

The Triumph Herald

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NEWSLETTER OF THE ROCKY MOUNTAIN TRIUMPH CLUB

The Triumph Exhibit is Being Extended at the **Forney** Museum

The Triumph exhibit at the Forney has been a huge success for the club and the museum, so much so that they have requested the exhibit be extended until the end of February. This will include display items as well as the cars. The public response to this exhibit has been overwhelmingly positive, we have received numerous inquiries about how much longer the display will be in place, with folks trying to get to the Museum to see the cars before the end of January. There has also been recent coverage by national media that could generate new viewers to the exhibit. The extended exhibit means those who planned to join Drive Your Triumph Day on February 10th will be doing only the photos version, rather than the drive. Details about the Drive on page 3.



Photos by Kathy Wells, Jeff Heller, and Kitty Janiesch



Additional photos of Triumphs at the Forney, not shown in the December Herald



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Board Meetings are held on the 1st Monday evening of each month at the 71st and 72nd. **February meeting will be at the Blue Bonnet**. Meeting and dinner at 6:15 pm. All members welcome to attend.

Musings from the Gavel, by the PM



Greetings fellow RMTC members,

Here it is February already! Seemingly, January came and went! At this pace it will be time to take advantage of nicer weather spring, allowing us to deploy our Triumphs hither and yon. Don't forget that Thursday, February 10th is "Drive your Triumph day". With a bit of luck, many of you will be able to do so and take a few pictures for the newsletter. Whether or not there will be an official RMTC activity is undecided at this writing. Hopefully, Andrew Janiesch has something up his sleeve! Those of us who have our Triumphs at the Forney hope the rest of you can make a good show of it!

As you have seen in the e-mail blasts, our new meeting place for both the Board and General meetings is the Blue Bonnet restaurant, on the first Monday and third Wednesday respectfully, same time frame. It is located at 475 S Broadway in Denver, west side of the street. Although the turnout has been a bit less than expected, most likely weather related, all attendees enjoyed their meals.

If memory serves, Sharon Robinson suggested an informal book exchange at the general meetings. Frankly I think this is brilliant! Feel free to bring a book or books to the general meeting and swap it or them for something interesting. My son gave me three paperbacks for my birthday last year: "Boring Car Trivia, volumes 1, 2, and 3" written by Richard Porter, Sniff Petrol. The three books are short, fascinating, and surely only interesting to people who own bangers and nails. Ask Sharon or me if you need a translation. I will bring these to the next meeting but the "lucky" recipient must promise to keep them cycling through! By the way, the forward to volume one is written by James May, Captain Slow, of Top Gear fame. Not to be out done, volume two's forward is penned by the illustrious Jeremy Clarkson, Jezzar, also of Top Gear.

Alright ladies and gentlemen, that's it for now. Take advantage of any sunny days! Today, 29 January as I am composing the musings, it shows 48F on my phone with brilliant Colorado sunshine! Bundle up, leave the top down and scurry about! You will receive lots of "thumbs up"! Enjoy!
Cheers, Richard Martin

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

Seth Gilbert	2/1	David MacNee	2/17
Heather Adsit	2/2	Greg Hartman	2/19
Paul Norris	2/4	Lee Jennings	2/22
Debbie Bosler	2/6	Toody Lundin	2/22
Lindy Powell	2/6	Glennace Cohen	2/24
Marta Oakley	2/7	Sarah Levison	2/24
Nani Aspinwall	2/10	Lilly Burkett	2/25
Kim Greenwood	2/12	Marty Cohen	2/27
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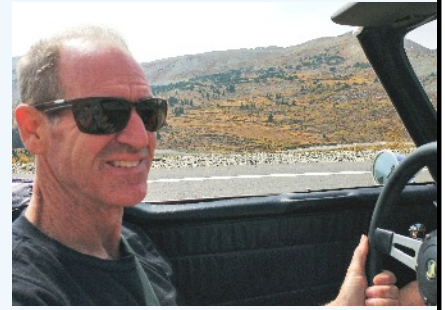
Birthday list is provided by Kitty Janiesch, Minister of Membership.



