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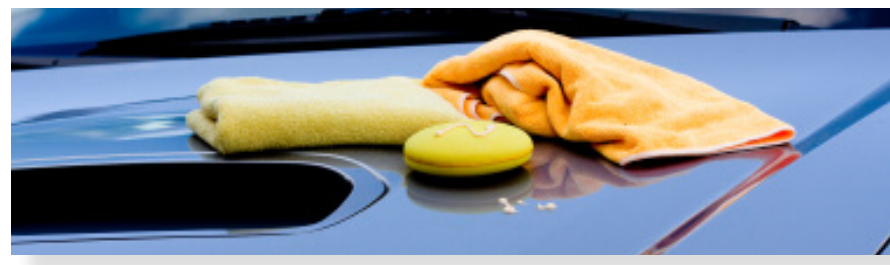
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God is in the Detail

by Andrej Galins



The idiom “the devil is in the detail” derives from the earlier phrase, “God is in the detail;” expressing the idea that whatever one does should be done thoroughly; i.e. details are important.

That stated, this is not another article about detailing your car, well yes, it kinda is. But this article is about the next step in detailing if you will. Taking what you have and making it the best it can be. If you currently wash your car with dish soap and an oven mitt, this might not be the article for you.

I love zenning-out whilst I detail my cars. I enjoy it more when I have the right products and tools. In my earlier days of car detailing, I would drive down to my local F.L.A.P.S. (friendly local auto parts store) and pull a product off the shelf and hope it would produce the results I expected. I placated to the results. Maybe my expectations were too great? Maybe I was looking for something better? If I was spending hours of time detailing my cars, then I wanted a product that was made for guys like me. Products and tools that were made with quality and are easy to use.

About 15 years ago I came across such a company that produced products that I had been wanting. Griot’s, (pronounced GREE-ohs), Garage had everything I needed to really take my detailing to the next level. I am in no way associated with Griot’s Garage, I just enjoy their products and wanted to share my experiences with you so that you can get outstanding results. And to save you some time in the ‘details’ department.

Where to start? You need to understand what you have. How is your paint? Is it faded and you want to bring it back? Is it a good paint job that you want to protect and have it last longer and look great?

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I am not going to tell you how to wash your car. But what I will tell you is the product I use works great. With Griot's Car Wash, the first thing you'll notice is how slippery it acts between your wash mitt and the paint. This is an important characteristic of Griot's Car Wash and contributes to its ability to lift away contaminants while protecting the finish during your washing therapy. Car Wash is gentle on your wax, yet removes more dirt and road grime than any car wash I've tested. Safe for all paints (including matte paint and wraps).

Now for the tools. Old underwear, old T-shirts and old socks are not meant to wash or to dry off your car. I have found great success with the greatest wash mitt on the planet! Use it once and you'll un-



derstand the benefits of this style of micro fiber; it allows the mitt to hold more water yet rinses totally clean with a quick shake in your bucket. Hundreds of tightly-twisted, super-soft tendrils are extremely gentle on your paint; while the extra amount of water provides more lubricity across the paint. Plus it's machine washable! Two colors so you can use one for the dirty parts of the car and one for the hood, glass and roof.

Once my car is washed, yes I even use paint cleaning clay. Most folks figure polishing is all that is needed to remove the roughness you can feel with your fingertips and clean the paint to get it ready for waxing, but polishing is unnecessary unless you are removing a scratch. You may only need to clean the paint to get it ready for waxing. Griot's clay is a pliable bar, and its sticky nature enables the clay to pick up and hold onto the contaminant as it glides across the surface. To get it to glide across the surface, I use water as a lubricant. As the bar gets dirty, just knead it a bit and flatten it out into another fresh patty. Unlike other cleaners and polishes, no buffing or hard circular motions are necessary.

Now to dry the car, I use two products. First I use a flexible water blade followed up with micro fiber towels.

Now the fun part, polishing and waxing. Long gone are the days of doing this by hand. I use a 6" random orbital. Polishing and waxing your paint with a dual action



orbital has never been more easy, safe, and fun. With 6 speed settings, a 5/16" diameter offset, and low-end torque, this machine is ideal for polishing and waxing at any speed. Swirl marks? No problem. Water spots? Piece of cake. Oxidation? Bring it on! With the diverse selection of pads that Griot's has, you can polish or wax just about your entire car. I have used mine now for about 5 years and from day one I found it to be very easy to use and have never caused any paint damage to my cars.

