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Newsletter of the Rocky Mountain Triumph Club





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Ralph Malewska working on the project car, photos by his son Eric - more on page 13

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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.

The Triumph Herald is sent to members as an e-mailed link, as a mailed paper copy or both.

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New Members: None Reported This Month

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## Prime Minister's Report by Ken Kalin

#### Hi All,

Here it is February already, the holidays are done and winter sets in with a vengeance, although you couldn't tell with the weather we've been having. I would like to take a moment to thank both Silvio DeBartolomeis for another successful banquet at Cinzzetti's and James DeBartolomeis who put on another wonderful video presentation RMTC 2011. Many thanks to the both of you.

Your "new" board's first meeting is Monday Feb. 6th and we will start to plan this years events. We would like to invite everyone to submit ideas for events. This is easier than you may think. All you have to do is send an e-mail with your idea to 2012board@rockymountaintr.org. This will help prevent Dave Fain from having a nervous breakdown trying to come up with places to go and things to do.

I hope all your winter Triumph projects are close to an end as spring is just around the corner. See you soon, Ken



### Member of the Year Awards

At the January Banquet the Member Award went to Rod Tomkins and the Board Member Award to Ken Kalin

Congratulations and Thanks to both for their outstanding contributions



### A "New" Event - Garage Movie, Feb. 12th, at the Kenneys

The Movie is "Super Speedway" starring Mario Andretta and narrated by Paul Newman. Mario joined a group of us for breakfast before the showing in the IMAX theatre in Denver's City Park about 15 years ago. Afterward he talked with us and signed posters and autographs (mine is on display).

The movie follows two stories, one of restoring his first race car and the other a season of Indy car building, testing and racing with his son. It's 50 minutes long and will be followed after intermission by a 47 minute film about how the film was made. It's a beautiful story of a man, his family, the pleasures of restoration and the excitement of racing and winning. A family film.

Although first made in IMAX format, the screen in the garage will be smaller and the sound system less elaborate. The garage will be heated (but dress warmly) and popcorn and soft drinks will be available. Bring drinks, snacks and friends if desired and bring a good folding chair if you have one.

Its a simple event, no RSVP required, come and leave when you want. But plan on seeing a great movie !!! If this works well we can do others that feature YOUR favorite film. Contact the Kenneys for more detail. (303-766-7826), 16921 E. Fremont Ave in Foxfield (SE Metro).

The show starts at 3 pm and will be over by 5. No fancy party, just a good movie with good friends.



## Editors Comments by Gordon Kenney

periods starting more than 20 years ago.

Steve Hart, retiring from the position after three years, has done an outstanding job and has "raised the bar" for the level of excellence expected in the document.

One of my goals is to have issue both each be entertaining and useful. The annual schedule will be on the back or "outside" so it will be easy to plan your



participtation in upcoming events and there will always be an inside page with details of the activities in the following weeks. Technical articles are sometimes hard to come by but I will try to include one each month. Prime Ministers letter, treasurers report, new members, board and general meeting minutes and the editors comment section will be regular topics. Reports of past events with

After two years being club photos and "registration" information for events as treasurer it's good to be back as needed will also be regular items. Ads from the editor. It's a position I have held for various vendors and classified items are always welcome and are of interest.

> I would ask that each of you do at least two things: One, if you get the newsletter by e-mail only, please print a copy (at least of the event page). This is especially important if there are other members in the household who might not read it fully "on-line". (A mailed paper copy for only \$5 more per year is a bargain!)

> And secondly, find a way to contribute to the newsletter. This can be by sending in photos, stories, technical articles, "a letter to the editor" or in some other way. This is a volunteer club and the more who contribute to its success the better it will be.

> Shirley, my lady for more than 55 years, will contribute by doing proof-reading duty; it's difficult to find all the mistakes I make. Please contact me if there are suggestions you have which would make the newsletter better.

