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Rocky Mountain Triumph Club



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Another installment of Dale Walls' New Mexico discoveries. This month, Dale makes his way to Cuba, NM.

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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 the weekend 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 \$20/year if you don't want the paper copy.

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New memberships (and renewals) are always welcome; contact Max Brewster. He can also tell you of changes of address or telephone numbers for members.

PRIME TIME

Ken Kalin — Prime Minister

Since it's March and top down driving events haven't started yet, I thought I would say a few words about how I found the RMTC and what it means to me. I hope you share some of these thoughts, too.

In May of 1994 I purchased a 1972 GT6 MK III that was in need of restoration. That month I also saw an advertisement for The Glenwood Springs Rally in the newspaper. After a short discussion with my wife we took of in the GT6 to Glenwood with the attitude of "what's the worst thing that could happen with a British car that can't be fixed with chewing gum and bailing wire?" (nothing did happen it ran fine).

That year they were holding a short auto-cross in the K-mart parking lot and in one corner were a few Triumph's and a banner on a tent that said Rocky Mountain Triumph Club. There was a small lady with glasses (Dorothy High) sitting behind the table handing out membership information. We have been members ever since. This includes the GT6, a TR6, and now a TR8, two years as treasurer and now Prime Minister. I'm either a total car nut or just totally nuts.

However, as I found out, the RMTC isn't just about Triumphs or events, it's about people, friends and families. Getting to know new people and making new friends. It's about the membership, board members and volunteers working together to make the many events, meetings, gaggles and outings as enjoyable as possible. Members helping members (should that read friends helping friends?) with their cars or, for that matter, any project or problem.

The RMTC has become an extended circle of friends, all with a common interest of driving our cars and enjoying each others company.

Hope to see everyone at the next event.

Ken Kalin

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EDITOR'S CORNER

Eric Conrad — Newsletter Editor

"Daddy, I been thinking" said my daughter. This seems to be her favorite way of beginning a conversation. She followed with, "I been thinking about your little red car. Some day you make me a little car?"

Wow, I was blown away. Not only has she not really seen the car recently because of the weather, but she had remembered a conversation we had a number of months ago about how daddy had rebuilt the car. Now she wants one for herself. How great!

I told her that we will have to begin looking for a car for both her and her brother. She was very happy. So was I. You see, I love seeing and knowing other families with children who participate in our club. The kids really seem to have fun with the members, the events, and with the cars. I hope all of our kids can help keep our car hobby alive.

Speaking of keeping our hobby alive, I invited a crowd to my house to learn about upholstering a TR6 seat—my seat. It was the first tech session of the year, and an opportunity for members, some new and some seasoned, to meet and kindle friendships. Based on comments from the group, they enjoyed the day, and all seem to feel more comfortable with taking on their own upholstery projects.

How did it go, you may ask. Everything went just great. I'm happy with the results. I now sit about five inches higher than before, and look forward to driving without my legs falling asleep from the awkward position. My butt's finally off the floor. Now I just have to finish the passenger seat, and complete the interior panel installation. What a difference it will make.

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I'm also happy to have spent half the day with several members of the club that I only knew by name. It's good to put faces with names. I'll look forward to seeing you all at upcoming events, and with fresh upholstery, I hope.



RECENT EVENTS

Gaggle to Pint's Pub Saturday, February 1st, 2003

Following closely in his own footsteps, Dave Fain organized a brewpub gaggle. I was not able to join the group (other obligations), but understand I missed a great time.



Happy faces all around: Liz & Brad Reed in the front of the table, with Scott Keller, Tom Dilulio, Bob Gloyd, and Charlie & Mary Baum enjoy the atmosphere.



On the other side of the pup was the "serious" table. Andy & Betty DeVisscher at the head of the table, joined by Tom & Dorothy High.



Dave & Eva Fain on the left, with Marty Cohen flanked by Shirley and Gordon Kenney.

Upholstery Tech Session Saturday, February 22nd, 2003

My neighbors woke early to a very pretty, 1976 BRG TR6 rumbling down the street. On the back was a kerosene heater that resembles a jet engine. Tom DiIulio had arrived about thirty minutes early to help warm up the garage—for which we were all appreciative. In all, nine members attended. After the required thirty minute coffee and doughnut session in the kitchen, we moved to the toasty garage.



Upholstery is fun — seriously!

I had disassembled both of my TR6 seats during the last week, taking care to document how they had been put together. Taking the time during teardown sure helped to document how the new foam kit and upholstery had to go together. The tech session walked through the upholstering of my driver's seat, from start to finish.

In the beginning of the session, I passed out copies of



New diaphragm and rear seat foam installed. Next step is bottom seat foam, followed by vinyl.

Nelson Riedel's piece titled Reupholstering TR6 Seats from the



L to R: Jim McElroy (younger), Jim (elder), and Dave Farrell look on as we begin gluing the seat bottom vinyl.

