

# The Triumph Herald

## January 2020

### NEWSLETTER OF THE ROCKY MOUNTAIN TRIUMPH CLUB

#### Member of the Year 2019 – Andrew Janiesch, reported by Gordon Kenney

Each year, the club recognizes one individual as Member of the Year, and they are introduced at the December Party. Their names are added to the MOY plaque in Piccolo's general meeting room, they receive an individual plaque, and receive one year's free membership in the club. The club by-laws gives the board authority to perform member recognition. Each year the board decides if a MOY program will be implemented and determines the procedures to be used, and the board member responsible. One issue currently being discussed is should a MOY program be continued, but the member be selected by some other criteria than a points tally as described in the bylaws.

In the current program the individual is selected by a procedure where participation by a member results in the accumulation of points. These range from 1 point for attendance at a monthly meeting up to 6 points for hosting a club event. Only events which have been listed in the newsletter are considered, and the person must have been "signed-in" in the attendance book. Officers are eligible, but not for activities directly related to their official duties (no points to board members for board meeting attendance etc.). Total points earned for an event is determined by adding those for organizing, attendance, driving a TR, writing it up for the newsletter, etc. In any given year there may be more than 25 opportunities for a member to gain points.

The winner is determined at the end of November by a detailed review of attendance logs and other records by the Minister of Letters. That officer makes the award at the December meeting.

For 2019, the **MOY is Andrew Janiesch**. Like all previous MOY winners, he attended almost every event, drove a Triumph for most of them, has organized multiple events, and otherwise contributed throughout the previous 12 months. Andrew, along with his able partner Kitty Janiesch, have been real sparkplugs doing their part to keep your club running all year! **Thank you so very much Andrew!!**



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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 members

## Musings from the Gavel, by the PM



Happy New Year! As your newly elected Prime Minister, I am looking forward to a terrific 2020!

We've got an enthusiastic board that already has some great ideas for upcoming events, drives and activities.

Please let a board member know if you have an idea for an event or drive. We do have a couple of non-voting **board positions available, archives and newsletter publisher.** Please let me know if you're interested in holding either position.

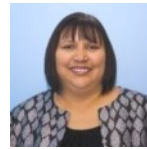
The RMTC January general meeting is on Tuesday January 21, 2020 at Piccolo's located at 3562 S Monaco Parkway. Dinner at 6:00pm, meeting begins at 7:00pm.

Looking forward to seeing you at the chili cook off on January 25th. This event has always been a lot of fun, with many very tasty chilis to sample, great prizes and bragging rights, come join in the fun! Details in the newsletter.

Keep those wheels a turning!  
— Liz

## JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

Michelle Galins	1/1
Mike Jackley	1/5
Daniel Smith	1/5
Steve Girkins	1/6
Jacque Harjes	1/9
Andrew Janiesch	1/11
Karen Colman	1/12
John Swearingin	1/13
Michael Yoas	1/13
Ric Andersen	1/16
Ben Stern	1/17
Jack Stern 1	1/17
Hoyt Sutphin	1/17
Vic Vigo-Torres	1/17
Brooks Turner	1/18
Catherine Klemm	1/19
Marla Otto	1/20
David Powell	1/25
Rita Norris	1/26
Sharon Robinson	1/26



Birthday list provided by Kitty Janiesch, outgoing Minister of Membership



**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 and Sharon Robinson



## JANUARY

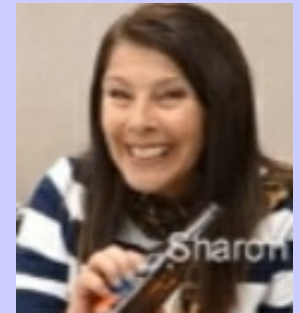
- 6 – Board Meeting
- 21– General Meeting
- 25 – RMTC CHILI COOK OFF -Hosted by Nancy Vogel & Brooks Turner

