The Triumph Herald August 2021

NEWSLETTER OF THE ROCKY MOUNTAIN TRIUMPH CLUB

ANNUAL RMTC ROD TOMKINS MEMORIAL HIGHWAY CLEAN UP Reported by Sharon Robinson

Saturday July 17th turned out to be a gorgeous day with blue skies (and no smoke - Rod must have been looking down on us.) 15 cars and 25 people met at Cannonball Brewing in Golden. Richard led the group on a lovely twisty drive through Golden Gate Canyon to our clean-up spot on the Peak-To-Peak Highway, it was great to see a line of Triumphs snake through the turns.

Our 2 mile stretch of the highway was divided up between cars, and the rubbish was picked up really quickly. We regrouped in Rollinsville to drop off the trash bags, then headed to the lake for our annual picture, then on to Coal Creek Canyon for the final twisty drive to the Wondervu Cafe. At the Cafe, each car received a goodie bag, and the fun began over lunch.

This years question, posed by Eric, last years winner, was to make up a story about something you couldn't do because of COVID, a story related to the trash that you found. (Ziplock bags were provided for icky stuff.) We had some brilliant and hilarious stories using found props, including discarded underwear (seriously, how does that happen!) beer cans, cigarettes, TV antenna, a toilet seat and loo roll (handy), and lots more. There was a 4 way tie, David won the coveted highway clean up trophy, answering Richards rather tricky Colorado tiebreaker questions. It was a fun day, a great drive, and we look forward to next year. (More photos on page 8)



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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

Dear RMTC members and friends,

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August??? Holy smokes! What happened to June and July? It's so amazing how we yearn for the summer months during winter and spring so that we can enjoy our Triumphs, only to have summer elapse in a blink. And yet, each day of summer is twenty four hours to my best recollection. Good thing we are staying involved individually and as a club!

Many thanks first and foremost to Sharon Robinson for ram-rodding the Rod Tomkins Memorial Highway Cleanup! Sharon's organizational skills are second to none! Witness last month's RMTC High Tea! The participation this year was extraordinary: fifteen cars with twenty five people which made the area patrolled per car less than last year. The task was anything but onerous and should have made each of us feel just a wee bit better as Coloradoans caring for our environment. Curiously, Ted Ax and I recovered less trash from our section than last year. No signs of roadside trysts were encountered this year, given the pandemic had ebbed. Ask Eric Malewska, last year's winner for clarification. Once the trash was collected and the lakeside photo accomplished, lunch and the awards ceremony occurred at the Wondervu cafe. David Durstine spun a fabulous yarn regarding his "treasure trove" and took home the trophy.

As you can see, events are varied: drives, car shows, chile cook offs, high teas, Fathers day picnics, tech sessions, and general meetings. Each and every one of these occasions only occur because RMTC members step up to the plate. Fall events include Octoberfest, drives, and our annual Christmas gathering. Please volunteer to help with the remaining events this year. It's easier than you can imagine.

Let's have a good showing for Mike Jankowski's event Sunday 1 August! We will drive through some beautiful countryside we don't normally include in our central Colorado drives!

Cheers! Richard Martin

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS Rick Emmelhainz 8/1 Duncan Burdick 8/16

Sandy Miranda Nancy Vogel 8/3 8/16 Linda Guthrie Beau Dico 8/7 8/17 Judy Burdick 8/8 Amy Nestingen 8/17 Ken Pelzel Barb McGuire 8/9 8/19 Bob Klie Mark Bosler 8/13 8/23 Jill Gomez 8/13 Nancy Yoas 8/26 Roger Baillargeon 8/15

Birthday list is provided by Kitty Janiesch, Minister of Membership. Our member count is 116.



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

AUGUST

- 1st This drive is rescheduled to <u>August 8th</u> due to forecasted storms. Colorado Springs Drive Mike Jankowski Coordinator, details below
- 7th CCCC's Rocky Mountain Car Show, Swap Meet @ Rocky Mtn. Metro Airport, Sharon Robinson Coordinator, details page 10, event flyer on page 12



24th – General meeting at the New York Deli News, 7105 East Hampden Ave, Denver

27th – 29th - 69th Annual Rallye Glenwood Springs, more info on page 6.

