

Your Triumph Herald

January 2023

NEWSLETTER OF THE ROCKY MOUNTAIN TRIUMPH CLUB

2022 RMTC Christmas Party, coordinated by Dave and Arlene Bosh

RMTC members met at Stonegate Clubhouse for holiday festivities. It was the usual visiting, drinks, and hors d'oeuvre to start. Paul and Anne Dierschow stopped by for a short visit, and gave us a letter of appreciation for the plaque and award that we honored them with during Paul's retirement open house. Paul had a serious accident in his warehouse a few days after his retirement event, resulting in a badly fractured right arm and internal injuries from heavy objects falling on him. Paul's recovery prognosis is good, we wish them our best for that recovery. Hickory House BBQ setup a buffet line with pulled pork, ribs, chicken, and side dishes- with leftovers. After dinner, PM Richard Martin made a few announcements, including introducing the 2023 board members. Next was our traditional Yankee Swap gift exchange. After a slow start, the swap action got more intense, with several gifts going the full 3 swaps before a freeze on more exchanges. It was good to see some members joining us from out of town, and others that we don't see so often. Our thanks to Dave and Arlene for continuing their location and buffet arrangements for our party. Submitted by D. Durstine



Paul Dierschow's letter to us, the attempt to read it out loud and a visit with Jeff and Marla Otto are inside along with more pictures from the party.

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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 dinner at 6 PM, all members welcome to attend.

Musings from the Gavel, by the PM



Greetings RMTC Members!

Greetings and a very Happy New Year to the RMTC family!

What a great year we had in 2022: many events, drives, car shows, a high tea, and presentations. The Board elections are behind us and I humbly suggest a good line up with some new faces as well as a couple of pieces moved about the chess board. I must thank those individuals that threw their hat into the ring and I would be remiss if I said nothing about those who decided to "catch their breath" after many years of service! Without you both past and present, RMTC would pretty much be a hollow shell.

Our new general meeting format gives me the hope that with quarterly meetings it seems likely we can expect better attendance. Typically the first quarter can be hit or miss largely due to weather and post holiday slow down. Now, our first quarterly meeting will be on Wednesday 18 January, usual time and place, the NY Deli News. The next quarterly meeting will be once again, the third Wednesday of April, the 19th, etc. To the non-Board members, know that the Board will continue to meet the first Monday of every month with the immediate exception of the January Board meeting. Given a "declared" holiday on Monday 2 January we will meet on Tuesday 3 January.

What could be the possible benefits of quarterly general meetings? I became an RMTC member in May of 2017 having just purchased my '71 TR6. At that time the meetings were at Piccolo's and typically attended by perhaps 30-40 members! It was "suggested" I run for the PM position in 2021 right in the middle of Covid! Oh what fun it is to ride a Zoom meeting tonight! It was unpleasant but eventually there were hints of normalcy. However, we lost Piccolo's and general meeting participation dwindled terribly. I believe one of worst recent GM attendance was perhaps six which was the Board.

So what is different now? RMTC is essentially a club setting which allows old friends to interact on multiple levels. I think it is fair to say we enjoy one another's friendship in different fashions; showing our cars, conducting a drive, organizing and chairing a highway clean up, food gatherings, etc. The common denominator is the camaraderie. With our GM's quarterly, it would seem as if we will have a bit more social interaction... what have you been up to? traveled anywhere lately? How's the family? How's the car behaving? Etc. The big plus is there is the option for any member to propose any sort of event any time they want... Hey, why don't we all meet at ___ at X o'clock for a drive to ___ for breakfast? The RMTC can and will only be as active as the member body desires.

Lastly, I invite each member to either consider giving a presentation or organizing something for each of the quarterly meetings. Realistically, that would only mean four individuals doing a little something!

I wish all the members a very Happy and healthy New Year. This could be our best year in many years!