## FEBRUARY

10th – DRIVE YOUR TRIUMPH DAY – weather permitting - TBA

### **RMTC CHILI COOK OFF JANUARY 25<sup>TH</sup> 6 P.M. - ????**

Nancy Vogel & Brooks Turner are hosting the 2020 Chili Cook Off at their home 7936 S. Gaylord Way, Littleton, CO 80112. Prizes will be awarded for the top Chili in the following categories: Spiciest Chili, Most Unique/Original Chili & Best Overall. In addition, we'll need some toppings and cornbread, so if you would like to volunteer to bring cornbread &/or toppings, please let Nancy know. Please RSVP to Nancy Vogel [nvogel55@msn.com](mailto:nvogel55@msn.com) or call her (303) 919-3710. Don't forget to bring your beverage of choice and come hungry!



The 2019 and 2020 board are sharing duties for this issue during the transition period.

### **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 Sharon Robinson, events coordinator

### **Collector Car Council of Colorado, Inc. (CCCC) Edited Minutes of Meeting, 4 December 2019**

**Legislative:** Leo Boyle noted that the Colorado Legislature will resume in January with administrative actions such as forming committees and selecting chairpersonships; 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.

**Freedom To Drive (FTD):** John Mack led a discussion regarding the FTD organization described by the guest speaker, Matthew Groves, at the November meeting. The FTD coalition came about in response to the regulatory and municipality actions to restrict use of privately owned internal combustion engine vehicles in Colorado. Such actions have included the adoption of California's LEV and ZEV standards, eliminating vehicle lanes in downtown areas, and eliminating parking spaces. It was debated how involved the CCCC should become, and Leo Boyle cautioned that this could become a political issue and we cannot afford to antagonize legislators. John questioned if SEMA is aware of FTD's statement of purpose (apparently not yet). The CCCC has been invited to endorse the Freedom to Drive purpose. It is possible to do this without committing any funds or having our logo appear on FTD's press releases. Mack moved, and Beets seconded that: CCCC sign a Freedom to Drive endorsement form but not authorize the use of the CCCC logo in Freedom to Drive promotional materials. The motion passed with 20 in favor, 5 opposed. A copy of the Endorsement Form is to be included with these minutes.

**2020 Air & Ground Show at Rocky Mountain Metro Airport:** RMMA has pulled the plug on the planned major air show due to airfield construction but they are still willing to help CCCC conduct the Swap Meet and Car Show at the airport. An independent aircraft club known as the Rocky Mountain Renegades is interested in putting on an air show during our event. CCCC requested a change of date for the event, from August 1 to August 8.

## Minutes of the RMTCLLC December 2 Board Meeting, reported by Gordon Kenney, MOL

**Prime Minister Debbie Bosler** called the meeting to order at 7pm at the NYDN with all voting members present; she started with office reports.

**Rod T. VPM**, noted there were NO Triumphs in the parking lot.

**Gordon K. MOL**, reported that a sympathy card has been sent to the Kalins following the loss of Vicki's mother.

**Jeff H. Treasurer**, distributed a multi-page financial report and noted the clubs net for 2019 continues to be positive but that the Christmas party will reduce that somewhat.

**Andrew J. Events**, spoke of the coming events including the Christmas party and the Chili party hosted by Brooks and Nancy early in 2020.

**David D. Editor**, thanked the group for their input to the newsletter. He and Rod discussed the "Drive Your Triumph" day on Feb. 10th and of possibly using a route similar to that used last year.

**Kitty J. Membership**, reported that we have 103 members, and that several renewal reminders have been sent out. She also noted the club needs to purchase more rolls of tickets for use in club raffles and other events.

**Mark B. Regalia and NL Publisher**, reported that he mailed 40 newsletters directly to members and brought the MOY certificate to be completed by Gordon for awarding at the Christmas party. He noted the board needs to appoint his replacement.

