

The Triumph Herald

September 2021

NEWSLETTER OF THE ROCKY MOUNTAIN TRIUMPH CLUB

RMTC Deer Creek Canyon / Witter Gulch Run, 08-14-2021

Hosted and reported by Ralph, Eric & Dylan Malewska

We took a bluebird day and made it mo' better by driving fun cars on winding mountain roads. The route went the back way from Littleton to Morrison via Conifer, Evergreen, Kittredge and Idledale. The improvement this year was a rest break. The band of eleven cars put on a thirty minute show for the Evergreeners at the Lake Point Shopping Center, while our crew descended on The Everbean Coffee shop for victuals and relief.

Witter Gulch Road is just four miles long- and true joy in a sports car. Surrounded by mountainous beauty, the fourteen gravel spraying (with whoops of "Yee Ha!") tight corners all happen in the last fourth. Drivers were on point to the top, then took a leisurely (governed by our two wheeler friends) pace down Squaw Pass Road and back to Evergreen. We paraded through town, then down through Bear Creek Canyon, with more bombastically beautiful scenery for driver and accomplice.

All good things end with food and drink. Our hosts at Piggin' Out BBQ welcomed us back and let the RMTC crowd, led by Andy DeVisscher, occupy their patio. Good eats, good friends, good stories. Thanks to everyone in attendance for making this a great event! [\(More photos page 10\)](#)



Left, Eric's drivers meeting, and above, Eric leads off the drive.



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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 fellow RMTC members!

September and October are my favorite time of year, especially in Colorado. We will notice the weather becoming a bit more temperate, fall colors initiating, and some of the best "top down" weather the state has to offer. Think of the picturesque drives we have done this summer, and now imagine the same drive through areas offering exquisite fall colors! Why you might even need to start the drive with a sweater or a light jacket, but I guarantee you, you will not be disappointed!

September brings two important events in which RMTC will have a presence, the Colorado Conclave and the ACC car show. Both are great ways to have our cars noticed by the public. The Conclave not only includes the actual car show on Sunday but also a lovely drive on Saturday and a barbecue afterwards hosted by Terry and Marietta Hughes! Talk about a great weekend!

Another great event will be hosted by the British Motoring Club Northern Colorado, the 25th Ever Oil Spot Rallye, on Saturday October 2nd. This rally is very well conducted. and utilizes a fair few roads which are new and different for most of us.

Last but not least, members, it is time to consider nominations for the RMTC 2022 board. Step up to the plate and take some ownership in our organization!

Cheers!

Richard Martin

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Jean Vigo-Torres	9/1	Susan Zapletal	9/9
Jim Elbe	9/2	Jo Ann Klie	9/12
Judy Tomkins	9/2	Sandy Lawson	9/23
Richard Harjes	9/5	Donny Nestingen	9/24
Tina Sunshine	9/8	Paul Dico	9/28
Rick Lawson	9/9	Betsy Stern	9/28
Chip Snyder	9/9		

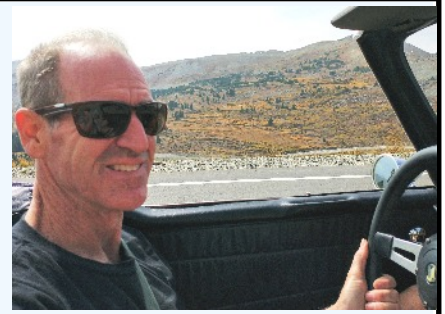
Birthday list is provided by Kitty Janiesch, Minister of Membership. Our member count is 118.



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

Coordinated By Andrew Janiesch



SEPTEMBER

12th – ACC Car Show – Contact Mike McGuire, details on page 6.

14th – 18th - VTR Edmond, OK

18th - Conclave Drive & Hughes BBQ, details below.

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. <https://thebmnc.com/events>

3rd - Oktoberfest – hosted by Dave & Arlene Bosh, details below

NOVEMBER

13th - Chili Cook-off – Hosted by Brooks & Nancy Turner

DECEMBER

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

THE HUGHES’ ANNUAL BBQ will begin after the driving tour any time after 4 PM and goes until you leave. Please bring a side dish and your adult beverage. Looking forward to seeing everyone there. Their address is 7750 Quitman St. Westminster, 80030

2021 ANNUAL OKTOBERFEST – hosted by Dave & Arlene Bosh

Guten Tag meine Damen und Herren! (Good day Ladies & Gentlemen)

The Bosh’s Annual Oktoberfest is scheduled for Sunday, Oct 3 in the biergarten at their home in Stonegate from 12 noon till 4:00 PM. We are asking everyone that wishes to attend to please **RSVP** so we can make sure there is proper parking and food available. We will be in **NEED** of **APPETIZER’S**, **SIDE**

DISH’S and **DESSERT’S** so think about what you want to bring and **LET US KNOW** as soon as possible. The RMTC will be furnishing brats and rolls for the main course and we will have all the condiments to go with these German favorites. Please bring your favorite chair and adult beverage when you come. We will also have fresh iced tea and bottled water available to drink; “Beer Steins” may be used for your favorite beverages.

