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Brooks Turner's TR3A stands in the foreground as smoke and flames dominate the background. The Hampton Inn stands to the right, with the Holiday Inn to the left. Picture taken June 8th, 2002.

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The RMTC is an organization devoted to the use, preservation and enjoyment of Triumph automobiles; it is a chapter of the *Vintage Triumph Register*. We have active members as close as in and around the Rocky Mountain region, to as far as England! Each membership is a "family" membership and children are welcome additions to club activities.

Regularly scheduled dinner meetings are held on the 3rd Tuesday of each month (except for January, June and December). These meetings start with dinner at 6:00PM, with business beginning at 7:00PM. They typically conclude prior to 9:00 PM. **Our current meeting place is Piccolo's at 3563 S. Monaco Parkway.**

Send Newsletter Material to Eric Conrad via e-mail conrade2@msn.com, or telephone 303-663-4230. Deadline is usually the Wednesday evening following the monthly meeting. I will accept digital photos in *.jpg

format with the ideal resolution no more than 100 dpi with files no larger than 200-300k per photo.

An e-mail version of our newsletter is available—it's in full color and you get it about one week before the paper copy (use Adobe Acrobat to read and print it; it can be downloaded free from www.Adobe.com/products/acrobat/readermain.html). Let Eric know if you would like to be on this list; it saves the club about \$12/year if you don't want the paper copy.

Commercial Advertising is available in the newsletter ranging from \$5 for one month up to \$500 for a full page for one year. Contact Brooks Turner for more details

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Marietta 180 memberships, 9 new members in May

Adjourned meeting at 8:51 PM.

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This Chevy was caught in the Coal Seam Fire. Not a rallye participant, but a very sad resident—I'm sure.

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PRIME TIME

Mike Cline — Prime Minister

Well summer has arrived, and the club's activities are in high gear. How many RMTC events can you squeeze into a month? A lot!

We had a great turnout at this year's Father's Day Picnic; and in my opinion, an even nicer location than last year. Awards from the Spring Car Show were given out to those in attendance. The Glenwood Tour and Rallye were fantastic. It is unfortunate that we had to evacuate as the flames came toward the hotels. The car show will be rescheduled and we will let everyone know that date when we get it. I can say after driving around the mountains for two days the reservoirs are LOW, there is NO snow-pack and everything is parched. Looks like we're in for a long dry summer.

As always, Dean at Computer Cars gives us the honest horsepower numbers when we run our cars on his dyno. Unfortunately, they are seldom as high as the "seat-of-the-pants" numbers claimed by some. Don Joy coordinated a "dust-off" at Forney's Museum to help clean up some of the cars. Highlands Ranch had a small car show just down the street from where I live. Although dominated by Corvettes and lots of muscle cars, there were two MG's and two Triumphs.

Steve Knight of KnightHawk Racing gave a talk to a combined gathering of the MG Club and RMTC about his LeMans experience. What else can I say – it was just awesome!

And it doesn't stop! Kevin is keeping up the pace in July. The July monthly meeting will feature authors of a Colorado tour book. At the August general meeting, we will experience The Goodwood Festival of Speed from our own Gordon Kenney and Rod Tomkins who will be attending this event in the UK.

I say it again and again...participate and have some fun. I have been told by many friends who are long time Colorado residents, that I have seen more of Colorado than they have. This is all because of the RMTC.

The Vintage Triumph Register (VTR)



Members are encouraged to join this national Triumph organization. VTR member benefits include:

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EDITOR'S CORNER

Eric Conrad — Newsletter Editor

Thumbing through the newsletter is enough to show how many events RMTc members have been involved with, and how many significant happenings have occurred around Colorado. Fires have been lead stories on the news channels. They have also been at the forefront of our thoughts. Glenwood Springs was no exception. Follow the pictures and stories in Recent Events to feel the heat.

The club is finding that some of our membership records could stand to be updated. Please take a look at the Membership section to see Marietta's request. Also, when you renew your dues, please take the time to fill out the membership form so information can be updated throughout the year.

As for recent events, I enjoyed both the Glenwood Springs Rallye weekend and the Father's Day picnic. Each is a great way to participate with both club members and to drive our Triumphs. The '6 ran like a champ during the Tour and the Rallye. As the engine continues to break-in, the power and torque still seems to grow. I also owe a great thank you to Bob Klie for adjusting my idle speed and timing in Glenwood.