Cheers, Richard

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

JANUARY 2023

22 ND - RMTC ANNUAL CHILI COOK-OFF

Andrew & Kitty Janiesch

FEBRUARY 2023

10 TH DRIVE YOUR TRIUMPH DAY – TBD Watch for Email Blast



RMTC CHILI COOK OFF JANUARY 22, 2023 TIME: 12 PM - 3 PM

LOCATION: HAGERTY GARAGE 8101 S. Shaeffer Pkwy, Littleton, CO 80127

RMTC Annual Chili Cook Off will take place on Sunday, January 22 from noon to 3 pm at the Hagerty Learning Center Garage. This a cool venue for car enthusiasts. Calling all cooks and chili tasters! Please come out to taste and help judge the Chili's for the following categories: Spiciest Chili, Most Unique/Original Chili; Best Overall. Prizes will be awarded. Please notify Kitty if you plan on competing! In addition, we'll need some toppings and cornbread, so if you would like to volunteer to bring cornbread or toppings, please let Andrew & Kitty know. Please RSVP to Kitty via email, text or call 303.408.9103 or katt0906@gmail.com.

Hagerty Garage is excited to host RMTC's annual Chili Cook-Off and would like remind folks that this is a dry event and alcohol is not allowed due to liability reasons. Please note that non-alcoholic drinks will be provided by RMTC for this event.

DRIVE YOUR TRIUMPH DAY

DATE: February 10

It's time to start thinking about Drive Your Triumph Day, Friday, February 10, 2023.

My name is Rye Livingston and am with the Triumph Travelers Sports Car Club in Northern California, arguably the longest active Triumph Club in the world, founded in 1958. In 2016 I encouraged members of our club to drive their Triumphs on February 10th, to celebrate Sir John Black's Birthday, the man who organized Standard's purchase of Triumph after WW II, and went on to make the cars we enjoy driving today.

On February 10th, go for a drive in your Triumph. then take a photo. The photo is mainly of the car, and the owner or passenger if possible. If it's the middle of the winter where you live and your car is in hibernation, or in the middle of a restoration, take a photo of it in the garage. Have fun with it!

Next step is to email a high-resolution photo to driveyourtriumphday@gmail.com, along with some basic information: owner's name, year and model of car, and place 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 the Drive Your Triumph Day website: <https://driveyourtriumphday.shutterfly.com>

Anyone can host an impromptu drive, garage open house, tech session during their rebuild, etc. Do it like David and Arlene in this issue! Just coordinate with Roger Mathis to get an email notification sent out.

RMTC Board Meeting Minutes for December 05, 2022

Attendance: Jeff, David, Bill, Richard, Eric, Bob

Richard called the meeting to offer at 6:40pm.

Richard talked about the club buying a new computer for the club to publish the newsletter. Eric decided to use his own computer and download the publishing software from David on it. The board tabled the new computer purchase.

Kitty made a suggestion about long time members. Jeff would like to know what criteria would be used to define a long time member. Some suggestions that came to mind regarding how many times have they served on the board, what type of service for the club did this individual do, and longevity being a big factor for nomination. The board decided to table this until further information is gathered.

39 people have RSVP for the Christmas party the club needs side dishes for the party.

Jeff would like an independent audit performed on the financial books of the club. It should not be performed by another board member. The motion was tabled.

Discussed member suggestion to buy a laptop for the newsletter editor, so all newsletter content and publisher software stays available as the position rotates. Table for now, Eric is on Win 7, but ok with using his machine as long as he can work with submitted material and print grayscale etc. David said he preferred to use his own machine, as it is setup the way he likes, and maybe downstream newsletter editors may prefer an Apple machine, and that the long term newsletter material can be transferred on a thumb drive etc.

Kitty had a suggestion about doing an annual life member...discussed some typical parameters of that nomination. Thinking that membership longevity would be a large factor, perhaps 30 years (Bob Mott for example), extraordinary service, such as running a national VTR, numerous hosted events, etc. General thought is, we basically applied what used to be for member of the year factors, but with additional excellence.

