

# The Triumph Herald

## November 2022

### NEWSLETTER OF THE ROCKY MOUNTAIN TRIUMPH CLUB

#### GENERAL MEETING SPEAKER, 10/19/22

Thanks to Bob Mott for arranging Carl Spike / Spike Radiator Shop, to speak at our general meeting. The shop has been open since 1969, doing radiator work for all types of vehicles, and some commercial accounts. Carl brought several radiator core sections to show, and explained the tradeoffs of each internal arrangement. Staggered cores have the best cooling. There was also discussion about the characteristics of aluminum radiators, and various types of coolant. There are many vehicle specific coolants these days, red, blue, green, etc, and how long between coolant changes, especially for our cars that may not see that many miles per year. Short story is Carl recommends changing coolant every 3 years, several members commented that they go much longer than that, with no apparent ill affects. Your chemistry may vary. But do use distilled water in your 50/50 mixture, and monitor the pH to not exceed 9, pH (litmus) test strips are available at drug or hardware stores. Some modern engines have change durations of up to 100,000 miles, using manufacturer specific coolants. When asked about various coolant additives, Carl feels most of them have tradeoffs that he does not recommend, but he did note if you need to fix a leak, his recommendation is to use BG Universal Cooling System Sealer. Other technicalities were also discussed, but you had to be there for the deeper discussion. Thank you Carl!

**Please vote your ballot on page 7!**



Carl Spike arrives with some show and tell items for his talk



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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, Denver. Meeting at 7 PM, and social at 6 PM, all members welcome to attend.

**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.**

## Musings from the Gavel, by the PM

Greetings fellow RMTC members!

We certainly have had a lovely October! The first of October, a few of us joined the BMCNC for their annual Oil Spot Rally. The foliage was beautiful with dramatic fall colors, the route was wonderful as always, great fun was had searching for the answers to the drive route questions, and then a splendid gathering at a BMCNC member's home. I was hoping for a better representation by RMTC members at the rallye, but alas... Those of us who did participate had a fabulous time! In the future, I again encourage the membership to participate!



The following Saturday was Mr. Paul Dierschow's retirement party at his Sportscar Craftsmen shop. Paul is truly an icon in the local British car repair scene. Many of the RMTC members have had repair work done on their cars and speak highly of the shop. My understanding is that Ian will be in the forefront helping to keep members vehicles in fine fettle. Andrew and Kitty Janiesch commissioned and presented a plaque honoring Paul on behalf of the RMTC. That was a most excellent gesture Andrew and Kitty! Well done, Paul, and enjoy retirement! You will be missed by many!

We had a good number of Triumphs and one Honda (who could that have been?) on the Witter Gulch drive coordinated by Eric Malewska. Many thanks to Eric for hosting, in my humble opinion, the most picturesque drive this season. Having lived here in Colorado for almost forty years I can not ever remember the fall colors being so vibrant! The weather was perfect! And a very hearty thank you to Kingsley Meldrum for performing a roadside electric fuel pump replacement on Dave Bufalo's Spitfire! That's the sort of camaraderie that makes driving an old banger fun! One never knows, someone just might have the part one needs and the ability to help with the repair!

No more mention about the upcoming Board elections other than to note that the ballot (page 7) is fully populated, thank you volunteers! Each member should have seen the e-mail sent by Jeff Heller with two options: fill out the ballot and take an image with your phone and send it to the noted e-mail address, or simply address an envelope and send it to the address noted. Vote early and often!

At the October general meeting, a vote was taken and passed to change from monthly meetings to quarterly general meetings commencing in January 2023. The following meeting will be held in April. that is every three months, etc. In many respects I firmly believe that we should see better member attendance and a far better opportunity to obtain speakers. If any members that feel we are not having enough social interactions as a club, consider hosting an event. Could be a casual cars and coffee, a tech session, or lunch at wherever, or an impromptu dinner, the sky is the limit!

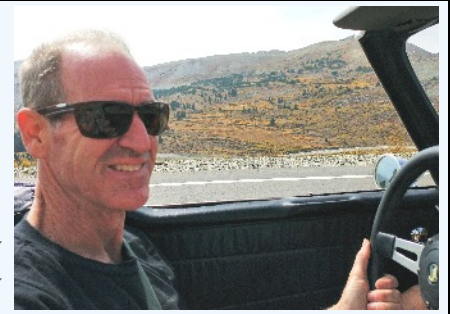
To one and all, it has been a great year as we approach the holiday season. Happy Thanksgiving!