I hope you all take care, and I'll look forward to seeing you in your Triumphs, on the road.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Bob Becwar — Treasurer

5/31/02 Checkbook Balance: \$2,288.74 (Last year (5/31/01) \$2,146.36)

	May		Year to Date	
	2002	2001	2002	2001
Income	\$ 1,207.00	\$ 1,324.00	\$ 4,210.00	\$ 5,052.00
Expenditures	<u>1,376.29</u>	<u>393.00</u>	<u>6,378.63</u>	<u>4,391.14</u>
Gain / (Loss)	(\$ 169.29)	(\$ 931.00)	(\$2,168.63)	(\$ 660.86)

Major Monthly Income Items (April):

Dues \$ 360.00
Raffle 847.00
\$1,207.00

Major Monthly Expense Items (April):

KDC \$ 555.99
Newsletter 167.73
SPC, Raffles, Pics 137.67
Stamps 78.00
Port-a-Pottie 75.00
Rallye Productions 361.90
\$1,376.29

BOARD MINUTES

Board Meeting, June 3, 2002 at Piccolo's

Submitted by Marty Cohen, Secretary

Present were Dorothy High, Marietta Coon, Gordon Kenney, Eric Conrad, Don Joy, Mike Cline, Marty Cohen and Bob Becwar.

Mike called the meeting to order at 6:48 PM.

Gordon reported that no speaker is scheduled for June as the General Meeting will be combined with the Father's Day Picnic. The authors of Drives in Colorado have been scheduled for the speakers for the July General meeting. Gordon is attending the Goodwood Festival of Speed in England and will speak at the August meeting of the event.

Gordon will get the Car Show registrations from Kevin so that he can prepare the Awards for presentation at the Picnic. Neil McCready purchased one of the Club's cabanas. We decided to retain the other five for Club use. By popular request, Gordon will have a drive for the annual Moonlight Drive Event.

Mike reported for Kevin and Debbie St. James, whom were unable to be at the meeting. Kevin and Debbie will supply all the soda, ice, chips, plates, napkins, utensils and 6-foot subs for the picnic. As usual, members will bring side dishes and desserts. Additional regalia will be available in time for the Picnic. Kevin received a letter from the City of Castle Rock that said they enjoyed hosting the Car Show. The \$200 deposit will be returned in 2-3 weeks. Rod Tomkins is assisting in planning the Men's Run. It will be held 26-28 July.

Mike reported that Kevin has the extra mugs left over from the Banquet. He also sent the cancelled Insurance Policy to Gordon Mallery.

Bob handed out a written report on Club Financial Result for May. Highlights will be covered in the Treasurers Report in the July Newsletter. We had a \$169.20 loss for May and a loss of \$2,168.63 Year-to-Date. The Year-to-Date loss results primarily from the Banquet and purchases of regalia. The regalia purchases will be recovered by future sales.

Need only 5 extra newsletters each month. Marietta will supply Eric the number to print. Kwik Kopy will send the invoices to Eric for review who will forward to Bob. Eric de-

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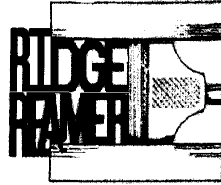
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Marietta Coon — Minister of Membership

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Also, when renewing your membership, if you would send the completed application (found on last page of newsletter) with your dues. This will aid us in keeping membership records up-to-date.

June Total Reported Membership = 184 members

This month's new members include:

Mitch, Cindy, Trevor & Hadley Abeyta (Castle Rock)	1973 GT6
Don, Jami & Michell (Castle Rock)	1957 TR3
John & Lesa Reiser (Boulder)	1976 TR6
Mike & Karen Simons (Grand Junction)	1958 TR3A
David & Pam Putnam (Aurora)	1979 Spitfire
John, Raquel, Robert-cloud Diedrich (Colorado Springs)	1976 TR6

Please say hello at the upcoming events.



RECENT EVENTS

Loveland & Beyond Gaggle

June 2nd

By Shawn Loseke

Following a slight delay in Denver, a group of hardy adventurers arrived at our rendezvous point east of Loveland. The group followed my Ford Cortina (the TR6 is only now getting finished) through Loveland to the second rally point. This is where I parked the Cortina and jumped in with Rod Tomkins in order to make it an all Triumph affair.

