# Your Triumph Herald June 2023

#### NEWSLETTER OF THE ROCKY MOUNTAIN TRIUMPH CLUB



40th Annual Colorado Concours d'Elegance Exotic Sports Car Show June 4, 2023, 9 AM – 3 PM This year's theme is "The Evolution of the Automobile". Come check out the special corral of approximately 6-8 vehicles for each decade from 1900-2010. Funds raised support the work of the Ability Connection Colorado's Creative Options for Early Childhood Education Centers.



A 1966 Cadillac next to our cars of the same era is a fun comparison at the May board meeting. The side shot makes the point. We had a fun chat with the Cadillac owner. David D.







# Musings from the Gavel Prime Minister Richard Martin

Greetings fellow RMTC members and a joyous summer to you. I'm, a day late and a dollar short as my sainted Dad used to love to say. One would think that saying would be popular with a shop keeper or some sort of other business owner but he was neither. He was an anesthesiologist but if my brothers and I were somehow short on his demands, that was his refrain. So, Eric, mea culpa!

My tardiness aside, is it not ironic that we have all been waiting for the season of driving and yet how many of us are yawning and thinking, "Oh, next Saturday is the ACC! Wonder if the Triumph will start? And it might need a wash! And a bit of wax wouldn't be a bad idea! I think all car club members must fit into two groups: those who fuss over their cars all year long and those, not unlike myself, who are going to see if the Mk 2 2000, which hasn't been driven since October, will start and drive. Now, for those of you, shall we say "anal types", you have started and driven your TR's any day that there was neither rain nor snow. Good on ya! You're the devoted ones! All herald the mark! Some of us park 'em and leave 'em. We're bad humans! But... given the basic agricultural nature of the Triumph engine, dollars to donuts I'll open the garage tomorrow, put in the key, and despite five month's inattention, the Mk 2 will not only start, run fine, but if it could speak, the question or, better yet, utterance, will be, "where the hell have you been?You stupid sod, I've been waiting patiently for an outing!".

That, my friends is the huge difference between a banger from Britain and the high end Italian and German stuff (I was going to say "shite" but thought this might be read by youngin's). Anyway, how many cars can one not start let alone look at for six months and as long as the battery still has some semblance of a charge start and run and Lord knows the quality of the fuel in the tank? This has been my experience with the TR6 which is on its way, supposedly, to my brother in Oregon and also the MK 2. For ACC, I think I'll see if the Mk 2 wants to start tomorrow, if not, hook up the battery charger so I'm good to go for next weekend. One never wants to rush into a project that needs any more than a quick battery tickle!

Cheers and God bless y'all! Richard

Annual RMTC Father's Day/Summer Picnic
Saturday, June 24 (Weekend after Father's Day) 11:30 am - ????
Please join us for our annual RMTC Picnic at the home of Andrew & Kitty Janiesch.
Hamburgers & Hotdogs will be provided. Please bring your own beverage of choice. Rumor has it there may be a double batch of bourbon slush this year! If you like to bring a side dish or dessert please let Kitty know.





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#### **RMTC EVENTS**

June: Ladies' Tea 06/03 @ 130 PM; ACC Concourse 06/04; Glenwood Springs Rally 06/09-06/11; Father's Day Picnic 06/24. July: Rod Tomkins Highway Clean Up 07/15; Automezzi XXXIII

Italian Motoring Show 07/16.

August: SD Overnight Drive, Terry Hughes; Rocky Mountain Car

Show and Swap Meet, Jeffco Airport, Broomfield **September:** Conclave, Hughes BBQ, Bosh Oktoberfest **October:** Fall drive - Eric, BMCNC Oil Spot Rally

**November:** Wine tasting **December:** Holiday party

MONTHLY EVENTS: To be updated on the Cars and Coffee Events near you, email support@carsandcoffeeevents.com and ask to be added to their mailing list. You can specify how close/far away you want Events sent to you on a weekly basis.

- 1. Fuelfed Boulder June thru October each last Sunday of month, 8<sup>th</sup> and Pearl 8-10am. Rallys will be announced as they occur.
- 2. Lafayette C & C, first Saturday of month year round (weather permitting) Flatirons Church parking lot, 355 W South Boulder Road, Lafayette, CO 7-10am Facebook
- 3. GoldenSuperCruise.com First Saturday May thru October

RMTC member, Val Burt, who resides in England letting us know that her husband, Stan, passed away in Feb 2023. "Very sad news that Stan passed away in February after a battle with prostate cancer. He underwent radiotherapy without any success, the last six months were painful for him and all the family. We had a wonderful funeral when lots of his friends from years past came to pay their respects. About 90 people came to say their goodbyes. Myself and the family were so comforted by the many people who attended. We had his ashes scattered in the Garden of Remembrance and we will put some type of memorial there. Just going to move to an apartment, like Shirley has done. Sorry to be the bearer of such sad news."