Now for the polishes. Again, once you understand what you have as far as the condition of your paint, you can choose what polish product would be best.



OK, so I have washed, dried, polished my car, sounds like I need to protect my paint finish with a nice wax. And yes again, Griot's Best of Show Wax is by far the best wax I have ever used. With my orbital and red wax pad I wax my cars. Once dry I buff off the wax with a micro fiber towel and I have a smooth as glass finish on my ride. Now that was just the tip of the iceberg that is car detailing. Griot's has tons of other products to make your glass, wheels, engine bay, chrome, leather, carpets and anything else you need to detail your car.

At our next General Meeting I will bring Griot's catalogs for everyone to see what they have to offer. Please visit griotsgarage.com to watch product demo videos and to order. Go have fun in your garage!

How Do I get to be a RMTC Member of the Year?



This program recognizes the member who participated the most during the calendar year. Points are assigned to activities (see below) and participation is documented by use of the “sign in book”. The Minister of Letters (MOL) reviews the log to determine the winner and the award is usually presented at the January banquet. The member’s name is engraved on the club plaque and an individual plaque is given; the award includes one year of paid club membership. Board members are NOT eligible to receive the MOY award.

Points

- Attend club meetings.....2
- Drive a Triumph to club meetings.2
- Attend the Annual Banquet.....4
- Drive a Triumph to Annual Banquet. 1
- Attend Board meetings 1
- Drive a Triumph to Board meetings. 1
- Attend a Triumph Car Show or Club event2
- Drive a Triumph to a Triumph Car Show or Club event2
- Publish an article in the RMTC newsletter.....3
- Recruit a new club member.....3

- Host a RMTC event/activity..... 6
- Organize a RMTC event/activity.... 4
- Obtain a speaker/program for a general meeting..... 3

If both a member and their spouse perform an activity they both receive points. For example, a couple attending a monthly meeting in a Triumph would each receive 4 points. This program is run by the Minister of Letters; board approval is obtained for substantial changes in the program.

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2014 Father's Day Picnic

by Patrick Huckels



Before our guests arrived, it was truly a family event with all hands on deck. Grant, our oldest, played the part of gardener, Brian was placed in charge of setting tables and later serving food and drinks while Jill made a frantic run for ice and baton for the piñata. Of course Vivi was busy making her classic guacamole and I was tasked to do the grilling. Thank goodness I made the Tres Leches dessert the night before.

Although we tried to plan everything in detail, Dan Lynch didn't get our last minute notice that the 10 am driving event was cancelled due to the lack of young students. Our apologies Dan and we hope to see you next time. This circumstance taught me that I too should RSVP for events in the future, just in case things change.

Arlene Bosh's Sangria was a hit and made a fruity way to start everything off.

I learned that warm Coors (as my bottle sat too close to the BBQ) has a much more dramatic effect than it does cold. Thanks Marty for the educational experience.



After everyone had their fill of the Honduran treats and drinks, it was piñata time. Ken Kalin's granddaughter, Ariella, gave the Lucas themed object of abuse a few whacks and then Brian took over, beating it into submission until the baton finally broke. After that, it was opened with brute force to get to all the can-



dy inside. Ariella, instead of stuffing her pockets with treats, returned them all back into the piñata for safe keeping.

The weather turned for the worse and then, as they say in Honduran, 'Indio comido, puesto camino'.

It was interesting to see David Bosh demonstrating how quickly the TR6 soft top could be raised in a downpour, just as advertised by Triumph's engineers.

We finished the afternoon, while watching hail pelt our home, with the DeVisschers talking about a sundry of things including our European heritage, of all things.

Honduras lost to France the next day in the World Cup. I'm sure that made Anick Allen one happy fille.

Thanks to all who attended and sampled some Central American food. A special thanks goes out to Sharon Robinson for delivering and recovering the club's chairs, tables and banners. She was rewarded with the last piece of Tres Leches.