Our course would take us over hill and dale along the front range. Passing by Carter Lake and bringing us into Lyons for lunch. Oskar Blues brew pub gave us the entire bar area, which we neatly filled, and we set about the business of lunch. As well as raffling off the ever-popular coffee mugs.

After lunch our group was reduced in number. The delay in the morning having set us back by nearly two hours. We left Lyons and made our way to Estes Park along Highway 36. Once in Estes Park, we followed Devils Gulch Rd. through some mountain fields and then into another valley on our way to Glenhaven. Then onto Drake where we re-joined Highway 34 which took us back to Loveland through the lower Big Thompson Canyon. Stopping back at the gas station where my trusty British Ford was waiting.

It was a lovely day for a drive through the foothills and mountains of Northern Colorado. I have to say that it was very nice of you all to visit. There are plenty more roads that I am willing to share. So when your ready, come on back. It's not as far as you might think.

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50TH ANNUAL GLENWOOD SPRINGS RALLYE: CHECKPOINT BRAVO REPORT

Saturday, June 8th

By Tom Deats

Dateline: June 8, 2002

Classified Location Somewhere Northwest of Newcastle, CO

Six highly decorated volunteers from the RMTc Checkpoint Workers Battalion deployed early today to staff Checkpoint Bravo in the 50th annual MG Glenwood

Springs Time Speed Distance Rallye. Reporting were JoAnn and Bob Klee from the 76th TR7, Rod Tompkins from the 71st TR6, Brooks Turner from the 59th TR3, and Lynne and Tom Deats from the 63rd TR3. Eleven days prior to this action, Rod and Tom had undergone grueling and intense specialized training at a secret location somewhere in the northwest Metro Denver area.

The mission began on 8 June, 2002 at 0832 hours from Rallye HQ in Glenwood Springs. Once safely out of populated areas, sealed orders were opened. The RMTC Special Ops Group then proceeded over designated scenic back roads until they reached the prescribed Checkpoint Zone at 0918 hours. There they erected their field tent and received last minute orders from General Dick Fritz of the 50th MG Rallye Forces.

The first Rallye Car was encountered at 0959.26 hours. By the time the last rallyist entered the checkpoint at 1136.42 hours, the RMTC Group had stopped seventy-nine vehicles. "Your Papers Please!" was the command given to each car's navigator. Each car's log was then taken back to the Checkpoint Command Post where it was checked, logged in, updated, and then returned to the car. No hostile action was reported. Only friendlies were encountered on this mission.



Brooks Turner, JoAnn Klee, Bob Klee, Lynne Deats, Rod Tompkins at the RMTC Checkpoint Bravo Command Post

At 1146 hours the order to stand down was received. Field rations of Newcastle Brown Ale were then issued to each troop. The tent was struck and stowed. After an authorized diversion to nearby mess facilities, all personnel reported back safely to HQ.

Mission Completed.

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50TH ANNUAL GLENWOOD SPRINGS RALLYE:

Rallyist Report
 Saturday, June 8th
 By Eric Conrad

After writing several opening paragraphs, I'm left with one comment to open this story: Wow, what a weekend! The 50th Annual Rallye will be one to remember for many years to come.

The Glenwood Committee has received lots of positive comments on the tour and rallye and is to be congratulated for their foresight in choosing Baked Alaska for the banquet dessert. We hope to see all RMTC Glenwood participants who aren't on the Men's Run at Clement Park.

Saturday, August 3RD: Cookout and Drive to "The Royal Gorge Bridge", Canon City, CO

This is an outing that we haven't done for a while and have been getting a lot of requests for. Brooks Turner will lead us down through Colorado Springs, Penrose, and into Canon City. Brooks' mom and dad host the club at their home in Canon City to a dynamite cookout. So after we have had a great meal we all head off on Hwy 50 to the Royal Gorge Bridge, the highest suspension bridge in the USA. We usually enter from the back entrance to the gorge and take the bridge over to where all the shops are located. There will be more details as the event draws closer.