The Bosh’s address and e-mail information is: 16889 Amberstone Way - Parker, Co. 80134

TriumphTR6Guy@outlook.com ; House # 303-840-8080 or Cell # 303-550-4420

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

Once more, Jeff Otto stepped up to lead a drive, up Mt Evans on the 21st. However, difficulties with registration procedures meant that it didn’t happen this time. Thanks for the effort Jeff!



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 September TBA, 6 PM, at the Forney Museum, Details; Nicole Bleau, collections@forneymuseum.org 303.297.1113

8/2/21 RMTC BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM

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

There was a Board Meeting on 8/2/21, however, Bob Mott, Minister of Letters, did not attend due to a recent exposure to COVID. Backup Minutes were taken, but are unavailable at this time. They may be published in a future issue.

Kitty and Andrew are traveling later in the month, so they provided Events and Membership updates before departing.

Bill Gillespie plans to attend the upcoming CCCC meeting. Numerous other car club representatives also attend this meeting, to insure that our interests are known to the CCCC legislative liaison.

Jeff Heller provided financial reports, however, we are no longer publishing the actual numbers except to any members who may want an update.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:20 PM.



8/24/21 General meeting

There were only 8 attendees, a surprise, after having 25 attend the July meeting...??..late summer travel?

There were two Triumphs in the parking lot, a TR4 and a TR6.

Jeff and Marla Otto are planning an event October 9th, and will also invite the Jeep Club, they will have details in the next *Herald*.

Bob Mott has been looking for some speakers for our meetings. They will be requested to follow an agenda, rather than freeform discourse. A tire shop and a mechanic are among the possibilities. However, if meeting attendance doesn't increase after vacation season, it is unlikely that we will invite speakers.

It is possible that the September General Meeting will be at Conclave, rather than the 4th Tuesday, there will be a web announcement if so.



General Meetings

They are now being held at the New York Deli News, 7105 East Hampden Ave, on the **4th Tuesday** of the month. We start to gather around 6 PM in the back alcove, meeting starts at 7 PM. Feel free to offer your thoughts about other meeting locations.

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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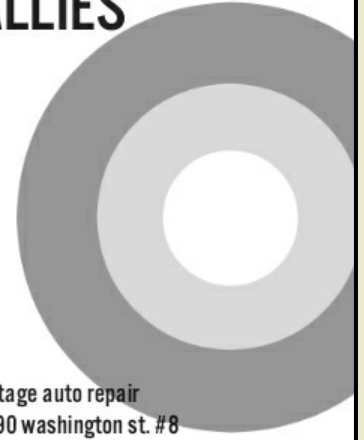


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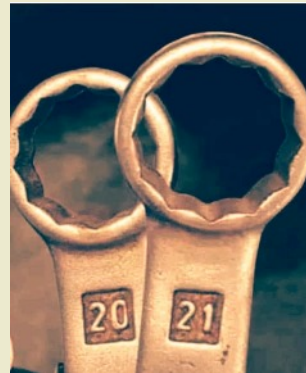
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05-21

Regalia Update by Bill Gillespie

Regalia contact is Bill Gillespie, wmg3015@gmail.com
Or you can go to RMTCL website;
<http://rockymountaintr.org> and click on **REGALIA STORE**.



RMTCL club members still wanting to come and join the fun at the Colorado Concours D'Elegance & Exotic Sports Car Show, that is still possible by clicking on the link below and registering for this event.

LATE REGISTRATION PROCEDURES

Be sure to PRINT ALL THREE PAGES AND FOLLOW ALL OF THE INSTRUCTIONS, complete the registration form, most IMPORTANT, bring the completed REGISTRATION FORM with you to Aspen Grove, Sunday morning.

MEET-UP LOCATION

ASPEN GROVE, (located just north of the RTD Parking facility, at cross roads Santa Fe and Mineral) 7301 S. Santa Fe Drive, Littleton CO.

SEPTEMBER 12TH, in front of the Starbucks at 7:00 AM and move out at 7:20 AM to Arapahoe Community College.