— Cheers, Richard

Note that the board meeting has returned to the New York Deli News, next is November 7.

# **RMTC EVENTS CALENDAR**

**Coordinated By Andrew Janiesch**



## **NOVEMBER**

**4th - Wine tasting.** It is fully booked, but you many contact Sharon or Kitty to see if there has been a cancellation, [thepickledbrit@gmail.com](mailto:thepickledbrit@gmail.com) or text Kitty 303-408-9103

## **DECEMBER**

**10th – Annual Christmas Party, details to follow, most likey will be the same as previous years, hold the date!**

## **2023 Events**

Most events are hosted by our members rather than initiated by the Board. Board elections are this month, please vote your ballot on page 7. See the list on page 12 for events held most years, and proposed events that we hope will have a host for 2023.

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## **October General Meeting at the New York Deli News restaurant (continued)**

In addition to the presentation by Carl Spike, there was other general member business. As noted in the email blasts and earlier newsletters, a vote was taken to change to quarterly general meetings vs monthly meetings. The schedule change passed by a large majority. General meetings will be in January, April, July, and October, plus Fathers Day if hosted, and at the Christmas party, that makes about 6 meetings per year. In-between meetings can be held if there is urgent need.

A few road tales were exchanged about Eric’s Witter Gulch drive. A big well done mate! to fellow Spitfire driver Kingsley Meldrum, who made roadside repairs to David Bufalo's Spitfire. That electric fuel pump expired just outside of Evergreen, and Kingsley had a spare pump due to a previous like experience, which he installed, giving a little roadside tech session to others who had pulled over to assist.

Plans for the Christmas Party were updated by the Bosh’s, no worries at this point.

There was final discussion on fall elections for the RMTC Board, then nominations were closed. We appreciate that there was at least one volunteer for each board position (ballot page 7), one nomination is conditional. Jeff Heller was volunteered to take a fourth (!) term as Treasurer, which he accepted if a committee of at least 3 others audit the books to verify his bookkeeping during previous terms.

Condolences were expressed for the passing of Betty De Visscher, wife of long time member Andy De Visscher.



Early arrivals at the meeting, getting a head start on drinks and dinner

## RMTC Board Meeting Minutes for October 5

Attendance:

Richard  
Andrew  
Kitty  
Bob  
David  
Bill



Richard called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM. It was held on a Wednesday this time due to travel conflicts with the usual Monday.

Kitty talked about membership, mentioned that someone has found a better deal on a nametag vendor, needed because the previous one that the club has been using is retiring. Name badges will either be mailed or they can be picked up at the general meeting vs delivered by the vendor as before.

The board plans to be at Paul Dierschow's retirement party and present him with a plaque from RMTC.

The October general meeting is the last opportunity to submit nominations for a board position.

David mentioned the newsletter has been published, and that he is swapping newsletter letters with other clubs.

Andrew reviewed the up coming events, Sharon is restarting the Bosler's wine tasting event, scheduled Saturday 11/4. Bob verified that he can proceed with arranging the speaker for the November general meeting.

The board verified that the next general meeting will be the last date for board nominations. Some pre discussion about the quarterly general meetings but all times for the general meetings is still up for discussion.

Meeting adjourned at 7:20 PM, Reported by Bob Mott

### NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Watch this space next month for November birthdays!

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



### General Meetings

**They are now being held at The New York Deli News, located at 7105 East Hampden Ave. in Denver,** on the 3rd Wednesday of the month. We start to gather around 6 PM in the back alcove, meeting starts at 7 PM.

### **RMTC Treasurer's Report**

This report is available for inspection at the Board Meeting and at the General Meeting, or by special request.



