



# The Triumph Herald



## Rocky Mountain Triumph Club



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A picture is worth a thousand words. This picture of the field outside of the Roadster Factory is rutted with tractor prints from pulling little British cars from the mud.

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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.**

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tos in \*.jpg format with the ideal resolution no more than 100 dpi with files no larger than 200-300k per photo.

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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

Hi Everyone!

Well, it's September and summer is winding down. I hope everyone had enough events and activities to keep you busy this year, but were not done yet.

One of the biggest car shows is this month, The Colorado English Motoring Conclave and ride the Rockies tour Sept. 13-14. This is the one you don't want to miss. Bring your TR's in ANY condition to the show. Last year we had more TR's than MG's, that's not a bad accomplishment considering they built about 3 times more MG's than Triumphs. Once again this year we will have our BBQ lunch (hamburgers and hot dogs cooked to order of course) This is a great fund raiser for our club and we can always use an extra volunteer to help with lunch, also please bring a side dish to share even if it's a bag of chips. Please contact me for ideas on what to bring as I will be doing the shopping for this. My home # is 303-583-6083 (please no calls week nights after 7:00 PM as I get up very early and need my beauty sleep, not that it's ever done any good).

Also the month of September at the general meeting is the 1st month of nominations for next years board. We will have to replace Eric Conrad as newsletter editor this year so bring all your nominations to the meeting and if you want to run for any office let others know.

Looking forward to seeing you  
Ken Kalin

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

- quarterly magazine, "The Vintage Triumph"
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## EDITOR'S CORNER

Eric Conrad — Newsletter Editor

There are several events covered in this newsletter—both old and new. We have seen many of you at the past events, and would love to see many more in the very near future.

As you know, Conclave is coming up this month. For many British car enthusiasts, this is the culmination of the summer season. Get your cars cleaned up and in running order. We would love take home the bragging rights for the most cars of one marque again this year—we had a few more cars than the MG car club last year. Please be sure to bring a side dish and a smile to share with fellow club members.

Also, I'm getting excited about the Go Cart race in the Fall. I enjoyed the last time we raced, and look forward to doing it again. My brother Craig also plans to join us while we try to rumble with the local MG car club.

Lastly, Ken Kalin and I plan on hosting the Lucas Flamethrower Rallye this year. We feel that we have some good ideas, a reasonable price (\$10 per car), and a fun destination. Keep your eyes open for a flyer in your Conclave packet, with more information coming in future newsletters.

## RECENT EVENTS

### Road Trip to Klie's Farm August 2nd—3rd Kansas

After an 7:00 meeting and coffee Andy DeVisscher, Ken and Denise Kalin, Terry Hughes Marietta Coon, Brad and Liz Reed, Mike and Alex Cline, and Brooks Turner made the trip to Bob and Joann Klie farm .

Sharon Haas and Tony Metcalfe joined us for the trip to Bird City for the thresher show, despite the 90 degree temp and dusty day the show and parade was outstanding. Lot of old steam tractors and old cars and old owners.

Back to the Klie's farm for refreshments and cool shade, followed by Bob at the grill for an evening B.B.Q and viewing the stars away from the city lights. The next morning a hearty breakfast and a trip to the rifle range to sharpen our



shooting skills ; more refreshments and than the trip back to Denver and reality.

### 2003 VTR Convention, Part 1 *Submitted by Rod Tomkins*

It was a clear and cool morning, though still dark at 5:30 on Saturday, August 2<sup>nd</sup>, when I took off for the VTR convention in Armagh, Pennsylvania. A quick stop for gas in Castle Rock, then it was due east for the next two and a half days. First on Colorado 86, a delightfully quick two lane to Limon, then east on I-70 all the way to St. Louis. Nothing remarkable to report about the highway, but a certain lack of scenery, of any kind, led me to observe that road-side mileage markers were going by considerably slower than the one's digit on the odometer. After a number of miles of observation and mental gymnastics, I determined my odometer was approximately 20% off. This made for considerably better miles per gallon calculations once the 20% was factored in! First night's stop was at a Super 8 in Kingdom City, Missouri, just west of St. Louis, which left me in good form to go through St. Louis first thing in the am and view the "upside down letter U," as my children, years earlier, had identified the arch. After St. Louis, I continued east on I-64 to Louisville and West Virginia. I was treated to a steady parade of hot rods, mostly being driven, going in the opposite direction. An encounter with one and resulting conversation at a gas stop revealed that they were returning from THE national hot rod convention in Louisville, some 10,000(?) cars strong. Even allowing for exaggeration, that put VTR in a different perspective!