Also remember that the Burts were friends of the Kennys, and visited them from England several times during Conclave and attended several other RMTC events while they were in town, as well as being RMTC members. They had to send their dues as cash because our website wouldn't accept overseas payment.



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

#### SAVE THE DATE!

RMTC Ladies only Afternoon Tea 1:30 PM, SATURDAY, JUNE 3, 2023 Cost \$10 per Lady

Come and be spoiled!

Hosted by Kitty and Sharon. We will have a proper English afternoon tea complete with sandwiches, sweets, scones and bubbly, along with some rather dashing waiters.

We request you wear your favorite hat and bring a Special teacup and saucer.

Location: 415 Golden Eagle Drive, Broomfield, CO 80020 .

Space is limited to 16.
RSVP to Sharon



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.

## **2023 RMTC BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

Present: Richard Martin, David Durstine, Jeff Heller, Roger Mathis, Chuck Woodward, Kitty Janiesch, Steve Girkin Guests: Bill Gillespie and the infamous Andrew Janiesch

Meeting began at 7:15pm

- 1) Jeff Heller gave a report on the finances which he had emailed us prior to preview. We all found it satisfactory.

  2) We are going to take a look at a restaurant along highway 70 to alternate between the current location to have a more central location for our board meetings.
- 3)The technical advisors section for the Triumph marques listed in the newsletter will be removed as they are seldom used. They can still be contacted if wanted.
- 4) The member of the year award will not be done this year as it has been decided the points system is a great deal of work, Next years' board will again review this.
- 5) Kitty Janiesch informed us that there are currently 96 paid members of which 88 live in Colorado and total membership owns 122 cars. Thank you Kitty for the collection of statistics.

Meeting adjourned at 8:00pm Steve Girkins Minister of Letters RMTC, LLC

### 2023 ROD TOMKINS ANNUAL HIGHWAY CLEAN UP

Richard and Sharon are once again hosting this annual event - Come and join us for a fun drive and a little civic duty at the highway clean up. We drive up through the twisty roads in Golden Gate Canyon then have a small section of the peak to peak highway to clean, we have

bags and vests but please bring gloves. Then, after dropping the rubbish in Rollinsville we take our annual lakeside picture and a quick drive up to Coal Creek Canyon for lunch and fun at the Wondervue cafe. Prizes for the best/ funniest stories about a piece of rubbish you find!!!

DATE: Saturday July 15

TIME: Meet at 9am, leave at 915am.

MEET: Canonball Brewing carpark at 393 North Washington Ave and highway 93 Golden (bonus - there is a petrol station, toilets and a Starbucks just across the street)

RSVP: We need a head count for the Wondervue cafe - please call or text Sharon at 937-369-3953
Or email thepickledbrit@gmail.com



#### **General Meetings**

Are held at The New York Deli News, 7105 East Hampden Ave. Denver each 3rd Wednesday of the quarter. We start to gather around 6 PM in the back alcove, meeting starts at 7 PM.

#### Rocky Mountain Triumph Club 2023 Board

Prime Minister - Richard Martin
Vice-Prime Minister - David Durstine
Minister of Letters - Steve Girkins
Treasurer - Jeff Heller
Events Coordinator - Roger Mathis
Minister of Membership - Kitty Janiesch
Newsletter Editor - Eric Malewska
Regalia Officer - Chuck Woodward
Newsletter Publisher - Roger Mathis
Webmaster - Andrej Galins

#### **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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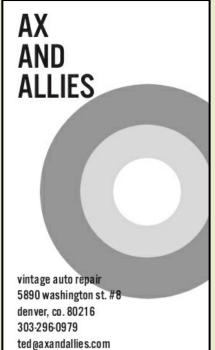




Birthday list is provided by Kitty Janiesch, Minister of Membership.

# JUNE BIRTHDAYS

Steve Colman 6/2Lee Alexander 6/3 Debbie St James 6/3 Ralph Malewska 6/4 Jeff Oram-Smith 6/5 Kitty Janiesch 6/7 Flo Harkin 6/13Colleen A'Hearn 6/18Powers Cynthia 6/21Mike Jankowski 6/21 Jeff Heller 6/22 Gwenn Jensen 6/24 **Emily Girkins** 6/25 Cline 6/299 Tori





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,dinner at 6, all members welcome.

