

NEWSLETTER OF THE ROCKY MOUNTAIN TRIUMPH CLUB

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Board Meetings are held on the 1st Monday evening of each month at The New York Deli News, located at 7105 East Hampden Ave. in Denver. Dinner at 6pm, meeting begins at 7pm; all

Musings from the Gavel, by the PM



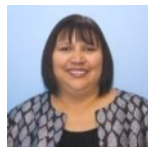
December is here and no one asked me if I was ready!! Does anyone else feel like this? What a year the RMTC has had. A big shout-out to Andrew Janiesch - he's kept us busy with all kinds of drives and events. And thank you to the members who helped him by planning a drive or an event. This brings me to our last event of the year - the Christmas Party. The 2020 board will be installed, club activity contributors will be recognized and lots of other fun activities will happen! All of the details are in this newsletter on page 3.

This is my last 'Musings' for the RMTC Newsletter. I want to thank the RMTC membership for giving me the opportunity to serve as Prime Minister one last time. It has been a challenge and a pleasure to lead this club. I also want to thank the 2019 Board for making my job so easy this year. What a professional, dedicated, **fun** group!

"How lucky I am to have something that makes saying goodbye so hard."
~ A.A. Milne

Let the good times roll - right into 2020!!

- Debbie



Birthday list provided by
Kitty Janiesch, Minister
of Membership



DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Rod Tomkins	12/8
Bob Arnio	12/26
Dave Bayne	12/27
Dave Bosh	12/28
Bill Gillespie	12/29
Lois Lynch	12/30
Phoebe Roberts	December

General Membership Meetings are held on the 3rd Tuesday of the month at Piccolo's restaurant. We begin gathering at 6pm for drinks and dinner and start the meeting at 7pm. We may present a program and conclude around 8:30. Piccolo's is located at 3562 S. Monaco Parkway (one block east of I-25 and one block south of Hampden). In June and December, the meeting is held elsewhere as part another club event.

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 and adjoining states. We promote "family" memberships, welcoming spouses and children to all club activities.

RMTC EVENTS CALENDAR

By Andrew Janiesch



DECEMBER

2 – Board Meeting

14 – RMTC ANNUAL HOLIDAY PARTY - coordinated by Andrew & Kitty Janiesch

No General Meeting in December!

JANUARY

6 – Board Meeting

21 – General Meeting

25 – Annual Chili Cook-Off – hosted by Brooks Turner & Nancy Vogel

FEBRUARY

10 – Drive Your Triumph Day - TBA

ANNUAL RMTC HOLIDAY PARTY DECEMBER 14th 5 P.M – 10 P.M.

Cost: \$10 per Person **Location:** The Arbor House 14600 W. 32nd Ave, Golden

Please join us! Appetizers will be served from 5 to 5:45 and dinner catered by Lil' Ricci's will follow. Please bring your favorite beverage of choice to enjoy. We need a few folks to bring a holiday dessert to share! Please let Kitty know if you are willing to bring a dessert. This year it is extremely important to **RSVP by Wed, Dec 11th!** Contact Kitty katt0906@gmail.com or text/call 303.408.9103.

Optional Activities: For those who would like to participate in the annual Gift Exchange/Stealing game, please bring a gift valued between \$15 - \$20 and label it for either a Male, Female or Both. RMTC will host another Holiday Cash Raffle. Members may purchase raffle tickets for their chance to win! All money collected from the ticket sales will be given out as prize money.

WHAT ARE YOUR IDEAS?

Looking for Volunteers to coordinate or host events and/or drives. Or advise us of something automotive or mechanical of interest for a visit. This could include a garage tour of your car project or maintenance work. Especially useful if you need extra hands or muscle that day! If interested please contact Andrew Janiesch, events coordinator

November 19th General Meeting, reported by Gordon Kenney, MOL

General Meeting of the RMTC-LLC at Piccolos;

PM Debbie Bosler called the meeting to order at 7:00pm with 24 members in attendance.

Officer Reports:

VPM Rod T. reported that David Durstine and Richard Martin drove their TR4 and TR2000 to the meeting.



