletter cover credited to Daniel and Terry of Antiques driving antiques searching for antiques.
- The 4th Annual British Sports Car Display, hosted by Minnesota Triumphs Sports Car Club, being held July 27th at woodland Hill Winery.
- B & W photos credited to Joe DeMuth and Fred Olson of some of the club members cars.
- From the Triumph Trader: 2 painted wire wheels for a TR3. 15 inch, 4 hubs and knock offs. \$125. Jim C.

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