



# The Triumph Herald

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## **The New Austin Healey?**

What is this doing on the cover of a Triumph club newsletter? Well, nobody remembered to bring a camera to the excellent gaggle to El Rancho (you should have been there) so this looked like a good thing to use instead.

It appears that at least 2 competing groups are planning to bring back the Austin Healey. Or maybe 3, depending on who you believe. According to Practical Classics, the main contender is **GB Sportscars** (GBSC), an American funded group that includes former MG Rover executives. Given their past performance, we should hope that doesn't happen. GBSC has supposedly made a deal with MG Rover's new owner to build a new open sports car based on the MG SV coupe. The *Financial Times* reports that GBSC has signed a deal to use the Austin Healey name.

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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](#). Although the majority of the approximately 140 or so memberships are from the Denver metro area, we have active members in Wyoming, New Mexico, South Dakota, Kansas, Nebraska, Texas and England! Each membership is a "family" membership and children are a frequent and welcome addition to the club activities.

The scheduled monthly dinner meetings are held on the 3rd Tuesday of each month (except for January, June and December). Drinks and dinner at 6:00 PM with the meeting starting at 7:00PM and usually being over by 9:00 PM. We are meeting at **4G's Restaurant** at 5950 S. Platte Canyon Rd. in Littleton.

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the monthly meeting. Digital photos are welcome and might even end up on the club web page.

An electronic 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](http://www.Adobe.com)). Let Dave know if you would like to be on this list; it saves the club about \$12/year per member if you don't want the paper copy. We will place the newsletter on a web server and email you the link so that you can download it at your convenience so no huge files clogging your mailbox.

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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.

## **RMTC Membership Report** **Current membership is 130 families** **New Members:**

If we missed you, we will list you next month

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Meanwhile, according to *The Daily Telegraph*, **HFI**, the British-American consortium that purchased rights to the Healey name, may launch a new "Healey 3000" at this year's London Motor Show. HFI is considering a site near Cardiff "for production of an updated Austin Healey 3000." Warwick, England, is also being considered for the facility, which will employ up to 400. According to icWales, HFI paid around \$1.8 million to the Healey family for rights to use the Healey name for the new car.

Meanwhile, Professor Krish Bhaskar, who led a failed bid for MG Rover before the company was ultimately acquired by Nanjing Automobile, has unveiled the design on page one of this newsletter and plans to build cars at Longbridge. Professor Bashkar is the founder of the Motor Industry Research Unit, an automotive industry forecasting firm. Bashkar indicated that design of the car was "in an advanced stage" and that he was "currently in discussions with a number of potential partners, to re-establish a well-known brand from the heyday of the British motor industry." He says "I am certain GBSC does not have the right to use the Healey brand name." This could get interesting. Whatever happens, it will be nice to have new Austin Healeys on the road again.

**Movie Review: The World's Fastest Indian**  
**By Don Holle (BAOA Member)**

This past weekend Linda and I went to see the movie "The World's Fastest Indian." Linda didn't know exactly what she was being lured into (a motorcycle movie!?), but came away feeling it was two hours very well spent. It is a delightful movie with delightful characters and a delightful ending. And a True Story. No violence, no helicopters, no shoot 'em up, and no sneaky bad guys. If Anthony Hopkins (aka Hannibal the Cannibal) does not win an Academy Award for his performance, the Academy should close up shop. Go see it in the theater if you can as I doubt that a later DVD will do the production justice. I guarantee you will love this movie whether you are a car nut or not.

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Composed at the Lucas electric typewriter

Good news! Steve Earle and Earl Scruggs will be at Rockygrass this year. Oops, wrong newsletter. Lots of interesting developments this month. The **GT6** will be the featured car at the VTR National in Dallas in July. I know there are lots of **GT6**'s in the club, many of which actually run, so let's have a good turnout from the RMTC. Yeah, Dallas is a bit muggy in July but it's an easy 2 day drive from Denver and the Red River Triumph Club has done this before so we know it will be a quality event.