Where's My Triumph? Some members, especially newer ones, may wonder why I am so involved in the Triumph club but never seem to be driving one. The answer is that I NO LONGER own a Triumph but have owned three over the last 20 years. My first, a TR4A, is now owned by the DeVisschers so it is still in the club. It was replaced by a 1974 TR-6 that I had for several years; it had dual Weber Carbs, high-compression head, an O/D transmission and a factory hardtop. It was a rust-free original car and had never even been repainted. It was replaced by a black 1946 Triumph 1800 Roadster which I purchased from a RMTC member and owned for 9 years. But I sold it at the Conclave in 2010 and haven't replaced it with another Triumph. Maybe someday.



Self Publishing: Early in the planning for VTR 2011 it was decided the club would purchase a printer that could be used for some of the VTR material and then be available for printing of the newsletter. This issue is being printed in-house on our "Brother MFC -9320CW" laser printer. If this proves to be feasible it will allow us to reduce costs and to incorporate more color in each issue.

### Summary of 2011 Finances by Gordon Kenney, Treasurer

### **Financial Highlights of 2011**

#### Income:

Advertising	\$	310.00
PayPal Account Close	\$	100.00
Event Income	\$	365.00
Membership (dues)	\$ 3	3,355.00
Raffle Ticket Sales	\$	354.00
Regalia Sales	\$	364.00
9 Cares, Colorado Shares	\$	66.00

#### Total Income in 2011 = \$4,914.00

#### **Expenses:**

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#### Total Expense in 2011 was \$5,094.62

#### **Comments on the Annual Financial Report**

The clubs income nearly covered the expenses for 2011, with there being a small loss of \$180.62.

The member dues of \$3,355 is about 2/3 of the total income and advertising brought in \$310.00.

The raffles provided about \$100 of net income and regalia sales showed a net of about \$250 (showing that we sold mostly regalia already in inventory).

The newsletter printing and postage is the largest single cost (\$1,464.28) item. The next largest expense was the car show (\$943.50), with the cost of the trophies awarded (\$686.00) being the major part.

Equipment costs were higher than usual with club flags and the HDMI video converter being added this year.

One new expense this year is the monthly rental cost of the clubs storage locker. It will add about \$600 to the annual expense.

The printer purchased with general club funds was updated with fresh toner cartridges this year. There may be some cost savings in 2012 by using this printer for newsletter printing.

At the end of 2011 the club had a total bank balance of \$16,821.40 with \$7,338.17 in the Club account and \$9,483.23 in the VTR account.

At the January board meeting it was voted to place \$10,000 into a CD to hold for future use (maybe a VTR in 2021). A five year CD yielding 1.6% annually was purchased from First Bank.

The Pay-Pal account and the VTR account have been closed with all monies transferred to the club account.

If you have questions about the 2011 financial report please contact me.

Gordon Kenney, Treasurer 2010-2011

## The Board for 2012

The 2012 board was elected at the November general meeting. Several of the board positions have different members serving this year.



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## Coming Events - Make Your Plans Now !

*Sunday, Feb. 5, Monthly gaggle* — Meet at Amato's Ale House at 2501 16th Street (I-25 at 20th Avenue exit) at 11:00AM. Rain, snow or shine. Amato's is a new Breckenridge Brewery restaurant but has 42 beers on tap, all from different Colorado microbreweries. It's a little on the pricey side, entrees about \$8 and up, but the food is good and the view of downtown Denver is worth it.

From I-25, take the 20<sup>th</sup> St. exit and head west on 20<sup>th</sup> and follow the curve around to the left. This will turn into Central which is the west frontage road. There is usually some parking on both sides of the street in front of the restaurant or turn right on 16<sup>th</sup> and head up the hill. There is a lot on the right side of the street or turn right on Boulder and right again on Kensing and head back downhill, there is another lot on the right. It is a pretty good hike up and down the hill so park on the street if you aren't up to it.



**RSVP**'s would be helpful so we can let the restaurant know how many to expect. Call Dave Fain at 303 704-1352 or email to <u>dave@rockymountaintr.org</u>. Menu on line at alehousedenver.com.

### Monday, Feb. 6, Board meeting @ Bluebonnet Cafe in Denver - see details on page 2

### Sunday, Feb. 12, A Racing Movie in the Kenney's Garage - A New Event

See the write-up on page 3 - read about it and come and enjoy the movie with friends.