Buckeye Triumph Club web site. It is informative, and very helpful to get the sequence correct, however, I would not call it the definitive answer to seat upholstery. Victoria British also puts out an informative document that I feel may be better than Nelson's. That said, I leave it up to you to make your own minds up.

The smell of contact adhesive filled the air as we discussed the potential pitfalls of missing key glue points. By 2:00 pm, we had a finished driver's seat clothed in original looking Chestnut vinyl. I'm looking forward to finishing the passenger side next.

Lastly, I received an email from Jim McElroy a day or two later. He had attended the session with his son Jim. It turns out that he felt comfortable enough with TR6



Tom DiIulio & Bill Gillespie look over the headrest.

seats after the tech session that he finished one of his seats. Good job, McElroy's!



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A Rallye in Metro Area

I'm not sure how many might be interested, but I received this invite from Mike Cline. It would be fun to have a Triumph presence at this

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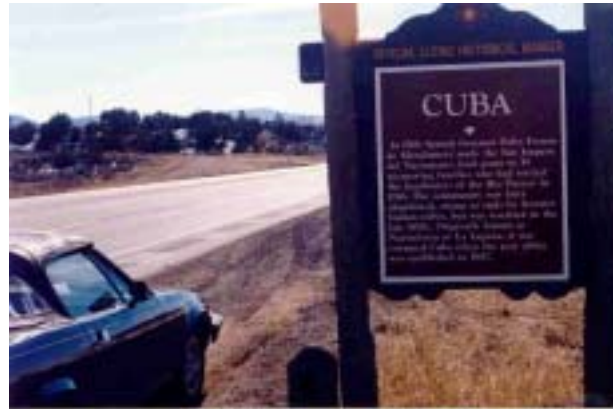
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Dale Walls' Travel Log

The weather has been so beautiful that friend Robb and I just had to make another run. Since my new job leaves me with Mondays off it was decided that the 27th of January would do to meet in Cuba, NM. Robb would leave his home in Los Alamos about the same time as I left Bloomfield and we would meet at the Frostee-Freez on the north end of Cuba around 11:00 AM. A little early for lunch, but Robb had to be back at 3:00 PM to supervise a rocket launch. (Hey, that's what he told me.)



I left early to leave time to stop and take pictures that would verify to my wife as to my whereabouts, and to share with the RMTC. About 5 miles south of Bloomfield is the Navajo Agricultural Products Industries, a vast project that incorporates some 100,000 acres under irrigation and produces many products on what was the Bisti Badlands. Next stop on the new Highway 550 (old 44) was at the continental divide, elevation 7,380 feet. The 7 runs fine at all altitudes



thanks to the Bosch (sacrilege!) fuel injection. (irreverence!) On to Cuba where the Official Scenic Historical Marker declares the first settlers were here in 1766, or well before the first Triumphs were built. Met Robb, with his macho black TR-6, pretty much on schedule had lunch and compared notes on the trip. On the return, I

decided to stop at Dzilth-Na-O-Dith-Hle Health Center just to get a picture of their sign. Which certainly illustrates why the Navajo "code" was never broken by the Japanese. From DZ (even the locals abbreviate it) I headed home, and as you can see from the pictures I had been top down from Cuba under a bright, ribbon clouded sky. Y'all take care and God Bless. **Dale in NM**

TREASURER'S REPORT

Bob Becwar — Treasurer

1/31/03 Checkbook Balance: \$5,253.97 (Last year (1/31/02) \$4,316.44)

	January		Year to Date	
	<u>2003</u>	<u>2002</u>	<u>2003</u>	<u>2002</u>
Income	\$ 1,380.00	\$ 1,940.00	\$ 1,380.00	\$ 1,940.00
Expenditures	<u>1,834.45</u>	<u>2,115.93</u>	<u>1,834.45</u>	<u>2,115.93</u>
Gain / (Loss)	(\$ 454.45)	(\$ 175.93)	(\$ 454.45)	(\$ 175.93)

Major Monthly Income Items (January):

Dues	\$ 210.00
Arbor House	200.00
Donations	10.00
Jan. Banquet	<u>960.00</u>
	\$1,380.00

Major Monthly Expense Items (Jan.):

Regalia (KDC)	\$ 1,060.18
Flowers	31.00
Christmas Ham / Turkey	144.67
Stamps	111.00
Newsletter	104.60
Banquet Calendars	83.00
Arbor House Dep. for 2003	<u>300.00</u>
	\$ 1,834.45

GENERAL MEETING NOTES

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The meeting was adjourned at 8:33 PM.

2002 PLANNED EVENTS

Monday, March 3rd. RMTC Board Meeting. Ken Kalin's Home.

Tuesday, March 18th. RMTC General Meeting. Piccolos Restaurant.

Meet at Piccolo's at 6:00PM for dinner and drinks, meeting begins promptly somewhere around 7:00PM.

Tuesday, April 1st. Free Beer Tour at Local Pubs.

Call Dave Fain for details.

Saturday, April 5. School of Mines Car Show.

Details soon to come.