A picture taken from the web showing a TR3 finishing a VTR driving event in over-cast Pennsylvania.

And so, to Charleston, West Virginia--striking country. The next day, Monday, saw me into Virginia where I left I-64 at Lexington for a delightful drive up and onto the Blue Ridge Parkway, which runs the length of Virginia, pretty much along a ridge of the Appalachian Mountains. I even stopped at a visitor center and found some bluegrass music to properly set the tone. I arrived in Charlottesville, home of THE university, with no apologies to Harvard. Visited with a great friend from college, then up to Warrenton through picturesque horse country farms with whitewashed or

creosoted rail fences, beautifully maintained, and verdant green fields. Spent time with brother Tim, visiting old childhood homes and haunts, then on to Pennsylvania on Thursday in time to register for VTR/Summer Party at the Roadster Factory.

A very picturesque place it is--former farm with stone farmhouse and numerous large outbuildings situated on a rise overlooking rolling farmland in the gentle hills, about 60 miles east of Pittsburgh. Two things happened as I completed registration. It started raining, which became the norm for the weekend.



Picture taken off web showing Rod Tomkins primping his TR8

As I turned around, there was Paul Estock, a onetime RMTCCer from Loveland. We will have to work on him, though he is very active with the BMCNC. He had similarly been spending time with family in northeastern Pennsylvania. After greetings and acknowledging the weather was not conducive for wandering the vendors and TRF, we repaired to Indiana, not the state, but a pleasant town of about 25,000 and the home of Indiana University of Pennsylvania. They are in a league with the always Sports Center-mentioned Slippery Rock College. Besides being the nearest location for motels, it was also the venue for many of the VTR events.

After checking into our respective motels, we returned to TRF for a dinner and the field party. Dinner was barbeque ribs and/or chicken plus baked potato and corn on the cob, dessert--all piping hot and eaten at tables under a couple of large tents, free beer (Yuengling - oldest brewery in the US--take note Dave) and a wait time of less than 5 minutes--very impressive. After dinner, we crowded into the TRF showroom, where on display was TR 2 #1, beautifully restored, and a wonderful "prop" for a talk by Graham Robson, the noted Triumph and English classic sports car authority and author. He was ably supported over some details by Mike Cook, the VTR magazine editor and one time marketing executive for British Leyland and Triumph, in particular. What they don't know between them, is probably not worth knowing. On display also was a TR 6+6--at least a rolling chassis, cut down the middle, and six inches width added to the frame! Should prove interesting when it comes to the body work!

Friday dawned dry and even sunny. Perfect for a hillclimb and gymkhana. I

elected to do the gymkhana first, trading driver-navigator roles with Paul in his TR 6 and I in my TR 8. We both set pretty competitive times while "mastering" some challenging tasks, such as riding a "banana" bike and hula hooping along the way. Tight course, much to the liking of Mini (old) and Sprite owners. Remember this was TRF Summer Party too. Then on to the hillclimb. I was in the fourth wave of about 30 cars and after a drive-through up the hill, we were lined up for the first of two timed runs. A borrowed helmet, take all the loose stuff out of the car, wheels checked for tightness, battery clamped down and you're good-to-go tech inspection. Oh, tops down for DHCs, which came into play for the second run. First run was good but I noted where I could definitely drop a few seconds. Second run came and so did the rain. With wet surfaces, inside and out, the run was not as "BTD" as I would have liked. Good news, nothing broke, and I was going pretty good through the finish. Big fun! Times? As of this writing, still not available. Evidently, the concept of posting them somewhere the next day or two, or even onto the VTR and/or TRF websites did not occur to anyone. I will be hopeful at some future date...no trophies have arrived in the post - yet! At lunch we were joined by our friends Mike and Jo Ann Jackley, from Sturgis, with the inevitable breakdown story, featuring a blown alternator in Akron, Ohio, locating a rebuilt one in Cleveland, delivery and installation in less than 24 hours! The evening's activities featured drag racing at a local strip about 25 miles away. After an optimistic drive to the venue, we discovered that a just previous shower had caused the track to be shut down...back to Indiana for dinner and the evening.