For Sale & Want Ads

For Sale



Floor pans for TR4, TR4A, TR5, TR6 both right and left hand sides. These are the British Motor Heritage approved parts. They are sturdy steel floor pans made in the UK not the cheaply made China/India floor pans. I will sell both for \$500 and you don't have to pay any shipping costs (\$\$\$) from the UK. Contact Bud at levilevi@comcast.net or call 303-941-5302

For Sale

You know her, our pride and joy. It's time for Jolly to go to a new home.

Elegant, unique and interesting 1974 TR6 with many rare European NOS parts and details.

Mille Miglia themed creation. Road &



Show ready. Asking price of \$26k. Nearest offers considered. Contact Patrick at 303-525-1089 or bespokeroadsters@yahoo.com

For Sale

TRIUMPH TR6 ORIGINAL PARTS: Boot cover (black vinyl) - \$25, Front bumper (1974+ could use re-chroming) - \$50, Front number plate mount - chrome (1974-76) - \$125, Leather wrapped steering wheel - \$40, Rear bumper bezel / num-

ber plate lighting plinth (chrome) - \$100, AMCO luggage rack (one of the bars is bent but can easily be pulled out - chrome is in OK condition) - \$80, Wheel trim (vanity) rings (x3) - \$10 each, Hub trim with TR6 center caps (silver x4) - \$10 each, Smiths Tachometer (late model) - \$25 TRIUMPH TR6 BRAND NEW UNUSED PARTS: Fuel pump assembly and gasket (MOPROD-SUPRA) - \$25, Oil pump - \$50, Flotec 13 row oil cooling radiator and installation kit with spin on filter adapter and stainless braided hoses (brand new from Moss Motors) - \$375 Contact Tim Lucas @ 720-883-4770

For Sale

1970 TR6 and 1971 240Z. TR6 complete, with winter hard top, stock wheels and roll bar, needs rebuild, rust on body. Good parts car. 240Z with extra dash, flares and other goodies, runner but needs some mechanical love, body rust. Both in storage in Englewood area over last years after our move to DC. View and make offer. Contact online only at wctvrt-nik@comcast.net.

Spitfire Trivia

In the early 60's, the aircraft company Vickers/Supermarine wanted to use the Vanguard name for one of its passenger aircraft. They said in exchange they would allow Standard-Triumph to use the name of one of their aircraft. Standard-Triumph picked Spitfire.

★ The Spitfire's code name during development was "the bomb".

★ According to Hemmings Motor News, the Spitfire's 24 feet turning circle is the shortest distance of any production car built.

★ The Spitfire was to be originally called the Spitfire 4 but was changed to the Mk I. The badges remained as the Spitfire 4.

★ Pop-up headlamps were considered on the Spitfire, and one mock-up was made, before it was rejected. A fiberglass body was also considered and rejected.

★ On original MkII's boot lids the "H" in TRIUMPH is not in line with the other letters, it is slightly higher.

★ The early (round tail) Spitfires share their windshields with the TR-4, TR250 and TR-6.

★ In 1965, Spitfires came first and second in class at Le Mans.

★ The 'Rotoflex' rear suspension as used on the GT6 Mk.2/+Mk.3 was considered for the Spitfire but rejected due to cost reasons.

★ The six-cylinder engine was not fitted to the Spitfire because it was felt it might siphon sales from the more expensive TR6.

★ It is believed that the 1500's rust less than earlier cars, but surprisingly, the cars originally painted brown (Russett) seem to rust the least.

★ It is well known that designer Giovanni Michelotti was responsible for the corporate Triumph look of the 1970's which resulted in the restyled MkIV Spitfire, but less well known that he undertook the original car's styling, also. His signature can be found in the form of an "M" on the bonnet latches.

★ In the 70's a print advertisement featured a Spitfire car in front of the Spitfire airplane. The ad was not successful due to the fact most looked at the plane instead of the car.

★ The 100,000th Spitfire came off the line Feb. 1968 (a MkIII).



The Most Popular Everyday Transport

by vintagetriumphregister.org



The TR6 ranks among one of the most popular British cars for modern everyday transport. The TR6 was introduced in 1969 with a re-skinned body versus the prior TR5/250. More TR6s were produced by Triumph than any prior TR: over ninety thousand were sold before the TR6 was replaced by the TR7 in 1976. With the optional hardtop, the TR6 makes an excellent “Grand Touring (GT)” coupe.