In other news, there has been some talk about the RMTC hosting another VTR National at some time in the future, maybe 2 or 3 years from now. The 2001 event was a lot of work and took about 2 years to plan, but our members keep running into other Triumph owners who are still talking about Breckenridge being one of the best they have ever attended. We figure that putting on another VTR will either bring some of our dormant members out of the woodwork or finish off the RMTC in a blaze of glory. We have money in the bank from the last one (we actually came out in the black) that has been set aside for that purpose so it might actually happen if we can get enough help rounded up. We will keep you posted on this. If we manage to pull this off, we are going to need help from *you*, even if it's just an afternoon spent helping park cars or doing car show judging or stuffing registration packets.

Once again, the Audi is in lots of greasy metric sized pieces all over the garage and the GT6 is providing dependable backup transportation. Thank goodness for British simplicity. Germans build nice cars but they sure are complicated and expensive to fix. I love my Triumphs.

As a reminder, I can always use photos of your cars in the newsletter. If you have a favorite photo (or several), you can email it to me, give it to me at a meeting, or just mail it. A little story about how you acquired your car or other interesting stuff about it would be nice.




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Treasurer's Report January, 2006  
Treasurer, Lynette Kirkham

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Checking/Savings	4590.44	Bank service charge	2.50
VTR Checking Account	7652.86	Postage and delivery	37.00
<b>Total Current Assets</b>	<b>12243.30</b>	Printing and reproduction	760.52
<b>Income</b>		Banquet	988.90
Membership	210.00	Christmas party	217.58
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>210.00</b>	Office supplies	32.08
		Web site	39.90
		<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>2078.48</b>
		<b>Net Income</b>	<b>-1868.48</b>

Well, it finally worked out where I am home and Dave is asking for this month's article, so I am able to dig back into the archives! This past month has seen me in Atlanta, Orlando and Richmond and I leave again tomorrow to go back to Richmond for 2 weeks.

When I last reported from the archives, I wrote about the pictures that we have in the files for 1999. I would like to ask all of you to please if you can, submit photos to me from the events you attend this year to include in the archives. With my extensive traveling I have not been able to attend a lot of events and the file for last year is pretty thin. The history of our club is rich and varied with great cars and people from the past and current and I really want to see the club maintain its history for the future.

In 1999 the Triumph Herald newsletter was huge! The 'lightest' was nine pages with the June issue topping out at twenty-one pages! Each month featured a member profile on the front page, loads of event pictures and articles from board members and 'citizen' members alike. I want to encourage the club to get off their collective butts and start submitting stuff to Dave. Don't just leave it to others; write about your experience at an event you have attended. We all have Lucas Electric Typewriters now so just sit down and do it! As Dave was the events coordinator, each month saw a gaggle to a different Brew Pub. The monthly meeting was moved to the Starlight Cantina on East Mexico Street in Denver which was promptly closed (*we seem to have that effect on restaurants*) and turned into a sports bar in October finding the club once again looking for a home.

March saw Brooks Turner, the Prime Minister for the year, being profiled including a rare picture (as of late) of him actually driving his TR3 and of Nicholas and Lindsey. There is a report (and pictures) of the breakfast at the Redfish Grill and a visit to the Celestial Seasoning plant in Boulder. Hairnets were required on the tour and there is a marvelous picture of Rod Tomkins and Mike Cline having to wear them both on their heads and their faces to cover the old facial hair they were sporting at the time. The Spring Car Show was held in Golden and there were 57 Triumphs including a 1938 Gloria Southern Cross and 6 TVR's in attendance. Gordon Kenney was the newsletter editor and started making the monthly newsletter available via e-mail in Adobe Acrobat format. He and Shirley also hosted the 4<sup>th</sup> annual Moonlight Drive on July 24<sup>th</sup> with 28 people attending. The report on the event is a little strange, written by Brad Reed, he reports that at the 4<sup>th</sup> annual Moonlight Drive 'the evening was briefly interrupted twice by brief rain squalls. Brad Reed was the only one silly enough to dry off his car after both showers, and then goes on to report that 'Certainly there will be a 6<sup>th</sup> Moonlight Drive next year'. A little hazy on addition there, Brad?

On May 1<sup>st</sup>, Kevin St. James on behalf of the Rocky Mountain Triumph Club submitted a proposal to the Vintage Triumph Register to host the 2001 National Event at the Beaver Run Resort in Breckenridge. This, of course, was the winning bid and planning was soon underway. To help raise funds to cover expenses, club members were asked to give the club \$100.00 refundable deposits towards their registration for the event and they were looking for 80 volunteers to work on the event. For me this is valuable information as I am currently working to convince the MG Car Club Rocky Mountain Center to allow me to submit a bid on hosting the North American MGB Register meet in 2009. If this happens, I will be looking to the Triumph Club for help in sponsoring one of the activities (like a TSD Rallye, or a Fun Tour).