LATE COLORADO CONCOURS D'ELEGANCE & EXOTIC SPORTS CAR SHOW REGISTRATION LINK:

<https://files.constantcontact.com/a80c634a001/6092bc40-48d0-4b66-8291-507da69d5767.pdf>

If any RMTCL members have questions, they can call me or send an email; megbab@comcast.net

Mike will provide email updates to those who have contacted him to date.

38TH ANNUAL

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Several RMTCL members have displayed their Triumphs at this show in the past, there was a lot of interest in them. Online registration closed August 18th. However, late registration continues, as noted in the update to the right, provided by Mike McGuire. There are 12 RMTCL members participating at this time.

Rocky Mountain Car and Air Show, Saturday August 7th

Coordinated and reported by Sharon Robinson

Richard Martin, Les Stern, Ted Ax, Roger Mathis, and Sharon & Steve met up and parked together at the Rocky Mountain Car and Air Show in Broomfield - the air show itself was much smaller than previous years and only a few planes were on display, however the car show area was full - had we arrived much later we might not have got a spot. Lots of great cars, many that we had not seen before. The weather was great, however smoke rolled in mid morning, so no mountain views - all in all a fun morning!!



Photos by Sharon Robinson

The Vintage Triumph Register (VTR)



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A Little Planning Makes a Big Impact, How I Do It, by Mike Jankowski

When Sharon, Andrew and Kitty approached me about organizing a drive ([Cripple Creek, August 8th, photos on page 9](#)), I was excited and trepidatious. I hadn't organized a drive since the '90s, as my last club was very controlling about who was allowed to organize a drive. So once I agreed to be an RMTC drive leader, and reality set in, I got to work. I didn't want to let the club down, so I approached it very methodically and as if I were putting on a paid event. This is the process I followed, and maybe it will help someone reading this to realize it isn't that hard to host a driving event.



The first thing I did was look at the big picture. What would I want if I were to attend? I made a short list;

1) Relaxing roads and scenery: I realized we needed to traverse some main roads, but I kept that to a minimum. I wanted speed limits 45 and under once off the highways. This ensured no one would drive too fast, and that we would all stick together. Plus some of our cars are faster than others, so it evened things out.

2) At lunch, prizes: I wanted to be able to pass time while we waited for food, give folks enjoyable prizes, and have some fun. It helped to keep us all interacting with each other instead of splintering off to groups at tables.

3) Relatively short distance: This is a classic example of knowing your audience so to speak. I took into account how far people had to drive just to get to the start, and then their drive home. We had a meet up at 9:30 AM, then rollout at 10 AM. My goal was to have folks who live on the north side of Denver home by about 5 PM if possible.

With these parameters set, I got onto my laptop and scoured maps, then satellite photos and street views. I wanted to make sure all roads were paved to begin with. Then I would pick spots to use street view and look at the scenery from that perspective. Happy with my samplings from my intended route, I planned my recon drive. My first recon drive I intended to leave Garden of the Gods Trading Post at 10 AM on a Sunday, to get as realistic a data set as possible. Though I was about 30 minutes behind schedule, it was a good simulation.

On the way, I made note of where the gas stations were that could deal with 15 or more cars coming in at once. I looked for ease of entry and exit, always with safety in mind. I noted traffic patterns, traffic lights, and pavement conditions. Once past Divide, I noted line of sight for the left hand turn off highway 24. I also noted a large gravel shoulder that could hold about 15 cars, give or take. I pulled over and wrote some notes down in the notebook I brought along. As I progressed along the route I made note of what turns were tricky, what turns didn't have warning signs, and made mental notes about what would be a safe, enjoyable pace to lead at. I stopped several times along the way, taking pictures, looking around for points of interest, and seeing if the map views bore out my decision. They did.

When I arrived in Cripple Creek, again I noted where gas stations were, and also where to park. I walked around town quite a bit, seeing what lots were public use and free. Not many if at all, really, but I noted a block over from the main street there was ample street parking. I also made arrangements with the restaurant for lunch. The last pieces of the puzzle were to look for a group photo spot and stop at the tunnel, then drive home. I chose Woodland Park as an end point so not only would the option of going north to Deckers be available, but the shopping center would provide a spot for us to rest a bit and then be on our way. A big safety reason was that the traffic light at the entrance to the lot gave direct access across highway 24 to highway 67 for anyone heading that way.