SEPTEMBER

12th – ACC Car Show – Contact Mike McGuire, registrations by Aug 6th get their name in the program. Flyer on page 6.

14th – 18th - VTR Edmond, OK

18th - Conclave Drive & Hughes BBQ

19th – Conclave Car Show – Volunteers needed to work registration & parking from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m.! Please contact Bill Gillespie if you are willing to help! Call Bill 720-417-9150 or email wmg3015@gmail.com.

OCTOBER

2nd – BMCNC Oil Spot Rallye, details to follow

3rd - 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

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

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

COLORADO SPRINGS DRIVE - Mike Jankowski Coordinator

Weather delay to Sunday, August 8th

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 70 mile drive ending in Woodland Park via Cripple Creek.

PLEASE JOIN AND SHARE THE ALL BRITISH CARS AND COFFEE FACEBOOK PAGE FOR THE LATEST INFORMATION ON MEETING PLACES, 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. Next meeting is August 25th, 6 PM, at the Forney Museum, reviewing Janet Guthrie's book. 1940s Car exhibit will be open. Details; Nicole Bleau, collections@forneymuseum.org 303.297.1113



7/6/21 RMTC BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Meeting was called to order at 7:00PM

Attendance: Andrew, Kitty, David, Jeff, Richard, Bob, at the New York Deli News.

Richard thanked everyone who attended the Father's Day picnic. Also talked about the Golden Cruise.

Jeff reported that the club's check book has a balance of \$7,078.13. The balance in the CD account is \$11,496.15. There have been 8 new memberships (\$295) and 27



renewals (\$1065) since the first of the year. An annual payment of \$288.00 was made for website hosting services. Sharon was paid \$60.00 for the 3rd quarter storage fee, and was reimbursed \$250.00 for the Women's English Tea Party expenses. The VTR annual insurance premium of \$150 was paid, a \$50 reduction from the 2020 premium. There were questions about the cost of the ACC canopy, Jeff will look into it.

David said that the newsletter is online for the board to review, the newsletter this month was late but there were no comments sent back to the board. Kitty will follow up about the distribution of the newsletter with Andrej.

There was discussion on Richard's article about Rod Tomkins life and history, it was quite nice.

Bill will attend the CCCC meeting at the Forney Museum. Meeting start at 7:30pm.

Kitty said there 116 members in the club, some membership payments are still being updated in the database, Kitty will finish those updates soon. Kitty will also send out another email blast about the highway clean up event.

Andrew events did not list general meeting info at the New York Deli, Richard will check with them and get it arranged. The board meeting for August will be held at the New York Deli News on the first Monday of the month. August 24th will be the general meeting at the New York Deli News.

Mike Jankowski will be coordinating a drive, details on page 3. There is also the Rocky Mountain Air Show on Aug 7th from 8:00 to 2:00 pm Sharon will put it in the newsletter.

Dave Farrell has some pictures he would like to donate but he needs someone to pick them up. He also has parts for a TR-6, Sharon will post them on Facebook. Parts need to be picked up by July 25th. Forney Museum needs a list of cars that will be attending the winter show. Andrew has more cars then needed, so the list must be trimmed down before being submitted.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:20 PM. Reported by Bob Mott

General Meetings

They are now being held at the New York Deli News, 7105 East Hampden Ave, on the 4th Tuesday of the month. The July 27th meeting went well, 25 people attended. No other meeting locations have been proposed except from Eric, so feel free to offer your thoughts.

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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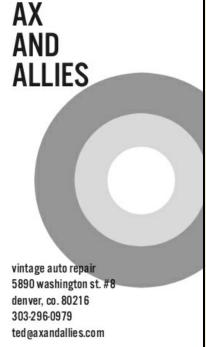
















FOR SALE / WANTED

Free for members; Non-member ads are \$10/month.

Submit adds at ROCKYMOUNTAINTR.ORG

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 05-21

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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*.

Regalia Update by Bill Gillespie

Regalia contact is Bill Gillespie, wmg3015@gmail.com Or you can go to RMTC website;

http://rockymountaintr.org and click on REGALIA STORE.