Treasurer Jeff H. gave a brief financial report and said that “Year-to-Date” the club shows a net gain of \$308.42.

Mark B. had samples of Regalia on display.

David D. asked for all members to send him more “stuff” for the newsletter, such as event photos and links to Triumph related information on the web.

Kitty J. reported our membership is currently 110.

Andrew J. gave a report on the recent “Cars Remember When” event. 18 members participated and had a great time, (photos on page 1) and he encouraged others to visit the site. He discussed the upcoming Christmas Party and also the Chili Party that Brooks and Nancy will host on Jan. 25, 2020.

Debbie reviewed the proposed changes to the By-Laws (see page 4 of November Herald) and a motion to approve them passed.

Barb and Mike McGuire provided their VTR photos for a report on their attendance at the VTR national convention, that they and the Arnio’s of Rapid City recently attended in Texas. There were 145 cars at the show including their TR3 that they trailered to the event.

Debbie talked about the need to fill the appointed positions of “newsletter publisher” and “Archives” and also for someone to manage the “Annual Highway Pickup” event, *please help out!*

The ballots were distributed for the annual officer elections. The only office with more than one candidate was that of Prime Minister with both Liz Reed and Richard Martin having been nominated. The marked ballots were collected and when counted showed that Liz Reed was elected in a close vote as the new PM; all the other positions were as listed in the October newsletter. Richard gave a very gracious talk about his willingness and availability to assist the club in other ways.

Rod T. told about the new movie “Ford vs. Ferrari” and took a list of members who were interested in going as a group.

A short break was taken, cookies distributed and raffle tickets were sold; Bill G. won the \$27 cash pot.

Debbie adjourned the meeting at 8:05 pm.

Submitted by Gordon Kenney, Minister of Letters

Mark Bosler has been an excellent newsletter publisher, however, they are moving, so a new Publisher is needed. Publisher duties are;

- Take the monthly newsletter PDF to any Office Depot to print about 40 copies
- Print / apply mailing labels and postage, then mail the newsletters
- Occasional other printing if needed.
- Optional duties are custodian of the RMTC achieves, which are various boxed materials.

Please help out!

Regalia Update by Mark Bosler

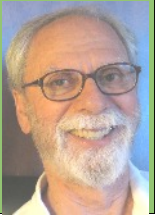
I will have samples at the General Meeting and at all RMTC events. You may order direct from K&K, and pay for shipping to you. You can go to RMTC website; <http://rockymountaintr.org> and click on **REGALIA STORE**. You can also use the online order form;



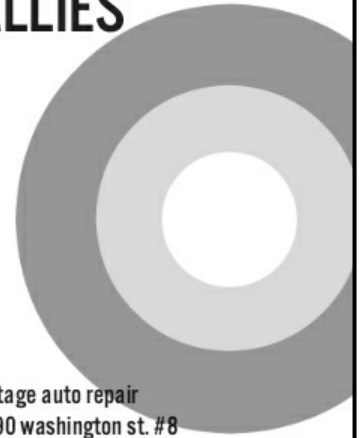
<https://monogramsbykk.com/collections/rocky-mountain-triumph-club> or visit 11023 Pikes Peak Dr. Parker CO 80134. There are many types of shirts and jackets and hats available in addition to what you see here. If you wish to have me pick up your order and bring it to an RMTC meeting let me know and I'll be glad to.

RMTC Treasurer's Report

This report is available for inspection at the Board Meeting and at the General Meeting, or by special request.



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FOR SALE / WANTED

(More on next page)

Free for members; Non-member ads are \$5/month.

Go to ROCKYMOUNTAINTR.ORG for details

FOR SALE: 1974 TR6

New clutch, brakes, interior, radio etc. Clean title. (Enclosed trailer that garages car is available for additional cost).

Condition: Excellent

Cylinders: Six

Drive: RWD

Fuel: Gas

Paint color: Yellow

Size: Compact

Title status: Clean

Transmission: Manual

Type: Convertible.

