

The Triumph Herald

March 2012

Newsletter of the
Rocky Mountain Triumph Club



Above: The Garage Movie and some of the members and guests enjoying before-show snacks.

Mystery Question: What motorcar company has rights to the name "Triumph"; answer inside.

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The Rocky Mountain Triumph Club LLC is devoted to the use, preservation and enjoyment of Triumph automobiles and is a chapter of the Vintage Triumph Register. Most members are from the Denver area or adjoining states. Memberships are "family", and children are welcome at club activities.

Each month there is a **General Membership meeting** on the 3rd Tuesday evening of each month. We gather about 6 for drinks and dinner, start the meeting at 7, present a program and conclude with a raffle about 8:30. These are held at Piccolo's Restaurant located at 3562 S. Monaco Parkway (1 block E of I-25 and 1 block South of Hampden). In January, June and December, the meeting is held elsewhere as part of some other club event.



Board Meetings are held on the 1st Monday evening of each month at the Blue Bonnet Cafe at 457 S. Broadway in Denver. Dinner at 6, meeting at 7; all members are welcome.



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Member count is 112

No New Members This Month

Prime Minister's Report by Ken Kalin



Hi Everyone,

March is upon us, winter is hopefully mostly behind us and warmer weather ahead.

This means your winter projects should be getting closer to an end and the TR is ready for the road.

Our first driving event this year will be a gaggle to Rudy's BB-Q in Colorado Springs. If you didn't go the last time we went you really need to make this event, that is if you like fantastic, inexpensive b-b-q. Check this newsletter for times and if weather permits DRIVE YOUR TRIUMPH!!

I hope not too many people went to Piccolo's for the February General Meeting. As Dave put it "due to circumstances out of our control (mostly)" we met at Mimi's in Golden. I'm sorry any inconvenience this may have caused. We will be back at Piccolo's for our March meeting.

See you at the next event,

Ken Kalin

Editors Comments by Gordon Kenney



The previous issue was my first newsletter for the club after a several year holiday and I am getting back into the swing of things now. The board was very cooperative this month with each and every item they had for the newsletter submitted by the deadline (24 of the month).

I used the clubs laser printer to print the February issue and it's use was a mixed bag. The quality of the printing was very good and I didn't have any problems with paper feeds or jamming. It took me about 90 minutes to actually print the 80 copies of the 14 page newsletter and then another hour to assemble the pages (they had to be printed individually) and staple them. Then Sean picked them up, labeled and stamped them and mailed them out for a timely delivery. But there were problems (see board minutes for details) and this month I will use my local Office Depot for the printing

Again, see the write-ups in this newsletter but the new event of "Garage Movie" was a success and is something we will do more of this year.

The club continues to discuss finding a different restaurant for the monthly meeting. My view is that we should move from Piccolo's to a different place **only** if we can get a **more central location with adequate facilities** (location, parking, room size, menu, cost, video friendly, etc.). To relocate the meeting to a place with less than adequate facilities will cost us in meeting attendance and club viability. What do you think? Let us know editor

The General Meeting
February 20, 2012 @ Mimi's Cafe in Golden

Prime Minister Ken K. called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m. He asked the twenty-two members present at the meeting what they thought of the location. Most thought the food was good. There was discussion back and forth about the location with those who live further north who really enjoyed not having to go so far to the meeting while those from further south thought it was too far north and west. Next month we will be back at Piccolo's and Ken will ask the same questions. Steve Hart reported that the MG Club will start alternating months between the Mimi's in Golden and the Mimi's in Lone Tree.



Board Member Reports :

Prime Minister - Ken K. - Welcomed Tony Cooper to his first meeting since 2010.

VPM - Frank O. - reported that we had a good Board Meeting on the 6th. He ran the meeting since Ken was not able to be there. Frank was also happy to report that his TR-8 is running.

Newsletter - Gordon K. The deadline for submissions to the newsletter is Friday 2/24.

Membership - Marietta H. - We have 112 members but no new members at this time.

Regalia - Terry H. - He was not present so Marietta brought the Raffle items.

Minister of Letters - Debbie B. - Asked for legible signature in the log book.

Events - Dave F - The Garage Movie at the Kenney's was well attended. Gordon added that it was warm in the garage, lots of food and the movie was enjoyed by about 15 members. The Tuscon Show has been cancelled.

Future ideas for events - Quaker Steak and Lube, Go-Cart racing at Unser Racing (which is mini Formula 1 electric cars) or the racing venue close to Centennial Airport, and the Cobra Museum (tentatively in April).

Please check the Events Calendar in this newsletter for all upcoming events.

Treasurer - Brad R. - Ken reported for him; the Club has about \$6,000 in our general account and invested \$10,000 in a 5 year CD.