Speaking of Rallyes and Tours, planning has started for this year's Glenwood and Conclave. I will not be writing the Glenwood Tour this year but am still 'scheduled' to write the Ride The Rockies for the Conclave. It is not too early to start planning to attend these events and as always I encourage all y'all (too much time in the south for me) to support both of these great events.

**Keith Moon's car is sold  
(from icWales website)**

A wedding car company in the north of England will be drumming up new trade after buying a 1939 Chrysler Wimbledon Limousine which had been owned by The Who drummer Keith Moon for £7,750 at auction. Moon kept the car for 11 years and, echoing the tale of him driving a Rolls into a pool at his mansion, the Chrysler apparently once ended up in a village duck pond with Moon the Loon at the wheel.

Well, thank you, thank you Sharon Haas, Vickie Kalin, and Dorothy High for worthy ideas for events. We will try to get them in, though the calendar is quickly filling. C'mon guys, its your turn to take credit next month. But we did get a couple more good ideas at the February meeting so thank you Brad and Gordon as well.

The February gaggle was less than a box office blowout, but what we lacked in numbers we made up for in quality. We had three Triumphs join a Jeep for a delightful foothills drive, followed by a tasty lunch at El Rancho, then home we all went. No big deal, but a morning well spent in good company.

Below are the upcoming events with the near future ones detailed, and later events just listed. Some events such as a multi-day western slope tour have not yet been finalized. Look for dates and details in future Heralds.

**Sunday, March 5 Wings Over the Rockies.** Hopefully the March gaggle will be better attended. Wings Over the Rockies is a quality museum located in a hangar on the old Lowry Air Base. We will meet at 10:15 am on Sunday, March 5 in front of the B-52 outside the museum for a photo opportunity. Don't be late, or you won't be in the picture! And let's get some Triumphs in the picture. The tour will start at 10:30, and last 90 minutes, including cockpit time (in the hangar only), Admission is \$5.00, the tour is \$6.00, then for those who desire will meet for lunch at a place to be determined. Anybody with a good idea, give me a call or email. This is an RSVP event, so please call Rod at 720-283-6730 or email [rodney@rockymountaintr.org](mailto:rodney@rockymountaintr.org)

Directions from East Alameda Ave. and Quebec St. go north on Fairmount Dr., across the traffic circle becoming Rampart Way, then turn right on Academy Blvd. to the museum at 7711 E. Academy Blvd. See you at 10:15. Don't be late!

**Tuesday, March 7. Board Meeting at Cheshire Cat.** The Cheshire Cat is located on Ralston Rd. (58th), about 1/2 mile west of Wadsworth. Meet at 6:00PM for beers and bangers. Meeting begins at 7:00PM, more or less. Meeting is open to all interested RMTTC members.

**Tuesday, March 21. Membership meeting at 4G's.** Meeting will be held at 4G's Restaurant at 5950 S. Platte Canyon Rd at Bowles. Meet for drinks and dinner at 6:00PM, meeting begins at 7:00PM. Visitors are always welcome.

**Saturday, April 1. Jumpin' At The Woodside.** Keeping with the Sat./Sun. gaggle rotation let's do the Woodside Inn near Bailey on Sat. April 1, for lunch. You have all driven past the Woodside lots of times on your way out 285. It's an old roadhouse, probably 50 years old or so, located a few miles east of Bailey on the south side of the road. It looks like a biker bar from the outside and is complete with pool tables, bar, creaky wooden floors and knotty pine paneling. It was probably a steak place in a previous life. Are you ready for this? It's a Chinese restaurant and a pretty good one. If you aren't into Chinese, the burgers are supposedly pretty good. We will do a few return trips between now and April to check it out further. Let's meet at 10:00 am at Corvettes Only (just for grins) 2300 W. Hampden Ave. and go for a nice drive up through the foothills to Pine Junction and the Woodside.

**Tuesday, April 4. RMTTC Board Meeting** at Cheshire Cat. You know where it is.

**Tuesday, April 18. Membership meeting at 4G's.** Meeting will be held at 4G's Restaurant at 5950 S. Platte Canyon Rd at Bowles. Meet for drinks and dinner at 6:00PM, meeting begins at 7:00PM. Visitors are welcome. We may be meeting at a different location by then so check first.