Email:

waterlou.LL@gmail.com

Asking Price \$ 13,500.00



12-19

FOR SALE; 1964 TR4A

Partially restored, 90% of the corrosion work has been done (see photos below). Chassis has been powder coated, all panels are primed and ready to be painted and installed.

Differential is rebuilt, brakes and transmission haven't been touched, and the engine is disassembled for overhaul.

Lots to be done, but I am unable to complete the project.

Asking \$15,000 for everything. It has a clear title.

Jay Gates 720-255-8027 jcgates@comcast.net 11-19



FOR SALE:

1980 Triumph Spitfire rims & tires. Stock rear rims widened by Stockton wheel. 215/50R13 radial T/As with about 10k miles on them. Fronts are never ran 195/60R13 T/As. Center caps with new decals included. Ran them on my stock '80 Spitfire with the rear fender lips rolled slightly. Email for photos

Wayne Grudnoske

wagrr@msn.com

Asking Price \$95.00

09-19

FREE TR7 FENDER PANELS, ETC

Several years ago I was a member of RMTC, but my TR7 was totaled by an SUV and a Cell-Phone-Driver. Just before then I had purchased a complete set of TR7 fender repair panels. Also have an air intake hood, a little worn but repairable.

They are not doing me much good any more. If anyone in the club would like to have them or maybe the club might just want to keep them for future needs, let me know. They are free. Picture attached.

Mike Adolf madolf66@gmail.com

09-19



For Sale: 1964 TR4 that starts and runs, but has an oil leak somewhere on the front of the engine. Odometer shows 55,532, which may be 155,532 but I cannot say. The floor pan has some major rust but including parts to fix all of it, along with a new top, tonneau cover, tires, two spare wheels, and an original owners manual.

Interior is in good shape other than the floor, has all its glass and the body passes magnet testings. 12-19

Asking Price: \$8,000.00 vinmancr@gmail.com



NEW MEMBER PROFILE - BLAINE TRITT

As written by Blaine Tritt, coordinated by Mark Bosler

I got interested in cars by being born a male in America in the 1940s. I think it came as part of the Y chromosome. Seems boys of that era were all fascinated by anything with wheels and a motor.

When I was in high school having your own car was not a birth right as it is today. We were allowed to borrowed our parent's car on occasion. The summer after my sophomore year in college (1964) my Dad surprised me with my first TR-3 (repainted 1957 Buick silver). I don't recall the year of the car but 1st gear was not synchromeshed so my guess is a 1959. The demise of that TR-3 is an entire story unto itself but suffice it to say I skidded on ice and had a head-on encounter with a concrete bridge abutment.



Insurance replaced that car with a powder blue TR-3 which I'd guess was a TR-3B – it was synchromeshed in 1st. Sometime in my last year in college I turned that car on its side, totaling it. My Dad thought it would be better for me to replace it with a beat up 1960 Chevy we called "Patches".

In 1970 while in the Air Force in Colorado Springs, I had a '54 Jeep wagon (the "Cracker Box") that I rebuilt in my apartment parking lot (engine, transmission, transfer case, seats, headliner, interior panels, carpet). It would top out at 55 mph on I-25 in 3rd gear! About 1984 I had an MGB but I didn't restore it. But, I never got over my love for the TR-3. For 50+ years I've been telling myself that I would have another one but there was always something else that kept it on the back burner. Recently, I'd pretty much given up on the idea.

Then, on August 26th my daughter Olivia had dropped by and I was talking with her and looking out the kitchen window when her twin brother, Aaron, drove down the driveway in a TR-3! The two of them had secretly got together and gifted me a 1959 TR-3 (titled as 1960)! Needless to say I am still overwhelmed by it. My 50 year dream is being fulfilled by my fantastic kids!

This is actually how I found the Rocky Mountain Triumph Club. The TR-3 was purchased from a RMTC member who provided the recommendation. So you might even recognize the car from this picture with its proud and happy new owner. And so the saga continues!