Andrew and Kitty discussed the plans for the Christmas party. Several members are bringing desserts to go with the main dinner, which is being obtained from Lil' Ricci's. At the party there will be about 25 door prizes given and also a cash raffle. The board asked Andrew to MC those activities.

Jeff reported on his meetings with Andrej regarding the development of a backup plan for web page support, in the event that Andrej became unavailable; it appears that good progress has been made.

Kitty reported that she will have the 2020 Roster completed by the Jan. 21st meeting.

The board again discussed the "Member of the Year" program and has several ideas that will be presented at the Jan. 6th meeting of the new 2020 board.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:48pm.



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 RMTCLLC achieves, which are various boxed materials.

**Please help out!**

### **Rocky Mountain Triumph Club 2020 Board**

Prime Minister - Liz Reed  
Vice-Prime Minister - Eric Malewska  
Minister of Letters - Gordon Kenney  
Treasurer - Jeff Heller  
Events Coordinator - Sharon Robinson  
Minister of Membership - Mike McGuire  
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Newsletter Publisher - Awaiting your help  
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## Regalia Update by Mark Bosler

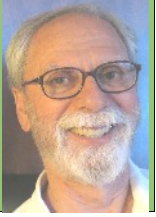
I will have samples at the General Meeting and at all RMTTC events. You may order direct from K&K, and pay for shipping to you. You can go to RMTTC website; <http://rockymountaintr.org> and click on **REGALIA STORE**. You can also use the online order form;



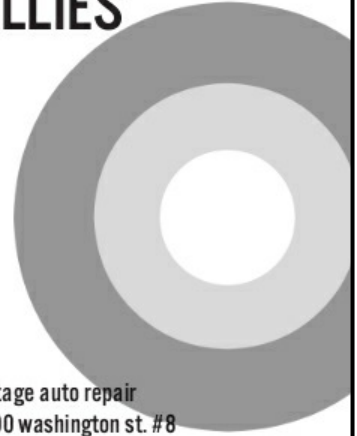
<https://monogramsbykk.com/collections/rocky-mountain-triumph-club> or visit 11023 Pikes Peak Dr. Parker CO 80134. There are many types of shirts and jackets and hats available in addition to what you see here. If you wish to have me pick up your order and bring it to an RMTTC meeting let me know and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

## RMTTC 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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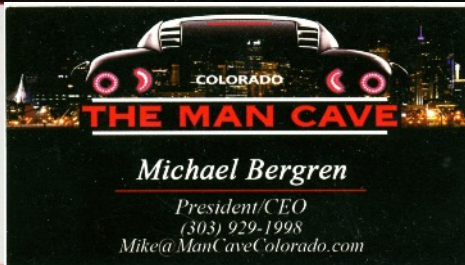
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## FOR SALE: 1974 TR6

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Condition: Excellent  
Cylinders: Six  
Drive: RWD  
Fuel: Gas  
Paint color: Yellow  
Size: Compact  
Title status: Clean  
Transmission: Manual  
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Email:  
[waterlou.LL@gmail.com](mailto:waterlou.LL@gmail.com)  
Asking Price \$ 13,500.00



12-19

## 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

[wagr@msn.com](mailto:wagr@msn.com)

Asking Price \$95.00

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](mailto:vinmancr@gmail.com)



## 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](mailto:jcgates@comcast.net) 11-19



"The rust problem turned out to be more extensive than we expected."

## NEW MEMBER CORNER

### Meet Greg Hanson

As written by Greg Hanson, coordinated by Mark Bosler

#### 1. How did you get interested in cars?

Always have been. My dad and I used to go to SCCA races at Lake Afton near Wichita, KS. Always went to car shows.

#### 2. What were some of your favorite cars you owned?

I'm a Jeep guy too, so we owned a 1975 J-10 pickup and a modified Wrangler. My wife is fond of a Mazda RX7 she used to own. And our TR6.



