



# TRIUMPHS & TRIBULATIONS



**MTSCC Picnic and Britfest**  
Good turnout and weather in Hastings and Hudson.

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*Thank you to Bill Connell, Pat Holt, Bill Krause, and Mark Stephens for sharing pictures!*

**Tech session - Saturday, September 9th at Nancy Gelhar's house. See page 18.**

**Save the Date! Fall Color Tour - October 14th**

## 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 September 14th** 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](http://www.mntriumphs.org)**

**Minnesota Triumphs is a charter member of the Vintage Triumph Register (VTR).**

**For VTR Membership information visit [www.vtr.org](http://www.vtr.org)**



## PREZ RELEASE

Hello all,

Can you feel it? I can. All the signs are there. School starting next week, the state fair is wrapping up, football season starting, sunsets are happening a little sooner than they were.

Fall is approaching.

I have had a fun but fast summer. I have been fortunate to be able to spend more time than I ever have with the club. It has been a blast. I think my favorite was the Ashland Rendezvous event. I had never been to Ashland and thoroughly enjoyed meeting new people and getting to know everyone better.

I hope you have been able to take advantage of your summer.

We have two more monthly club meetings left and we have some key roles that will need filling for 2024. First is the role of secretary, that Jill Davenport has been filling. The basic duties are attending the monthly meetings and taking minutes. They also attend the board meetings and help make decision with club related business. Next is the role of events coordinator currently filled by Bill Connell. This role is key in helping ensure that we have communicated all upcoming events, keeping on top of

the calendar for the web site and reaching out to individuals around drives, shows and other club events. The event coordinator also is accountable for attending meetings and sharing our upcoming events. Finally, we also need to fill the vice-president role with the intent for this role to be president in 2025. Please let me know if you are interested to learn more about these roles.

Once again, I have enjoyed being your president this past year. With the success of the Ashland Rendezvous event, I am interested in learning more about the club hosting a future VTR event for my last year in 2024. I feel like this will ensure the financial healthiness of our club for years to come. With the VTR event coming up the end of the month I am excited to learn more.

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)

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## August 2023 Meeting Minutes - Jill Davenport

Minnesota Triumph Club  
8/10/23 Meeting Minutes  
Lucky 13, Roseville, MN

Call to order 7:03

30 in attendance, 79 degrees, and partly sunny upon arrival. 6 triumphs in the parking lot.

### Ongoing Club Business

Board roles for next year: seeking a Secretary. The President role was extended to three years in our by-laws last year. David is happy to continue to year three. Perhaps we can get a vice-President that would be interested in taking over the presidency. Newsletter editors are willing to do it for one more year but will be retiring after next year.

Budget: the board will be working on a budget for next year, discussing the big events, thinking about expenses for our events, monthly meetings, etc. Please share your thoughts and ideas.

Previous Meeting Notes approved.

### Reports

Treasurer - Brandon Baker provided the treasurer's report.

Membership - Mike Smith, absent, presented by David, think about budgeting for the club paying for all member badges, new and lost badges.

Newsletter - Greg and Carol Thompson, the deadline for the September newsletter is August 20. Submit articles. Submit an ad or cancel a current running ad. The newsletter for October will be late as the working period for the newsletter is during VTR. A proposed change in the months published to exclude December and January, instead of November and December was agreed upon. This allows us to report on October events and not create a January newsletter when nothing happened in December.

Events Coordinator - Bill Connell.

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.

August 12 - Brit Fest

August 27, we are hosting the Intermarque picnic.

Jerry will host the Fall Colors Tour Saturday, October 14, meet in Hudson, then circle through WI with a stop for lunch, then visit two "sheds/man caves".

August 19 Gear Head show in Maple Lake.

August 26 British Day at the Chanhassen Motorplex.

We still need a volunteer for the High Tea in November.

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

VTR Liaison - Greg Thompson, VTR in September: There is room for one more in Greg's travel group; Chip is leading a group of trailered cars.

Intermarque Liaison - Glen Wilson. Pat Holt shared brochures for Rendezvous next year in Thunder Bay.

Webmaster - Bill Connell & Fred Olson, no report.

Historian - Bill Nelson. 100-year Triumph anniversary this year. On this day in history: year 991 battle of Maldon. 1628 Swedish warship VASA sinks in Stockholm. 1897 Automobile Club of Great Britain was established; now it's called the Royal Automobile Club. 1960 premiere of the movie PSYCHO.

Vice President - Doug Foster, absent

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

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

Door prizes. Doug Burch, grill badge. Pat Holt, gift certificate to Lucky 13.