**April 22, Saturday Morning Tune -Up at the Kenney's garage:** Door opens at 8:00 am but come later if desired. Bring you car and plan to do at least one thing (new plugs, check of timing, check of dwell, compression check, adjust wheel bearings, etc.) or just come and enjoy the company, coffee and rolls. No dress-up, no RSVP, just good fun. About 11:30 we will go somewhere for lunch. Event will be held regardless (unless it snows heavily, we have a deluge, extensive tornado activity, hurricane, tsunami, or a takeover of our government by "greenies" who won't let us have gasoline to drive our LBC's). The Kenney garage is located at 16921 E. Fremont Ave in Foxfield in the SE metro area. From the intersection of Arapahoe Road and Parker Road go 3/4 mile East on Arapahoe Road, turn

right at the top of the hill onto Buckley Road and go 3/4 mile south. The house is on the NE corner of Buckley and Fremont. If you get lost call Gordon at 303-766-7826.

**April 20-23. VTR South Central Regional Convention.** The Green Country Triumphs will be hosting the 2006 V.T.R. South Central Regional Convention in Jenks, Oklahoma. Any takers? More information at <http://www.greencountrytriumphs.com> or email to [gctok@cox.net](mailto:gctok@cox.net).

**Sunday, May 7. Red Rocks Grill Brunch.** Early breakfast and a drive in the foothills afterwards. More details after we set things up with the Bitchin' Puerto Rican (if you have been there, you know who that is), but we will want to be there when the doors open so we can beat the usual weekend rush. We will have our choice of several of their fine breakfast dishes so that the kitchen can serve our group promptly. More information next month.

**May. Date TBD. RMTC Spring Car Show.** Then in May we will have the RMTC Spring Car Show, date and venue TBA. Last year's event at Colorado Mills went well, maybe we will return there.

**Saturday, May 13. Saturday in the Park.** The annual car show in St. Francis, KS. For more information, contact Bob Klie. More details in future newsletters. Several Denver area members made the trip to St. Francis last year and had a great time. BBQ at Klie's farm after the car show.

**Saturday, May 27, BMCNC Rocky Mountain National Park Run**

**Saturday, May 27, Casper, Wyoming, Car Show.** Details to follow.

**Sunday, June 4. Exotic Sports Car Show and Concours d'Elegance** At Arapahoe Community College, S. Santa Fe Drive, Littleton. Exotic is the word here. Some great Lottery Winner Wish Lists here. I'll work on a pre breakfast for interested attendees.

**June 4th, Sunday Gordon & Shirley Kenney** are celebrating 50 years of marriage with an open-house and have invited the RMTC to join them. Open house will be from 2 to 5 pm at their house in Foxfield. It's also the same day as the CP show so come to the Kennneys' afterward if you like. Their home is located at 16921 E. Fremont Ave in Foxfield in the SE metro area. From the intersection of Arapahoe Road and Parker Road go 3/4 mile East on Arapahoe Road, turn right at the top of the hill onto Buckley Road and go 3/4 mile south. The house is on the NE corner of Buckley and Fremont. If you get lost call 303-766-7826.

**June 9-11. Rallye Glenwood Springs.** The always popular MGCC Glenwood Rallye. Details later.

**Sunday, June 18. Father's Day Picnic.** Details later.

**July 19-23. VTR National Convention.** The National (as opposed to Regional) VTR Convention is in Dallas-Ft. Worth this year. The good news is that it is celebrating the 40th Anniversary of the **GT6**. The bad news is that it is in July, 19-23 so it will probably be hotter than the hubs of Hell. Anyone interested? Will try to get further info re. events, activities, attractions for the March Herald.

**August 5th, Saturday night Moonlight Drive at the Kenney's.** This is the 11th year for this annual event so mark it on your calendar and come if you can. It's a pot-luck supper followed by a group moonlight drive". More details later.

**Friday, September 22 - Sunday, September 24 - Rio Grande Valley Regional Rendezvous.** Truth or Consequences, NM. Stay tuned for further details. Several of us are already making plans to attend this event. The BAOA has been doing this for quite a while and they never fail to put on a fun event.