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 www.MGCC.org/rallye-glenwood-springs/ for updated information on prices, registration, hotel reservations, and regalia.

Golden Super Cruise, July 3rd

The Super Cruise is one of a number of similar events that happens around the Denver Metro area. Several RMTC members are regulars at the Golden event, along with motorheads from all around who just like to see and hear hundreds of interesting machines in motion as you join the parade, or just hang out and watch them drive by. Here are some photos taken by Andrew Janiesch during the July Super Cruise, showing some Triumph presence.



The Vintage Triumph Register (VTR)



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

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

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MEMBERSHIP FEES ARE \$35 PER YEAR W/NEWSLETTER IN EMAIL ONLY FORMAT; \$50 PER YEAR
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Live General Meeting 7/27/21!!

Our previous long term meeting place, Piccalo's, downsized out of their meeting room space last year due to the COVID19 situation. In fact, we were unable to meet anywhere due to restrictions on social distancing and the size of gatherings. The COVID19 meeting, gathering, and masking situation remains fluid due to the emergence of the Delta variant, which is more contagious than what we were dealing with in 2020. RMTC and the restaurant will follow meetings legalities as required. For now, we have reserved the **4th Tuesday** of the month for general meetings at the New York Deli News, 7105 East Hampden Ave, Denver, where we have had our board meetings. Our usual 3rd Tuesday meeting day was not available at this time.

Our July meeting had 25 attendees, with three Triumphs and one Jaguar in the parking lot. Although the meeting space is partially open to the main restaurant area, the other patrons didn't appear to be bothered during announcements and board reports, nor were we affected by general restaurant activity. So as long as everyone is considerate of other patrons, we felt that the NYDN is a good fit for meetings. The board has repeatedly requested suggestions for a good meeting place, and remains open for your input, but very few suggestions have been received. The Jaguar Club is also meeting at the NYDN.

The meeting followed our usual format, earlier arrivals had dinner and drinks, while swapping stories about their cars and related news. Then board reports and late-breaking information for the membership. Mike McGuire provided updates on the ACC show, several members are attending with their cars, contact Mike if you want to join them. Bill Gillespie reported on recent Conclave planning, and passed out some Conclave posters and registration flyers. Richard Martin made a presentation about heel and toe shifting during racing conditions, vehicle dynamics and center of gravity weight shift factors during racing, and understeer / oversteer handling.

It was great to have a live meeting again, after over a year of Zoom and social restrictions. We need to see some more Triumphs in the parking lot, please join us!



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Deer Creek Canyon/Witter Gulch Run

Date; Saturday, August 14, 2021

Meet; Ken Caryl & C470 RTD Park and Ride Time; Pre-drive mtg @ 945, depart @10 AM

This drive is 2.5 to 3.5 hours in length, over paved roads along scenic foothills routes. Lunch is at the Piggin' Out BBQ, located at Morrison Road and Old Kipling Parkway. The owners of the restaurant have invited the group back, providing reserved parking, and first round of beverages on the house.

This was a popular drive last year if you missed it then.

RSVP

Email: ericmalewska@gmail.com
Text/voicemail: 303-669-5811

Rocky Mountain Air and Car show

Rocky Mountain airport - Broomfield CO

DATE: Saturday August 7th

TIME: 07.45 meet - 07.50, leave to drive in as a group - gates

open at 0800.

MEETING PLACE: The pull-off on Network Parkway **DIRECTIONS:** Take Interlocken blvd (highway 128), Airport Way will be on the south side of the lights & Network Parkway on the north. Turn into Network Parkway, make a U-turn, and the pull-off will be on your right just before Interlocken Blvd.

See Flyer on page 12. \$10 cash per car (includes admission to the air show)
Bring a chair,
sunscreen and something to drink.
RSVP to Sharon
937-369-3953 (text) or
thepickledbrit@gmail



2021 British Car Club Conclave Planning Meeting 7/21/21, reported by Bill Gillespie

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On Thursday, July 22nd I attended the Conclave planning meeting. Almost all of the arrangements are in place. The major item which needs to be completed is for each participating club to provide staffing for the registration table on the day of the conclave. Each club has been assigned a one hour time slot, and we have been assigned the 10:00 to 11:00 AM period. This involves checking in each participating vehicle as they arrive and directing them to the appropriate area. Triumph is a kind of unique marque, since there are both cars and motorcycles. Staffing the table requires about ten people for each hour, so we will need to get volunteers. We will also need to bring water for the table workers.