Saturday morning was again dry and clear, but not so the case with friend Mike's TR 8. Oh, it was dry all right, but the little red light in the dash was telling him the "new" alternator was not charging. A convoy to TRF was organized where Mike drove around to the back, and with the enlisted aid of one Dave Massey, a TR 8 owner, engineer, and electric's maven, R&R was conducted. Imagine the surprise when the new alternator was removed and held up for inspection and a diode drops out! Lucas! But presumably a US shop rebuild. Perhaps the Prince of Darkness has his agents over here too! But



TR8s showing their stuff at a very wet car show in Indiana, PA.

there is something about old Mike and falling in \_\_\_\_ and coming up smelling like roses that has to be seen to be believed. What would be the odds of someone coming to VTR in an XJ6 and just putting a few spares in the trunk on the off chance someone might be in need. Brad Wilson of Wedgeparts was the man with (you're getting ahead of me now) the very alternator needed. The deal was done, the "new" alternator installed, and away they went on the mountain tour--well, Rolling Hills Tour, anyway. By the way, if you see Mike and Jo Ann, note how she will probably have a book near at hand! But on to the tour. Paul elected to ride with me and a pretty tour it was. No signs/clues to hassle with, just a nice drive - until the rains came—suddenly!. Chinese fire drill, record time getting the top up, but we were still soaked. Ten minutes later, dry road and sunshine. But that's what make it all memorable.

Saturday night was the VTR/Roadster Party-combined car show because the TRF Field had become a bog for the scheduled VTR show--but it worked. Triumphs were lined up by marque on either side of Philadelphia Street, the main drag in Indiana, with an area for Minis, MGs, etc. and even an exceptional 1961 Armstrong Siddley. There were some outstanding Triumphs, including a TR 6 with 400+hp motor, aided by a little of the nitrous oxide. And an all black, chrome too, 6. An excellent black 2000. An outstanding Stag with perfectly machined valve covers, battery tie downs, etc. A white TR 4A, immaculate and very reminiscent of a previously owned 4A (by the author)--well, maybe not to that degree of immaculate! And, of course, TR 8s--about 75 of them I am told, though this number is not yet confirmed. But still, pretty impressive for a 23-year-old car marque of which only about 2600 were ever made. Again, some incredibly nice examples. Do they ever drive 'em? Really? Of course, it rained again, but still a good show.

The evening also included a visit to the now defunct Coventry Inn, a very upscale establishment but evidently not supportable by the community or visiting Coventry Society members and/or TRF customers--a shame because it was very reminiscent of a typical English pub restaurant.

Sunday morning was time for the panorama picture, first of just the TR 8s because we were celebrating the 20th anniversary of the TR 8 Car Club of America, and then the summer party participants at large. Due to a very low sky and threat of imminent rain and a soggy field at the fairgrounds where it was originally scheduled, only about 40 TR 8s actually showed up at the IUP campus (and not many more of the other participants). The pictures were taken anyway, then back down to the fairground for the brunch and awards presentation. After sitting in the stands for a while waiting on the brunch, it was announced it would not be available for yet another 45 minutes. So, after collectively look-

ing at one another, Paul, Mike, Jo Ann, and I decided that our time would be better spent getting on the road and heading west. Mike and Jo Ann to I80, Paul and I to I-70.

Paul and I were able to make it to Terra Haute, Indiana that evening (Sunday). Monday found us driving through Missouri and coming up on another TR 8. After some time traveling together, we pulled into a rest area and made introductions with Steve and Carol Olson of Kansas City, who graciously invited us to stay the night with them. Paul, because of a failing throughout bearing and not wanting to stress it with any unnecessary urban driving, elected to press on to Loveland where he arrived at 10:30 Monday night. Marathon man! I was pretty well cooked so I happily accepted Steve and Carol's invitation, enjoyed a relaxing evening, a home cooked dinner, early bed, and an early start the next morning, arriving home at 2:30. About 3300 estimated miles, no breakdowns, and no tickets--a good road trip. VTR next year is in Richmond, Virginia. Any takers?



