NEWSLETTER OF THE ROCKY MOUNTAIN TRIUMPH CLUB

The Triumph Herald

July 2021

Father's Day picnic, hosted by Andrew and Kitty Janiesch

Finally! Live events in June! (High Tea report on page 8) We are back into normal activities! There were close to 40 RSVP's, with around 10 Triumphs, and the Ted Ax MG, all who came for a good time with food and friends. This was another big live turnout during recent months...good times! Richard Martin ran his smoker all night to provide a big tray of pulled pork, and Kitty added to the chow line with grilled hamburgers. Lots of others provided sides and deserts for the buffet table. It was a warm but mostly overcast day, so it was a great time to be outside without full summer sun heat. Great job on the arrangements and setup by Kitty and Andrew.

As usual, this event was combined with our June general meeting. Your board made the usual reports, and Mike McGuire presented the plan and signup sheets for those who can join him at the August ACC Concours (details on page 6). It was good to meet some new members, and to see Ken and Vicki Kalin, who were visiting from Texas. Additional picnic photos on page 7



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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. Meeting and dinner at 6 PM, all members welcome to attend.

Musings from the Gavel, by the PM



Greetings to RMTC members and friends!

Seemingly all of a sudden July is upon us. And of course Independence Day is next Sunday! I am still trying to figure out how June came and went. We did have some fun though! Sharon Robinson hosted the High Tea and Andrew and Kitty Janisch hosted the Fathers Day Picnic. Both events were spectacular! The participation was excellent at both events and many thanks to all the members that contributed sides, main courses and desserts for the picnic. What a treat to see the ladies in their finery, enjoying a British tradition that

was duplicated here by our very own Pickled Brit!

The club will have several events upcoming which will be detailed in the Herald. Sharon and I will be hosting the Highway Clean Up. It actually is a fun time, not onerous in any way. The drive itself is worth it, no telling what one might find discarded along the road: aluminum cans, bottles, paper, or even evidence of a roadside tryst (ask Eric Malewska). The more people that participate diminishes the distance for each "roadside trash picker upper". Once again, after the highway clean up we will head to the restaurant in Wondervue for lunch and awards. This event will be henceforth known as the "Rod Tomkins Memorial Highway Clean up". Rod was a frequent coordinator of the Clean up.

The Golden Super Cruise will be Saturday evening July 3rd. Although not an RMTC event it is a fun way to show off one's Triumph or other vehicle or simply to come and watch the cars parade by. It is informal, old school and a lot of fun. I think Shawn Bowman of Ax and Allies had mentioned congregating in the Golden High School parking lot around 4:00pm and then either drive, watch, or both. It truly is a blast from the past.

Stay tuned for e-blasts from Andrej regarding upcoming events. Don't forget to register for the ACC car show if you haven't already. Any questions contact Mike Mc Guire. He has his hand in that.

Have a great summer! We will see one another very soon! Cheers, Richard

JULY BIRTHDAYS

Repphun William	7/1	Durstine Tamara	7/19
Arnio Janice	7/7	McGuire Mike	7/19
Rolofson Lou	7/8	Zapletal Ronald	7/20
Hart Marilie	7/10	Hanson Greg	7/23
Kenney Shirley	7/10	Pirano Sandee	7/25
Lundin Lars	7/10	Aspinwall Bill	7/26
Salazar Bob	7/13	Becwar Bob	7/26
Turner Nick	7/14	Mathis Roger	7/27
Oram-Smith Sherrie	7/15	Oakley Daniel	7/28
Burkett Chip	7/18	Becwar Judi	7/29
Rounds Norman	7/18	Martin Ray	7/30

Birthday list is provided by Kitty Janiesch, Minister of Membership. Our member count is 114.



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.

<u>RMTC EVENTS CALENDAR</u> By Andrew Janiesch

JULY

- 3rd Golden Super Cruise w/ Ax & Allies Meet at Golden High School at 4 p.m, Details page 12.
- 17th Rod Tomkins Memorial Highway Clean Up Sharon Robinson & Richard Martin, Details on page 10

AUGUST

- 1st Colorado Springs Drive Mike Jankowski Coordinator, details below
- 7th CCCC's Rocky Mountain Car Show, Swap Meet @ Rocky Mtn. Metro Airport, event flyer on page 12.