I have a few of the posters advertising the event, and about 40 of the registration forms, and I will bring them to the meeting on Tuesday. 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.

What are Friends For, by Bill Gillespie

You've heard the expression "what are friends for", well, let me tell you, I found out. In 1999, a friend, another car guy and I bought a building in the Sunnyside neighborhood in Denver, at 39th and Lipan street. It was situated about equidistant between our houses. It was a great location for a car hobby. We found a guy who was about to lose his lease on a garage downtown and he had two Cadillacs, a 1966 Seville Sedan and a 1972 Fleetwood Brougham, basically a limo with fold down tray tables and footrests for the rear seats, four power windows and four power wing vents. We called it our two bedroom Cadillac. I also had a 1962 Triumph TR3, which I had brought from Virginia on a trailer when I moved to Denver, and a 1972 MGB which I bought after I moved here. We very quickly filled the building.



In early 2002, my friend saw a Challenger brand 12,000 pound capacity lift for sale in Lakewood, so we went and looked at it. It was set up outside and we saw it in operation. The problem was that the price was way beyond our budget, so we passed on it, but at that time we just knew we really needed a lift.

We kept watching advertisements in the paper, on Craigs List and other online sites. One morning when we met at the shop, my friend John said that he'd seen an ad on Craigs list for a lift, and when he called, it sounded like the same lift we'd looked at earlier. When we went to the storage unit in Lakewood where it was stored, it turned out to be the same lift, but dismantled, and consisting of six major components, and a whole bunch of assorted other smaller parts. Best of all, it was for sale at half the previous price. We immediately bought it for the new asking price. We knew it worked and all we had to do was move it to our shop and install it. We thought it would be easy. What a miscalculation!

As we looked at it piled up in our shop, we suddenly realized we had no idea of how to put it together. We called a friend, another guy named John, who could find his way on the internet a lot better than we could. He was able to get a set of installation instructions with a list of stuff we needed for the installation, such as lag bolts, nuts and washers of certain dimensions and strength. This friend





also was an engineer, and was able to calculate the footprint for the lift, using geometry and other stuff I'd taken in school, but had never seen used in real life before. Then our friend Kris, who had built houses and apartment buildings, came by and, using two engine hoists and a chain lift, put the car lift in place and anchored it to the floor.

We had our lift set up, but it required 220 volt electric service. Because of some quirks in the buildings electric setup, Kris couldn't just run the wiring. He called his brother Phil, who knew electrical stuff better than Kris. Phil was able to determine what kind of equipment we needed to hook up the electric and he got the lift working. The first vehicle we put up on the lift was Phil's five ton truck which needed an oil change. Everything worked fine with a lot of help from my friends.

And that's the story of my lift- never had a problem with it since.



CCCC Meeting minutes.
July 7th, 2021, edited.

Legislative: Leo Boyle discussed the intent and consequences of SB21-260, the very comprehensive transportation bill that has passed and been signed by Governor Polis. This is a forward looking 10-year plan that seeks to establish goals including greenhouse gas reductions. Promotion of electric vehicles is included, building on the ZEV plan of a few years ago. Funding is built on federal funding now being received and many new fees. There are no actions that affect collector vehicles (other than the fuel and registration fees applicable to all vehicles). Friends of Collector Cars **PAC:** Ted Rossi reported that the PAC is currently well funded and will be supporting Colorado candidates in upcoming legislative elections.

CCCC Corner

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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: 8/4/21, 7:30 PM, Offices of Colorado Auto Dealers Association, 290 Speer Blvd. in Denver CO.

Agenda; A talk about the Freedom to Drive organization and their response to recent legislative and executive policies.

Paul Leuenberger will describe the American National Insurance classic car insurance. And he provides drinks and snacks.

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