Monday, April 7th. RMTC Board Meeting. Location to be determined

Saturday, April 12th. Forney Museum. North Denver

We will meet for breakfast somewhere, then proceed to the Forney Museum when they open at 9:00AM. We will spend several hours dusting the cars for them, then we will be free to wander around and enjoy looking at the cars and trains. Details soon, but you can check out their web site at <http://www.forneymuseum.com> to find out more about them.

Tuesday, April 15th. RMTC General Meeting. Piccolos Restaurant.

Meet at Piccolo's at 6:00PM for dinner and drinks, meeting begins promptly somewhere around 7:00PM.

Saturday, May 10th. Spring Tune-up Session. Kenney's House.

Gordon Kenney has volunteered to host this year's tune-up session at his well equipped garage in Foxfield. Details to follow. Highly skilled personnel will be on hand to help you gap your points, synchronize your carbs, and lube your trunnions. We might drive to an interesting location for lunch afterwards instead of doing the usual monthly gaggle on the first weekend of the month.

Sunday, May 18. RMTC Spring Car Show. Promenade Mall in Westminster.

This is the big one! Dust those Triumph's off, and plan on joining the club for our annual Spring Car Show. Ken Kalin has made arrangements with the management of the Promenade Mall just off of Hwy 36 (Boulder Turnpike) in Westminster for us to hold our car show on the mall property. The Promenade is going to provide publicity and possible some door prizes for us. More details soon.

Saturday, May 24 to Saturday, May 31. British Car Week.

If possible, drive your British car everywhere you go this week. If you see another one on the road, be sure to wave.

Sunday, June 1 (tentative). Red Rocks Grill in Morrison.

Our friend Ana is anxious to have us back again. An excellent breakfast and good company are guaranteed. Weather permitting, we might go for a drive over Squaw Pass or something.

Friday-Sunday, June 6-8. 51st Annual Rallye Glenwood Springs.

The longest continuously run rallye in the US, brought to you by our friends at the MG Car Club, Rocky Mountain Centre. The schedule for the Rallye hasn't quite been finalized, but we may do the rallye from Denver as in the past but on Friday and the tour beginning and ending in Glenwood Springs on Saturday. This should be determined soon. The Town of Glenwood Springs has also asked us if we would move the car show from the usual place in Two Rivers Park to the area around the Amtrak station so that more people will see the cars and so the local merchants will get more walk in business from the car show participants. This would also provide more choices for lunch (such as the **Glenwood Canyon Brewery**). We think this is a pretty good idea so we may try it this year and see what happens. The funkhana would be moved to a parking lot next to the Amtrak station.

July (sometime). Annual Road cleanup to Rollinsville.

The RMTC has adopted a 2 mile stretch of scenic and twisty highway in the mountains west of Denver. After a spirited drive up Golden Gate Canyon, we will spend an hour or two cleaning

up the road, then motor to a brewpub somewhere for lunch. Event organized by Rod Tomkins. Details to be provided in the near future.

Sunday, July 20. Rocky Mountain Vintage Racing.

Several of our members will race at this event. Let's go support them. Proceeds from this weekend's event will go to charity. Activities may include a rumble in the parking lot with the MGCC.

Friday-Sunday, August 1-3. MGCC Road Trip to Saratoga, Wyoming.

Our friends at the MG Car Club have generously invited us to join them on a road trip to Wyoming. Some of us joined them on their overnighter to Chama year before last and had a great time. Details soon.

Saturday, August 9. Potluck and Moonlight Drive.

Another popular annual event hosted by Gordon and Shirley Kenney. Details in a future newsletter.

Sunday, August 10. Scottish Highlands Games.

Thursday-Tuesday, Sept 4-9. MGCC "Moab" Trip to Telluride & Cortez.

Sometimes they actually go to Moab and sometimes they go other places, but this has come to be known as the annual Moab trip. The MG club will wander through southwestern Colorado by way of Salida and Telluride, ending up in Cortez and touring Mesa Verde. Full details are on the MGCC web site at <http://www.mgcc.org/rmc.htm>.

Date to be determined. Clive Cussler Classic Auto Collection.

We are working on getting invited to join the Early Ford V8 club on a tour of this mind boggling collection of automobiles. Some of you toured this collection about a year ago, but it's such an amazing bunch of cars it's worth a return visit. If you haven't seen it yet, don't miss it. You will not be disappointed. We will probably have breakfast or lunch somewhere in the vicinity. Details on the web page or in the March newsletter.

Date to be determined. Shelby American Collection.

Many of you have visited this fine collection in recent years, but there is always something new to see. We will meet for lunch somewhere in Boulder, maybe at Conor O'Neill's, before visiting the museum.

So many events, here's a brief list of other big and small events to place on your calendars:

<u>WHAT</u>	<u>WHEN</u>	<u>WHERE</u>
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Max Brewster — Minister of Membership

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January Total Reported Membership = 170

This month's new members include:

No new members this month

BOARD MINUTES

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