### Tuesday, Feb. 21, General meeting @ Piccolo's in Denver. - see details on page 2

This restarts our regular monthly meetings; drive your Triumph, bring a friend.

EVENT CANCELLED ! The Friday-Sunday, Feb. 24-26, British Car Roundup in Tucson was cancelled so don't go!

### March Events - Mark your Calendars

Monday, March 5, Board meeting @ Bluebonnet Cafe in Denver - see details on 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. - more details in the March newsletter.

Tuesday, March 20, General meeting @ Piccolo's in Denver. - see details on page 2

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## Past Event: Jan 7th Gaggle Breakfast at Gunther Toody's

Our first Gaggle of the year! I checked past copies of the newsletter and we didn't have a January Gaggle the last few years so it seems that Dave has gotten us off to a great start in 2012. let's make 2012 a record year for attendance at Club activities! There were 10 of us at breakfast and the food was plentiful and the stimulating. conversation Those in attendance: Mark and Debbie Bosler, Gordon and Shirley Kenney, Ralph Malewska, Frank and Jean Oakley, and Carole and Mark Altman. There were 3 Triumphs in attendance also - A TR6, a TR8 and a Spitfire. We gathered ourselves and the cars together after breakfast for a few



pictures and then went our separate ways.

If you missed the first Gaggle, don't miss the next - check events page

Photos from the banquet - full story on page 11



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## Technical Article: Distributor Rotors

## From Bruce Stuzman in the No. 11 issue of Dzus Dzus

When we think of ignition system problems the issues of points, electronic controllers, coils or of wiring problems come to mind. But a defective rotor in the distributor can also cause engine missing, hard starting, and total failure problems.

Every single electrical spark that each plug receives must first pass

through the distributor ROTOR (which "distributes" the spark to the correct plug at the correct time). The original Lucas rotors were quite reliable but most have now been replaced.

The rotor is made of just two parts; the plastic base that fits over the distributor shaft and a metal electrode that carries the electric spark from the center electrode (coil) and passes it to the correct spark plug wire socket in the distributor cap.

In the original black rotors the metal electrode was molded into the rotor. But then came a different design where the electrode was attached by a "rivet". The rivet is a problem and is prone to fail.

The solution, use either an original black molded rotor or a new replacement rotor (usually

red) which has the electrode molded to the base. REMOVE AND DISCARD any rotor in which the electrode has been riveted to the base.

Another note: The 4 cylinder rotor looks just like the 6 cylinder rotor but in fact the 6 cylinder rotor is 1/4 inch longer. Don't mix them up. (We can check yours at the Tune-Up on April 28th)



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## The Board Meeting

Board Meeting Minutes, Jan. 3rd, 2012 at the Blue Bonnet Café:

The meeting was called to order at 6:55 pm by Prime Minister Ken Kalin.

Board members (current and incoming) in attendance: Ken Kalin, Silvio DeBartolomeis, Debbie Bosler, Gordon Kenney, Dave Fain, Janet Cline, Andy DeVisscher, Steve Hart, Sean DeBow, Terry Hughes, Marietta Hug Frank Oakley and Brad Reed.

#### Officer's Reports:

Membership, Janet - she is working on the new Directory which will be ready to pass out at the Banquet. Treasurer, Gordon - gave a year-end financial review; see his report in this newsletter. Club registration has been moved from the City of Denver to Westminster as discussed at the last Board Meeting. With the closure of the VTR account, Gordon suggested that \$10,000.00 be put into a Money Market CD Account. Silvio made such a motion, Gordon seconded and it passed unanimously. Gordon will file the paperwork to transfer the Club Checking Account to Brad Reed, the incoming Treasurer. He also suggested a Club subscription to the British Marque Newsletter to pass around at the General meetings because it contains a lot of interesting useful information. This was tabled for further discussion but Steve will bring a sample copy to the next regular meeting.

Regalia, Andy - had a request from Eric Hoover in Santa Fe for a VTR license plate.

Minister of Letters, Debbie - the tallies are complete for Member and for Board Board Member of the Year. Newsletter Publisher, Sean - the number of hard copies of the Newsletter for mailing can be dropped to 75. Newsletter Editor, Steve - he gave the newsletter folder to Gordon Kenney.