# **FOR SALE / WANTED**

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

Submit adds at ROCKYMOUNTAINTR.ORG

#### FOR SALE:

10-22

1980 triumph TR8 "Wedge" 8-cylinder aluminum 3.5L engine. 5 speed manual transmission. Car is 100% 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 \$12,000.00



#### FOR SALE:

1971 TR6. Very clean, reliable car. Bought from fellow RMTC member Marty Cohen in 2008. Regularly serviced and maintained throughout ownership: Mechanical- Engine rebuild with 14k, rblt rear axles, Toyota 5 speed overdive trans, elec. fuel pump, elec. fan, hi torque starter.

Add ons- Michelin 16x205s, cruise control, luggage rack, center console, new top, tonneau & boot covers, halogen head lights, cigarette lighter, battery quick disconnect, k&n air filters, emergency hood release, fresh Damson Plum paint 3yr, Valvoline racing oil. Always stored inside. Serviced exclusively by Fred Hodgson@Auto Wizards & Ted Ax @Ax and Allies. This car has driven to and participated in multiple VTR events, Driving for Kids, and Hagerty's Teach a Stick without issue. It would drive to Michigan or Sprouts without worry. The owner is selling for health reasons and wishes for the car to stay in the club if possible. \$26K. Contact ericmalewska@gmail.com for further information.



#### FOR SALE:

TR7 30th Anniversary Edition - EFI - \$7000 (Denver, CO) Triumph TR7 30th Anniversary Edition - \$7000 This Special Edition TR7 is optioned with the original AM/FM Cassette Radio, Bosch Fog Lights, Moto Lita Steering Wheel, Co-co floor mats, Alloy Wheels, 4 Tip Monza Exhaust, and a Front Spoiler. This TR7 is a Rocky Mountain Triumph Club Car. It is was originally from California and is equipped with a Bosch L-Jetronic fuel injection system, making this one special TR7. This TR7 has had a light restoration including a rebuilt engine & transmission & updated interior, finished in 2023. Please email jamesdebart@gmail.com or call 303-518-

#### WANTED:

TR6 front wings, hood, and trunk lid in good condition. Also looking for 8ea. Chrome lug nuts, hood catch assembly and hood prop with bracket. Contact Dave 480-225-2308

5285 for more information.







#### Request to post a classified ad on the RMTC website

Good morning, I am a new member to the RMTC and could use some help. I am working on a TR4 project and the tub has a few rusted areas I need to repair. I would like to place a classified ad on the RMTC website to see if someone has a bench top sheet metal break or a sheet metal bead roller they would be willing to sell, loan, or rent. I live in Twin Lakes (between Leadville and Buena Vista) and am happy to drive to the front range to pick up the tools.

I also have a 71 TR6 project that could use a new bonnet and boot lid but that is another story.

Rolling running partially disassembled project. Not drivable. Fresh oil change, engine runs well, Piranha ignition. All new front suspension bushings and powder coated wishbones, cross tube, and sway bar. Tub has minimal surficial rust, fenders and hood need work. Originally Sienna, repainted white. Comes with complete lightly used tan carpet and all panels, seat foam, new diaphragms, and covers. Solid walnut dash in excellent condition, all gauges work, good glass. Additional parts including second set of tail lights, left and right chassis strengthening kits. Missing exhaust pipe and muffler, soft top, windshield washer tank and pump, and misc. small parts. Located in Twin Lakes, additional photos available. Reluctantly letting this go to focus on my TR4 project. Dave (480) 225-2308.









# The Vintage Triumph Register (VTR)

Club members are encouraged to join the VTR: Benefits Include:

- Receive the bi-monthly Magazine, "The Vintage Triumph"
  - Free Classified ads
  - Access to VTR's staff of Technical Consultants
    - 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

## **RMTC Annual Car Show 2023**

Thank you to all the RMTC Members & and a few visitors who drove 22 Triumphs, 3 Jaguars including a XJ6 & XK120, along with a 1936 Ford to the Lil' Ricci's in Golden for our annual car show. We hosted a group of amazing cars. These numbers do not include the many folks who stopped to check out our Triumphs! Chuck Woodward, RMTC Regalia Officer, had some official RMTC shirts and hats for sale. A 50/50 raffle was held. Dave Bosh held the winning ticket and went home with an additional \$18. Thank you to Andrew & Kitty Janiesch for hosting the 2023 annual RMTC Car Show! 1st Place – 1960 TR3A Les Stern 2nd Place – 1971 TR6 Bud Rolofson 3rd Place – 1967 TR4A Andrew De Visscher



















67 TR4A Jeff Bronn









69 Spitfire Sharon Robinson

#### **CCCC Minutes of May 3, 2023 Meeting**

Meeting was held at the Forney Museum of Transportation, 4303 Brighton Blvd., Denver CO.