### **Rocky Mountain Triumph Club 2022 Board**

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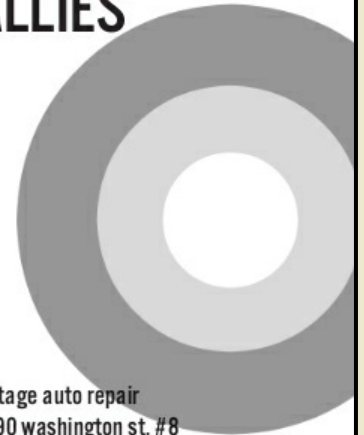


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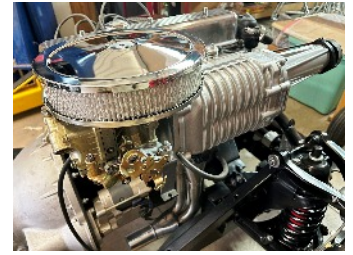


### Example usage



## FOR SALE: 1971 Triumph TR6 frame-off restoration project:

- \* Laser-straightened, strengthened, and powder-coated frame
- \* Moss supercharged fully rebuilt engine by Sports Car Craftsman
- \* HVDA conversion to a Toyota 5-speed transmission
- \* R200 Limited slip differential with GoodParts CV Joint Axles
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- \* Stainless steel sports Exhaust with dual tips
- \* GoodParts performance springs with Koni adjustable shocks
- \* Performance aluminum radiator + electric fan
- \* All new interior panels, carpets, rebuilt seats etc
- \* Body is blasted and ready for repair + paint
- \* Lots of new parts still in bags
- \* A second 1971 TR6 as a parts car!!!



**Asking \$17,000 OBO.** Golden, Colorado  
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## FOR SALE:

**1980 triumph TR8 "Wedge"** 8-cylinder aluminum 3.5L engine. 5 speed manual transmission. 2 door convertible. Car is all original with minimal rust. 71,000 miles. Still owned by the original family who purchased it new in Colorado. VIN. TPVDV8ATxxxxxx Paint code MCA Trim code RAH Build date APR80. Has been driven very little in last several years. Engine runs but will need inspected and detailed. Factory a/c. Needs tires, needs new top fabric, battery, slight tear in driver seat back fabric. Additional photos can be provided. Will need to be trailered upon purchase. This belonged to my husband who passed away in 2020. Have had 3 classic car people advise it should go between \$10,000 - \$14,000. Price is negotiable. Email: [ajdvb1995@gmail.com](mailto:ajdvb1995@gmail.com)

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**Asking Price \$12,000.00**



## CCCC Minutes of Meeting, 5 October 2022, edited for space

Hosts and guest speakers with CADA were Kelly Sloan and Mathew Groves. As spokespeople for Freedom to Drive (FTD) coalition, Sloan and Groves described what FTD is doing to monitor proposed legislation and regulations following the EPA declaration that the nine-county Denver metro area is now in "severe violation" of the ozone air quality standard. The reclassification may result in requiring rebled gasoline and cause significantly higher cost at the pump, and also require more businesses to file federal air permits as the acceptable threshold for ozone-creating emissions is lowered.

**Leo Boyle** noted that the November 8<sup>th</sup> election will result in changes in the Colorado Legislature and we will have to see who will be on the Transportation committees in 2023. He expects that new bills will start to appear after mid-January. Wait and see.

**Post-Hurricane vehicles warning:** Cars from hurricane-hit areas may start appearing on Colorado car lots and buyers should be careful to avoid them. Collector vehicles are unlikely to be in this category.

# Ballot For Elections Of The RMTc 2023 Board

Election To Be Held By Mail-In Voting, Email, or In-Person.

**Must be received by November 18th, 2022.**

This Ballot May Be Used As A Mail-In Ballot Or By Email,  
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Vote for 1 Name for Each Office:

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**Minister of Letters:** [ ] Robert Mott  
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**Newsletter Editor:** [ ] Eric Malewska  
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**Minister of Membership:** [ ] Kitty Janiesch...  
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**Regalia:** [ ] Chuck Woodward  
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To email this ballot, print it, mark your choices, photo it with your phone, and email it to [rmtc.nominations@gmail.com](mailto:rmtc.nominations@gmail.com)

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## 10/15/22 Witter Gulch Drive, Hosted and Reported by Eric Malewska

October fifteenth was the most enjoyable outing of the season for me. Seventeen cars were at the meet up, including Kingsley and Jean from the north and Mike J. hauling in from Colorado Springs, sporting a fresh engine swap in his GT6. How's that for a vote of confidence?

This drive had it all: new faces and their unknown cars, a roadside repair that didn't require towing, BBQ, and top down driving while sporting hats and jackets.

Weather and fall colors were in full cooperation. The Evergreen Lake rest stop, an addition which may have influenced the drives' turnout, provided participants relief, coffee, and admirers of their interesting cars.