 $27^{\text{th}} - 29^{\text{th}}$ - 69th Annual Rallye Glenwood Springs, more info on page 6.

SEPTEMBER

- 12th ACC Car Show Contact Mike McGuire, flyer on page 6.
- $14^{th}-18^{th}$ VTR Edmond, OK
- 18th Conclave Drive & Hughes BBQ
- $19^{th}-\text{Conclave Car Show}$

OCTOBER

 $\mathbf{3^{rd}}$ - Oktoberfest – hosted by Dave & Arlene Bosh

NOVEMBER

TBA - Chili Cook-off – Hosted by Brooks & Nancy Turner

DECEMBER

11th – RMTC Annual Holiday Party 2021 Coordinators Dave & Arlene Bosh

COLORADO SPRINGS DRIVE – Mike Jankowski Coordinator

Sunday, Aug 1st

Anyone can host an impromptu drive or garage open house, etc, do it! Just coordinate with Andrew to get an email notification sent out.



Jeff & Marla Otto did do that last weekend, for a wet drive to Bishop's Castle in their Spitfire 1500, but had no takers to join them. Thanks for the heads-up Jeff!

And, after any event, please send photos to your newsletter editor, and the RMTC Facebook editors Kitty Janiesch or Sharon Robinson, katt0906@gmail.com or thepickledbrit@gmail.com

Denver Folks plan to meet Andrew Janiesch at 7:45 a.m. outside the Aspen Grove Starbucks, 7301 Santa Fe Drive, Littleton. We plan on departing at 8 a.m. Our caravan will meet up with Mike Jankowski and our Southern RMTC members at the Garden of the Gods Trading Post at 9:30 a.m. Mike has planned a nice drive ending in Woodland Park via Cripple Creek. Please RSVP to Andrew Janiesch so we can have a headcount for lunch. Watch upcoming email blasts for more details!

PLEASE JOIN AND SHARE THE ALL BRITISH CARS AND COFFEE FACEBOOK PAGE FOR THE LATEST INFORMATION ON MEETING PLACES AND TIMES AND WEATHER UPDATES. SPEED READS is a transportation related book club devoted to armchair mechanics, auto enthusiasts, vintage planes, trains and fans of historic racing. Hosted by the Forney Museum of Transportation and Ax & Allies vintage car repair. FREE. <u>Next meeting is July 11th</u>, for the tour of the Penrose Museum at the Broadmoor, 1:00 PM. Details; Nicole Bleau, collections@forneymuseum.org 303.297.1113



6/7/21 RMTC BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Attendance: Andrew, Kitty, David, Jeff, Richard, Eric, Bob, at the New York Deli News. Guests attending: David and Arlene

- Richard had a few words to say about Rod Tomkins passing and how he was a very welcoming person and will be greatly missed.
- Jeff had some comments about the jointly owned projector between RMTC and the Jaguar Club. The projector was \$854.00 when new, the board will decide on what to do with it.
- There was some discussion that it is very hard to use and will the RMTC use it. Or should the club buy something new that is more user friendly. Jaguar Club has offered to purchase it for \$100.00 but RMTC wants \$200.00 minimum. This would mean more money for the club and possibly not buy another one. The board also discussed about just hanging on to it. There was not a final decision made at this time.
- Also the bank balance is \$7578.42 and there are not any checks outstanding.
- Herald had nothing to report, photos and articles from others are always appreciated.
- Eric is looking for a new meeting place for the general meeting. There are some restaurants close to his house and they will accommodate up to 25 people at no charge. The parking is not great at the first one he looked at. Eric will discuss it further with the board. The second restaurant Las Delicious might be an option, Eric will follow up with them. The club may want to book some of the general meetings at the New York Deli News. Richard will talk with them. The June general meeting will be held at the Father's Day gathering.
- Bill had nothing new to report on regalia. He did mention that the City of Arvada has issued the permit for the Conclave this year.
- Mike talked about the ACC car show this year, they need volunteers to help set up on the Saturday before the show on Sunday. Each car club is responsible for setting up their area. But the ACC will provide the canopy for each area. The deadline for registration is August 1, 2021 and it needs to be done online.
- David talked about the Christmas party it will be held at the Stone Gate club house. The dinner will be catered and the cost for this is between \$900.00-\$1000.00.
- This also includes set up. He is looking for volunteers to bring side dishes. The board decided on a three item menu.
- Andrew reported that the high tea that was put on by Sharon and Kitty went very well. They need to submit their receipts for expenses.
- The club will send a check to Sharon for the High Tea expenses.
- Richard will be making the main meal for the Father's Day picnic. Guests should bring their own chairs.
- Meeting Adjourned at 8:20 PM