#### 3. What was your first Triumph?

A 1976 TR6, the one I have now. Been in the family since my dad bought it new when I was in the 5th grade. I've had it since the mid '90's. 120,000-ish miles, survived my sister and I learning to drive a standard in high school. We lived in Vermont a while, and when we moved out, dad and I drove that TR6 from Kansas to Vermont, top down all the way.



The Hansons enjoying the Holiday Party

#### 4. How did you find the Rocky Mountain Triumph Club?

At the conclave in Arvada.



#### The Vintage Triumph Register (VTR)

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MEMBERSHIP FEES ARE \$35 PER YEAR W/NEWSLETTER IN EMAIL ONLY FORMAT; \$50 PER YEAR  
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## Annual RMTC Holiday Party, Hosted and Reported by Andrew and Kitty Janiesch

Andrew and I would like to give **special thanks to Bob & Judy Becwar, Mark & Debbie Bosler, Mike & Barb McGuire**, for serving on the 2019 RMTC Christmas Party Planning Committee! We appreciate all the time and work they volunteered to make this year's party a success! We also want to thank everyone who showed up early to setup, and who stayed late to help clean up. This party would not have been as successful without your help.

This year, 41 folks attended the 2019 Holiday Bash that was held at the Arbor House in Golden on Dec 14<sup>th</sup>. Throughout the evening, Andrew Janiesch raffled off lottery scratch-off tickets and Piccolo's gift cards as door prizes. Each attendee received 1 free raffle ticket! Everyone enjoyed the appetizers - the Shrimp & Remoulade sauce made by Debbie Bosler, the glazed nuts made by Barbara McGuire, and the Maple Bacon Smokies made by Debbie Bosler & our niece, Louise Ford, who was visiting us from NY. Happy Hour was complete with the cooler of beer & Starbucks coffee provided by Bob & Judy Becwar! The main course of Lasagna, Ravioli, Garlic Knots and salad was catered by Lil' Ricci's. The meal was topped off by all the wonderful holiday cookies, cakes and pies brought by members.

After the meal, Prime Minister Debbie Bosler, recognized everyone who hosted and/or coordinated an RMTC event in 2019. Debbie then thanked the 2019 Board for all their work throughout the year, and then introduced the 2020 Board. This year, when Debbie received the Commemorative Gavel for her work as 2019 RMTC Prime Minister, she presented her PM Tiara to our 2020 Prime Minister, Liz Reed. Following the changing of the guard, Gordon Kenney presented the 2019 Member of the Year to Andrew Janiesch.

After the business portion of the party concluded, the Gift Exchange / Stealing game started! Approximately 20 participants played. At first no one was stealing, however, once the first steal was made, there was no stopping this crowd. There were a variety of gifts to choose or steal; however, one of the most unique gifts was brought by Ax & Allies. The gift was a greasy British wiring harness, that was entwined with flashing Christmas tree lights. This gift was a hot item because it actually represented 1 hour of free labor at the Ax & Allies shop. Once the game concluded, the Holiday Cash Raffle tickets were drawn. This year's winners were Eric & Ralph Malewska.



David D, Mike M, Bill G, Jeff H, Gordon K, Eric M, Liz R



Above, Andrew and Kitty doing MC duty, and the 2020 Board members. Welcome new members, left, Brock and Rita Norris (TR6), right, sitting, Blaine and Margit Tritt (TR3), and Greg and Cara Hanson (TR6)





**More Photos from the RMTC Holiday Party**



Above and right, recognition of some who contributed



Above, passing of the tiara and receipt of the gavel. Left, Shawn explains the Ax and Allies mystery gift.



All around, photos of the partiers and good food arranged by the Janiesch'.