The meeting was called to order at 7:31 pm MDT by President Dick Thompson. 22 member clubs and one independent member were signed in. Jim Beetham, a member of the Saab and Mercedes Benz clubs among others was in attendance. Officers present were President Dick Thompson, 1 st Vice President Tom Mansfield, 2 nd Vice President Calvin Craig, Secretary Dick Fritz, and Treasurer Samantha Baker.

Meeting room charges: The Forney Museum has requested that rent for the meeting room be increased to \$150. After discussion, acceptance was moved, seconded, and passed unanimously. By a motion in 2022 half of our meetings are to be at the Forney. Other venues are without charges but are only used occasionally and are not centrally located.

Legislative: Leo Boyle reported that the current legislative session must wrap up everything by Monday, May 8 th, as that is the 120 th day of the session. The only bill which may affect collector vehicles is House Bill 1294 which calls for a study of the atmospheric ozone problem in the Denver area, in response to the EPA designation as being in serious violation of the ozone standard. The emission test exemption for collector vehicles built before 1976 could be examined but current focus is more directed at the oil & gas industry.

Concours d'Elegance & Discrette Car Show: June 4 th at Arapahoe Community College. Event co-chairman Tom Scott may be contacting individual clubs to seek entrants and broaden the event's appeal.

CCCC RMMA (Airport) Car Show and Swap Meet (August 5): Dick Thomson reported that we are renting two canopy tents to provide shade. He answered an internet inquiry about why entrants are charged \$10 by explaining the numerous costs to put on the show. He noted that clubs can put on a show within show by arranging a designated area for their cars.

Forney Museum Dust 'n Shine events. Jay Thomas, phone 720-252-6798 is the contact individual for clubs to schedule D'S events. Several months are still available. Great club activity.

10 June: MOPAR /Hudson Auction at Sonef's Garage; 2 July: Great Race concludes in Colorado Springs.

Next Meeting: June 7, ColoRODans club house, 209 Kimbark St., Longmont Colorado. 7:31 pm.

#### Judging A Car Show: the Other Side of the Clipboard by Mike Jankowski

With the announcement of the Arapahoe Concours popping up in my email feed today, I know many are going to attend, and likely some of you will debate whether to enter your car to be judged for a ribbon. "Is my car good enough, is it worth the effort to prep it, what are the judges looking for?" are common thoughts we all have. Well, each show is different, and like Arapahoe, there are usually various levels of judging.

Typically there are 2 directions one can go regarding their car: originality or presentation. Originality is your true old school concours type judging. Are the rivets and engine belts correct? Were the door cards stitched like that from the factory? Are your wiper arms the correct finish of silver or black? Do the tube fuses have correct lettering and paper inside them? Yes, I have judged to that level and more. It can be mind blowing the lengths some go to in this pursuit. Then we have what I call presentation. Maybe you don't have original gauges, but are they all the same type/series from the same manufacturer? Is the interior possibly a color or pattern but wasn't ever offered that way by the factory? In these cases, what I look for overall is the vibe, the look, the feel "right"? This is more of a look and feel of completeness and attention to detail. What is the owner's vision?

So with the two directions laid out, let's have a look at some specifics. At a show like Arapahoe, if you want a serious judging, pay the extra for the folks in white coats to come by and have a look at your car. I will warn you, it can be painfully humbling. But if competitive showing is your game, that is where to categorize your car. But make sure there aren't bugs in the grill, any spots or bugs in your wire wheels, no dust, scratches or smears anywhere on the car, no loose threads in the interior, and no blades of grass on the visible tire treads. Often you are asked to start your car and demonstrate everything works. So if that original radio is just for looks, pull it and get a blanking plate. You'll lose fewer points that way. You get the point.