Reported by Bob Mott

About General Meetings

Piccolo's has downsized out of their meeting room space. We are looking for a different meeting place. July meeting (TBA) may be at the New York Deli News. Please help us with ideas!

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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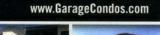


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FOR SALE; TRIUMPH TR6 PARTS: (updated)

- Front bumper, new re-chromed front bumper for a TR6, 1969 thru 1976; make offer
- Rear bumper for 1969 72 very nice condition; make offer

Call Tony Cooper 303.434.1425

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A PROGRAM OF ABILITY CONNECTION COLORADO AbilityConnectionColorado.org

Several RMTC members have displayed their Triumphs at this show in the past, there was a lot of interest in them. Online registration closes August 18th. Please contact Mike McGuire if you want to display your car, to determine if there are enough cars to setup our own area. Details were in the May *Herald*.

FOR SALE; 1970 Spitfire

I'm in a bind and need help. My 1970 Spitfire was in the process of being restored by my brother-in-law when he passed away unexpectedly. My main challenge has been that it's out of state. I hope to find someone that can gather and take all of the pieces, including extras, for a reasonable price. I've put a lot of money into it – way more than it's worth, I know. I need to get it off of my sister's property as soon as possible; otherwise, all will be completely lost.

Serious inquiries only, please, call or text 214-563-4227, or email vcbennett1@gmail.com.

Asking \$5000

02-21

69th Annual Rallye, Glenwood Springs,

August 27- 29, 2021

After a difficult year with the COVID-19 pandemic, the MG Car Club Rocky Mountain Centre is pleased to continue the tradition of hosting a marvelous weekend where MG owners and sports car enthusi-



RALLYE GLENWOOD SPRINGS 69TH ANNUAL 2021

asts of every marque (British, American, German, Italian, Japanese, and electric) come together to enjoy sunny days, cool nights, and unique events in Glenwood Springs.

For the safety of our members and guests we ask that only those vaccinated against COVID-19, showing no symptomatic signs of infection participate, and that entrants wear masks and practice social distancing commensurate with guidelines in place at the time of the event.

The fun begins on Friday with the Tour which departs from Gunther Toody's Restaurant in Littleton, CO and finishes in Glenwood Springs. This year's tour can best be described as the intersection of *Top Gear* and *The Great British Baking Show*. Along the route, participants will demonstrate carefully honed skills required of vintage car owners and will complete a unique scored technical challenge at the host hotel afterwards.

Please visit our website at <u>www.MGCC.org/rallye-</u> <u>glenwood-springs/</u> for updated information on prices, registration, hotel reservations, and regalia.



Rocky Mountain Triumph Club's Ladies Afternoon Tea

Special Thanks goes to Sharon Robinson, and Kitty & Andrew Janiesch, for coordinating the first RMTC Ladies Afternoon Tea on Saturday, June 6th. 16 Ladies enjoyed a traditional English Tea in a beautiful setting at the home of Sharon Robinson. Attendees were treated to a perfect selection of teas, food and fun! The tea was served by our volunteer RMTC Waiters: Richard Martin, Jeff Heller, David Durstine, Dave Bosh, Mike Jankowski, and Maitre D' Andrew Janiesch. They spoiled all the attendees by providing 5 star service, which was the result of excellent preparation, direction, and sequencing by Sharon and Kitty.