**Call Events Coordinator Rod Tomkins at 720 283-6730 for information on these or any other RMTC events.** Call with ideas for future brunch destinations or email to [rodneym@rockymountaintr.org](mailto:rodneym@rockymountaintr.org).

### **Speed humps blamed for drivers' bad backs Tomos Livingstone, Western Mail**

THEY'RE meant to calm traffic and make communities safer for those who live in them, but the humble speed hump is now being charged with a crime - giving drivers a bad back. A spate of cases across the UK have led medics and politicians to speak out, and last night a group of protesters held a public meeting in Cardiff to raise objections to the new bumps in their area.

## Identifying Under-car Fluid Leaks

By Christine Galusha, Automotive Columnist, Broomfield Enterprise

Do you have a fluid leak under your automobile? Have you noticed spots on the ground where you usually park your car? Maybe you have noticed, but hoped the spots would go away. After all, they are coming from underneath a dirty, grimy automobile.

Those spots can actually give you important information about your car. By doing a little investigating, you might be able to determine what the leak is and what caused it. Whether your vehicle is losing oil, transmission fluid, coolant or brake fluid, it is necessary to get the leak fixed before it turns into a costly and dangerous problem.

In observing the spot in your driveway, notice the consistency of the fluid. Is it thick, thin, slimy or extra oily? Is there a color? Is there a smell? If it is hard to tell, place a newspaper, white cardboard or aluminum foil under the car and check it out the next day. When you talk to your auto technician, instead of simply saying "I'm seeing spots," you can provide a more specific explanation about what you are seeing.

Most automobiles have eight fluids that can end up as spots in your driveway: coolant, engine oil, transmission fluid, power steering fluid, brake fluid, gear lube, windshield wiper fluid and water. Each fluid has personal characteristics. The following descriptions can help identify what kind of fluid is leaking from your vehicle.

**Coolant:** Coolant is the easiest fluid to identify because it is bright green or bright red (*or sometimes blue in German cars*). As it fades into the ground, it might appear pink or orange. It is slimy to the touch and has a sweet odor.

**Engine oil:** Depending on how long it has been since your last oil change, engine oil will be light to dark brown. It has some odor and will be oilier to the touch than other fluids.

**Automatic Transmission fluid:** Transmission fluid is always a vivid red when it is new. Gradually, it becomes brown and cloudy.

**Power steering fluid:** Identical to transmission fluid, the only way to tell a difference between the red fluids is to identify which part of the car the drip came from — front or middle? If it came from the front of the car, it is power steering fluid.

**Brake fluid:** Brake fluid looks a lot like olive oil. Over time, it can begin to turn a muddy brown color. It is of medium consistency and more slippery than engine oil or transmission fluid. Brake fluid can often be found around the inside of the tire or around the brake pedal on the inside of the car. The spots in the driveway would be right around the tires.

**Gear lube:** Gear lube is an oily brown fluid with a distinctive sulfur-like or rotten odor. This fluid can leak from the axles or the manual transmission.

**Windshield wiper fluid:** In the bottle, it is blue, but windshield washer fluid soon fades to clear water on concrete. It has a soapy feel and an alcoholic smell. It can leak at any point under areas where the washer hoses run or anywhere along the length of a vehicle that has a rear window washer system.

**Water:** You might notice a puddle of clear water under the front and on the passenger side. If you have been running your car's air conditioner, the spot is most likely water that has condensed on the AC hardware and is expected and harmless.

An under-car leak is usually a cry for help. Keep an eye on your vehicle and seek help from a certified automotive mechanic.

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**Welsh admit emotional bond... with their cars**  
**(also from icWales website)**  
Sally Williams, Western Mail

ALMOST half of all Welsh car owners talk to their vehicles on a regular basis and a fifth worry about their feelings, it was revealed today. While we have all watched the VW character Herbie make decisions for himself and his owner, it seems that many Welsh motorists have an emotional bond with their motors. Some owners admit that they spend more money on gifts for their cars than they do on their own children. They congratulate their cars on a job well done, such as starting first time on a frosty day, and give words of encouragement on a long journey, the survey from the organisers of the British International Motor Show found.