Adjourn 7:33



## 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.

### September

- 9 Tech Session - Nancy Gelhar's - replace U joints on Greg's car
- 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
- 14 Fall Color Tour - Jerry Moehnke host
- TBD High Tea - Brandon & Libby are organizing. More info to come

# 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/>

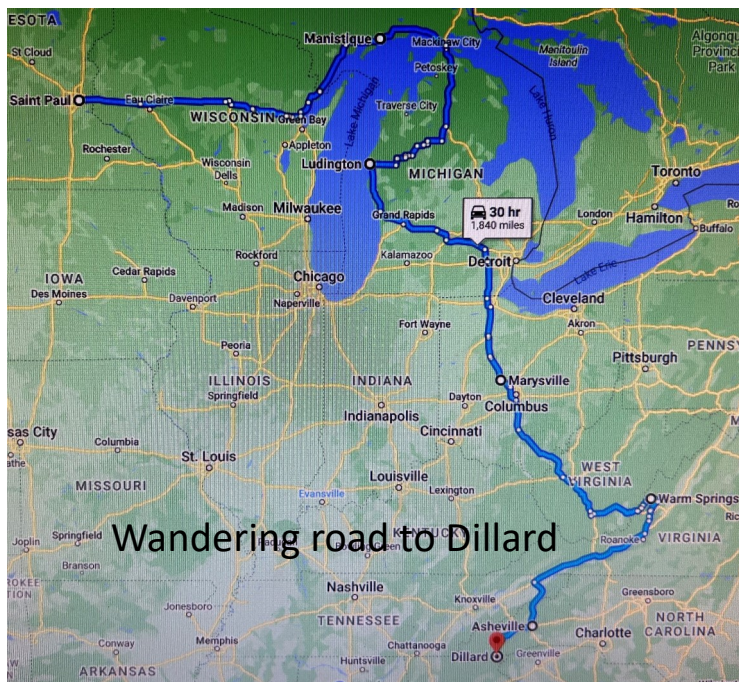
# Best Laid Plans...

No matter how well you plan, sometimes things happen totally unexpected that throw a wrench into the pot. On our scheduled trip to VTR this fall, to avoid a trip through Chicago, we had planned on going from Manitowoc, Wisconsin to Ludington, Michigan on the historic coal fired Badger Car Ferry. It is "historic" because it is old, and old things tend to break. The SS Badger started service in 1952 along with its identical sister ship the SS Spartan carrying rail cars across the lake. Both were equipped with ice breaking hulls and operated year round. At one time there were 14 ferries based in Ludington. When interstate truck travel increased it reduced the need for rail shipping and the shipping line went cold and was stopped in 1990 for one year before being



resurrected as a "spring till fall" car and passenger ferry used primarily by tourists. On July 21<sup>st</sup>, the counter-weight for the loading ramp collapsed. The repairs are extensive so the 2023 Badger travel season was over.

The simple thing to do would have been to re-route around Chicago and back up to Auburn, Indiana where we were going to stop and visit the Auburn/Cord/ Duesenberg Museum. Leave home Friday morning with a stay in Bloomington-Normal and have a short drive to Auburn in the morning. The obstacle was the non-refundable room we had booked in Ludington, Michigan for Friday thinking there is no way we would be changing our travel plans! I guess if I had gone back over the last 2 years and figured out the amount of money we had saved using the non-refundable room reservation we would still be in the green if we had let the room go, but you hate to give money away.



But...we could keep that stop and add another in the upper peninsula and see some roads around Traverse City and Frankfort we have never driven. Since our travel group is a democracy, everyone voted and we all decided to go north and avoid 2 days of solid interstates and semi trucks. Some will meet us on day 3 at our stop at The Inn at Gristmill Square.

The current groups going to VTR in Dillard include our group of 6 cars to start, with another joining later. There is a group of 4 cars led by Joe Bisanz, another group of 3 led by Chip Lederer. There is also a single car being trailered down. 15 cars traveling 1,100 miles is a very respectable turn out and as the VTR representative I am proud of our club's support of the national event. Rumor has it that over 200 cars have registered!

See you there,

*Greg*

## Upcoming Fall Color Tour - October 14th - Jerry Moehnke

I have quite a few nice winding roads to take in the fall colors.

Initial route has the group meeting on the east side of the Kowalski's Market in White Bear Lake at 10 AM - Heading out by 10:30.

Working our way to Dellwood, Withrow, Marine on St. Croix we then head into Wisconsin at Osceola making our way to our first stop at the "UW" ( a small bar) to stretch our legs and perhaps wet our whistles.

We then take ourselves to the first of two classic 'Man Caves'. The first being a classic Texaco Gas Station, right out of Mayberry RFD. There, you can say hello to Floyd the Barber and perhaps chat with Otis, *who is sleeping it off in his jail cell*. Plan on spending about 30 minutes there. Restroom on site.



The plan is to then head north to DD Kennedy Park, past a 'round' barn taking a Wisconsin Rustic Road over the Apple River on our way to Turtle Lake. Then we head south toward Clayton and on to our final 'Man Cave' with its expansive Sign and Classic wooden boat collection.

This is where we will have a bite before heading home. Bring a dish to share. I will supply pulled pork / Brats / Soft drinks etc. We should have enough tables, but one might consider bringing a chair.



