The Triumph Herald March 2022

NEWSLETTER OF THE ROCKY MOUNTAIN TRIUMPH CLUB

International Drive Your Triumph Day, February 10, Hosted by Eric Malewska

Five Triumphs and 2 other vehicles* joined Eric Malewska for the DYTD group photo at Rod Tomkins' favorite spot over I-70, looking west to the Continental Divide. It was a breezy 40's kind of day, but roads were clear, as we wound down a twisty route to our lunch spot at The Cow in Morrison. How could you not enjoy a drive that included a long segment on a road named Grapevine?...Nice choice, Eric. After lunch, we split up for a nice sunny 50's day returning home. Several of the participants thought that this was an easy day compared to last year, when it was 25° at the meet-up time. *Mike and Barb McGuire, and Terry and Marietta Hughes Triumphs were still at the Forney.





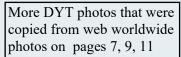






Photos by Eric
Malewska, above left.
Then Ralph
Malewska, Andy
DeVisscher, David
Durstine, Roger
Mathis, the McGuire
TR3 at the Forney.







Roger gets the polar bear award, top down and no heater, driving from Boulder



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Board Meetings are held on the

1st Monday evening of each month at

Th March meeting will be at

71 the Blue Bonnet

Pr.

members welcome to attend.

Musings from the Gavel, by the PM



Greetings RMTC members!

It's a cold, late February evening, 16°F, as I compose the March musings. We have had it colder over the last few days but... I think to myself what it must have been like in the UK back in the day, this time of year when a Triumph might have been the family's only conveyance. Perhaps a roadster, perhaps a sedan, a TR3, 4, 5, 6, or, if the family was a wee bit more fortunate, a Herald or Mk1 or 2 with a solid roof and a heater. We take those sort of things for granted, but imagine fifty years ago if not more what motoring in the winter months in the UK must have been like! Dad driving the TR roadster,

top up, Mum and the wee ones bundled in blankets. Car seats? Only in the Mk 1 or 2 sedans and were they even available back then? As a lad growing up, my siblings sat in a car seat that hung over the front or rear seat back, no belts and yet nobody died. Different times to be sure!

Which brings us to the present: thank you one and all that participated directly or indirectly in our exhibit at the Forney Museum. As I understand things, the exhibit was quite a success, probably the largest and most important Triumph motorcar exhibit in North America to date! Think about that for just a moment: we own and enjoy our Triumph motorcars in various manners: drive them, exhibit them, tinker and or wrench upon them, turn a blind eye upon them for days, weeks, or months, only to resurrect them in the spring for the summer driving season. When these poor souls don't start at the first turn of the key we shout oaths of dissatisfaction but like anything, after a long winter's nap, what should one expect? I guess awakening the beast every so often might help during the winter but I digress.

The Forney has come to an end and what a grand showing of our marque. Time to collect our babies and ready them for our spring activities. Obviously March and April are the traditionally heaviest snow months here in Colorado. Fetch your vehicle and give it a bit of TLC for the upcoming season. Those of you with Triumphs at home have the jump on those of us who have had vehicles in the show. None the less, let's all be ready, willing, and able for the spring events!

Lord willing, weather compliant, we actually plan for our March RMTC Board meeting on Monday 7 March, and our General Meeting on Wednesday 16 March, at the Blue Bonnet restaurant. In closing, I would say happy motoring but perhaps I might say happy shoveling (of snow)!

— Cheers, Richard

MARCH BIRTHDAYS			
Arlene Bosh	3/1	Tom Willson	3/12
James De Bartolomeis 3/1 Vivian Knaus 3/17			
Hal Levison	3/1	Liz Reed	3/20
Blaine Tritt	3/3	Carol Malewska	3/22
Bud Rolofson	3/4	Lynne Lawson	3/26
Chuck Kocher	3/6	Dave Osborne	3/29
Andrej Galins	3/7	Janet Cline	3/30
Marian Taylor	3/8	Lorraine Smith	3/30
Tim White	3/9	Shelly Pachiano-Hartman 3/30	

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

MARCH

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

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

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

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 short drive to Colorado Die Cast, followed by lunch at the Hickory House in Parker.

Further out:

70TH ANNUAL RALLYE GLENWOOD SPRINGS, June 10-12, 2022, more information on page 6

2022 RMTC Christmas Party Coordinator – Looking for a volunteer to plan our annual holiday party. Please contact any board member if you can help.

THE 39TH ANNUAL COLORADO CONCOURS d'ELEGANCE AND EXOTIC SPORTS CAR SHOW



Arapahoe Community College, Sunday, June 5, 2022, 9AM - 3PM, 5900 S Santa Fe Drive, Littleton, Colorado 80160

The Colorado Concours d'Elegance & Exotic Car Show, is the largest gatherings of exotic sports, classic and exotic automobiles in the Mountain States area. This year feature car is going to be a <u>TRIUMPH SPITFIRE</u>, celebrating its 60th anniversary.

If you haven't signed up yet... please join us Sunday, June 5th at Arapahoe Community College for a great day filled with food, fun, and entertainment for the

whole family! Come laugh, have fun and mingle with "automotive related" friends, while helping us raise funds for Ability Connection Colorado's Creative Options for Early Childhood Education Centers. Classic to collector, vintage to the latest and greatest, incredible cars will be at the 39th Annual Colorado Concours d'Elegance & Exotic Sports Car Show. If you have a personal or business interest in cars, or just want to have fun, you will want to be there.

For Registration for the 39th Annual Colorado Concours d'Elegance & Exotic Sports Car Show – Go on line to: www.coloradoconcours.org, click on the Car Registration tab and follow the instructions for registration.

REGISTRATION INFORMATION: All registrations include <u>TWO</u> event passes and <u>ONE</u> event program.

REGISTRATION FEES: \$50.00 per car, \$100.00 per car for Elite Group Judging.

<u>Please note there are several very special deadlines:</u>

- May 5, 2022 11:59PM: LAST DATE TO REGISTER & APPEAR IN PROGRAM. (ALL registrations after May 5th will NOT appear in program)
- May 12, 2022 11:59PM: ONLINE REGISTRATION CLOSES, SIGN UP FOR ELITE CLASS JUDGING CLOSES.

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 March 29th, 6:30 PM, over Zoom. Topic; *The Last Professional*, by Ed Davis. Details; Nicole Bleau, collections@forneymuseum.org 303.297.1113



RMTC BOARD MINUTES 2/7/22

Attendance; Bill, David, Jeff Heller, Jeff Otto Bob. Richard

Richard called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM

Jeff informed the board that he would file the 2021 taxes on February 8, 2022. There was a negative income, so the club will not owe any taxes.

The 1st Bank club operating account balance is stable. The savings account balance is in a CD, which is due to be renewed in March.



David indicated that the January newsletter has been sent out, he still has lots of pictures from the Forney to use. He would like to revive the new member profile to use in the newsletter.

He is having problems with getting blasts from RMTC but most of the other board members are not having problems getting the email.

Bill said that regalia sales are very slow and there has been no new orders.

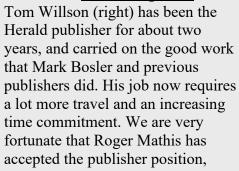
Jeff Otto mentioned the St Patrick day parade as another event that the club might be interested in. No decision was made yet, Andrew will look into it. Maybe too late for this year but could be something to think about for next year.

Drive your Triumph day is this month, if the members want they can take a picture of their car or cars and submit them to the web site.

There was some discussion on a non-voting board position to act as a liaison to assist Andrew in contacting these various organizations. Sharon Robinson's name came to mind. She will need to be contacted to see if she is interested.

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

Board Update





beginning in April, after he and Tom have met for a handoff meeting. Thank you very much Tom, and we hope to see

you in your blue TR3 for a drive when things level out!

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 side 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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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!

720-467-5243 rlmcmathis@gmail.com

FOR SALE:

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! 720-467-5243 rlmcmathis@gmail.com

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 unobtanium these days. There is a beautiful RMTC 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.





70TH ANNUAL RALLYE GLENWOOD SPRINGS, June 10-12, 2022 Registration and full details at; https://mgcc.org/rallye-glenwood-springs/

Hotel group rate discounts are available until May 10, 2022.

Registrar: Ben Greene – 303-917-6634 or registrar@mgcc.org



The MG Car Club - Rocky Mountain Centre invites you to join us for the 70th Annual Rallye Glenwood Springs, the oldest, continually held, time-speeddistance rally in the United States, on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, June 10, 11, and 12, 2022. This year's rallye is being held in honour of the Platinum Jubilee of her Majesty the Queen.

The weekend is a marvelous opportunity, not just for MG owners, but for sports car enthusiasts of every marque (British, American, German, Italian, Asian to come together for sunny days, cool nights, and unique events in Glenwood

Springs. The fun begins on Friday with the more rigorous time-speed-distance rallye designed to challenge both novice and experienced rallyists. The rallye departs from Gunther Toody's Restaurant in Littleton, CO, runs through canyons and over mountain passes in the heart of the Rocky Mountains, and finishes in Glenwood Springs.

Saturday's main event is the 'Many Miles' Tour which starts and finishes in Glenwood Springs. On the way, you will enjoy some of the most beautiful scenery Colorado has to offer.

The weekend's activities round out with the Car Show, Funkhana, and Awards Presentation on Sunday. Your registration package contains a raffle ticket. Make sure you bring it to the car show on Sunday to be eligible for door prizes.

Photos Copied the from the Drive Your Triumph Day Website.

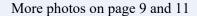
This is a world wide event coordinated by Rye Livingston, Triumph Travelers Sports Car Club, who drives a 1960 TR3A. There were almost 700 photos submitted from all over the wide world of Triumph, including many Standard cars. (Standard purchased Triumph in 1945, and in 1959 officially changed its name to Standard-Triumph International, and began to put the Triumph brand name on all its products.) Photos were sent from most of the continents, with a surprising number from Finland and Australia, in addition to the US, and of course, England. Photos I selected for the *Herald* tend to be those Standard and Triumph vehicles that we don't see that much of. It was encouraged to send photos for any condition and anywhere the car is at the moment.

















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Free Classified ads

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Discounts on Vintage Car Insurance

•VTR Regalia

 Participation in National Conventions Join by sending \$35.00 to:

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

SIGN UP FOR THE CLUB MEMBERSHIP AT: ROCKY MOUNTAINTR.ORG
MEMBERSHIP FEES ARE \$35 PER YEAR W/NEWSLETTER IN EMAIL ONLY FORMAT; \$50 PER YEAR
WITH PAPER COPY MAILED TO YOUR ADDRESS

Ted Talk at the Forney Museum, February 20th

About 20 people joined us for a walk through the Triumphs with Ted Ax. Since the February General Meeting was canceled due to weather, PM Richard Martin and Events Coordinator Andrew Janiesch made a few general announcements, and Mike McGuire told us that Spitfires will be the featured marque at the June ACC show (see page 3). There were also some guests from the MG Club, and Ted introduced us to Hayden, a new mechanic in his shop. We then adjourned to the Exhibit floor, where Ted provided commentary on the various Triumphs and their mechanicals, and took questions from the group. We then returned to the meeting room, to view a 35 minute video of the 1961 Le Mans race that highlights the three TRS', one of which, #25, is included in the Forney exhibit.











Right, photo stills from the Le Mans film. Note the twin overhead cam cases, and 4 SU carburetors. There was an ongoing oil leak from the cam case on #25, requiring a topup at each pit stop.





More DYTD Photos from the Wide World of Standard / Triumph More photos on page 11

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Minutes of the CCCC Meeting on Feb 9, 2022 (edited for space)

Meeting was held at Gateway Classic Cars and brought to order at 7:30 PM by Dick Thompson, President of Colector Car Council of Colorado. This was the annual 'Presidents' meeting whereby the presidents of the member clubs are invited to attend. Dominoes Pizza was served at 6:30 for those attending.

Leo Boyles, Lobbyist for the Club was the first speaker. He spoke of the state legislature being in session for 120 days per the state Constitution, and how bills move through the legislature. From there Leo went on to discuss four bills that relate to automobiles and our hobby.

In the Senate, Bill # 123 is regarding the **penalties for cars that our not registered** within 60 days of purchase or the expiration of the current registration. the bill proposes that for the period between Jan 1, 2021 and Jan 1, 2023 vehicles that were not registered within the 60 day period will NOT have to pay penalties for late registration. Bill has been assigned to the Military and State Affairs Committee.

House bill 1104 proposes that the current Driver's Licence fee remain the same and not be increased. The funds needed to support this bill would come from the state General Fund.

House bill 1043 changes language in current law in how a motorcycle is defined and separates the definition from Autocycles. It gets into technicalities regarding steering mechanism's, how a rider/driver is seated (rather astride a seat or seating in a seat.

House bill 1624 would allow "digital" license plates in place of metal plates with numbers. the registration number and expiration number would need to be visible from 100 ft away in sunlight. Bill gets into some technical details and assigns the Motor Vehicle Department to work out implementing the changes.

Next speaker up was Devin deSimone, of Gateway Classic Cars. He discussed the company having a new web page that allows viewing of the entire inventory of cars held by Gateway Classic Cars locations around the nation. He spoke of how the cost of selling at Gateway is changing; that there is no longer any consignment fee at all. The consignee placing a car with Gateway only pays the commission agreed upon for the sale of the car. Consignment terms are for 90 days. The sales of classic cars are up 20% to 30% across the nation. He also let us know that the buyer of a car pays for the shipping of the purchased car. He spoke of Gateway sponsoring 'Caffeine & Chrome' car shows at the facility on the last Saturday of each month. Coffee and donuts are provided by Gateway for all attendees.

There is also a special section offered for one Club each month whereby that club gets their own roped off parking section, goodie bags for the members, Social Media Post on Gateway, up to a \$200 donation to the club and a club group photo. Currently only March, April and November are available. **Gateway also opens its doors for club meetings in the evenings at no cost.**

Next speaker up was Zac of Hagerty Ins. He brought up that cars that had been purchased in the last 12 months and then sold at Barrett Jackson were selling for 26% above the original purchase price. Which led to speaking about keeping our classics properly insured and best was is for insurance that covers 'agreed value'. Hagerty has NOT been sold he let us know. Hagerty did go public with stock and a listing on the New York Stock Exchange. **Hagerty is now partnering with select State Farm Agents to sell Hagerty Car Insurance.**

The August car show was discussed next. Show operating hours will be 10 AM to 2 PM. Move in for the cars will be at 8AM. Vendors, special show invitees and the swap meet participants will have move in at 6 AM so as to be in place and settled prior to the move in of the show participants. Need volunteers to help direct ALL the participants, to direct spectators to the spectator lots (free parking) and to collect the \$5.00 spectator fee at the walk in gate. Meeting was then ajourned at about 9 PM.

Chilling In My TR6, by Mike Jankowski

Around just over 23 years ago I had decided to leave the Army. All I needed to do was get the paperwork done and in November I'd be out early, taking advantage of downsizing. Once I was off active duty, I had a few months where I was still paid but essentially free. So I did fun stuff with my cars.

It was early December 1997 and I was out in the TR6 I had at the time, on one of my crazy train chasing night adventures. Conrail was my goal, and I drove through a light snowfall heading east. Somewhere past Pendleton or even closer to the Ohio border, the snowfall intensified. I could press on or I could turn around. I pressed on.



At some small town I stopped and parked on the main street. I even went into the little dinner amongst the storefronts, across from the tracks. The snow was coming down pretty hard, and it had covered the streets. I leaned against the fender of my TR6 and took it all in. The muffled sounds of cars occasionally driving by, the soft steady almost static snow makes, and the gently increasing hum of a train approaching.

The train went by, and I stayed to watch a few more. It was late when I left that town, fired up the 6 and got the heater blasting. I dried out, it was cozy and comfortable, an inviting place to be in that cockpit. The 6 handled the snow with ease, I started in 2nd gear usually to avoid wheel-spin, and the drive home was uneventful and relaxing.

I was the only one on the roads. The beauty of the snow falling through my headlights and streetlights made me feel like a kid again. Everything was clean, and fresh, and I was the first to see it. It was quiet, peaceful, and breathtaking. To be in this scene in a Triumph was just icing on the cake.

I got home, got a fire going, put my feet up, and looked out the floor to ceiling window watching snow cover my TR6. A smile was on my face. "This is what it's about. An experience to never forget. In my favorite weather, in a car I love, watching snow fall and trains. What a night."

I haven't thought about that night for decades. But it is one of my favorite drives I ever took. I wish I took pictures. Sometimes though, pictures aren't needed. Only how you remember it.

The Triumph exhibit at the Forney has ended.

We received this nice communication from the Director;

If I haven't already mentioned it to you personally, this exhibit has been one of the finest to date and the large variety of Triumph automobiles you were able to provide made for an extraordinary display which truly impressed our visitors!

The public response has been tremendous and all of your efforts and generosity are greatly appreciated by the Museum and myself. With many thanks,

Sincerely, Christof W. Kheim,

Executive Director

Forney Museum of Transportation





We are very fortunate that some members host events on an annual basis. Other events are suggestions, we are looking for hosta, 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: Next meeting will be held at the Hagerty training center at 8101 Schaeffer Parkway in Littleton on March 2nd.

The CCCC needs volunteers to help with the Tri-State Auto Show on March 12 &13, to man the CCCC booth and to hand out flyers about the August car show

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