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



FEBRUARY

7th-Board Meeting @Blue Bonnet, 6 PM dinner, 7 PM Mtg

10th-RMTC 2022 Epic World Drive Your Triumph Day Photo Shoot

16th-General Meeting @ Blue Bonnet, 6 PM dinner, 7 PM Mtg

20th-Ted Ax Talk @ the Forney Museum, details below

28th-Triumph Exhibit @ the Forney Museum CLOSSES

Anyone can host an impromptu drive, garage open house, tech session during their rebuild, etc. Do it! Just coordinate with Andrew to get an email notification sent out.

MARCH

26th – Les Stern’s Miniature Car Collection & Colorado Die Cast Store, Lunch @Hickory House

Ted Ax Talk

Please join us on Sunday, February 20th from 3 PM to 6 PM at the Forney Museum. We will walk among the Triumphs and Ted will provide interesting facts and trivia. We will show a 35-minute 1961 Le Mans race that highlight the three TRS’ that raced. Bring your own beverage and snack to enjoy during the movie.

RMTC 2022 Epic World Drive Your Triumph Day Photo Shoot, hosted by Eric Malewska

This annual event will be held on Thursday, Feb 10th. Our good friend Rod Tomkins originally chose the backdrop for this years’ DYT D photo gathering in 2019. I agree with Rod - this is the quintessential Colorado vista to showcase our beautiful cars and honor Sir John Black.

We will assemble at the Genesee Park RTD Park and Ride (I-70 exit #254, north side) starting at 11:30 AM. At noon, we will position our cars for photographing purposes. Once done, a thirty-minute gaggle (on another road neither me nor father had driven until today) will take those interested to The Cow (it’s a restaurant) in Morrison for lunch, stories, and outlandish remarks by (who else gets his own comma) Jeff Otto.

The above mentioned (other than that about Rod) is contingent upon perfect bluebird weather. If any residual road snow is present, the gaggle for lunch may be on, abbreviated, or none at all. If it is snowing heavily, we will be thankful for the snow and having our beautiful cars home safe. We’ll raise our collective glasses to Sir John and to our fellow club members, and celebrate the bonding friendships we enjoy because of RMTC.

For anyone who isn’t able to participate in this drive, take a photo of your Triumph in your garage with the door up and submit it to driveyourtriumphday@gmail.com, along with your name, year and model of car, and location photo was taken (city, state, country). The photos will then be published not only in our club newsletter, but also in USA’s national magazine: Vintage Triumph Registry, and on the Drive Your Triumph Day website: <https://driveyourtriumphday.shutterstock.com> .

Les Stern’s Miniature Car Collection & Colorado Die Cast

Meet at 9 AM at Les Stern’s house 6331 S. Olathe St, Centennial, CO 80016. Please join us to check out Les’ fabulous miniature & full size car collection, and then a short drive to Colorado Die Cast, followed by lunch at the Hickory House in Parker.

RMTC BOARD MINUTES 1/3/22

Attendance:

R. Mott.
Jeff Otto
Richard
Kitty
Andrew
Jeff H
David

Guests; David and Arlene Bosh, Rhonda Mott



Richard called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM

The board meeting was held at the Blue Bonnet, the board was in favor of the new meeting place. The club will have the January general meeting there, and get the clubs reaction to a more central meeting place before making a decision to stay there. The board will be in touch with the New York Deli News to let them know we won't be meeting there this month.

Jeff reports that club financial's are in good order. Jeff has finished the club taxes, there is no tax due.

David said he has plenty of pictures from the Forney for the newsletter, it was brought up that the club should promote the Forney event because it was a success.

Kitty reports that there are 118 members, she is awaiting several pending renewals.

Andrew has been in contact with the Forney, and reports that there was a film crew that filmed the cars for about 5 hours. The film will be shown at a later date. There are lots of events proposed for this year. There was a great turn out for the Christmas party, thanks again to the Bosh family.

The Forney exhibit ends Jan 31 (now Feb 28th), they will start to move cars to the storage area, where you can pick them up after that. The owners need to contact Kyle at the Forney to pick your car up. Les Stern has a very large matchbox collection and a tour of these and his vehicles has been scheduled in March. The club will then have lunch at the Hickory House in Parker. There was a suggestion that a blank calendar be passed around at the general meeting so members could fill in a date for an event they could host if they so choose. The Mt. Evans event is in question due to the recent outbreak of COVID.

Meeting adjourned at 7:30 PM.
Reported by Bob Mott.