New Business:

Ken - The Spring Car Show is planned for May at Clement Park and we will have a barbeque. The date is not firm yet. Ken asked for members to please share ideas for events and venues with the Board.

Steve - This is the 60th Anniversary for the Glenwood Rallye on June 8-10th. The start will be at the Gunther Toody's in Arvada (as usual).

Dave - Asked for members input for ideas for activities. If you don't let him know what you want, you will get Brew Pubs and Biker Bars! Dave also addressed the Glenwood Rally as he is organizing the Car Show on June 10th and has volunteered the RMTTC to staff a checkpoint for the TSD Rallye. We will have the checkpoint closest to Denver since the Rallye this year is Glenwood to Glenwood.

Frank - announced that Conclave will be September 15th and 16th this year.

Ken showed us the Raffle Prizes; a high torque screwdriver set, a VTR sweatshirt, a tire pressure/depth gauge, a VTR grill badge and a VTR license plate.

We took a break and after a few minutes of visiting and purchasing raffle tickets we reconvened. After the raffle prizes were distributed Ken called for The Good of the Order. Steve Hart announced that a Moss Motors rep in the MG Club had 2 sets of ceramic brake pads (one set for a TR3 and a set for aTR4). Someone ordered them and never picked them up and he was selling them for \$20.00 for both. Wally G. bought them.

Ken adjourned the meeting at 8:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted, Debbie Bosler Minister of Letters

Coming Events - Make Your Plans Now !

March

Monday, March 5. Board meeting @ Bluebonnet Café in Denver — see page 2

Saturday, March 10. Gaggle to Rudy's BBQ in Colorado Springs. Back by popular demand. Located at 315 South 31st Street in Colorado Springs, CO 80904, Phone: (719) 471-4120. This is a chain out of Texas where people take BBQ seriously. Sandwiches start at \$4.49 and you can add sides as you wish, or you can buy meat by the pound. If anybody makes better brisket, I haven't found it and I am from Texas. Yee haw.

Denver area members can meet at the Shamrock station on Santa Fe south of C-470 at 9:30. We will leave at 10:00, take the scenic route via Monument (weather permitting), and arrive at the restaurant 11:30ish. Check out their menu at rudysbbq.com. No RSVP necessary, they can handle whatever crowd shows up. Vegetarians are advised to skip this one.

Tuesday, March 20. General meeting @ Piccolo's in Denver — See page 2

Visitors are welcome. Drive your Triumph.

April

Saturday, April 7. Monthly Gaggle. Shelby American Collection. We will meet at the Broomfield Park and Ride at 8:30. Scenic drive to Museum, lunch at Southern Sun Brew Pub in Boulder, Details next month

Monday, April 02. Board Meeting @ Bluebonnet Café in Denver – see page 2

The answer to Patrick Huckles question: is:

BMW

They bought the trademark when acquiring the Rover Group in 1994. Although BMW later sold the Rover group, BMW kept the Triumph Trademark as well as Riley, Rolls-Royce and Mini. British Motor Heritage now owns the Standard Trademark and have the right to use the Triumph logo in parts productions only. TR6 Body panels are built under the BMH license today.

Speculation tells us that BMW already has a TR4 'retro' concept car in the design stages, so they wanted to retain the Triumph Trademark in case they decide to put the car into production.

Tuesday, April 17. General meeting @ Piccolo's in Denver – see page 2

Tuesday, April 28. Annual Sat. AM Tune-Up at the Kenney's - all are welcome.

Past Event: Feb. 5th Brunch at Amato's

On Sunday, Feb. fifth, the club met at Amato's Ale House at 2501 16th Street (just NW of downtown Denver) for brunch. Our group of ten enjoyed the a great view of the City from the main dining room and a large selection of beer and a good menu let us all have good choices. We admired their large meeting room but learned they needed a \$600 guarantee tab to let a club use it as a meeting room. Not for us. No business meeting, no raffle, no drive afterward, but just a nice breakfast/lunch with friends from the Triumph Club. A nice outing for the first gaggle of the year.



Just asking....

Is there any interest in Texas? In Galveston? In October? For VTR 2012? At this point I'm just inquiring, not making any commitments, but if anyone has had such a thought drop me an email, tomkins@ecentral.com, or call 303-906-3193. Rod Tomkins



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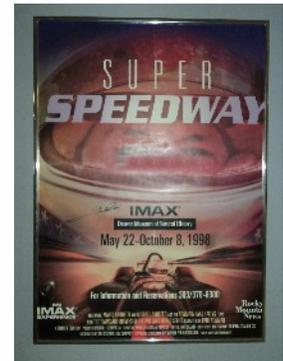


Past Event: Sunday Feb. 12th, Garage Movie

The first "Garage Movie" of the year was held in the Kenney's garage on Sunday, Feb. 12 from 3 to 5 in the afternoon. In spite of below freezing temperatures outside it was warm and suitably dark inside for the movie. People starting arriving about 2:30 and there were more than 15 people



for the show. Soft drinks, beer and wine, along with popcorn and peanuts, were provided but many people brought additional food. Billy Ray arrived (with the top down on his new Mustang convertible) with four pizzas which was a nice treat.