The January mid-day chili cook off is a trial. Consideration as to how well the mid-day Chili cook off at Hagerty will be received...we shall find out.

Talked financial audit volunteers, need about 2 hours time for some fresh eyes on the books. See who we can snag at the Christmas party, best for it not to be someone on the board or a board spouse.

The meeting adjourned at 7:15pm

Thanks
Bob Mott

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 quarter. 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 2023 Board

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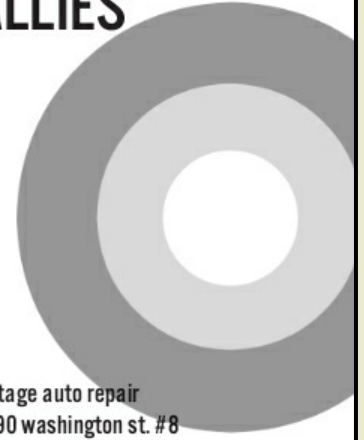


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JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

- Galins Michelle 1-Jan
- Smith Daniel 5-Jan
- Girkins Steve 6-Jan
- Horgan Dennis 11-Jan
- Janiesch Andrew 11-Jan
- Colman Karen 12-Jan
- Yoas Michael 13-Jan
- Andersen Ric 16-Jan
- Stern Jack 17-Jan
- Stern Ben 17-Jan
- Sutphin Hoyt 17-Jan
- Vigo-Torres Vic 17-Jan
- Turner Brooks 18-Jan
- Klemm Catherin 19-Jan
- Otto Marla 20-Jan
- Powell David 25-Jan
- Norris Rita 26-Jan
- Robinson Sharon 26-Jan
- Moore Tyra 27-Jan
- Plotkin Brian 31-Jan



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

FOR SALE / WANTED

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

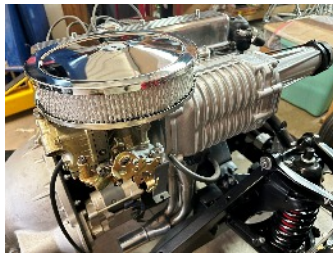
Submit adds at ROCKYMOUNTAINTR.ORG

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
- * Wilwood front disc brakes + upgraded rears
- * 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
Email: hello@colorado-triumph.com
Full details: <https://colorado-triumph.com>



FOR SALE:

Two decorative 72 spoke wire wheels and hubs. The wheel and hub splines are worn out, so these are not safe wheels/hubs to use on the road. They make dandy hose racks or sign post bases or décor for your garage. \$45 For each wheel + hub + octagon, or \$80 for both sets. Four brand new still in the plastic octagon hub nuts, all four for \$160, these are \$59 each + shipping from Moss
Text 303-324-1047



FOR SALE: 6 rim, excellent condition, 5 1/2" width, \$100.00. I had Discount tire spin it and it ran true.

The complete official Triumph TR6 & 250 1967-1976 workshop manual like new condition. And the TR 250 & 6 Owners workshop manual like new condition \$80.00 for both. I had to sell my TR6 because I could no longer work on it. Email; rokbo@comcast.net

FOR SALE:

10-22

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



PROPOSAL FOR A BLACK HILLS GATHERING

Your Rocky Mountain Triumph Club is asking for your interest and feedback regarding a 3-4 day trip to the Black Hills of South Dakota. The idea came to us from member Bob Arnio of Rapid City, SD. Bob thought it might be possible to have the Minnesota Triumph Club join in the adventure too. Bob is a good friend of the mayor of Deadwood, SD and indicated that the city would roll out the red carpet for the group if the numbers warrant. Please let me know by text or email if you would be interested in participating in this Black Hills program.

Thanks,
Terry Hughes
Text: 303-810-1369
Email: tr7terry@q.com



Jeff and Marla Otto

Jeff Otto, a long time club member, has been battling brain cancer for the past seven months and could use a little support during this most difficult time. If you can find the time to stop by and say hello or to send a card, I know he and Marla would be appreciative. Jeff spends most of the day resting in bed, watching the television, eating sweets (especially chocolate) and sharing memories of past driving excursions.