General Meetings

They are now being held at the Blue Bonnet, 457 S Broadway, Denver, on the 3rd Wednesday of the month. We start to gather around 6 PM in the back alcove, meeting starts at 7 PM. Be sure to watch email for any late-breaking location changes.

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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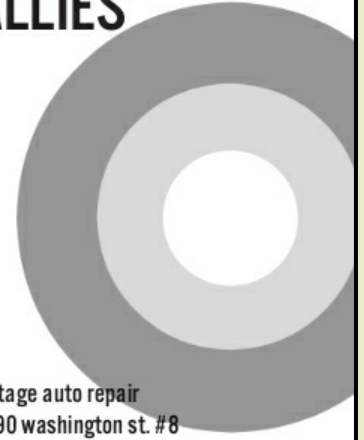


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FOR SALE:

Vintage Bolt-In 3-Point Seatbelts, Black, Moss Motors part number 222-204. These belts are unused but were installed then taken out as I decided I wanted the retractable kind. Moss said I couldn't return them if they had been installed. They retail for \$49.99 plus tax and shipping, yours for \$20!

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1962-1970 Spitfire Bonnet Lift Kit, Moss Motors part number 867-105. This kit is unused. It won't work on my car because the radiator mounts are not original. In an attempt to make it fit, I drilled two small holes in one of the mounts. The holes do not affect the integrity of the mount, but I can't return it to Moss because of that. The kit sells for \$89.99 plus tax and shipping. It's yours for \$40!

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FOR SALE:



RMTC embroidered jacket. This jacket is in as new condition. This was one of the regalia offerings a few years ago and is made of that elusive unobtainium these days. There is a beautiful Rocky Mountain Triumph Club logo on the front and back of a black and red jacket with a warm quilted lining. It is a men's size large but I think these ran somewhat large so it's more like a XL in my opinion. It fit "big" on me before but since I lost 30 lbs. it really fits loose, which is why I'm selling it.

It deserves to be worn because it's such a nice jacket and some of you bigger guys in the club will be the envy of all when you're seen in this beauty. It's a nice touch to display with your car at car shows too. \$150 and it's yours.



Contact Bud at levilevi@comcast.net if you're interested and want to try it on or buy.

FOR SALE, TR 2-3 PARTS;

I am cleaning out parts that came with my car. These are brand new parts that were never installed.

1) Cam Shaft Improved Performance. It is available from Moss Europe (Part No TT1004N). (Old US Moss No 851-051) Retail for 274 Euros or \$309. Will sell for \$150 or best offer. Still in the original box. Picture below

2) Header Mild Steel. Old Moss No 865-018, no longer available. It was listed in 2015 catalog for \$528.97. Will take \$200 or best offer. Still in its original shipping box.

3) Rocker Shaft. Moss No 851-020. This part is from England, still in its original tube. \$15 or best offer.

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1/19/22 General Meeting at the Blue Bonnet

It was a blustery night, with freezing drizzle in the north and west Metro areas, not a fun night for a drive. Six people did make it to our first general meeting at the Blue Bonnet in many years. Next general meeting is the 3rd Wednesday, February 16th, at the Blue Bonnet. There was general chatter about our cars, the extended Forney exhibit, and reviving the Minister of Publicity position, to coordinate with other clubs for joint activities and finding speakers for the meeting.

From the rear view mirror ...the front page of the *Herald*, 20 and 10 years ago. Our PM in 2002 was Mike Cline, the newsletter editor was Eric Conrad. The February meeting was at Piccolos, with a speaker from Rocky Mountain Vintage Racing. Our PM in 2012 was Ken Kalin, the newsletter editor was Gordon Kenney. The general meeting was at Piccolos, the board meeting was at the Blue Bonnet. Articles included Movie Night in the Kenney's garage, a gaggle to Amato's Ale House, and work on the Malewska's TR4, a larger project than they expected.