Most folks opt for club judging, and I have been the head or co-head judge the last few years. We take your word that everything works as it is supposed to, and then we look at various areas of the car. Usually there are 2 of us, and we have 5 minutes to judge the car. A third person has a stopwatch. So what are we looking at? Well, here are some tips. Externally, is the paint in good shape? If it is a little faded, take the time to do a spray shine once you arrive in the morning. Are the body gaps consistent? Regarding that, I know that lower corners of doors on Spitfires, Heralds, GT6s, and TR3-6 from the factory typically stuck out a bit. So body fit is judged with some knowledge of what the factory fit was. Is the trunk clean? Does it have the tool kit and the trunk liner cards where they should be? Is there a spare with a cover if applicable?

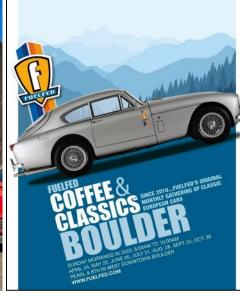
For the interior, is it clean (notice a theme?), are the gauges all matching? If aftermarket were added, is the installation tidy and professional looking? If the gauges have been replaced, are they all from the same brand, like VDO, for example? If modifications were done, do they look like they were done in period, and not look out of place? Now, this is somewhat subjective on the judge's part, for sure. But often the two judges have a few moments to discuss things like this. Wheels, same thing, as well as tires.

Finally, the engine and engine bay. If there is a Triumph engine in it, how clean is the engine, underside of the hood, firewall, etc? Are there any leaks? Normal seepage due to age is one thing, but if the engine looks like it was pulled out of a used oil vat, that will definitely cost you points. What modifications are there? Was there an engine swap? If so, how neatly done was it? Does it look professional?

So now the basics of club judging standards are outlined. But as an entrant, what else can be done? Well, a few simple acts can go a long way. First, have your paperwork ready for the judges. Second, be ready for the judges. Typically judges have a time deadline that they need to have results done by. Be respectful of their time as well as the other competitors. Third, be ready and willing to answer questions. If there is something unique about your car, tell us. If time allows, judges like to hear the story of the car as well. Why is it special to you, has it been in the family for decades, does it remind you of a family member, or a friend, etc?

The last part of the equation is that volunteering to be a judge can be fun. It is thankless often, hot, or cold, or wet, sometimes stressful, but all the same it's rewarding. We are all volunteers, so don't get too upset if your car isn't judged to your expectations. The level of judging done by someone not wearing a white coat, or slacks and a blue blazer is more about fun and giving an honest assessment out of the field of competitors than anything. Besides, there is always the next year. See you on the field!





## Fuelfed Coffee & Classics®

These mini rallies (1 stage) are intended to stretch our cars, clear our heads before a stop for coffee and breakfast, allowing the driver to return by noon. Drive at your own pace. Participating drivers will receive collectible stickers. Drivers attending all three will receive rally commemorative swag.

The Fuelfed Boulder car show starts again in June and continues on the last Sunday of each month at 8:00-10:00am til and including October. There are impromptu gatherings called Spontaneous Combustion at random times if the weather is nice. There are usually three Coffee Corsas which are one stage rallies on super fun roads, dates TBA.

More information; https://fuelfed.wordpress.com/coffee-classics-what-is-it/coffee-classics-boulder-co/It's warming up and the roads are almost clear of sand and dust!

That can only mean one thing: Fuelfed's iconic Coffee & Classics Boulder is back for 2023!

Where: Join us at 8th and Pearl in downtown Boulder

The event is getting popular so get there close to 8 AM and grab a premium spot before being relegated to spill over parking!

2023 Coffee & Classics Event Dates

April 30th May 28th June 25th July 30th August 27th September 24th October 29th

Mark Your Calendars!







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 LADIES TEA RELIABILITY RUN OIL SPOT RALLYE MOVIE & BBQ ACC CAR CHOW HIWAY CLEAN UP IMPROMPTU DRIVES

SPRING TUNE UP RMTC CAR SHOW **MULTI-DAY DRIVES OKTOBERFEST** CHILI COOKOFF FATHER'S DAY PICNIC **CHRISTMAS PARTY GARAGE TECH SESSIONS** MG GLENWOOD SPRINGS RALLYE & CHECKPOINT

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RMTC regalia contact is Chuck Woodward Woodward.chuck@gmail. com You can also go to our RMTC website: http://rockymountaintr.org and click on REGALIA STORE.



RMTC would like to congratulate **Emily Girkins for** earning her Juris Doctor/ Law Degree at the age of 22 from the Sandra Day O'Connor College of Law from Arizona State University on May 10, 2023