Vice-Prime Minister, Silvio - asked for several more e-mail blasts to the membership about the Banquet in January.

Events, Dave - talked about upcoming events; see the Calendar of Events in this Newsletter.

### General Business

Silvio and Ken asked for any pictures of Club activities from 2011 be e-mailed to Silvio so his son James can use them in the presentation that he is putting together for the Banquet. Gordon will print out the certificates of Appreciation to be awarded at the Banquet.

There was a discussion of a trip to the Speed Raceway to drive the electric cars and subsidize it by the Club on January 7th after the breakfast at Gunther Toody's. It was decided that this would be fun but it should be presented to the membership at a General Meeting so more members would know about it. Banquet- Door Prizes - Silvo -several gift baskets: Ken - basket from Total Beverages: Debbie - fruit basket; Andy will bring items from Regalia and the VTR items that are left over. We will use the raffle tickets to pass out the door prizes. It would be nice if the Board Members could arrive early at Cinzetti's. Respectfully submitted: Debbie Bosler. Minister of Letters

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## The Annual Banquet, Jan. 16th

**Cinzzetti's,** was again the location for this annual meeting which starts the new year off with drinks, lots of food choices and an evening of socializing. This is also when we "install" the new board, recognize the contributions members have made and enjoy a photo-review of the past year. Approximately 50 members enjoyed the evening and no one went home hungry.

Silvio set up a TV projector to show the Bronco game but it lost viewers as the game went along. After the Dinner the program began with presentation of "Certificate of Appreciation" to those members who had made a special contribution during 2011; they were:

Silvio DeBartolomeis - Chili Cook-off, Winter Park Car Show, & Christmas Party; James DeBartolomeis - Video program at Banquet; Mark & Debbie Bosler - Spring Tune-up; Bob and JoAnn Klie - St Francis Car Show; Ken and Vicki Kalin - Fathers Day Picnic; Rod Tomkins - Highway Pickup & 9 Cares, Colorado Shares; Gordon & Shirley Kenney - Moonlight Drive; Brooks Turner -Highland Games; Terry and Marietta Hughes - Conclave Eve Party; Brad and Liz Reed - Breakfast; Mark, Carole and Remy Altman - Christmas Party.



The "new" 2012 board was introduced and then James showed a video of the 2011 year in review.



Later in the evening Brooks Turner and Terry Hughes were recognized for their work in VTR 2011

Additional photos on pages 3 and 8



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The Vintage Triumph Register (VTR)	
Club members are encouraged to join the VTR	Set 13
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How did you find us? (web page, other member, other):					
Was there a club member who "recruited you?"; if so, who was that:					
Please list your main interest in joining the club or suggestions for club activities :					

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## Classified Ads; members and paid

Ads run free for members; removed after 4 months

Non-member ads are \$5/month - one month free



Father - Son TR4 project

Here are some photos of the body work my son Eric and I are doing on our 1964 TR4 project car. When I say "project", I mean it! If I had suspected how much work was involved I don't think I would have attempted it.

The photos show the removal and replacement of the battery tray panel and the front of the floor panels, all of which were rusted out. We found the battery tray panel was not available, so we fabricated our own part using a fixture we made of oak to put the stiffening ribs into the panel. It worked pretty well.

All of this body work was necessitated because I didn't do a good job of inspecting the car when I bought it. I couldn't see the many rust-thru holes because I didn't get under the car.

Ralph



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### 2012 Sc hedule of Events

Questions and Suggestions

7 Gaggle: Gunther Toody's

12 Garage Movie - Kenney's

10 Gaggle to Rudy's BBQ, CS

28 Spring Tune-Up: Kenneys

14 Banguet at Cinzzetti's

5 Brunch at Amatos

6 Board Meeting

21 General Meeting

**NO** Tucson Roundup

5 Board Meeting

20 General Meeting

Monthly Gaggle

2 Board Meeting

17 General Meeting

27-29 Brit. Car Days, NM

TBD Chili Cook-off

Contact Dave Fain with

3 Board Meeting

January:

February:

March:

April:

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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
- General Meeting 20

#### December:

- 3 Board Meeting
- **TBD** Christmas Party

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