The TR6 was introduced in January, 1969, using similar chassis and running gear components to those used in the TR5/TR250. However, the body work, while retaining some elements of the TR5/TR250 design, was externally restyled by Karmann. Apart from smoothing the lines of the car, the design changes also gave the car more boot space. A front anti-roll bar now formed part of the specification and wider wheels were also fitted making the car look low, lean and very fast – which, of course, it was, courtesy of the TR5/TR250 smooth 6-cylinder inline 2498cc engine.

The powerful six-cylinder engine is a reliable, whether with UK-market petrol injection (150bhp) or US-market carbureted (104 bhp) fuel delivery. The UK petrol injected version was de-rated to 125 bhp in 1973 by camshaft alterations and revised fuel injection metering. These changes made the TR6 smoother and more flexible.

The TR6 was modified in several respects during its production run and the components affected include the gearbox (ratios) and the optional overdrive (type). The trim was also altered and an air dam was fitted below the bumper from 1973.

A useful option on the TR6 was the one piece detachable steel hardtop which easily converted the car to a neat sports coupe.

The TR6 came to the end of its production in July 1976 (February, 1975 for UK-market models). In all, 94,619 TRs were built, of which 86,249 found homes overseas, only 8,370 being sold in the UK.

The car retained the appeal of traditional British sports models but had the additional, exciting element of

being faster and more furious than many would-be rivals. This combination of tradition and power helps to explain its popularity today.

The two seats are comfortable and there is ample leg room. The trim is functional, rather than fancy. The fascia is neat and uncluttered, an endearing feature of most 1960s Triumphs. The wooden fascia gives an air of quality. The rear end styling of the Karmann body work is as neat as that at the front, with flowing lines which incorporate the tail lamp units and rear bumpers. The luggage compartment is very roomy for that of a two-seater sports car and an improvement on the boot of earlier TRs. The extended body line gives greater capacity.

The TR6 – the consummation of the original TR line (the TR7 was a completely new model) – is an attractive, fast and very enjoyable two-seater. Its fine performance, good road holding and relative reliability, plus its sheer character, make it a car which is a joy to be driven by the current enthusiast!

Events

by Sharon Robinson



Tuesday July 15 General Meeting - Piccolos

Meet at 6pm for drinks and dinner, meeting starts at 7pm. This month's speaker will be Mike Cline - he will be discussing headlights (something we don't always have with the prince of darkness on board) it should be a great talk - see you there.

Sat 19 July Annual Highway Clean Up - Rollinsville

Our Annual Highway clean up is a very popular event hosted by Rod Tompkins combining civic duty with a great day of driving and of course the much coveted trophy award at the end. We will meet and take a scenic drive to Rollinsville where the RMTC has adopted a short stretch of highway. After cleaning

up rubbish (trash) and finding the secretly stashed wooden blocks along the way we will head for lunch and the hotly contested competition for the hubcap trophy

Details: Short of fires, floods, tsunamis, and attacks by killer bees we are going to do our civic duty on Saturday, July 19. Be at the RTD Park-N-Ride at 2nd Pl and Routt St in Lakewood at 9:00am. Departure will be at 9:15 for a drive up Golden Gate Canyon to Highway 119 to Rollinsville and our appointed duties. Lunch will be at the Wondervu Cafe high above Coal Creek Canyon. Two great canyons to drive, "treasures" to be found, in great company, with LBCs; life has to be good. We have not yet had any two time winners of the coveted Highway Cleanup Trophy, but I am sure Mike and Barb McGuire will be there with every

intention of being the first! I hope to see a whole lot of you but with that in mind, please RSVP to Rod Tomkins at tomkins@ecentral.com or 303-906-3193 so I can alert the Cafe as to expected numbers.

Jefferson Drive to Tim & Sandee Pirano's Cabin - July 27

I am sorry to report that the drive to Jefferson on Sunday July 27 is cancelled or at least postponed. Tim Pirano has had that pesky thing called work rear its ugly head and will be out of town. He sends his regrets. -°If anyone wants to put together a quick impromptu drive that weekend let me know and I will post it on the website.