The Cline's and Farrell's and Bob Klie enjoy the immaculate Kenney garage.

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**Moonlight Drive**

**Gordon & Shirley Kenney's House**

**August 9th**

*Story by Gordon Kenney, Pictures by Stan Burt*

For the 8<sup>th</sup> consecutive year the Kenney's, with the help of Stan & Val Burt of



A cast of Triumphs and their owners enjoy the beautiful evening and surroundings at the Kenney's home.

England, hosted the Moonlight drive at their home in Foxfield. And for the first time in several years it was near perfect weather with clear skies, a bright moon and no rain! Cars began arriving about 6:00 PM and the last one arrived at 9:00 PM.

There were over a dozen Triumphs and more than 50 people at the party. The backyard was filled with the Kenney's TRD1800 Roadster, Miata and Jaguar XKE and their sons parked a 72 Corvette, a 91 Miata and a 2003 Mini on the grass to complete the host display. The Bown's XKE and a friends Harley-Davidson rounded out the mix of interesting vehicles.

The grill was fired up about 7:00 and the hamburgers and hot-dogs were supplemented by the greatest mix of potluck foods this event had seen. Several people had a good look at the moon through the telescope and the planet mars was nicely visible later in the evening.

At 9:00 sharp the traditional drive started and was led by Gordon in the 1800. Contrary to some people's expectation, it was able to lead the group at a brisk pace over a 20-mile route in the SE metro area. The route had only a few stop-lights and the moon lighted up the countryside. There were about a dozen cars on the drive and most of them returned to the house for more socializing, refreshments, and car talk. The last car left about 11:15.

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**Scottish Highlands Games  
August 10th**

The morning of the Highlands Games came, and my daughter Kathryn asked me if I would take her to the car show. Since mom wasn't going, I agreed to fit the car seat into the TR6. I've done the same for our neighborhood 4th of July Parade, but never to stand the test of real road driving. With a solid tether, I sat Kathryn in the seat, and took off. The short drive in the morning air was great to share with her. She had a great time, waving at all the cars we passed.

We arrived at the meeting place by 9:15 am, and joined the queue of approximately 48 British cars gathered to parade into the event. At the proper time, we lined up and slowly made our way through the crowd of very nice onlookers—based on the comments and the welcome we received.



Once parked for the show, the group looked over the cars and then took advantage of the food, the shopping, and the demonstrations. Kathryn had a

great time watching the Scottish and Irish dancing as well as seeing the dogs from the British Isles. Of course, with the typical Highlands Games heat, we all sought shade and cool drinks throughout the event — giving us a good chance to meet other car enthusiasts.



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**7<sup>th</sup> Annual Vintage Grand Prix  
Second Creek Raceway  
Story by Bob Gloyd**

Sunday July 20<sup>th</sup> saw the running of the 7<sup>th</sup> annual Vintage Grand Prix at Second Creek Raceway. The event was held as a benefit to Kids in Need of Dentistry – KIND – hosted by Rocky Mountain Vintage Racing. Many members of the Triumph club participate in the RMVR races. These events have great racing action with classes from open wheel all the way up to the big bore Mustangs. There are usually 2 or 3 classes on the track for each race session and there is always action to be found from the front all the way through the back of the pack and the action can all be seen from the grandstands. The pits are open to all to walk around, look at the race cars and talk with the drivers and teams.

Although a promised rumble in the parking lot between the MG and Triumph clubs did not take place, many members of both clubs were in attendance. At the lunch break, drivers and cars were available to take spectators for rides out on the track including in either a bright red Ferrari or a beautiful vintage Packard V-12 race car. Our own Neil McCready held off a pair of Lotus 7's to win his event (in a MGB!). Channel 9's Adele Arakawa in her 1975 911 fought off a Corvette to take hers.



Neil drives Miss Kalin through the Pits.