It is best to call beforehand if you plan to visit. Jeff's cell number is 720-404-5892 and his care provider will pick up. Marla can be reached at 720-255-7490. Their address is 750 Tabor Street, #310 in Lakewood. It is just north of the 6th Avenue Freeway and west of Simms.



I stopped by to visit with Jeff and Marla last week. Jeff was roused from bed and talked with Marla and me for a few hours. He was moving about on his own though he has a caregiver in place when Marla can't be there. She's still working and being the Jeep club treasurer. Her quotable that night was, "I need to be four people." My heart goes out to them both. Jeff and Marla would appreciate any visitors that can visit during Jeff's hospice. He likes baklava too! Eric Malewska

The Vintage Triumph Register (VTR)

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MEMBERSHIP FEES ARE \$35 PER YEAR W/NEWSLETTER IN EMAIL ONLY FORMAT; \$50 PER YEAR
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Dear Mr. Martin and fellow RMTC members,

I want to pass along my most sincere appreciation for what you did for me at my retirement party. It was an experience that exceeded my wildest expectations and your part of it made the day into an event of a lifetime for me. I will forever has a smile in my heart whenever I see the plaque your club gave me hanging on the wall at the shop. I am very sorry I did not get this message to you sooner, but in the week following, my life changed rather abruptly and unexpectedly.

Unfortunately, just a few days later things in my life became very much more difficult. When I was working alone at my old turn of the century warehouse in Denver, I sustained a significant setback. I experienced an accident where a heavy load of building materials (about 1000 pounds) collapsed on top of me and crushed me beneath. My legs hips and pelvis were squashed pretty good and my right arm was badly broken in multiple pieces just below the shoulder. Somehow I was able to extract myself from underneath the disaster I had created and was actually able to drive myself home (about 10 miles) with an effort that I still do not understand how I was able to accomplish. As the adrenaline wore off I could no longer walk and then it was off to the ER for x-rays, repairs, and further investigations. It was soon discovered that I had blood clots in my lungs which led to a long night in the ICU and thus eliminated the possibility of surgery to repair the broken arm. It is also not repairable with a cast so I must now wait it out to let the arm fix itself, a process that will take several months. The good news is that the recovery seems to be going fairly well with the pain involved having subsided significantly and i have been able to remove my self form the use of any painkillers. I am able to walk again which is quite a relief and now it's just a matter of waiting out the healing process. I have now learned how to get it and out of bed without using my arms which is a bigger challenge that you might think until you've tried it. I am truly grateful because it could have been so much worse. It was not assured that this was a survivable incident, so I feel very blessed that things have gone as well as they have. We never know what is around the next bend in the road, do we?

Sadly, our planned trips to Maryland and Australia had to be postponed until next spring at best. It will be very difficult for us to wait that long, but we will be patient. I'll let you know how things progress. I could not be where I am today without tireless and unending support of my wife, Anne, and my daughter Becca who have put in an effort that has been beyond description for the last two months. I also attribute my remarkable improvement to be a result of a very palpable aura that has come from a hug number of phone calls, thoughts and prayers that have come to me from people on a ll corners of the world. This has been quite an experience , although not one I would care to repeat.

Thanks again for your generosity and thoughtfulness. I wish you the best. Paul



2022 RMTC Christmas party- proof it happened

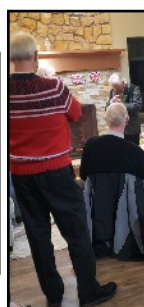


The Steal by Hal Levison





The party was fun, and Paul D's letter was difficult to verbalize. It was a testament to the value of your Rocky Mountain Triumph Club. To everyone who was there, and to those who couldn't be- Happy New Year.