Happy driving Sharon.

July Birthdays

7/7 Janice Arnio
7/8 Lou Rolofson
7/10 Marilie Hart
7/10 Shirley Kenney
7/14 Nick Turner
7/15 Milly Burkart
7/17 Susan Horwitz
7/17 Gail Nadeau

7/18 Chip Burkett
7/19 Mike McGuire
7/21 Marilyn Farrell
7/24 Nancee Deason
7/25 Sandee Pirano
7/26 Bill Aspinwall
7/26 Bob Becwar
7/29 Judi Becwar
7/31 Joyce Russ



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Board Meeting

Hacienda Colorado 4100 E Mexico I-25 & Colorado
Board meetings are held on the 1st Monday of each month. Meet for dinner at 6pm meeting starts at 7 General club business and planning - All are welcome



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General Meeting

Guest Speaker: Mike Cline - Headlight services.
Come with loads of questions! General meetings are held 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 located at 3562 S. Monaco Parkway.



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Annual Highway clean up

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RMTC 2014 Event Calendar

by Sharon Robinson

July

- Mon 7TH Board Meeting
- Tue 15TH General Meeting
Mike Cline, Headlight Services
- Sun 19TH Highway Clean Up
Rollinsville (Rod)

August

- Mon 4TH Board Meeting
- Sun 10TH Highland Games Show
(Brooks)
- Tue 19TH General Meeting
TDA speaker/tech
- Sat 23RD Drive to Leadville and Lunch
(Ralph)

September

- Mon 8TH Board Meeting
- Sun 7TH TBA DRIVE
- 9TH - 14TH VTR Dobson NC
- Tue 16TH General Meeting
TBA speaker/tech
- Sat 13TH Ride the Rockies Tour
- Sat 13TH Conclave Party (Hughes)
- Sun 14TH 31ST Annual Colorado
Conclave – Arvada

October

- Sun 5TH Breakfast/Drive (Reeds)
- Mon 6TH Board Meeting
- Tue 21ST General Meeting
TBA speaker/tech
- TBD Movie Night (Gordon)

November

- Sat 1ST Wine Tasting (Boslers)
- Mon 3RD Board Meeting
Elections 2015
- Tue 18TH General Meeting
TBA speaker/tech
- TBD Coors Tour (Becwars)

December

- Mon 1ST Board Meeting
- Sun 14TH Christmas Party
Stonegate, Parker

Wish to Add Your Event?

If you would like to add your event or have questions or ideas please contact us or call Sharon at 303.469.4574 or thepickledbrit@gmail.com.

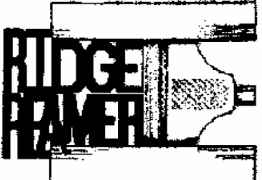


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RMTC Board Meeting 6-2-2014

By Gordon Kenney



The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by PM Frank Oakley at the Hacienda Colorado with board members Ralph Malewska, Janet Cline, Sharon Robinson, Terry Hughes and Gordon Kenney present.

Due to the vacancy in the "Newsletter Editor" position it was decided to ask for a nominee at the next general meeting. Meanwhile Andrej will continue to assemble and print the newsletter from mem-

ber submissions as he has been doing.

The "Fathers Day" party budget submitted by Patrick Huckles was approved; a "donation jar" will be available for member contributions to the club for this event.

Ralph did not agree that the By-Law Committee will have a document ready for the Board.

A club personalized license plate frame was developed by Ralph; Terry will investi-

gate its production.

At the Conclave in September we will again utilize the Conclave awards and not do club ribbons or trophies. An effort will be made to recruit new members at the show.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:54.

RMTC's Technical Advisors

Meet our Team of Technical Advisors



A technical advisor is an individual who is expert in a particular field of knowledge. Ours volunteer their time to pro-

vide detailed information and advice to RMTC club members. Please be considerate when you contact our Advisors, they too have families and lives like you do.