The events at Second Creek are inexpensive and fun for the spectators and a good way to enjoy racing action as well as socialize with other club members, drivers and their families. Try to attend one next season.

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# GENERAL MEETING

## August 19, 2004 General Meeting at Piccolo's

*Submitted by Marty Cohen, Minister of Letters*

Ken Kalin called the meeting to order at 7:08 PM. Approximately 30 members were in attendance. Rod Tomkins described his trip to the VTR at the Roadster Factory. He will prepare an article for the newsletter. He reported that there were 11 Triumphs in the parking lot. Bob Gloyd presented details on the upcoming 20<sup>th</sup> Annual Conclave. A limited edition poster will be given only to those who pre-register. The poster will not be for sale. The Saturday tour has been written and will end up at a brewpub. It will also include that stretch of highway that the RMTC maintains during the highway cleanup event. Bob needs help 2 weeks before to test run the tour. The area of the Conclave has been expanded to accommodate the Mini Coopers and to give more room to the Triumphs and MGs. Parking will start at 8 AM.

Dave Fain covered upcoming events. There was a record turnout for the Moonlight Drive. – 53 people. The weather was good. Stan and Val Burt came from England to help out. There were 46 British cars at the Highland Games. The Searchlight Rallye is scheduled for November 8th, with a 6:30 PM start. A date has yet to be set for the Go-Cart challenge. Eric needs pictures for the newsletter. Max reported that we have 170 members, including 2 new memberships. Dorothy High needs donations for “9 Cares, Colorado Shares”.

Rod Tomkins is reviewing a draft of proposed new by-laws. He needs another meeting or two before presenting them to the membership. Ken pointed out that nominations for the 2004 Board are due at the September General Meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 8:18 PM.

## RMTC Collection for 9 Cares-Colorado Shares



Dorothy High is again chairing this “event”. Our goal is to collect non-perishable foodstuffs and children’s toys at our meetings and events. We will coordinate a simultaneous drop-off with our Triumphs to share the spirit of helping.

Toys collected go to children who otherwise would otherwise not have any Christmas. Donations of money go to purchase food items that are not collected. 9 News also has this food drive in the spring and summer but only accept food items at these drives.



Please bring your donations to the general meetings or any club event. Each time you donate you will receive an extra raffle ticket Let's make this a fun and rewarding drive and get a little much deserved publicity for our club. The fall drive is always the Saturday before Thanksgiving.

## TREASURER'S REPORT

*Bob Becwar — Treasurer*

7/31/03 Checkbook Balance: \$2,600.91 (Last year (7/31/02) \$3,451.49)

	July		Year to Date	
	<u>2003</u>	<u>2002</u>	<u>2003</u>	<u>2002</u>
<b>Income</b>	\$ 285.00	\$ 853.28	\$ 4,014.56	\$ 5,953.28
<b>Expenditures</b>	<u>687.94</u>	<u>322.99</u>	<u>7,124.57</u>	<u>6,982.16</u>
<b>Gain / (Loss)</b>	(\$402.94)	\$ 530.29	(\$3,110.01)	(\$1,028.88)

### Major Monthly Income Items (July):

Dues	\$ 175.00
Raffle	58.00
Regalia	<u>52.00</u>
	<b>\$ 285.00</b>

### Major Monthly Expense Items (July):

Newsletter	\$ 101.03
Father's Day Expenses	203.97
Regalia	158.44
Rod Tomkins (VTR)	35.00
Old Car Council	150.00
Postage	37.00
Bank Charges	<u>2.50</u>
	<b>\$ 687.94</b>

## 2003 PLANNED EVENTS

*In order to encourage everybody to RSVP, beginning in April, the person who shows up at the most events without having RSVP'd will receive a special award which will be presented at the banquet in January.*

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### **Monday, September 2nd. RMTC Board Meeting. Cheshire Cat Brewpub.**

Located on Ralston Rd. (58<sup>th</sup>) about ½ mile west of Wadsworth in Arvada. Meet at 6:00PM for dinner and beers. Meeting begins promptly at 7:00 PM, or thereabouts.