Other Events

May 25 - June 2, 2002	BRITISH CAR WEEK	(Drive them everywhere!)
Monday, July 1 st	Board Meeting	Piccolos
Tuesday, July 16 th	General Meeting Presentation from author of: <u>Drives in Colorado</u>	Piccolos
July 16 - 19, 2002	VTR NATIONAL CONVENTION (www.vtr2002.org)	Red Wing, Minnesota
Sunday, August 11 th	HIGHLANDS GAMES	Highlands Ranch, CO
Saturday, August 17 th	MOONLIGHT DRIVE	Shirley & Gordon Kenney's home.
Monday, Aug 5th	Board Meeting	Piccolos
Tuesday, Aug 20th	General Meeting Gordon & Rod Presenting slides from Goodwood Festival of Speed	Piccolos
September 21st & 22nd	COLORADO ENGLISH MOTORING CONCLAVE	Memorial Park in Arvada
October 17 - 20, 2002	TRIUMPHEST 2002 (http://www.dctra.org/2002)	The River Palms Resort & Casino in Laughlin, NV

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meet at the Tollgate at 9 a.m. and wait for the Denver group.

Once into Colorado Springs you exit I-25 at the Cimmaron, Highway 24-exit and head left at the bottom of the off ramp. You will be on Hwy 24 heading west up Ute Pass. Follow the signs to the Pike's Peak tollgate and meet up with the rest of the group at 9-9:30 a.m. We do this drive early because of the chance of an afternoon thunderstorm. For anyone that has been on the summit of a 14,000-foot peak when a storm rolls over you know what I mean. There is a per-person cost to take the toll road to the top, as this is going to press we have not secured a discounted price for our group. It will be less than the normal \$10 fee; the exact amount will be in the July newsletter for you.

Anybody interested in going please RSVP to Kevin St.James @ 719-548-8761 and he will give you all the needed information about the event.

Sunday, July 21th: Annual Roadside Clean-up, Rollinsville, CO

Our annual highway cleanup and lunch run will be held on Sunday, July 21. Let's meet in the RTD parking lot at 6th and Simms at 8:45 with a planned departure for 9:00am **sharp**. We will then proceed to perform "our civic duty" just south of Rollinsville before cruising down to Boulder for lunch at one of the more popular brewpubs, this time the Oasis. Maps and directions will be provided. This is a fun event, and while trash picking may not be everyone's delight, there are often surprising items to be found beside the road. 'Nuf said. Hope to see you there. Please RSVP to Rod Tomkins at 303-814-0339 before July 18 so appropriate seating can be arranged.

Friday, July 26th—Sunday, July 28: Men's Run to Durango,

The date is set for the Men's Run. Details are still in the works. Please call either Kevin St. James at 719-548-8761 or Rod Tomkins at 303-814-0339 for more information.

Saturday, July 27th: Redo of MG Rallye Car Show, Clement Park, Littleton.

The somewhat delayed Glenwood Car Show is tentatively scheduled for July 27 at Clement Park in Littleton. We will begin parking cars at 8:00, show begins at 9:00. Awards will be presented after lunch, lunch being designated as that time at which lunch appears to have been. Food will be available for a small donation or you can bring your own. They apologize for scheduling the show the same weekend as our Men's Run, but it was about the only weekend they could have it and not conflict with a RMVR race, which would have eliminated a lot of MG's.



Bob Gloyd's restored TR6 on Independence Pass during the Tour.

The MG Car Club Rocky Mtn Centre deserves a round of applause for their efforts. The weekend began Friday morning at the Arvada Gunther Toody's Restaurant. Several RMTC member enjoyed breakfast, followed by an all-Triumph caravan on the Tour. The route took us through Golden, over Lookout Mountain, over Squaw Pass, through Leadville, over Independence Pass, and into Aspen. We took approximately 8 1/2 hours to complete the drive. The country was beautiful, but noticeably dry.

Beginning Saturday morning, the 50th running of the Glenwood Springs Rallye begins at 9 am. Spirits were high at the start line, with many owners and aficionados of different marques enjoying discussions about classics. Mike Cline and I were the 78th cars to begin; allowing us the opportunity to see many rallyist off. The route was enjoyable, but difficult in parts. Adding to the experience were the mid-nineties and sun forecasted for the day.



Triumph TRs ready for Tour to Glenwood Springs. Photo at Gunther Toody's.