## LOT NO. 411 - 1955 TRIUMPH TR2 - PKV 374 - THE EX-WORKS LE MANS 24-HOURS

This article was sourced from Silverstone Auctions via a link provided by Jeff Heller



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An historically important race car with a fabulous history

- The ex-Works 1955 Le Mans 24-hours TR2 driven by Leslie Brooke and Mortimer Morris-Goodall to 19<sup>th</sup> position overall
- Purchased by the late King Hussein of Jordan at Le Mans in full 'race trim'
- An incredibly well-documented history file including countless invoices, period magazines, expired modern-day FIA papers and reams of photographs
- From 47-years of private ownership by the same family and campaigned by them in many endurance rallies
- An historically important motor car with potential entry to Blue Riband historic motorsport events such as the Le Mans Classic, Goodwood Revival, Mille Miglia and many more

The Geneva Motor Show of March 1953 saw the launch of the all-new Triumph TR2 sports car, developed from the one and only TR1 with the experimental chassis

number X505. The new model was soon in great demand due to its performance, reliability, availability and low price. It competed well against the contemporary rivals of the period and it soon became successful in competition winning accolades including the team prize in the Alpine Rally at their first outing and 27<sup>th</sup> overall in the Mille Miglia beating many Ferraris.

For many sports car manufacturers at the time, endurance racing not only served as a great marketing tool, but also a test-bed for new and innovative parts and engineering technologies. In 1954, a TR2 was privately entered in the '24 Heures du Mans' by Mr Edgar Wadsworth and, sharing the driving with Mr John Brown, the pair finished a creditable 15<sup>th</sup> in the gruelling event completing a total of 214 laps of the Circuit de la Sarthe.

The following year Standard-Triumph Ltd decided to enter a 'Works' team of three cars to compete at the 24-hours, all finished in British Racing Green with wire wheels and carrying consecutive registrations 'PKV 374', 'PKV 375' and 'PKV 376'. We are incredibly proud to be offering one of these team cars, 'PKV 374' for sale. For a long time, 374 was the sole survivor of the Works team and as a result is one of the most historic TR cars in existence.

The team cars were not exactly standard customer cars at the time, as they were fitted with uprated experimental front disc brakes, long range fuel tanks and high-port cylinder heads, effectively making them prototypes, however, it wasn't long before these modifications became standard fitment on customer cars. 374 and 375 were fitted with Girling disc brakes at the front and 11" Alfin drums at the rear, whilst PKV 376 utilised a four-wheel Dunlop brake setup. Each car was piloted by just two-drivers, perhaps unthinkable in modern-day endurance racing when three and four are the norm. PKV 374 (car number 68) was driven by Leslie Brooke and Mortimer Morris-Goodall, PKV 375 (car no. 29) by Ken Richardson and Bert Hadley and PKV 376 by Bob Dickson and the talented Ninian Sanderson, who was subsequently to win the race overall in 1956.



The 1955 event would prove to be one that would long remain in the memories of all those that witnessed the devastating accident when, at 6.26pm, the Mercedes-Benz 300SLR of Pierre Levegh struck the left-side of Lance Macklin's Austin Healey 100S NOJ 393 and the rapidly disintegrating Mercedes ploughed into the main stand killing 84 people and injuring a further 400. However, the organisers made the decision to continue with the race and, at the time of the accident, PKV 374 had been running well and, according to the late-June issue of Autosport, "Leslie Brooke was easily the fastest of the MG and TR2 drivers, and for many laps averaged over 90 mph." (Continued next page)

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## 1955 TRIUMPH TR2 - PKV 374 - THE EX-WORKS LE MANS 24-HOURS Continued



Frustratingly for Brooke, at around 7pm on the Saturday evening, he overcooked it exiting the famous Tertre Rouge corner and ran aground embedding the car into the sandbank. As the marshals were not permitted to help the drivers to extricate their cars, it was up to Brooke and his brute strength and determination to dig the car out! Legend has it that he used the glove box lid and a shovel that he found near the corner, whilst rocking the car in first and reverse gears to free it from the ridge of sand on which it was stubbornly perched. Eventually, after 2.5 hours of toil, 374 was free and back on track with Brooke returning to the pit lane. For the rest of the race, gear selection became an issue and second or top gears appeared the only options, so it was remarkable that Brooke and Morris-Goodall finished the race in 19th place overall, only a few places behind their teammates in

cars #28 and #29 who finished 14th and 15th respectively.