### **Thursday-Tuesday, Sept 4th-9th. 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>.

### **Saturday, September 6th. Breakfast and Gaggle to Harry's House. Elizabeth.**

We now return you to your regularly scheduled monthly gaggle. Harry Cornelius invites you to take a scenic drive out to Elizabeth to check out his new place in the country. We will meet at the usual place in the Target parking lot behind Gunther Toody's on Arapahoe east of I-25 at 8:00AM and take a leisurely drive out to Elizabeth where we will have brunch at a local Mexican restaurant. After breakfast, you can head back home or drive out to Harry's for a tire kicking session. Call Harry at 303 646-6860 for directions. Please RSVP to Dave at 303-438-5615 by Thursday, September 4.

### **Tuesday, September 16th. RMTC Monthly Meeting. Piccolo's at 6 p.m.**

The board has tried out several places as possible new meeting places, but hasn't come to any conclusions yet so we will be at Pic-

colo's for at least one more month. Meet for dinner and drinks at 6:00, meeting starts at 7:00PM. Piccolo's is located on Monaco Pkwy one block south and east of I-25 and Hampden.

### **September 13th-14th. Ride the Rockies Tour and British Car Conclave. Arvada.**

This two-day event begins on Saturday with the beautiful Ride the Rockies Tour, a motoring tour and gimmick rallye through the Rocky Mountains! You'll wind your way to a lunch time destination in the mountains, with more superb driving after lunch. 8:30 AM Assembly, 10:00 AM Departure at Memorial Park, 8101 W. Ralston Rd. (58<sup>th</sup>) and Ammons.

On Sunday the Colorado English Motoring Conclave will include over 500 British cars and motorbikes. The condition of your vehicle is not important, but your attendance & enjoyment are!! This is the premier Colorado British motoring event of the year! Registration fee: \$15 in advance, \$20 day of event. (Includes Tour on Saturday) 8:00 AM

Registration, voting ends at 12:30 PM. Contact: Gary George (303) 477-0189, Scott Story (303) 755-1426 or email Ken Tisdale at [ktisdale@ix.netcom.com](mailto:ktisdale@ix.netcom.com)

Note: If you register in advance, you will receive a cool poster with images of every Conclave poster of the past 20 years, suitable for framing. Trust us, you want one of these. Triumphs outnumbered MG's last year (by about 2 cars) for the first time in history. Let's do it again so we can retain bragging rights. Max Brewster hopes to have a rolling chassis from his Spitfire project there so we may be measuring cars in fractions.

### **Friday-Sunday, September 26th-28th. Rio Grande Regional Rendezvous.**

Brought to you by our friends from the British Automobile Owners Association of Albuquerque. This year's event will be held in the "other" Las Vegas in New Mexico. Event HQ will be the historic Plaza Hotel in Old Town Las Vegas. All of the rooms there are booked, but you can get a very nice room at the Inn on the Santa Fe Trail which is located at 1122 N Grand in Las Vegas. Call 888 448-

8438 for reservations. This is an older motel that has been nicely remodeled in Santa Fe style. Las Vegas is an interesting place with lots of old Victorian buildings and some incredibly beautiful scenery and back roads that you would never find on your own.

**Saturday, October 4th. Breakfast at Brad & Liz Reed's with Drive Afterward.**

We will gather at the Reed's house at 6553 S Garland Way in the SW part of town at 8:30AM. Coffee will be provided and Brad will be scrambling eggs on the grill. Everything else will be provided by you so bring your favorite breakfast dish. After breakfast, Brad will lead us on a short drive in the hills. **RSVP** to Dave at 303 438-5615 so Liz will know how much coffee to make. Call 303 973-8637 if you get lost.

**Saturday, November 1st. Coors Brewery VIP Tour. Golden.**

Yes, we have done this several times before, but we always get a good turnout. If you haven't taken the VIP tour before, you should give it a try. The tour will probably be led by the RMTc's Judy Becwar. You will definitely need to **RSVP** for this one because they may need to provide extra tour guides and break us into smaller groups if a lot of you sign up. The VIP tour will take you into places in the brewery that the regular tourist tour doesn't go. Of course, the tour ends up in the tasting room where you can sample Coors products. There is also a lot of cool beer stuff for sale in the adjoining gift shop.