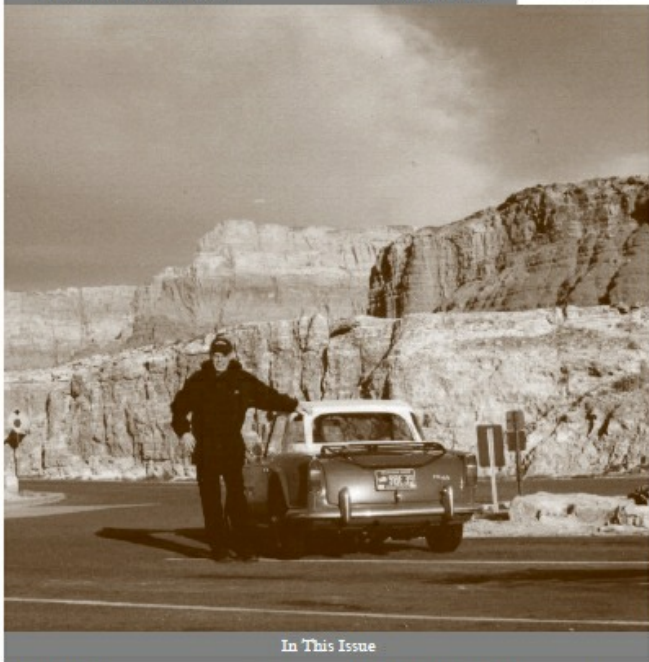
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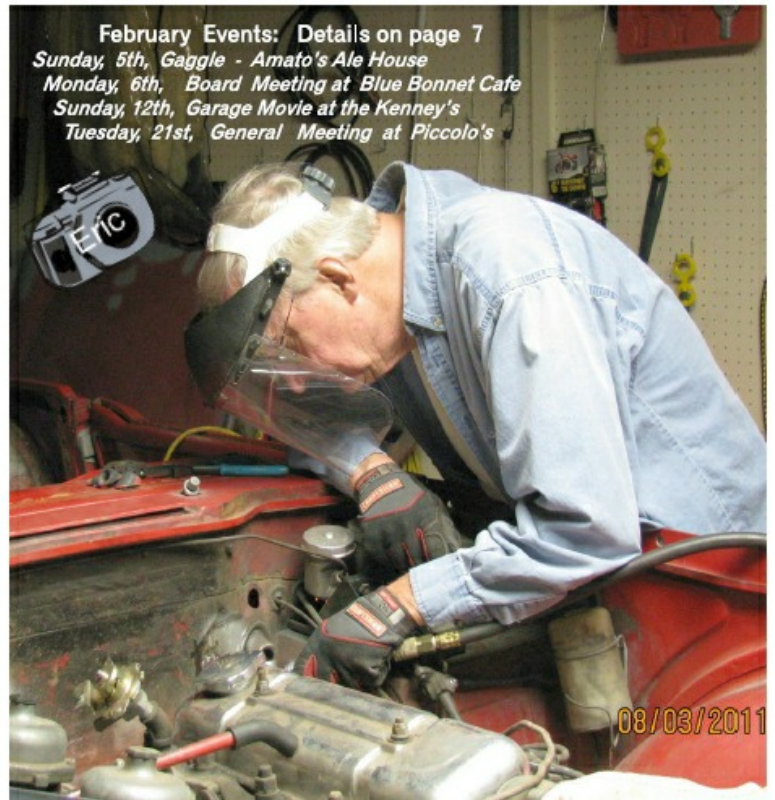
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February Events: Details on page 7
 Sunday, 5th, Gaggle - Amato's Ale House
 Monday, 6th, Board Meeting at Blue Bonnet Cafe
 Sunday, 12th, Garage Movie at the Kenney's
 Tuesday, 21st, General Meeting at Piccolo's



Ralph Malewska working on the project car, photos by his son Eric - more on page 13

The Vintage Triumph Register (VTR)



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What does the RMTC Board do during the “Off-Season”?...A Lot!

Actually, there is no off-season for the Board. Some of our cars may be hibernating, but work to keep your club going is year around. The good news is that Board alumni are around to provide “club memory” to help us out, along with archived minutes and newsletters, so we don’t have to re-invent the wheel.

January general activities were affected by weather and the COVID situation. However, your Board is always busy maintaining a presence out there for the RMTC. There is a newsletter delivered to you each month, reporting on events that did happen, and with articles provided by our membership...Many thanks to those who send in tech articles and stories of their Triumph life. And to our webmaster Andrej Galins, who sends the email link and usually a nice graphic for electronic delivery of the newsletter. Andrej also sends out late-breaking news and event emails. Our print publisher, Tom Willson, is very reliable getting the print issue assembled and mailed, all the while mostly working on a west coast project at this time, doing a job that rarely allows him to get a little drive time with his TR3 here in town.

The Herald is the voice of the RMTC, it is one of our most visible presences to the world, so members who send articles and publish it are a critical part in providing that visibility of the RMTC. Hopefully our membership is appreciative that there is a mostly steady stream of reports and articles provided by a small but vital group of members for your newsletter. Anyone can contribute newsletter material, you are encouraged to email photos of work on your car or material of technical interest, or other items our members would like to see. Casual efforts are fine. The editor email address is davidtr3tr4-RMTC@yahoo.com

Events coordinator Andrew Janiesch also has a tough job trying to keep events rolling, during a time of COVID cancellations and the related low turnouts due to social distancing. We are fortunate that we have some repeating annual events from some very helpful members who keep stepping up to host them. Suggestions are always welcome, especially those who will host an event or lead a drive. If you are a member of other car clubs, and know of their events that we may join as a combined group, by all means contact Andrew to get it on our schedule.

Kitty Janiesch manages to handle membership while staying very busy with her day job. Tracking ongoing renewals and the monthly birthday list are just a few of the things that must be done every month. From time to time, Kitty uses her spreadsheet skills to provide special reports for the newsletter, along with sending letters for renewals.

Jeff Heller, our treasurer, is also a spreadsheet ace, producing a number of very functional reports on the club's financial status, and analysis of data useful for the board discussions and decisions. We no longer put a financial summary in the newsletter, to avoid spammer attempts to submit bogus claims or related nuisances. Jeff also invoices our advertisers. (Thanks, advertisers!) If you are doing business with an outfit you like, please ask if they would like to place a \$50 add in the Herald. (For the whole year!)..show them a copy of the newsletter.

Bob Mott somehow manages to provide organized minutes of Board meeting, discussion that tend to wonder far and wide in between agenda items. The Board meeting reports are required by RMTC by-laws so that board decisions are available to the membership.

And the members who herd this group of cats are PM Richard Martin and VPM Jeff Otto. Richard also has a very busy day job, we are fortunate that he stayed on as PM. As noted above, your Board members all keep busy, so when an extra hand is needed, or an ultimate decision must be made, our PM and VPM are there for us. Jeff Otto is also a member of the jeep club, and provides some fresh thoughts with that experience.

There are currently vacant appointed board positions - the Minister of Publicity and the Minister of Archives. When we had an active Minister of Publicity, they solicited advertising, posted flyers of our events at automotive related businesses and events, and maintained contacts with other car clubs to share mutual activities. The club archives are an LLC legal requirement, and have valuable records such as work done to host the 2001 and 2011 VTRs, financial reporting, and back newsletters. Please inquire if you are interested in one of these appointed positions, it is highly likely that the job can be yours!

How to Install an Evaporative Cooler in Your Scuttle Vent

Tech article by Bud Rolofson

This article is how to build a swamp cooler for your car by inserting water absorptive media in the scuttle hatch in front of the windshield, then wetting it. This swamp-cooler modification only works if your Triumph has a scuttle vent that has a pop open lid, not the scuttle vent with a plastic grill. 1969 through some 1972 TR6s had the pop open lid.

I had some humidifier filter type material laying around that I used, but anything that readily allows air flow through it and holds water should work. I ran plastic "fish tank" tubing from the windshield wiper fluid reservoir (use distilled water) to a perforated tube. Most hardware stores also have this type of small plastic tubing. I drilled a small hole in the side of the plenum, and connected it to a tiny brass tube (5/32" x 014 brass tubing from the hobby store), with a dozen tiny holes carefully sawed into it. The other end is capped with a silicone cap. That tube is wrapped with some porous material and held to the tube by using some magnetic clips from Harbor Freight or your office supply store.



Brass tube to distribute the water. Below, water supply tubing.

The magnets hold the assembly to the bottom of the scuttle lid. (Photo below right) Tuck the material down the plenum so air flows through and not around it. I press the washer switch for about 6-8 seconds to wet it down, and before long cool air comes out any or all the round fresh air vents in the dash, or out over the transmission tunnel or however you set your controls for air flow. You can choose where you want cool air. It only works when moving of course, but on hot dry days like we get in Colorado it works fine. The swamp cooler works best west of North Platte (100th meridian) but did just fine on my latest road trip to VTR in Oklahoma. With the tonneau cover on and covering the passenger seat, the cool air is all directed on me. It was 92 degrees one day last summer, and I drove around enjoying cool air for a couple hours, and the reservoir was still 1/3 full.



You do lose having washer fluid for the windshield but I never ever used mine that I can remember. I'd rather have cool air. Plus everything is reversible to stock except for the small hole to the plenum. But I'm never going back. The scuttle vent lid still works as it should and nothing is visible when it's shut. If you use your scuttle vent to assist air flow during heater season, everything is easily removable, and replace the distilled water with the normal all season washer fluid.



One of the better moments I've had being a Triumph owner over the last 47 years was getting an email from Kas Kastner (the God of Triumphs) a few months before he died, saying the swamp cooler modification was "Very, very, impressive. Nicely done". I'm framing that message for the shop.

For those VTR members that saw the swamp cooler article in the latest February VTR magazine, there's one important bit of info that needs clarification. The size of the tubing that attaches to the scuttle vent is 5/32" x 014 brass tubing, not 1/2" pipe. 1/2" would drain your windshield water reservoir pretty quick.



If anyone decides to do the swamp cooler modification and wants more details/pictures, contact me at levilevi@comcast.net.

Editor's note: Evaporative cooling 101: Evaporation of water from a surface where liquid water is changed to water vapor removes heat energy from the air flow, resulting in cool moist air. Sweating uses the same principle.

The GT6 as Ambassador, by Mike Jankowski

When I got my first GT6, a brown 1970 + model, I had no idea all the unusual experiences it would facilitate for me while we were together. Autocrosses, rallies, more GT6s, and sooo much more. And it all started with the 1970 GT6+ I bought on a cold February day in 1996 over a Coke. Next to me was my friend Brian, who bought the white 1969 GT6+ that Tom, the cantankerous old seller had on offer. A whopping \$2,800 was the price for the two cars. With money passed and us running as fast as possible to grab the cars before Tom added any more stipulations, we drove Brian's GT6 to his house first, me following in his Impala SS. Then we hotfooted it back to grab mine.



Once the cars were at our homes, we took stock of what we had. The white one had wire wheels and overdrive that had a bad OD solenoid, and was tired but very solid. The brown one had no OD, some rust needing to be removed and patched in the outer rockers, and the interior was pretty shot. Thick gold shag carpeting covered the floors and cargo area. The muffler was maybe 45% there. But I paid \$300 for it out of the \$2,800 we gave Tom. It was a bargain! Kind of. The next few months I replaced switches, directional relays, hoses, brakes, etc all while using it every day when I was home from deployments. My friend Jay had an entire second story of his dealership and repair area full of NOS parts for me. In exchange for me inventorying them (he bought the Midwest BL stock out when they left the US, 4 40 ft trailers worth) I got to get parts and sometimes (often) cars in payment.

But every time I went somewhere, I had to budget an extra half hour due to all the people who came up to me wanting to talk about the car. They had one, knew someone who did, or always wanted one. There was the time I got distracted and got about 10 miles from home when I felt a horrid vibration. Turns out I hadn't fully tightened my left front lug nuts after brake work and left the tire iron home. A delightful young lady happened by, asked if I needed help, ran home, and returned with every tire iron her dad had. Which was at least 15 of them. But we found one that worked. Then her dad happened along and next thing you know I am invited to dinner. Turns out he was a Healey guy. Until I left Indy we would meet regularly. His pristine just finished 3000 was the one I bounced along a guardrail in a long distance rally. A story for another day...



But the most unexpected, welcome, and oddly community building experience happened about 2 AM in August of '97. I had been up in Broad Ripple, playing pool and drinking as a 26 year old soldier home on medical leave is wont to do. After having enough alcohol, flirting and food, I finally decided to head home down College Ave. Broad Ripple is and was a great part of town. But once at about 38th St and south. College Ave got sketchier, then downright dangerous from about 34th to 16th. I lived on the 1400 block of Alabama St, a few blocks west. No worries, I was driving, knew how to time the lights, and all would be fine as I rolled through the mean streets.

Well, at 36th St, my GT6 died. Just completely. I worked on it for a few minutes that seemed like decades, and nothing. So on a very muggy 80 plus degree night, I started to push my car. I was going slightly downhill and a GT6 is light, but it still was exhausting. As I approached a store parking lot, about 9 young African American guys just watched me. I also was suffering as my most recent bayonet wound, why I was home, was becoming increasingly excruciating. Then one spoke.

"Yo, what the hell you doing in my hood at this time?"

"Just trying to get home with my car." I said wincing.

"You alright, man?"

"I am in a lot of pain from being stabbed a week ago."

"Awww hell, that sucks. Hey what kind of car is this? Reminds me of an old Porsche but the front is too long."

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The GT6 as Ambassador, continued

At this point I wanted a rest and had cleared the intersection so I let the car stop. I figured if anything was going to happen to me, it would have already happened if they meant harm, and I honestly had no real capacity to fight even if I wanted to for more than a few seconds.

The rest of the guys crowded around me and the car. I told them about the car for a few minutes, and then the leader spoke up. "Let's help this guy, 4 push, then 4 swap, Lamont, you run ahead and keep any boneheads from hitting us by pulling into us from the side. This is our turf. Buddy, hop on in and steer." With that we were off.

When we arrived near 20th St they had to peel off, as "that building is the start of the neutral zone until the intersection with the (next gang, I forget the name) and the deal is neither side sets foot in it, so we'll push as hard as we can so you can coast," which they did, much like a bobsled start. As I was slowing to a stop, the next gang came up to me after seeing the last one hand me off. I got a huge insight into gang culture and mindset from this night.

"So they pushed you all the way through? Cool car, what is it? Where ya headin'? We can get you to 16th, aww hell, we can get you to your place. It's a calm night." So again, a gang of about 8 young guys pushed my car. As I rolled along at a bit over a walking pace, we talked about our lives, the neighborhoods, how things were changing. We got to my apartment, and pushed the car into my usual spot on the street, in front of the old Victorian house I rented part of. I offered them some drinks but they said they were fine and had to get back. So we all went our ways.

The GT6 has a split coil lead to the distributor. It also was likely from 1970....so I replaced all the wires the next day after riding my bike to the parts store. As to the rival gangs, I continued to drive up and down College as well as ride it on my bike at all hours, until I left Indy to go back to NY in the summer of '99. Whenever I saw those guys I'd honk and wave. If I was stopped at their corners, they'd come over and say hi. Often if I had time I'd pull into their lots and chat for a bit. A few times I even brought food and drinks and we tailgated. They were good guys in horrible situations. They had guns, we talked about shootouts, and their struggles. Regrettably I had no real idea how to help them other than just being friendly.

When I left town, I made one last drive over to say goodbye. I asked why they helped me. Essentially, both gangs said it was "bad for business" if anything happened to me, and they liked that I treated them as real people, with respect and dignity. I sometimes think about those guys, and I hope at least some of them were able to get out of that situation. For a few years, a unique and for me cherished group of friends all happened because of a GT6. They saw my other cars, and we always had a smile for each other. Such different backgrounds, cultures, social status and ethnicity, all brought together by a car. If only all division and distrust and prejudices could be overcome so simply.

Reminder that the Triumph Exhibit at the Forney Museum ends February 28th!

Below right, an important safety note.



We are very fortunate that some members host events on an annual basis. Other events are suggestions, looking for a host, please consider doing that. The Board and other members who have hosted in the past are glad to help you plan your event. A club budget is available for approved event supplies.

POTENTIAL 2022 EVENTS

CONCLAVE/BBQ	SPRING TUNE UP
LADIES TEA	RMTC CAR SHOW
RELIABILITY RUN	DURANGO, CO MULTI-DAY DRIVE
OIL SPOT RALLYE	SOUTH DAKOTA MULTI-DAY DRIVE
OKTOBERFEST	MOVIE & BBQ
CHILI COOKOFF	FATHER'S DAY PICNIC
CHRISTMAS PARTY	ACC CAR SHOW
IMPROMPTU DRIVES	GARAGE TECH SESSION
MG GLENWOOD SPRINGS RALLYE & CHECKPOINT	

YOUR SUGGESTIONS ARE?



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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: There will be no CCCC meeting on January 5, and the **February 2** meeting will be at Gateway Classic Cars, 14150 Grasslands Drive, Englewood. Location is near Exit 3 from E-470.

The February meeting is **Presidents' Night** and all newly elected club presidents are invited. Old hold-overs are also invited. Tours and snacks at 6, business starts at 7:30.

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