After the race, both 375 and 376 returned to Coventry, however, 374 took the fancy of the late King Hussein of Jordan who negotiated the car's purchase at the circuit and took it directly home to Jordan in full Le Mans race trim. A fabulous article documenting the purchase can be found in the April 2008 issue of Classic Cars magazine which is included in the file. The King brought the car back to the UK in 1956, at which time it was in the Jordanian colours of blue and white with luxurious upholstery, when he came over to attend the Army Officers College at Sandhurst. However, in November of 1956 he sold PKV 374, presumably because it was not suited to a British winter!

The car then passed through several hands until purchased by the present owner in 1972 in a dilapidated state; now sprayed yellow, although there is clear evidence on various panels of its transition from British Racing Green, to blue and white and finally yellow.

After an incredibly long restoration, due to a growing family and work commitments, the car was finally finished and PKV 374 duly returned to competition in May 2000 when it successfully competed in the London to Istanbul leg of the inaugural Around the World in 80 Days Rally. The car still retains its Le Mans long-range fuel tank, its original and irreplaceable Derringer cylinder head, manifold, axle and brakes as fitted by the factory for the 1955 Le Mans race.

After running 374 in many endurance rallies, most of which are now run by the Historic Endurance Rally Organisation (HERO), a plan was hatched to return this important TR2 to its spiritual home – Le Mans. The car was race-prepared, an FIA HTP passport gained and a team assembled to run the car. With the help of some generous sponsorship, PKV 374 returned to the Circuit de la Sarthe for the 2005 One-Hour Le Mans Legends race (the support race for the modern-day 24-hours) driven by top historic racers Tony Dron and Nick Marsh. Unfortunately a misfire and fuel starvation troubles meant the car retired after only 6 laps, but in 2006 PKV 374 returned once again to the Le Mans Legends race and had a successful outing in the hands of Nick Marsh once again, finishing 5th in Class and 23rd overall.

In the intervening years the car was cherished, rallied and shown and consequently is very well-known within the TR community as letters from Bill Piggot of the TR Register can attest. Having not been used for the past four years, the car is running but is in need of some light recommissioning work and any prospective buyers would be advised to bring a trailer and van to collect the car, parts and the staggering history file that accompanies this venerable little Triumph!

Supplied with a UK V5c, reams of period photographs, CD's, DVD's, period magazines, photographs from the restoration, its old FIA HTP passport (now expired) and many race reports, this historically important Triumph TR2 is now ready, after 47 years of private family ownership, to start the next chapter of its life.

Rarely do period Works cars come to market, and PKV 374 offers a unique opportunity to enter Blue Riband events such as the Le Mans Classic, Goodwood Revival, the Mille Miglia and many more.

**Year of manufacture:** 1955  
**Make:** Triumph  
**Chassis number:** TS56910  
**# of cylinders:** 4  
**Transmission:** Manual  
**Engine capacity:** 1991  
**Body colour:** Green  
**LHD/RHD:** Right-hand Drive  
**Registration number:** PKV 374  
**Model:** TR2  
**Engine number:** TS1006FR

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Please visit the CCCC website for contact information for the officers, the complete minutes from the monthly meeting and a listing of upcoming events and shows

**Next Meeting:** Wednesday, February 5, 2020, 7:30 pm. Location will probably be at the Lincoln College of Technology in north Denver. This will be Presidents' Night, to **which all club chief execs are invited.**

**Horseless Carriage and Year-of-Manufacture license plates:** The wording authorizing use of these plates may need to be clarified. A reminder: All Horseless Carriage plates must be renewed by the end of 2019

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