Wally Gamble	TR2 & 3	303.202.0339
Jim Elbe	TR4 & 4A	719.598.7261
Bob Becwar	TR250	303.279.3745
Andy DeVisscher	TR6 & GT6	303.452.8806
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Bob Klie	General	785.332.2417
Jim Elbe	Colorado Springs	719.598.7261

P & L Statement May

by *Ralph Malewska*

INCOME

Ad Revenue.....	\$5.00
Car Show.....	314.64
Donations.....	2.00
Membership Dues.....	356.80
Car Show Poster Sale.....	2.00
Raffle.....	32.00
Regalia Sales.....	134.00

Total income..... \$846.44

EXPENSE

Car Show.....	\$244.60
Membership.....	24.60
Raffle.....	18.40
Sales Tax Return.....	49.00
Raffle prizes.....	10.93
VTR insurance.....	305.00

Total Expense..... \$336.60

May Profit..... \$509.84

Checking Account Balance..... \$5,038.16

Downloadable Documents

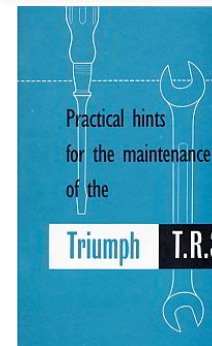
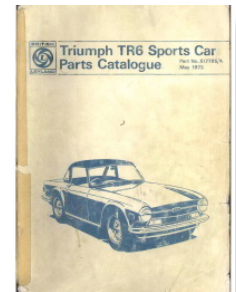
by *Patrick Huckels*

At the general meeting \$60 was collected for the use of Steve Weblin's Website Free Downloadable Triumph Documents for RMTC members.

Thanks to all of you who donated towards the upkeep of this website.

To download manuals please visit:

<http://www.vitessesteve.co.uk/Servicemanuals.htm>



Prime Ministers Corner

by *Frank Oakley*

Well, here we are at the end of June already. Where does the time go? I guess "they" are right, as you get older, the time seems to pass more quickly. Thoughts of mortality, anyone?

And what is it about this weather? I would have thought we had put winter behind us, but oh no. I get up and get ready for work, and it is beautiful. I put the top on the TR8 down, and off to work I go, only to have to run out in the afternoon

to put it back up to keep the hail out of the car. What is wrong with this picture?

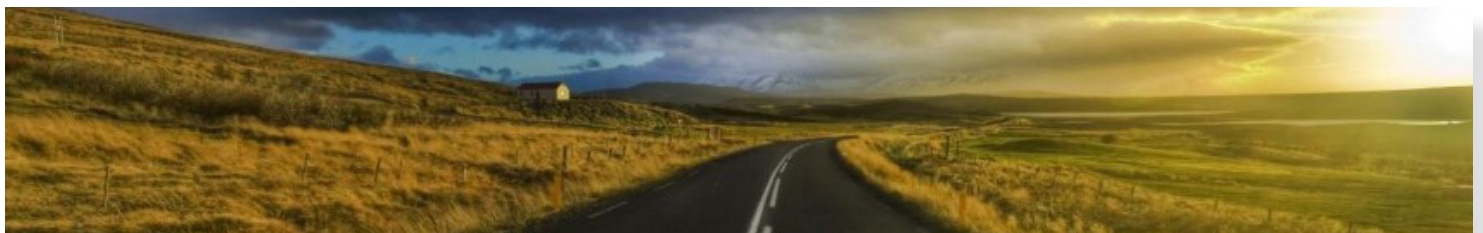
By the time you read this, the Mount Evans Drive, planned by Jeff Otto should have been run. I hope the turnout is good, and also the weather. We have our cars to be used, so let's get out there.

Next month we have our annual Highway Clean-Up. If my boss pays more attention to the days off I have requested, I will make as much as I can. We are getting

short handed, and work keeps getting in the way of having fun. However, the TR8 is still my main mode of transportation, and is doing an admirable job of it. At least the trip to and from work can be enjoyable.

The 31st annual Colorado British Motoring Conclave is coming up, not long after the Highland Games. Plan on making these events, they are a great way to show off your "pretties".

Let's get out and have some fun!!



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And Now for Something Completely Different

What's the difference between the English National Soccer Team and a tea bag?

The tea bag stays longer in a Cup (*World Cup*) ~ *Soccer Fan*

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