## Lift Car Show

The Lift Car show was a big success raising \$1,600.00 for the non-profit garage that does repairs for low-income folks. Our own Brandon Baker and Libby Nickel helped organize the event. Phil and Sue Ethier were in attendance with their Sapphire Blue Stag, "uncle jack". This would be the last Triumph event Sue would attend. Sadly she passed away the following week. Phil has asked memorials be sent to the Lift in her name. Donations can be made at <https://www.theliftgarage.org/ways-to-support/>.





*In Memory of*  
***Sue Ethier***



Long time Minnesota Triumphs member Sue Ethier has passed away Friday, August 25th. Sue and her husband Phil hosted many picnics at their home following Wings and Wheels. She also organized the silent auction at Rendezvous and our 2018 VTR National and donated many of her own items to be sold. Sue had a personality as big as her smile and will be greatly missed. A gathering will be held to remember Sue on September 28, 2023 in the late afternoon and evening at the Dakota Lodge at Thompson County Park in West Saint Paul. More details regarding time will be provided soon.

## Club Picnic

Our annual club picnic was held August 4th at the Spring Lake Park Reserve in Hastings, Minnesota. Lots of people, lots of food, lots of cars, and lots of fun!





# Britfest Car Show 2023

Great weather and great cars turned out for Britfest in Hudson.



  **BY DESIGN**  
**VTR NATIONALS 2023**



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<membership@mntriumphs.org>  
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**

"59" Standard 10, restored, \$10,500.00. "57" TR3 with 2 front fenders and small mouth front shroud: \$8,500.00.



'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.



Sand blaster and other shop tools available.

Contact Bob and Pat Kessler for more pictures or appointment to view or questions - 608-860-0613

email [bpbritish@aol.com](mailto:bpbritish@aol.com)

## TRIUMPH TRADER

### For Sale

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.



## 1954 Triumph TR-2, ex-SCCA racer (reasonably priced)

Owner Driver: Donald B. Haaversen Minneapolis, MN 612-861-1451 [dhaaversen@gmail.com](mailto:dhaaversen@gmail.com)

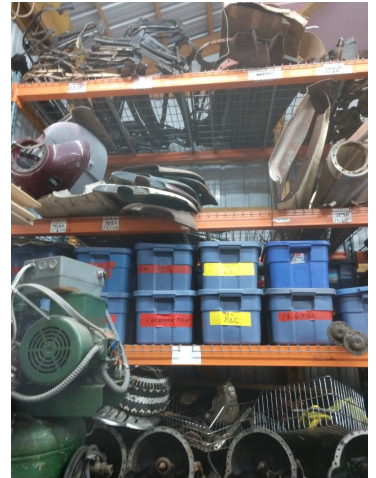




# TRIUMPH TRADER

**For Sale** I have many parts for all Triumphs. I have motors, frames, wheels and most other parts.

Email me at [wmorris11134@yahoo.com](mailto: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

New in box TR6 aluminum valve cover, \$100.00.  
Used stainless tr6 intermediate pipes (for dual exhaust conversion) \$20.00.  
Terry Neuman, 651-699-6833



## For Sale

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

## Website - Bill Connell

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

**Website update:** I added a photo gallery to our Rendezvous page with over 100 photos from Mary Deeg. Check it out! <https://www.mntriumphs.org/2023-rendezvous/>

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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:dbooth41@gmail.com)

See samples of Dan's work: [Magnolia Screen Printing Ink on Facebook](#) ; [Magnolia Screen Printing Ink on Instagram](#)



## Tech Sessions

**September: Saturday September 9th** at Nancy Gelhar's house. We are planning to start at 9:00 A.M. The task at hand will be to replace the U-Joints on the axle shafts of Greg's TR-6.

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](mailto:frankj.weber3@gmail.com) or  
952 934-0523.

October Tech Session is still open.

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**Past President**

Chip Lederer

### A Look In The Rearview Mirror

Submitted by Bill Nelson - Historian



5 years ago

September 2018

- From the minutes of the August 9, 2018 meeting. 16 TR's strutted their stuff at the August meeting. We welcomed new member Vern Silvernale as a TR3 owner.

- Erik Paulson listed a few places to visit for some culture. Polish-American Museum, Watkins Museum, Winona County Historical Society, Marine Art Museum, Garvin Heights and Levee Park.

- Color photos of the Minnesota River History Cruise credited to Doug Burch.

10 years ago

September 2013

- Calvin and Hobbs. "How fast can our TR6 go?"

- From the minutes of the August 8, 2013 meeting. New members Larry Linn with a '61 TR3, Nic Schweisthal and his dad Mark with a 1974 TR6, and Dave Thue with a 1973 Stag.

- Color photos of the meeting and the Tech Clinic credited to Patrick Holt and Fred Olson.

- Andy Lindberg wrote up a recap of Britfest 2013. He rated attendance, weather, mix of cars, amenities, vendors, cost, ambience and others.



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