My wife and I drove the course a second time to make sure we could get an accurate feel for how long the drive would be, and to have a final meeting with the restaurant owner. Plus we took more pictures and videos. I feel it is important to send photos and a link to a preview video so folks can make an informed decision on whether or not to attend. I also bounced ideas off Caroline that I had written in my notebook, and she gave some valuable insight and feedback. On the Monday prior to the original date, I drove the route one more time solo to verify our elapsed time, and to check on some road construction that was occurring.

The week leading up to the drive, I chose what prizes I was going to give, and gathered and packed them on our dining room table. I made a list of what else would be needed as well. Extra bottled water for anyone who needed it, distilled water for topping off a radiator, and a tool kit. I also printed out instruction sheets so anyone who wanted them could have them, and I also brought walkie talkies so the sweep vehicle could let me know if there were problems for anyone in the group and we could double back or wait.

The day of the event was much less stressful for me due to my admittedly OCD planning. But I firmly believe I am responsible for everyone's safety first and foremost, and to provide an enjoyable and stress free outing. I take both of those very seriously. Planning and trial runs ensure that I have the highest odds of accomplishing those goals. Organizing a drive is straightforward, the best advice I can give is to have a plan and know what your goals and parameters are before even getting your eyes on a map.

Photos from the Cripple Creek Drive, hosted by Mike Jankowski



Photos by Andrew Janiesch



The McGuires Help Make an 80th Birthday Special

We had the pleasure of taking Susan to her Eightieth Birthday Party at Arapahoe Park in Centennial, August 14th in our 1959 Triumph TR3A. The drive to the park was an 88-degree day and she was a real trooper considering how warm it was. She is a very fun and energetic lady.

During the 45-minute drive from her apartment in North Denver, we talked about how much the city has changed over the years. We arrived at the park, to around 100 people there for her birthday celebration. It was a great party and lots of questions about our TR3.

(Another car club requested some help for Susan, McGuires responded.)



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Grand Canyon
(73 miles from Flagstaff)



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Additional Rooms are available at Triumphest

Amazingly, we have sold out our room block on all nights and the Little America Hotel is completely sold out on Thursday the 14th.

Everyone is itching to get on the road and the result is that in the last few days we have sold out our room block at Little America. You can still make a reservation depending on availability and at the going rate. The exception is Thursday Oct 14 when the hotel is completely booked.

An alternative hotel is the Holiday Inn Express which is very close to Little America. I've just spoken to the hotel and they have "plenty" of rooms available on all nights Oct 14-16.

Please go to our website Triumphfest.com and click on the registration tab, fill it out, write a check and mail it as directed. Hotel info:

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Thanks and we'll see you in Flagstaff!
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More photos from the Malewska drive By Dylan Malewska



Fairmount Car Show, coordinated by Mike McGuire



Mike and Barb McGuire lead the RMTC contingent into the cemetery after their meet-up. It was a much better day than last year, which was delayed into a really cold windy day in October due to COVID.



Photos by Kitty and Andrew Janiesch



Kitty, does your Miata know about this affair with Chevy Super Sports?



CCCC Meeting minutes, August 4th, 2021, edited for space.

Legislative: Guest speaker: Matthew Groves of CADA: Matthew discussed Gov. Polis' Greenhouse Gas (GHG) reduction goals for Colorado and how they would affect drivers in the state. These goals supplement the ZEV policy adopted in 2019 and seek to reduce VMT (vehicle miles traveled). An Employee Trip Reduction Program (ETRP) was proposed which would shift the burden to employers with 100 or more employees to have a plan (with reporting requirements) to reduce the number of single vehicle commutes. With opposition from the business community, the ETRP was withdrawn, but the issue has not gone away.

Air Quality problems are real and there is the prospect of loss of federal highway funding. Matthew noted that the role of the Colorado Air Quality Control Commission (AQCC) in implementing regulations and fees is increasing. Also, the ground level ozone compliance standard has become a moving target with more stringent levels in place. Following questions and answers, Matthew and Tim Jackson, president of CADA, were thanked for their insights and for hosting this meeting.

Events announced:

15-18 September: Denver Auto Show at Elitch Gardens, Denver. Sponsored by AAA and CADA.

18 September: 6th Annual St.Jude Children's Hospital Benefit Car Show Landmark Lincoln, 5000 So.Broadway, Englewood. Sponsored by Rocky Mountain Region Lincoln and Continental Owners Club.

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: 10/1/21, 7:30 PM, at the Forney Transportation Museum, 4303 Brighton Blvd

Dick Thompson has tested positive for Covid-19 and he advises that anyone who was at the CCCC meeting on August 4 be on the lookout for symptoms. We hope that everyone is okay.

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