By approximately 1 pm, Mike and I hit the point in the rallye that allowed some time to enjoy lunch. We mentioned to each other the small amount of smoke rising from the mountains south of Glenwood Springs. By the end of our rallye run, approximately 4 or 4:30 pm, the smoke blowing to the North, over Glenwood Springs was thick and black. Many gathered by the car wash station to unwind, share a beer, and talk about the day. By 6:30, we had all showered with the intention to meet back in the host hotel's lobby to head to dinner. (The photo to the right is about this time.) By this time, the road behind the camera was a parking lot with residents fleeing West Glenwood. The fire



RMTC members watch in awe as the Coal Seam Fire grows. L to R are: Scott Keller, Mike Cline, Brooks Turner, me, Brad Reed, and Bob Klie (far right).

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had jumped both the Colorado River and I-70, and stories from people evacuating included information about car dealers and shopping malls burning



Fantastic shot of the fire at about 9 or 9:30 pm. Courtesy of Dave Fain.

The fire grew larger and louder as we watched. The first group of four or five Triumphs left Glenwood for Independence Pass at approximately 8 pm — at this point, no travel east or west on I-70 was allowed. I left with a group of five cars (3 Triumphs and two modern cars) at around 9:30 pm — we had been assured that we would be able to head east on I-70 if we “got out now”.

The dinner / awards banquet was cancelled during the event, and the Sunday Car Show was tentatively postponed until July 27 at Clement Park in Littleton. Cars will begin parking at 8:00am, with the show beginning at 9:00. Awards will be presented after lunch. (see *Planned Events*)

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Computer Cars Tech Session
Saturday, June 15th
By Phil Stough

The tech session at Computer Car, Inc helped a number of our membership with their car engine problems. Some were running so well nothing should be changed. Average H.P. at the wheels was about 58 and the winners were Scott Keller in his 73 TR6 with 74 H.P. and Dale Peterson's TR 4 at 72 H.P. Dean evaluated 10 cars evenly split between TR 4s and TR 6s. Common problems were bad plugs, and their wires, worn distributor shaft, and too rich of a fuel mixture. Two of our cars had mystery problems needing more research.



Alex Cline shows off his air-induced muscles during the morning session.

We owe a special thanks to Dean for having us for yet another year. Just seeing all the interesting mostly British iron is worth the trip. Also thanks to Mike Cline for bringing the treats.

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2002 PLANNED EVENTS

July 4th Sturgis Meet – Sturgis, South Dakota

The Trumpe's are hosting a gathering over Independence Day in Sturgis, South Dakota. Plan on beginning the drive from Colorado on either Wednesday, July 3rd or Thursday the 4th. Group will tour Wonderland cave and have a backyard social on the Friday the 5th. Saturday the group will tour to Needles Highway; Iron Mountain Road; Custer State Park; Keystone; Mt. Rushmore. Plan on heading home on Sunday, July 7th.

The meets have usually been informal with lots of optional touring opportunities and friendly people. Other opportunities can be viewing car collections; “talking shop”; cobra rides; John's work telephone number is 605-347-3811. Give him a call to “get the scoop”. Hotels in the area include: Old Stone House B&B (605) 347-3007; Super 8 Motel (605) 347-4447; Best Western (605) 347-2376; and Days Inn (605) 347-3027.

Sunday, July 7TH: PIKE'S PEAK OR BUST?, Colorado Springs, CO

This trip up the mountain is one of the most breath taking drives you will ever take. The road up the mountain is at it's best after the annual “Race To The Clouds” up Pike's Peak. It's wide, very safe, and has awesome views around every turn. Once at the summit, 14,110 feet, you can stand at the compass points and see New Mexico to the south, Denver to the north, Garden of the Gods, Colorado Springs, and Kansas to the east, and the Continental Divide and beyond to the west. There can be a 30-40 degree temperature difference from the tollgate to the summit so bring a jacket, hat, camera, and drinking water.

When we make the trip down the mountain, we will head to the Phantom Canyon Brewery in Colorado Springs for lunch and libations.

The Denver group will meet in the Target parking lot. Target is located behind the Gunther Toody's parking lot on the north side of Arapahoe Road just east of I-25. You will need to be there at 7:30 a.m. and you will head out at 7:45 to meet up with the Colorado Springs group at the tollgate for the Pike's Peak Highway.



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The Colorado Springs group will
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force with both a TR-6 and a TR-3 with a total of six people spanning three generations. Other notable attendees were Ken and Vicki Kalin, now of Westminster instead of Durango, and it was good to see Betty DeVisscher continuing to improve and get stronger every day. It was also good to see Richard Turner, who bought Gordon's TR-6 more than a year ago, show up with the car we hadn't seen for quite some time.