A third believe their car has a personality, while a fifth of women owners have a pet name for their car. The survey of 2,000 owners found:

47% talk to their cars regularly;

Owners in South-West England worry most about their cars' feelings, with well over a third (36%) admitting to worrying, compared to just 15% of Midlands owners;

Car personalities are strongest in North-East England where 68% believe their car has a personality, compared to 28% in Wales;

More people (54%) chat happily to their cars in south-west England than anywhere else in the country; in Scotland, only 26% talk to their motor;

In East Anglia, half of all cars on the road have pet names, the highest in the country, compared to the lowest in south-east England (31%).

*(no report on whether Irish drivers talk to their cars)*

Kirsty Adams, organiser of the British International Motor Show, said, "We know that Brits are passionate about their cars, and it's great to see that the bond is so deep."

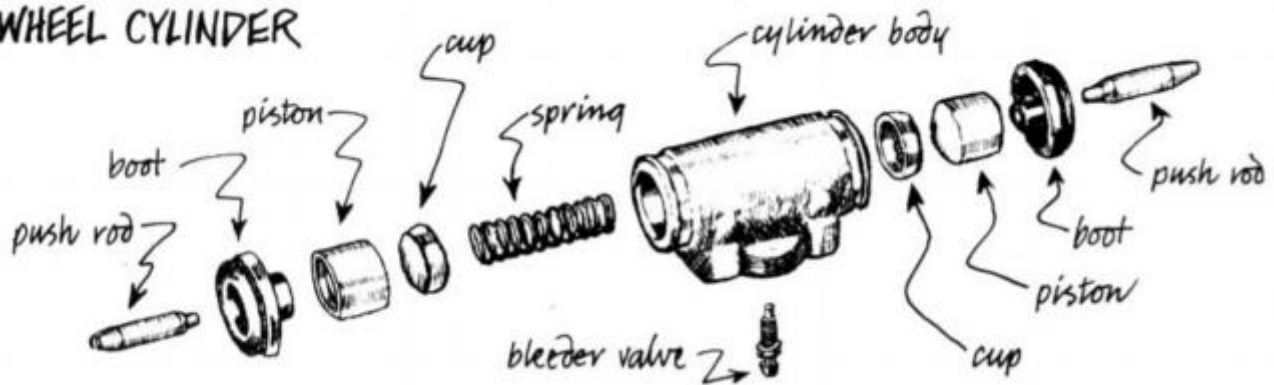
Do Minis have the best personalities? Members of M4 Minis, a South Wales Mini owners' club in Newport, certainly think so

Richard Scowcroft, 29, loves his 1993 Mini Cooper lookalike - called Wee 1. He said, "I talk to him when I want him to go faster. "I say, 'come on, don't let me down' and sometimes I swear when I'm working on him. "Wee 1's personality is bright and mean, he's good fun and corners like a pair of roller skates. "I bought him for £450 and I've spent £3,000 on him. I just bought a new steering wheel and some Welsh flags."

Steve Wigmore, 22, loves his 1972 Morris Clubman - called Terry (because it's orange) after Terry's Chocolate Orange. He said, "I give it words of encouragement and a pat on the dash when it's going well. "She can be awkward, she's old school and I think she knows when I am in a rush and she'll play up. "I've spent £3,000 doing it up and I buy it gifts - I wouldn't swap it. "I probably spend more money on her than our six-month baby Abigail. I definitely spend more on the car than on the house."

Rachel Jones, 30, loves her traditional classic mini - called Suki. She said, "I named my car Suki after a car in The Fast and the Furious; she's a gorgeous little car. "I normally talk to her when starting her up and cry at her when she breaks down. "If she gets a scratch I feel it too. I like her looking perfect with new seats and carpets. I've spent £4,500 on her. "Her personality is good fun, she is black, quite sexy looking, cute and has a very loud exhaust."

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**For Sale: 1969 TR-6.** Damson with tan interior and black top. I purchased the car from the original owner in 1990. Refurbished with new paint, interior and top. Engine rebuilt. All records since new! Price is \$15,500.00. Please call 303 880-9956 or e-mail at [rj.law@att.net](mailto:rj.law@att.net) to discuss or to arrange to see the car.