A note of thanks to Mr. David Durstine for being the go to member for supporting the club in many ways- his five years' service as Newsletter Editor for your club being one of them, and now our VPM! Thank you David.

The meeting was held at the Forney Transportation Museum, 4303 Brighton Blvd., Denver CO

Guest Speakers: Mike and Jim McCutchen are seeking advice about selling vehicles from an estate left by their late father. The vehicles include a 1961 Ford station wagon and a 1964 International pickup truck. Both are not drivable and without titles. They will need information about getting titles for these vehicles. They were advised to check with the DMV and go through the process relying on a bill of sale and bonding when sold and to go to local swap meets to explore interest in the vehicles. Mike's phone number is 303-521-3821.

Legislative: Leo Boyle noted that the November election will result in new and predominately Democratic legislators on committees but key legislators we have worked with on the Transportation committees will be around. He reported that he will be meeting with the person most responsible for drafting legislative bills to seek clarification of SB19-054 which has been interpreted to mean all surplus military vehicles can only be licensed to be driven off-road like farm tractors. Leo also expects bills dealing with the metro area's ozone violations.

Concours d'Elegance: Discussion with Tom Scott regarding the June 4 2023 Concours in Littleton is continuing. The Concours is planning to feature evolution of the automobile with decades of vehicles grouped together. CCCC is urged to promote the show and provide 50 cars.

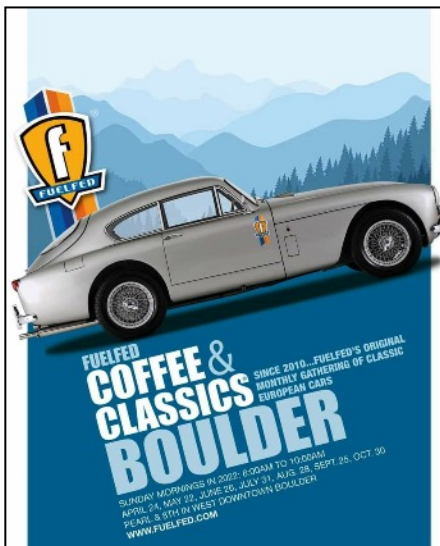
2023 RMMA (Jeffco) Airport Show: Dick Thompson reported that the August 5 th 2023 event may relocate to a different part of the airport which would afford parking on grass rather than concrete.

Forney Museum Dust & Shine events: Contact for scheduling dates for clubs is Gary Canady at 303-264-9953.

Colorado Parks Pass ("Keep Colorado Wild Pass"): The Parks Pass will go into effect on all registrations beginning January 1, 2023. There is an "Opt Out" provision rather than Opt In, meaning the fee can be declined and the registration reduced by \$29. The Pass if accepted is not transferable between vehicles. Only state parks are covered, not national parks such as RMNP. Vehicles without the pass can still enter state facilities by paying a day use fee.

Early 2023 Swap Meets: Polar Bear Swap meet will be at Adams County Fairgrounds, January 28. Info: 303-378-1321. The Sabres Tri-States Swap Meet at the National Western Complex in north Denver will be Feb.4-5, Info: 303-428-6046.

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More information; <https://fueled.wordpress.com/coffee-classics-what-is-it/coffee-classics-boulder-co/>



We are fortunate that members host events on an annual basis. This list of past events are suggestions. We are looking for hosts, please consider doing that. Other members who have hosted in the past can help you plan your event. A club budget is available for approved event supplies.

CONCLAVE/BBQ	SPRING TUNE UP
LADIES TEA	RMTC CAR SHOW
RELIABILITY RUN	MULTI-DAY DRIVES
OIL SPOT RALLYE	OKTOBERFEST
MOVIE & BBQ	CHILI COOKOFF
ACC CAR CHOW	FATHER'S DAY PICNIC
HIWAY CLEAN UP	CHRISTMAS PARTY
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listing of upcoming events and shows.

Friends of Collector Cars PAC:
Ted Rossi reported that the FOCC could use
additional funds for the PAC.

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