Event hosts Sharon and Kitty



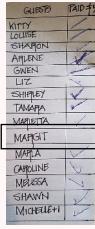












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Where was Margit? Best excuse ever for missing an event Hi Sharon, Please excuse my rudeness by missing the tea yesterday AND not letting you

I was wearing one of my other "hats" - alpaca midwife. I am exiting the alpaca business and was helping a new farm with their first alpaca delivery. It was a difficult situation. I was gloved up, kneeling on the ground in their barn, in my church clothes, covered with birth fluids, and pulled the cria out. Pleased to say cria and mom are doing well and the owner was grateful for the help. The process is a miracle even tho it's an 11.5 month "cooking" process! :)



God willing, I'll attend the next event. The pictures tell the great story of a wonderful time for all! — Margit Tritt

ROCKY MOUNTAIN TRIUMPH CLUB ANNUAL HIGHWAY CLEAN UP

Sharon and Richard are once again hosting this fun event, combining a lovely twisty drive from Golden, through the Golden Gate Canyon, to the Peak to Peak highway. with lunch and a little civic duty! You will notice this annual event has a new name - with Rod's approval, we have renamed it the Rod Tomkins memorial highway clean up - to honor our friend and long time coordinator of this event, who sadly passed away in June

We have a section of the peak to peak highway above Rollinsville that we clean each year. It is a short stretch and very easy. After dropping the Rubbish/Trash in Rollinsville, we drive to the nearby lake for our traditional picture, then a final short but fun drive to the Wondervu cafe for lunch, goodie bags, and a little friendly competition - There is a trophy awarded during lunch for the most interesting/funny/silly story about a piece of rubbish (trash) you find. Eric Malewska was the undisputed winner last year (see picture)

We hope you will join us for a really fun morning, plus you are helping to keep our state beautiful.

DETAILS: DATE - SATURDAY JULY 17th

TIME - 09:00 leave by 09.15 after a quick drivers meeting
MEET - CANNONBALL CREEK BREWING
393 N Washington Ave Golden, Just off highway 93.
Conoco petrol station next door and a Starbucks across Washington St.
RSVP - email <u>thepickledbrit@gmail.com</u> or text 937-369-3953
Bring a pair of gloves and some water - we will provide vests and rubbish bags.



2021 British Car Club Conclave Planning Meeting 6/17/21, reported by Bill Gillespie

The Committee had a virtual meeting on June 17th. Bob Gloyd opened the meeting at 7 PM and talked about the requirements for information for the city of Arvada and the county. He also addressed the activities involving the acquisition of posters, fliers, ribbons, awards, buttons, and other items related to the event. The dates were confirmed, September 18th for the drive, and September 19th for the car show at Oak Park. The main new item was the need to contact the Police authorities about the placement of the portable toilets.

All aspects of the planning process are moving forward. The group is looking for a place to have the next meeting in person. As soon as a location is locked in a date will be set for a July meeting.

I think we're all getting tired of the limitations of zoom, though it has been a good substitute as an interim measure. I look forward to the next meeting. If you have any questions, or need additional information please let me know. Bill Gillespie via email at wmg3015@gmail.com.

You can have your car in the All Triumph Display at the Forney Museum

The Forney Museum has given us the opportunity to have an all Triumph display this winter, November to February. They would like up to 28 cars, in mostly stock appearance. Here is your chance for a free place to store your car a few months this winter. The display cars are not started/driven, they are rolled into place. Some others who have displayed their cars there took their batteries home to live on their trickle charger during that time. Also, the museum staff does a minor touch-up on the cars, such as a good wash and wax if needed before display.

The museum would like as much variety as possible, so there will be an attempt to limit several of the same models, such as 3 red TR4's for example. Museum staff will coordinate that. So open/closed and evolving versions of similar cars, such as the various Spitfire range, and the GT6, and Heralds, count as variety. TR2/3/4/250/6/7/8 with hardtop or not are wanted for sure. It would be nice to see a Stag, TR2000, an 1800, a Super 7, a Gloria, and some of those cars we don't see too often also. Some patina and Driver condition cars are fine, the display isn't a concours.

It is not a requirement for you to be in the RMTC to include your car in this display, so pass the word on to those in the BMCNC, Brexit, and other Triumph people you may know. We need an **estimated car count as soon as possible**, so the museum can decide if we are a go or not. **Please contact Events Coordinator Andrew Janiesch** (drews71tr6@yahoo.com) with a best guess if you can participate.

Rod Tomkins Will Be Missed

Rod passed away recently. Rod was a long term member of RMTC, who held most of the board positions, hosted numerous events, and was one of those always helpful guys. Here are some remembrances of Rod.