The movie was the one-hour "Super Speedway", produced in 1998 in IMAX format, and featured Mario Andretti and his son Michael in their current Indy-Car racing season and also the restoration of Mario's first roadster. After the intermission a 45 minute film of the making of the movie was shown which was also very interesting.

The movie was shown from a DVD player using the club's LCD projector and was shown on the 8 foot wide screen in the garage.

The event worked well enough that we will probably do another one yet this winter and a couple of films have already been suggested. If you missed it then look for the next one!

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Terry Hughes:
Raffel/Regalia February Report

The Raffel proceeds for the Feb. meeting was \$29.00.

This year I am going to freshen up the regalia item for the club and am looking for suggestions from the membership. Please send any ideas and suggestions to me at tr7terry@q.com

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The Board Meeting

Minutes from Jan 3rd at the Blue Bonnet Cafe

Vice-Prime Minister Frank Oakley called the meeting to order at 6:45 p.m. Board members in attendance: Frank Oakley, Debbie Bosler, Dave Fain, Gordon Kenney, Marietta Hughes, Terry Hughes and Brad Reed.

Officer's Reports:

Newsletter, Gordon

- Current newsletter has 14 pages instead of 12; asked all for articles to publish in newsletter
- he changed the renewal form to include a renewal box to check.
- someone needs to check on the status of the ads the newsletter so we don't lose them.
- he used the Club's laser printer for the Newsletter and it did a good job but went through many ink cartridges. (A motion was made to sell the printer with disclosure of the problem with cartridge life. The price was set at \$100.00. This motion passed unanimously. This has been done at the time of this newsletter printing.)

Treasurer, Brad - The Club has \$7035.40 in the checkbook; Gordon opened a CD for \$10,000 on 1/6/2012.

Events, Dave - Please see the calendar in the newsletter. He checked the room at Amato's Ale as a possible meeting place but they want a guarantee of a \$600.00 tab for the use of their room which won't work for us.

Minister of Letters, Debbie - no report

Regalia, Terry - plans to upgrade a bit - T-shirts with a large logo, polos, jackets;

Membership, Marietta - 129 members currently

Agenda:

New events - Get a date scheduled for the Chili Cook off.

This year is the 60th anniversary for the Glenwood Springs Rallye. RMTc will man a checkpoint.

Christmas Party location - We liked last year's location - can Mark Altman get the room for us again?

Banquet location - It has been north for 2 years - perhaps east or south this year; Terry Hughes will check with Fossil Trace and Fox Hollow Country Club. These are both banquet locations from the past.

Spring Car Show - May 20, 2012 ; Brad will check with Clement Park to see if this day is available and the cost..

Billing for advertisers - Brad checked - all payments are due. Ken and Terry will take of this issue.

Dissemination of information - Gordon will continue to pick up the mail and distribute as necessary

New Members - need a copy of the Club's By-laws and the LLC Agreement; to give to new members. Gordon will email the By-Laws and LLC document to Board members to read.

General Meeting - Ken secured Mimi's Golden for February and Piccolo's will be secured for the rest of 2012.

New Business:

- Gordon had a request for a Q & A session at each General Meetings. This could be quite helpful to our members and the Board thought this was a good idea but would need some time constraints imposed. He also discussed a lending library with Books about Triumphs and others of interest. Members would bring and check-out books at general meeting.
- Respectfully submitted, Debbie Bosler. Minister of Letters

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Rocky Mountain Vintage Racing Schedule for 2012

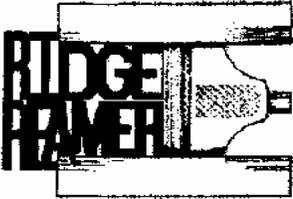
- April 21-22: Drivers School at PPIR
May 12-13 : Spring Race at HPR (High Plains Raceway)
June 2-3: Trans Am Invitational at HPR
July 3-8: Pikes Peak Hillclimb
July 21-22: Race against Kids Cancer at HPR
Sept 1-2: Labor Day weekend races at Pueblo
Sept. 29-30: Ocktoberfest Enduro at HPR

Other Events of Interest:

- June 10th: CP Show at Arapahoe Community College
June 16th: Havana Crusin to the Oldies
June 30th; Concours d'Elegance of Jaguar Club at Copper Mountain
August 5th : Highland games
August 18th: Front Range Airport
October 6th: British Car Meet at Red Nolans in Colorado Springs
October: VTR in Galveston, Texas

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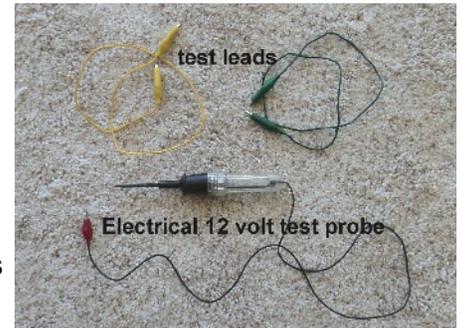


Technical Article: by Gordon K.

Electrical test equipment: With these tools you can make many electrical tests and do a lot of trouble-shooting of the electrical system of your LBC.

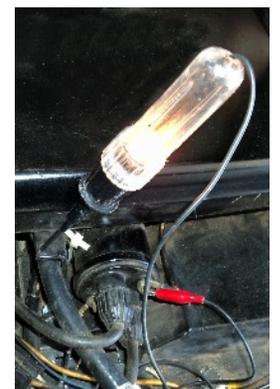
One item is the "12 Volt Tester" which is a handle (with a built-in light bulb) with a "probe" on the end and which is connected to a 1-2 foot long electrical lead with an alligator clip on the end. Also very useful are a few "test leads" which are 2 to 4 feet long pieces of insulated wire with alligator clips at each end. These test items are usually less than \$5 each at auto-parts stores or at Harbor Freight.

In common use the "Testers" probe's lead is clipped to one point on the car (the battery or ground for example) and the probe itself is touched to an electrical point of interest. A "clip lead" is often handy in making these connections.



Testing the battery: The photo shows the test probe lead attached to the negative battery terminal and the probe setting on the positive terminal of the battery. The bulb lights up "bright" showing normal battery voltage (11-14 volts). A good test is to watch the bulb when the starter is engaged. The light in the probe should dim only slightly when the starter is engaged; if it dims a lot then either there is a problem with the battery, the starter or the connections.

Testing the ignition system: The photo at right shows the lead of the test probe connected to one of the 12 volt coil terminals (not the high voltage one) and the probe resting on an electrical ground part of the engine. When the key is turned "on" the coil should be getting voltage and the bulb should be bright. Note the coil has two connections to the wiring. The one which comes directly from the ignition switch should have voltage (the light is bright) at all times the switch is "ON". The other coil connection goes to the points in the distributor and when the test probe is connected, the light will "blink" on and off as the starter turns the motor and then glow steady when the engine starts.



It's good to do these tests at least once BEFORE there is a problem.

2012 Schedule of Events

Contact Dave Fain with
Questions and Suggestions

January:

- 3 Board Meeting
- 7 Gaggle: Gunther Toody's
- 14 Banquet at Cinzzetti's

February:

- 5 Brunch at Amatos
- 6 Board Meeting
- 12 Garage Movie - Kenney's
- 21 General Meeting

March:

- 5 Board Meeting
- 10 Gaggle to Rudy's BBQ
- 20 General Meeting

April:

- 2 Board Meeting
- 7 Cobra Museum
- 17 General Meeting
- 27-29 Brit. Car Days, NM
- 28 Spring Tune-Up

May:

- 7 Board Meeting
- 12 St Francis Car Show
- 15 General Meeting
- TBD RMTc Spring Car Show
- 26-3 British Car Week

June:

- 4 Checkpoint School
- 5 Board Meeting
- 8-10 Glenwood Rallye
- 16 Fathers Day Picnic

July:

- 2 Board Meeting
- TBD Car Show @ Winter Park
- TBD Highway Clean-Up
- 17 General Meeting

August:

- 4 Moonlight Dinner Kenneys
- 4 Highland Games
- 6 Board Meeting
- 18 Front Range Airport
- 21 General Meeting

September:

- TBD Oil Spot Rallye
- 4 Board Meeting
- 15 Ride-the-Rockies Tour
- 15 Conclave Party - Hughes
- 16 Colorado Conclave
- 18 General Meeting
- 21-23 NM Rendez., Taos

October:

- 1 Board Meeting
- 7 Breakfast - Reeds
- 16 General Meeting

November:

- 5 Board Meeting
- 20 General Meeting

December:

- 3 Board Meeting
- TBD Christmas Party

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March 2012

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3
4	5 Board	6	7	8	9	10 BBQ
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20 Meet Piccolos	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31

To: