

The Triumph Herald

May 2022

NEWSLETTER OF THE ROCKY MOUNTAIN TRIUMPH CLUB

Saturday, April 23rd, Happy Spring 2022 Drive, Hosted by Roger Mathis

Excellent turn out for the Spring Triumph Drive! About a dozen cars, many with tops down, on a chilly and windy day, especially along highway 72 en route to Ward, but otherwise we had great weather. Went from the Scenic Overlook through Boulder across the Mountain View cobblestone road then up Boulder Canyon to Nederland, Peak to Peak Highway 72 to Ward, then down Lefthand Canyon to Lee Hill Dr. then down Broadway to the Hungry Toad British Pub for some fish and chips.



Left, drive leader Roger Mathis providing direction.



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Board Meetings are held on the 1st Monday evening of each month at The Blue Bonnet, located at 457 S.

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May meeting will be on Tuesday May 3

Musings from the Gavel, by the PM



May greetings RMTC members! It strikes me as a bit of irony how, historically, March and April are our heaviest months for snow. Certainly not the case this year!

Spring is here in full swing, and what better way to celebrate than on our first RMTC drive graciously hosted by Roger Mathis! Many thanks Roger for a most enjoyable route! Many of us have been on portions of the route but perhaps only a very few have purposefully driven this route. The scenery was fascinating only marred by the stout winds at the higher elevations. The turnout was quite good with thirteen cars including Ted's MGB and Hayden's Volvo P1800 which only added to the variety. I commend the hearty souls who drove "topless" (the cars, not the participants)! Roger arranged for us to eat at the Hungry Toad in Boulder which I believe was enjoyed by all. Well done Roger and many thanks for your efforts!

Lots of events coming in May and June! Please refer to Andrew's events page for details, especially regarding time and place. Those interested in attending the ACC car show and entering their Triumph, please register ASAP, so as not to be disappointed! Should you have any questions regarding the ACC car show please contact Mike McGuire. He will help you through the process. The Triumph Spitfire (celebrating its sixtieth birthday) will be the star of the event, and will be front and center on the lawn surrounded by our variety of Triumph motorcars. Mike is planning the layout of our Triumphs and will need to know how many cars will be present. Please don't leave registration to the last minute!

Don't forget, the RMTC board meeting will be held on a Tuesday this month, May 3rd, and the general meeting is on Wednesday, May 18th, same time and place, at the Blue Bonnet.

Happy motoring and cheers!
— Richard

MAY BIRTHDAYS

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| Wally Gamble 5/6 | Jim Taylor 5/21 |
| Val Burt 5/9 | Jeff Hall 5/23 |
| Lynne Deats 5/13 | Lindsey Turner 5/26 |
| Dave Farrell 5/20 | Steven Adsit 5/29 |
| Kathy Norris 5/21 | Rick Layman 5/29 |

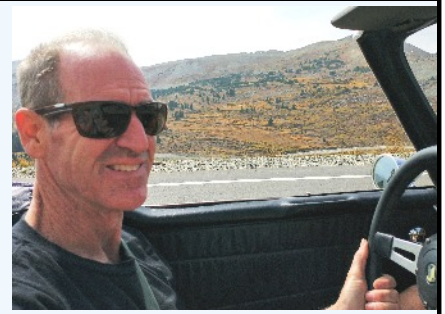
Birthday list is provided by Kitty Janiesch, Minister of Membership.



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



MAY

3rd – 9:45 AM, Malewska Impromptu Drive, details below

3rd – Board Meeting Blue Bonnet 6 pm Dinner 7 pm Meeting

14th – RMTC Annual Car Show - Lil Ricci's in Golden, details will be emailed.

18th – General Mtg Blue Bonnet 6 pm Dinner 7 pm Meeting

22nd – RMTC Ladies Tea hosted by Sharon Robinson & Kitty Janiesch, details p.10

JUNE

5th - ACC Car Show Triumph Spitfire 2022's Premier Marquee, details p.7

10th – 12th – MGCC 70th Annual Rallye Glenwood Springs, more info page 6.

18th – Annual Father's Day Picnic hosted by Andrew & Kitty Janiesch

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.

JULY

16th- Annual Highway Clean Up, Coordinated by Sharon Robinson & Richard Martin

AUGUST

14th – Fairmount Cemetery Car Show

SEPTEMBER

17th – Hughes Annual Conclave BBQ

17th – 18th Colorado English Motoring Conclave

DECEMBER

10th – Annual Christmas Party

A reminder that there is an RMTC Facebook page. If you have taken photos at our events that we can post there or in the *Herald*, please email them to ; katt0906@gmail.com or thepickledbrit@gmail.com

Uncle Dale's Impromptu Drive on May 3



The man is in town and we are taking four Malewskas and at least two Triumphs on an improvised two hours plus lunch drive, Tuesday May 3rd. Meet at the Littleton Museum (6028 S. Gallup st. Littleton CO 80120) at 9:45 AM. Depart at 10 AM west through Deer Creek Canyon and Indian Hills to Kittredge, then east through the beautiful canyon into Morrison. We'll finish at the Pigg'in' Out BBQ at Morrison Rd. and Old Kipling St. for lunch. The restaurant doesn't know we're coming as of this post, but sending out the call for a drive was more important. Weather forecasting claims a top down affair. Hope to see you!

– Eric Malewska

P.S. Dale Malewska is also a member of the club and owns a sweet TR8.

RMTC BOARD MINUTES 4/4/22

Attendance;

Bob Mott, Bill Gillespie, David Durstine, Richard Martin, Jeff Heller, Andrew and Kitty Janiesch

Guests; Mike and Barb McGuire

Richard called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM

Jeff talked about the Silvio's Last Drive that he attended today. There were between 11 and 12 Triumphs there. Also a lot of family members. All in all there were about 20 people present for the drive and later beers and some Silvio stories.

Jeff gave his report on the on the financial condition of the club. The accounts are in good order, details available upon request at our meetings. Sharon and David Bosh have been paid for their expenses for Christmas Party room and the upcoming Tea Party. CCCC Annual dues of \$50 have also been approved.

Kitty has finished getting the membership list up to date for those who have recently paid their dues. There have been new members generated from the show at the Forney.

Bill will pre-purchase some regalia items for display and sale at the ACC show.

David said that the email copies of the newsletter have been sent out. The paper copies to those members who get it will follow. Roger reported issues with Office Depot honoring our bulk pricing deal, he is shopping for alternatives.

Andrew reviewed the up coming events for this year. A lot of these events require a lot of work so he is looking for volunteers to help out. Please contact Andrew if you can help.

Mike gave a quick run down of the ACC car show. At this time there are nine registered people, the registration forms need to be turned in by May 5th. You can go to the ACC website to get more details. During the Silvio Drive, Kingsley said he will pass the word around the BMCNC Spitfire people. Mike will contact Spitfire owners on the membership roster to be sure they are aware of the featured car at the ACC.

Meeting adjourned at 7:45 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 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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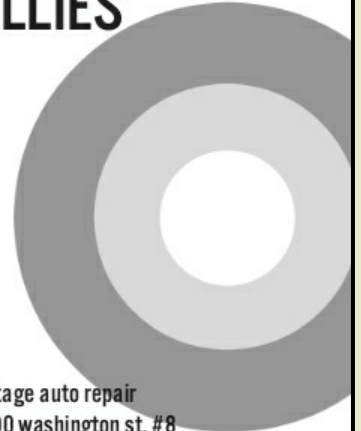


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FOR SALE / WANTED

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

Submit ads at ROCKYMOUNTAINTR.ORG

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!

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FOR SALE: RMTM 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 RMTM 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:

1972 Triumph TR6 This is a 1972 TR6. She has been updated with a new fuel tank and fuel lines, new brakes, new tires all around, new clutch, and new "rag" top. The original color is red and was repainted about ten years ago, there is no rust on the body. She has new seatbelts. 2 new side draft carburetors. It has a hard top too, but no work has been done on it. She is, honestly, a work in progress with a good start. Totally drivable, and I'd have no problem driving it for delivery. I am selling this car, because, sadly, at my age I will not be continuing the project.

Asking \$15,000 email Mark at mlh@wctc.net



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-speed-distance 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, over passes in the heart of the Rocky Mountains, and finishes in Glenwood Spgs.

Triumph Spitfire 60th Anniversary



Kim Flynn in her 1978 Triumph Spitfire

Kim is our very newest RMTC member, welcome!



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Triumph Owners!



Roger Mathis' 1963 Spitfire

This is a reminder about the Ability Connection Colorado (ACC) 39th annual charity event, taking place on Sunday June 5th at the Arapahoe Community College in Littleton. The marque automobile for this year is the Triumph Spitfire in honor of the 60th anniversary of its production. The show is a charity event supporting Ability Connection Colorado and their work with early childhood education. The following information can be used to register for this event.

- **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 TWO EVENT PASSES AND ONE EVENT PROGRAM.**
- **REGISTRATION FEES:**
 - **\$50.00 PER CAR, \$100.00 PER CAR FOR ELITE GROUP JUDGING.**

PLEASE NOTE THERE ARE TWO VERY SPECIAL DEADLINES:

- **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.**

LATE REGISTRATION CAN BE ACCOMPLISHED THE DAY OF THE SHOW JUNE 5, 2022. BUT NOT RECOMMENDED DUE TO THE AMOUNT OF TIME IT TAKES TO REGISTER AND MAKE PAYMENT.

Notes from the 4/20/22 General Meeting at the Blue Bonnet

Richard called the meeting to order, we started with Board reports, as already noted in the Board meeting on page 4. Bill Gillespie reported that he received some brake tools, Uni-Syn carb set tool, and a colortune for mixture adjustment, donated by a member. Members can borrow these tools, just check with Bill

Next, we welcomed new members Chuck Woodward, and Kim Flynn, who own the white and red Spitfires in the below photo. There is a new member profile for Chuck on page 9.

Our meeting program was to be a presentation by Christof Kheim. Executive Director at Forney Museum of Transportation, however he asked for a reschedule due to an illness.

Alan Magnuson from the MG club joined the meeting to update us on activities that we are invited to join. These include the Rallye Glenwood, a car show in Colorado Springs in June, and the Scottish Festival in August. Alan is the MG Club historian, and mentioned that back in the early 50's when LBCs were first coming to town, it was all one club for MGs, Jaguars, Triumphs, and other British cars.

As national organizations for these marques formed, there were various needs to split off into single marque clubs as we are today in Denver. Now, it is in our best interests to join the other clubs from time to time for shared activities, for social, and shared knowledge...the more the merrier! The BMCNC is a good example of a combined club of all the British marques. This allows a lot of cross polarization of ideas, fun, shared drives, and a larger group to share the chores of running the club.

Editor's note: Combined clubs are about as common as single marque clubs, at some point we could come full circle. So, next month, we are all joining to one big LBC club! (KIDDING!)(but given that most of the Board members have been doing it over and over and over and over for many years now, enough is enough, maybe a combined club is not so kidding...)] Several of the existing board will not run again after having served numerous years. It is up to the members whether you want to keep the club in its present form, or devolve to a social media group or similar. COVID restrictions have been relaxed, more people are gathering during recent activities, let's not let the club become an email group. We are a few months out for Board nominations, please give it a thought.

Yes, we have members who have other fun cars in addition to their Triumphs, and members who do not have a Triumph, but like our club. Owners of the cars below also attended our April meeting.



New Member Profile - Chuck Woodward

I purchased my 1978 Spitfire at a charity auction for my grandchildren's school here in Denver. The school had a unique tradition of "selling" ownership of the car in two year increments, having been gifted the Spitfire some years back. While interval ownership of this little beauty worked well in theory, the fact is that no one really wanted to invest in maintaining it the way any 40+ year old auto should be cared for, since they only had it for a short time before returning it to the school for the next interval.



Two years ago, when the Spit wouldn't/couldn't be registered, insured or driven safely, the school decided to sell it "as is," hoping for the best. As luck would have it, I saw the description on the auction website and casually mentioned it to my wife, Janice. She quickly told me, "If you are going to bid on that thing, you'd better do it to win; and you'd better be prepared to fix it so it can be driven safely, It is not going to sit in our garage like a piece of junk." Either I bid once too many times, or the other bidders got tired (wiser?) before I did, and the car became mine.

To say the least, it was badly in need of some love. The seats were literally rotten, the engine would not pass emissions, the entire braking system leaked badly, none of the key instruments worked, one headlight was cracked, the convertible top was torn and the plastic windows were opaque - you get the picture. After nearly two years I can say that with enough time, money, blood (literally) sweat and tears (again, literally) my Spitfire starts and stops while giving me great pleasure to drive, to tinker with and to dream. Tinkering has been the primary focus the last few months as I work on eliminating squeaks and rattles, try to optimize performance from the mighty 1500 cc engine - and generally spiff up the interior. Installing new carpet is next on the list, so if anyone has any hints on how to do that without becoming too frustrated, I'd love to hear from you.



I joined the RMTC after going to the Forney Museum for the Triumph exhibit and seeing the flyer (I got the last one on the table!), and now look forward to meeting as many other Triumph-ers as possible.



One last thing, I actually drove a Herald for a couple of years while in High School, and loved the looks of interest and incredulity that the little red Herald got, In fact, the only thing that caused me to end the relationship with Herald was his tendency to catch fire on a regular basis. When it happened in downtown Littleton in front of the police station one afternoon, it seemed clear that our paths were destined to part ways. But the memory of that first Triumph stayed with me for 50 years; so getting back to being a Triumph owner is all the sweeter for the years that have passed. The looks of interest and incredulity continue just the same.

By Chuck Woodward, Denver, CO

Collector Car Council of Colorado, Minutes of the Meeting for April 6, 2022, edited for space

Leo Boyle, the lobbyist spoke to the CCCC about what is happening in the Colorado Legislature. The current session is roughly 2/3rd the way through. There is an infusion of Federal dollars to the state, most of which will be used for education, the fentanyl crisis and some for state infrastructure. Senate Bill 138 written by Sen. Hanson for reducing Green House Gas Emissions could have an effect on cars but has not been presented nor read to the Senate yet. House Bill 1162 regarding the use of "digital license plates" that would be available to replace current number plates has passed and is awaiting the Governor's signature.



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Below, some photos from the previous occasion



Silvio's Final Drive Home

Coordinated by James DeBartolomeis, Narration by Eric Malewska

I went on Silvio's drive last Monday. I went to accompany him and James and pay respects to the family- and was one of many that participated. I didn't recognize Judy. When I blundered through introducing myself to her she stopped me and gave me a hug saying, "I know you." That started the tears, the first of many shed that afternoon.

In typical club fashion, the gaggle from Ruby Hill Park to the family home included several people getting lost and/or separated from the group. A change in lunch venues and a minor automobile break down (fixed with loose wire found in the downed car's own engine bay- cool) checked off any remaining common occurrences for a club drive. During the fix, David Durstine asked Ted Ax if the temp repair would last another hundred cycles, and Ralph Malewska (shouting suggestions from the driver seat of his TR6) kept asking if the problem was a bad coil. Judy was there to witness the comedy skit and confident that Silvio was smiling with approval.

The lunch gathering for being an on the fly affair was perfectly intimate and allowed for many, many wonderful stories to be shared by the family and the cadre of friends. I regretted having to leave. During my goodbyes, I had a last moment with Judy and thanked her for including us. She was kind and gracious as always. We shared a last hug before parting. As of yet I haven't shed my last tear.

We hope to have a future article from James about the long history of the family TR3.

Rest peacefully and without encumbrance our dear friend Silvio – Eric Malewska



Below, the Triumph "Honor Guard" for Silvio's last drive home.

Left, Ted Ax fix for the win!

Right, stories and toasts in Silvio's memory

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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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: May 4, ColoRODans clubhouse, 209 Kimbark St., Longmont Colorado. As usual, start time is 7:30 MDT.

Agenda;

- Colorado Legislative issues including new "fee" added to vehicle registration (State Parks Pass)
- Prospect of extension E-15 ethanol fuel in summer months and reformulated gasoline later.
- CCCC Airport Show (August 6): Details, Details, Details

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