The Vintage Triumph Register (VTR)



Club members are encouraged to join the VTR: Benefits Include:

- Receive the bi-monthly Magazine, "The Vintage Triumph"
- Free Classified ads
- Access to VTR's staff of Technical Consultants
 - Discounts on Vintage Car Insurance
 - VTR Regalia
- Participation in National Conventions

Join by sending \$35.00 to:

The Vintage Triumph Register, PO Box 655, Howell, MI 48844 or at www.vtr.org

SIGN UP FOR THE CLUB MEMBERSHIP AT: RockyMountainTR.org

MEMBERSHIP FEES ARE \$35 PER YEAR W/NEWSLETTER IN EMAIL ONLY FORMAT; \$50 PER YEAR WITH PAPER COPY MAILED TO YOUR ADDRESS

Annual VTR Meeting was in Dripping Springs TX, Reported by Mike and Barb McGuire

The VTR was held in Dripping Springs, Texas, October 6 – 11 2019. Dripping Springs is approximately 20 miles southwest of Austin. The VTR welcoming party was held at Deep Eddy Vodka and Distillery. There was live music, hors d'oeuvres, beer, wine, and lots of different flavored vodkas were available, along with a catered taco buffet. Shuttles were provided to and from the Holiday Express and Sleep Inn.

The host, Hill Country Triumph Club, arranged local activities such as an olive oil orchard and mill tour, brewery tours, and winery tours. There were four breakfast runs through winding hill country roads, which included cattle guards and low water crossings (luckily it was a dry week) to area restaurants. We heard that only one Triumph got damaged while crossing a cattle guard. They were able to pound out the damage and drive on. (Yikes!).

The main car show was held on historic Mercer Street in Dripping Springs, among storefronts that were built between 1870 and 1940. There were about 150 Triumphs ranging from Concurs level on down. Congratulations to **Bob and Janice Arnio**, our very own RMTC members, for their 1st place in Participants' Choice for their TR8.

The closing VTR event was the awards banquet and silent action, with a catered BBQ buffet, which was held at the Canyonwood Ridge event center.



Photos by the McGuires



Above, VTR RMTC contingent Barb and Mike McGuire, and Janice and Bob Arnio, with their Participants' Choice Award for their TR8.
Below, the McGuire TR3 prepping for the show.



The Ragtop



Ragtop editor has photos from the Nationals available online at the following links:
 Autocross: <https://flic.kr/s/aHsmJ1H57G>
 Funkhane: <https://flic.kr/s/aHsmJ1EuC5>
 Concours: <https://flic.kr/s/aHsmJ1GN5b>
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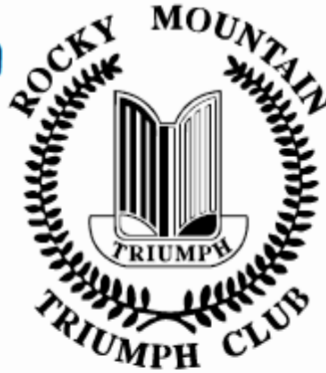
Name Tag Updates

From Kitty Janiesch, RMTCL Minister of Membership

We have some exciting updates regarding our club name tags! We are now ordering our club name tags from Quality Images. In addition to our club logo, the new name tag includes the make, model & color of your triumph if you wish. The new name badges are very similar to our old name tags.

Rocky Mountain Triumph Club Name Badge Order Form

Available now direct from the source!



Instructions:

Fill out this form completely!

Email form to: joe@knobmeister.com

or

Mail to:

Quality Images
Attn: Joe Portas
3595 Gray Circle
Elbert, CO 80106-9652

Please use one form per name badge!

Please PRINT

Name on Badge: _____

Car year & Color: _____

Please choose the type of attachment method:

☐ **Magnetic back** (\$6.00) ☐ **Pin back** (\$6.00)

Default

The 'style' of badge:

☒ **WHITE /Blue TEXT** Plastic - Rectangular

Please mail badge to:

ZIP Code

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One or two badges



PayPal: Send payment to my account: joe@knobmeister.com

Name tags for new members only will be ordered by the Minister of Membership and paid for by the club. If you need a replacement name tag or would like this new version, you may place your order directly to Quality Images. Just fill out the new order form and mail it along with your check made out to Quality Images. Or if you prefer, you may pay via PayPal and email your order form to;
joe@knobmeister.com.