Witter Gulch road ("You're going to go up fast, right?" An anonymous member requested) was never discovered during my years growing up in Evergreen, otherwise I'd have wrecked a few more cars as a teen. Both winding and steep, first and second gears get the workout. The cool climate worked well for the climb, with no over heats reported. Most of the crowd enjoyed a nice break at the top of Witter Gulch, which has a sprawling meadow and magnificent views. The stragglers had a different view that featured a new fuel pump. Kudos to Kingsley Meldrum for his roadside assist and to my PM, best sweep ever, but Richard where was the SHO?!?

Gathering for food, drink and stories at the end is almost as fun as the drive itself. Piggin'Out BBQ has a no frills style that is welcoming and efficient- given the twenty plus of us that descended upon them. Reserved outdoor seating in October wasn't bad, but my jacket was near by. Sharon R. took a parting shot of Jamie and I in the TR4 as we were leaving (below). It's my new fave...

It was a pleasure to host this drive and share it with all of you. Everyone's participation is what made the day such a special one. My father's influence on my life is well represented on this route - my fascination with cars, mountains and windy roads is all because of him. I hope you had as much fun as I did. Thanks dad.



Above, host Eric Malewska, below, the drivers meeting, and Mike J dialing in his rebuilt engine



## Witter Gulch Drive, continued



Above, lifting a toast in memory of Betty De Visscher, and trails end at Pigg'in'Out. Photos by Eric, Jeff Heller, David Durstine



## BMCNC's Oil Spot Rallye, October



Numerous photo credits, thanks!



# Paul Dierschow's Retirement at Sports Car Craftsman



Paul helping out to the end...Mike Freeburn came up from Durango, with no wipers on his TR4A. Right, presentation of the appreciation plaque. Paul and his wife Anne's most immediate plans are to visit the kids in Maryland and Australia.



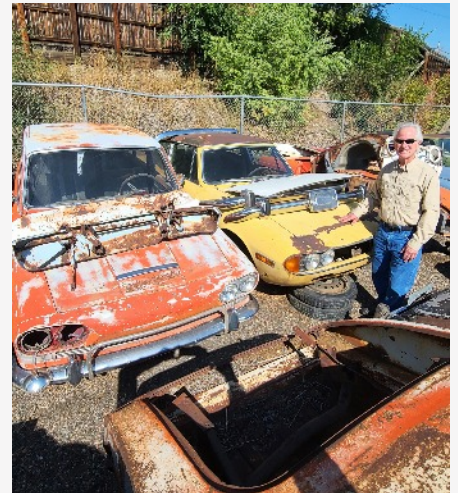
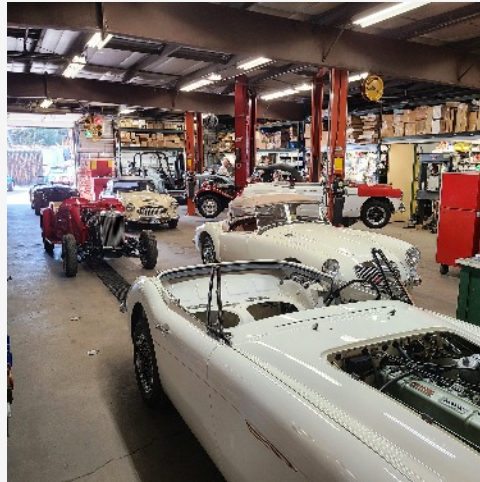
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## Paul Dierschow's Retirement at Sports Car Craftsman, continued



Of course we had to do a walk through the parts yard, looking for missing bits, like Richard is doing lower right. Jeff ponders rear engine mysteries on the Corvair Dale Will's brother arrived in, after he and Dale and Hayden and Mike came in after completing a 2,000 mile week long camping trip in southern Colorado.



The Forney Tea is not an official RMTTC event, but has been in the past, it was a lot of fun!



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We are very fortunate that some members host events on an annual basis. Other events are suggestions, we are looking for hosts, 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 EVENTS:**

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



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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:** Wednesday November 2, 7:30 pm, at the Forney Transportation Museum, 4303 Brighton Blvd. Denver. RMTC Members welcome to attend!

The CCCC web site information listing member clubs of CCCC has been updated using information on 2022 renewal forms. Clubs are encouraged to check their listing on the web site [www.collectorcouncil.com](http://www.collectorcouncil.com) and notify Jim Tatman (Jtatman4@gmail.com) of corrections they wish to submit.

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