We will meet for breakfast at Mimi's Restaurant at 14265 W. Colfax in Golden at 8:30AM, and drive to the brewery as a group, arriving in time for the 11:00AM tour. **RSVP** to Dave at 303 438-5615.

**Saturday, November 8th. Lucas Flamethrower Searchlight Rallye.**

This is still in the planning stages, but there has been a lot of interest in reviving this event which was last held 6 or 7 years ago. The event will be open to all British auto owners. Here's how it works: we will all gather at a pre-determined location and at a certain time, the searchlight will come on somewhere in the Denver area. After being on for a while, it will unexpectedly wink out (get it? Lucas?). It will turn on and off at irregular intervals throughout the evening.

The object is to be the first car to arrive at the searchlight's secret location. If you are hopelessly lost, you will have a sealed envelope with driving directions, but opening the envelope means you forfeit your chances of winning. Details soon.

**October or November. Indoor Go Cart Challenge Race. Denver.**

Some of us tried our hands at the indoor go cart track located near I-70 and Colorado a couple of years ago and had a blast. Bob Gloyd thought it would be fun to do this again, only this time we will challenge the members of the MGCC in what we hope might become an annual event. For those of you who haven't been to this facility, the cars are FAST and this is wheel to wheel racing where you can toss the cars around turns in four wheel drifts. To make things more interesting, we might race as teams and make pit stops to switch drivers. Details in the near future. We officially "threw down the gauntlet" following the Rallye Glenwood Springs awards presentation.

In order to pull this off, we need to put together 2 teams from each club (4 persons per team). Cost will be \$60 per person which is a little pricey, but we will have the entire facility to ourselves. Neil McCready vintage races an MGB but he says he will be racing for the RMTc at this event. The MGCC will have their best drivers there so look for some interesting racing to happen. You will be guaranteed plenty of track time for your \$60. These cars are a handful to drive, so start lifting weights now to prepare yourself.

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# MEMBERSHIP

Max Brewster — Minister of Membership

The RMTC Board requests that everyone send an email to Max so that your email addresses can be updated. His email address is: [max\\_brewster@storetek.com](mailto:max_brewster@storetek.com). 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.

January Total Reported Membership = 161

This month's new members include:

Rick & Lynne Lawson 1974 TR6

**Please take some time to say hello at upcoming events.**

## BOARD MINUTES

### August 4, 2003 Board Meeting at the Cheshire Cat

Submitted by Marty Cohen, minister of Letters

Ken Kalin called the meeting to order at 7:11 PM. Also in attendance were Andy DeVisscher, Dave Fain, Max Brewster, Brooks Turner, Dorthy High, Marty Cohen and Bob Becwar.

Brooks reported that Computer Cars would be revising their ad. Brooks has received payment for 4

of the 5 ads that we are currently running. We need artwork for the Rimmer Bros. ad. Bob Becwar presented a written financial report for July, which will be summarized in the September newsletter. Membership renewals for January through July are substantially behind last year. Max will inform us who has not renewed this year. We would like to bring as many members back on board. We will conduct a telephone call campaign to lapsed members. Ken will determine who is president of the OCC

so the RMTC donation can be presented to him.

Marty reported for Eric that the August newsletter would be ready for pickup by Dorthy on August 5. Dorthy asked that donations be given for the 9 Cares, Colorado Shares event which will be held on November 22. Max reported that we had 1 new member in July with total membership at 168 to 170. He will get a list of the lapsed members for the September Board Meeting. Max's current e-mail address is [max\\_Brewster@storetek.com](mailto:max_Brewster@storetek.com), while Brooks' new e-mail address is [co-trdriver@msn.com](mailto:co-trdriver@msn.com).

Dave and Andy will prepare an article of the event at the Klie's farm. Dave covered the upcoming events, which will be described in the newsletter. Ken will ask Rod Tomkins to e-mail a draft of the by-laws to each board member for review and comments. Dorthy and Tom will bring the grille to the conclave. Ken

will rent 5 to 6 tables. Ken will call Terry Hughes to determine what food will be required. We will take all of the club cabanas.

The next Board meeting will be on September 2 at the Cheshire Cat. The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 PM.