The total cost for 1 nametag is \$10.99 and for 2 nametags \$16.99 if they are shipped to the same address. These costs include the taxes along with the shipping and handling.

Be sure to print your name, car year, color and the ship to address clearly on the order form. In addition, chose either magnetic or Pin (note - the default is magnetic.)

Feel free to contact myself with any questions regarding this new process. The order form is also on the RMTCL website.

Sample new badges;



Edited Minutes of the RMTC-LLC Board Meeting of November 4, 2019, reported by Gordon Kenny MOL

Gordon had asked that the board prepare some guidance as to the “Member of the Year” program for the 2020 board. The discussion centered around continuing the present tedious and labor intensive system of assigning points for various activities and collecting records of that throughout the year or moving to a program where near the end of the year the board would select the member they felt most deserved recognition. This issue generated considerable spirited discussion but no recommendation was made to be given to the new board.

We all need to plan so that event postings and e-mail blasts are directed first to the Event coordinator who will work with Andrej to insure they appear in a coordinated manner. The board will ask Andrej to keep members addresses and telephone numbers from appearing on Facebook club postings.

Newsletter Publisher Mark B., reported that he mailed 41 newsletters directly to members.

Jeff H., Treasurer, distributed a multi-page financial report. He has reviewed the financial records for the past year and has “cleaned them up” with more careful categorization of entries, correction of errors, etc and by providing useful subtotal and total values. The clubs net for 2019 to date is about \$300

Rocky Mountain Triumph Club 2019 Board

Prime Minister - Debbie Bosler
Vice-Prime Minister - Rod Tomkins
Minister of Letters - Gordon Kenney
Treasurer - Jeff Heller
Events Coordinator - Andrew Janiesch
Minister of Membership - Kitty Janiesch
Newsletter Editor - David Durstine
Regalia Officer - Mark Bosler
Newsletter Publisher - Mark Bosler
Webmaster - Andrej Galins

Collector Car Council of Colorado, Inc. (CCCC) Edited Minutes of Meeting, 6 November 2019

Guest Speaker: Matthew Groves is VP of Legal Regulatory and Compliance with the Colorado Auto Dealers Association. CADA is associated with the Freedom to Drive organization that aims to promote the right to drive private vehicles. Matthew described the current tendency to create regulatory and financial disincentives to use of private internal combustion engine vehicles, including eliminating parking places and promoting bus and bicycle lanes. He discussed a proposed program “CO Clean Air Through Reducing Emissions Fund (CO Care Fund)” that is patterned after similar funds in California and Texas. The goal would be to reduce pollution, primarily ozone precursors, by making investment in clean technology and incentivizing replacement of older heavy equipment. Funding sources proposed are fees, primarily on diesel trucks, but also on all vehicles through a “**smog impact vehicle registration fee**”. We may hear more about this when the legislative session begins in January. Dick Thompson advised that car enthusiasts need to be prepared to work with CADA to safeguard our driving rights.

Legislative: Leo Boyle reported that there are warning signs (perhaps ignored) that promoting electric vehicles may encounter China’s dominance in batteries for cars with consequences for buyers in America. Leo noted that the Colorado Legislature will resume in January with administrative actions such as forming committees and chairpersonships and by February we should see bills that are being proposed. He expects that there will be action on updating the myriad license plates in Colorado and we should **watch for changes in plates used by collector vehicles**.

2020 Air & Ground Show at Rocky Mountain Metro Airport: Management by the airport will take over parking and grounds admissions (ticket taking) and CCCC will assist with security and arranging the car show. The swap meet and car show area will be relocated and hopefully may be on grass.

RMTC SPONSORED EVENTS DECEMBER 2019

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29	30	31				

CCCC Corner

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Next Meeting: As of newsletter publication time, there will be no January meeting, due to the usual first Wednesday date being on a holiday.

Horseless Carriage and Year-of-Manufacture license plates: The wording authorizing use of these plates may need to be clarified. This will involve rewording the statute, which will require legislative action as noted on page 11.

A reminder: All Horseless Carriage plates must be renewed by the end of 2019

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