Rod was born in London in 1940 as WW2 was escalating. His family moved to the US when he was 13, traveling steerage class on a Cunard ocean liner. They settled in the eastern states, where Rod finished his schooling, then Rod eventually chose to enlist in the US Air Force, where he served for 8 years, which included duty for 3 years back in England, and eventual discharge in Denver. There he stayed, teaching for 30 years, mostly in Middle School. He was a popular teacher, being greeted as "Mr T" when encountering former students around town, and he always remembered their names. Rod was always a car guy, bringing a Mini with him when returning to the US after duty in England, and later owning several types of Triumphs, a Mustang, and ending with a TR6 at the end. His son Ryan, also in Denver, will keep the TR6 in the family, and may attend occasional events between caring for his several young children and a busy work life.

Dear Rocky Mountain Triumph Club members,

It is with great sadness that the RMTC Board reports the passing of our dear friend and long time member, Mr. Rod Tomkins. Rod passed away on Monday, 7 June after a long bout with his illness. Never a quitter, Rod fought valiantly to the end. Much to Rod's credit, he never surrendered!

We all knew Rod on different levels: some enjoyed a long, joyful and bountiful connection full of laughter and mirth. Others not quite so deeply but none the less came to understand his sense of humor, his guiding presence, his spirit of volunteerism, and regardless of the depth of one's connection, Rod's inevitable ability to make a new member feel at home and welcomed to the RMTC.

Rod's achievements within the club, through the years, were legendary. To list a few: Rod revived and continued the Highway clean-up. RMTC has command of a patch of the Peak to Peak Highway. Of late, this stretch has been taken over by Sharon Robinson who has most graciously renamed the forthcoming event as "the Rod Tomkins Memorial Highway Clean-Up", a most certainly appropriate celebration of Rod's memory and efforts!

Rod and our recently departed friend and member, Gordon Kenney had much to do with our previous Father's Day festivities. Rod helped organize the Father's Day driving Rodeo. When Rod was not organizing Triumph car activities in the dead of winter, he had a hand in the annual "Chile Cook-off".

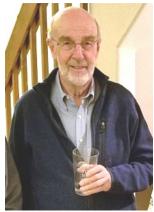
If Rod was not busy with Chile Cook-offs he was organizing club activities: The Driving Challenge with Mark Bosler, Drive Your Triumph Day, the Evergreen Car shows, Participated in Driving for Kids, helping with VTR events, Conclave liaison, and just to "help out" the RMTC, served as Vice President. And, by the way, Rod was instrumental in the arrangement of Triumphs photographed on the bridge over I 70 in 2019 which just happened to grace the cover of the VTR magazine.

As one ponders and imagines, Rod Tomkins was quite a "Rushmoorian" gentleman within the Rocky Mountain Triumph Club. We will all miss him and cherish the memories that each of us have. Rod epitomizes that sense of a gentleman who embraces the new and old members, brings knowledge and history of Triumphs, and makes all of us realize the mould was tossed aside when Rod was minted!

We salute you, Rod! Thanks for the memories! We will never forget you! Rest in peace dear friend!

With my deepest respect,

Richard Martin RMTC Prime Minister













LET'S CRUISE!

Hi all, just a quick happening in Golden this Saturday July 3rd. An informal non-RMTC gathering in Golden for the large Super Cruise, could be up to 500 cars.

We are meeting at 4PM at the Golden High School parking lot, 701 24th St, Golden, CO 80401. Shawn from Ax and Allies has invited for anyone to come out and join her, bring a chair, watch the huge amount of cars drive by, and of course, drive in the cruise. This is always a big event for Golden and will be even bigger with the holiday.

Any questions please reach out to Andrew and Kitty Janiesch at 303-408-9103.

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Next Meeting: Wednesday, July 7, 2021, at the Forney Transportation Museum, 4303 Brighton Blvd., Denver CO. **June Meeting Legislative:** Leo Boyle reported that there are no bills in the Colorado Legislature specifically related to collector cars but a major transportation bill, SB21-260 will have consequences for all motorists in the state. SB21-260 will establish many new fees and enterprises and emphasizes infrastructure promoting the use of electric vehicles. August 7 Swap Meet is a go.

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