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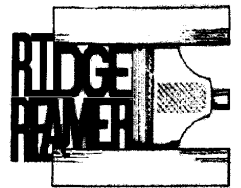
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## MARKETPLACE

**FOR SALE:** MGB Parts for sale; Two no rust roadsters recently broken for parts (1976 & 1978). Good doors, fenders, trunk lids, hoods, radiators, engines and transmissions, plus some suspension parts. Tell your MG buddies. Call Jim Elbe (719)598-7261 or David Farrell (719) 487-8413 for availability and prices.

**FOR SALE:** 76 Triumph TR6, BRG, 60K orig miles, 1 owner. Both hard and soft top, excellent condition car that has been garaged for life with no rust. Included with sale is a free framed print of a TR6 and Spitfire on the English countryside. Asking \$11,000. Call Stacy at 303-331-8557

**FOR SALE:** 1972 TR6-Very clean, original owner looking for a qualified buyer to give this great car a new and loving home! Pimento Red w/ Black Interior, OD, new red-liners, garaged, "factory correct", all new interior & soft top, 76K miles, Price reduced to \$8,900. Contact Ben Snyder at H) 303-973-8323 or W)303-730-7999.

**FOR SALE:** Complete J-type transmission and overdrive out of a very good, running 1978 Spitfire. Spitfire was converted to an SCCA race car and had the

transmission swapped out. \$700 OBO. Contact Kevin St. James at 1-719-548-8761.

**FOR SALE:** Four 7" wide steel wheels TR2 - TR6, \$75. Dan Forgey 303-741-2460.

**FOR SALE:** Red '59 TR3 with Black interior and A-type overdrive. Comes with original Hard Top (might need work and headliner). Also includes original tonneau (in bad shape) and original side curtains. This is not a showcar, but runs fine and starts up right away. \$10,000 obo. Call Rich at 303-730-3678.

**FOR SALE:** 1966 TR-4A-Excellent condition. Rebuilt engine, new Weber carbs and more. \$5,900 obo. Contact Jack Ferguson H(719) 495-2849 or W(719) 963-3510.

**FOR SALE:** One used roll bar out of my 71 TR6 for sale. I'm looking to sell it for \$75. Call Andrew Janiesch at 303-278-3273, or email him at Drews71TR6@aol.com.

**FOR SALE:** 1975 TR-6, Pimento Red with black/grey top and interior; excellent condition, less than 90k miles, \$8,500,

303-470-5281, David Briggs

**FOR SALE:** Compact car hydraulic auto lift. Free standing, 2-post with drive-on ramps. 6 foot clearance. Casters and drip pans included. 1 owner—not used commercially. Works great. \$1250 obo. Lee Buesing (303)795-4413 (work), (303)798-3420, lbuesing@co.arapahoe.co.us

**FOR SALE:** 1975 TR6 Blue with black interior, OD reads 2800 miles?, no overdrive, top in fair condition, 2 toneau tops, red stripe Mich. tires, no rust, new hoses & water pump in trunk, asking \$5995.00 Call john @ day 303-888-4607 or night 303-791-8215

**FOR SALE:** 1960 MGA 1600; white with black interior, 5 wire wheels; new top and toneau cover; side curtains. 74000 miles, garaged since 1986. Photos avail-

able via Email. Contact Don Evert via email at donald evert [donaldevert@hotmail.com]

**FOR SALE:** TR6 Transmission (\$50) and a TR6 Differential (\$75) Call Mike Cline at 303-683-7057

**FOR SALE:** TR-3 engine, completely rebuilt, never installed back in the car. This engine is complete less the carbs and starter. \$750.00 OBO Contact Kevin St. James at 719-548-8761 or kanddstjames@adelphia.net

**FOR SALE:** 1976 BRG TR6 w/ hard-top. Extras include new windshield, rims and tires. Needs maintenance, and clutch slips. Car is in N.E. Colo. Asking \$7,000. Call Bekki Axtell at 970-520-4996, or at baxtell@kci.net

### RMTC Membership and Renewal Application

Dues are \$35 per year per family—Send application and check to Rocky Mountain Triumph Club—PO Box 300426—Denver, CO 80203

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