Officer reports were brief. Marietta reported a total membership of 181 families; Kevin gave a detailed report on past and upcoming events and several members talked about events they are planning for the club.

Mike reported on Steve Knight's performance at the 24 hour LaMans race, which had just finished at 9:00 AM day. Unfortunately his MG-Lola went up in flames during the night and in fact none of the three MG's finished. Steve will

be coming to our special meeting at Piccolos on June 24th to tell us of that experience.

Eric encouraged members to get the e-mail copy of the newsletter as it saves the club approximately \$15 per member-family per year – a significant amount of money.

The main topic of the meeting was the passing out of the "Certificates" (Gold, Silver, Bronze) for those whose cars had been judged at the May car show. Each certificate had a color photograph of the car and its owner taken at the show. (Thanks to Gordon Kenney)

Kevin then conducted a raffle with nice prizes and the winners went away happy.

By 1:00 the meeting was pretty well over and people chatted, looked at cars and most left for home by 2:00. Another very successful RMTC event!

TECH SESSION

By Gordon Kenney

Heater Shut-Off:

Do you get more heat from your heater than you want? Very likely the water shut-off isn't fully blocking the flow of hot water. The fix is easy. Go to the hardware store and get a 1/2" ball valve and two hose adaptors. Cut the handle



short and reattach the plastic handle cover. Install this into the heater line (the hot or supply side) and turn it off in the summer and on in the winter. This fix stopped hot air from the heater in my LBC.



SPRING CAR SHOW PICTURES



Clockwise from left: Marilyn Farrell with TR7, Bill Ballindock & Morgan, Don Joy & GT6, line-up of fTR6s, line-up of TR2s and TR3s, and Don Joy chooses raffle prize.



Clockwise from above: Craig Lund & TVR. The Ehringers & Stag, new member Steven Newell & TR4, Debbie & Kevin St James (event organizers), the Buesing's with their Herald, Gordon Kenney & his 1800, and the Editor with my TR6.

An evening with Steve Knight - Owner/Driver of the "KnightHawk" MG/Lola Submitted by Mike Cline

Approximately 25 people enjoyed a fascinating insight into LeMans racing. Steve offered us an inside look at world-class driving that is second only to F1 in sophistication. The main focus of his talk was the "LeMans Experience." He shared with us all of the aspects of this grand event. From the parades, tours and car inspections in the days leading up to the race, to the actual race, Steve gave us the feeling we were there.



Racing to Steve and the KnightHawk team is all about "total commitment." At this level of racing there is no other way. The sophistication of the equipment is like a NASA space launch. The physical shape one must be in to drive the car and take the constant pounding, of up to 3g's is amazing. The level of mental focus required is incredible.

Steve was so gracious. After a two-hour presentation (time went by so fast), he answered everyone's questions. He even shared some of his insight on Colorado race tracks and local drivers.

This was a rare treat. All that attended were thoroughly impressed with Steve and his accomplishments. You can keep informed on the status of Steve and KnightHawk Racing at their website www.knighthawkracing.com or at www.americanlemans.com.

GENERAL MEETING NOTES

Forest Regional Park Fathers Day Meeting – June 16th

Submitted by Gordon Kenney for Marty Cohen

The annual Fathers day picnic was held at a new location, which is just a couple of miles away from the Fox Run Park we used previously. Kevin again secured the shelter house for the club and it was a very nice location with plenty of room, convenient bathrooms and a large adjacent grassy area. The weather was great with a cool morning drive down and we didn't get rained on, as has often been the case in previous years.

A Denver area group was led by Mike Cline and arrived about 10:15 while others drove down individually and arrivals continued up until noon. Harry Cornelius brought a "new" car to the meeting and

arrived in his 1970's Triumph Dolomite Sprint, a right-hand drive four-door sedan with a 2000 cc 4-cylinder engine.

Due to the high fire danger open fires were not allowed in the park and so the club provided sub sandwiches in lieu of hamburgers. This was a potluck lunch so there were a nice variety of salads, chips and desserts. For reasons not entirely clear we began eating "lunch" about 10:30 and the two 6 foot long sub sandwiches disappeared quite rapidly.

Mike Cline called the meeting portion of the event to order about noon; by this time there were about 60 people present and there were 20 Triumphs in the parking lot. Mike recognized the Foster family as Phil and his family were there in

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