**For Sale: 1500 Spitfire/Midget motor.** Completely rebuilt and upgraded. Alloy pistons, up rated pistons, camshaft, polished intake and exhaust ports, etc...\$1600. Also have a rebuilt downdraft Weber and intake for a 1500 Spitfire \$200. Bill Blust 719-661-9282 [billblust@pcisys.net](mailto:billblust@pcisys.net) (03-06)

**Wanted: TR6.** Looking for a nice clean driver, not a project, not a show car, something in between. Call Chris Taylor 303.927.7777 or [chris.d.taylor@ge.com](mailto:chris.d.taylor@ge.com) (03-06)

**For Sale: 1978 Spitfire,** newly painted BRG, new black and tan interior, new top. No engine, otherwise very good condition. \$1500 OBO, much more than that invested in it. Drop in a used engine (see ad above) and you will have a nice car for a very reasonable cost. Walt Bigelow 303 342-2435 (02-06)

**TR2,3,4 stuff for sale.** New alloy front hubs (\$300/set), used steel hubs (\$20 ea), two (2) trunion, vertical link, stub axle, hub and rotor assembly (\$100 ea), good radiator w/crank hole (\$100), TR4 long runner intake manifold (\$45), New velocity stacks for 1 3/4 SU's (\$10), Rust free TR4 doors, left and right including glass(\$200 ea), Rust free TR4 RF fender (\$100), TR4 trunk lid (\$50), TR4 windshield frame (\$50). Other stuff in the shed, call if you have a need. [billblust@pcisys.net](mailto:billblust@pcisys.net). Bill Blust 719-661-9282 (02-06)

**Wanted: TR6 1975 or 1976 Collectors Quality,** Original, Low Mileage (< 20k). No restorations or stories. Mark. [myost@yankeepapa.com](mailto:myost@yankeepapa.com) 303-785-5531. Help this optimist find a car.(02-06)

**For Sale: 1977 TR-7 engine and transmission.** Zero miles since engine rebuild. Includes starter, water pump, exhaust manifold, ignition components, Stromberg carbs, fan. The engine has been completely rebuilt by Daniel Renlund, Mead, Colorado, and it has never been run since the rebuild. All components of the engine have either been tested or replaced. New clutch. The transmission did not need to be rebuilt. Very clean, ready to install in your TR7. Located in a machine shop in Mead. Asking \$1,200 for the engine and transmission. For more information and to see the engine and transmission, call Daniel Renlund at 970-535-0519 (w) or John Layman at 303-449-2339 (w), email [jlayman@mcnallybowers.com](mailto:jlayman@mcnallybowers.com). (02-06)

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**For Sale: 1976 TR6.** Bought from original owner in 1986. 64000 miles, very good red paint, new tires, good top, all records since new. Has been stored inside for quite a while so needs minor tweaking. Blue Book is \$13500-21800. I would like to get something in the middle of that range. Email to spence@rubyranch.com. Photos available. Car is in Denver. (12-05)

**For Sale: TR6 Hardtop.** (may fit TR4/4A/250) Mfg by Custom Hardtops (now Snugtop). Tempered glass windows. Excellent condition. Used only one winter 1977-78. \$595. Earl 303 969-0844. (10-05)

**For Sale: 1979 Spitfire.** Jim Kucharski 303 340-4276 or email to jimandgailk@msn.com. (09-05)

**For Sale: 1965 Triumph Spitfire.** Ground up restoration, every nut and bolt replaced. All major components rebuilt including the engine, gearbox, rear drive train, suspension (including Spax adjustable shocks), brakes etc. The body has also received a complete rebuild and respray, new carpets etc. It is fully instrumented and has all the weather gear. Running well after a recent tune-up and carburetor rebuild. 29,000 miles on the clock and about 1,000 since the engine rebuild. Asking \$7,900 ovno. Started another project and regretfully must sell. John Woodward (BMCNC member) Home 970 674-9273, cell 970 420-3590 or email to JWoodwar@hach.com.

**For Sale: 1967 TR-4A.** excellent condition. Recently detailed and tuned. I would like to find a kind owner for it. I would be surprised if there was another TR4 in the country that has had such great care. Email for a photo if interested. Price is \$11,500. Call Judy Snyder at 303 871-3537 or email to jusnyder@du.edu. (09-05)

**FOR SALE: 1962 TR4.** Frame off restoration by owner. Lots of new parts, no rust, all original except radiator, after market surrey top, alloy wheels and wire wheels. Must see to appreciate. RMTC car. Paul Simmons, Arvada, Co. 303-467-2665 e-mail: pauls1199@aol.com \$6000.00. (08-05)

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