

Your Triumph Herald

August 2023

NEWSLETTER OF THE ROCKY MOUNTAIN TRIUMPH CLUB

ROD'S 2023 HIGHWAY CLEANUP WAS A SUCCESS! Mike Jankowski almost took home a bear AND won best trash related or trash hunting related episode. David Durstine's well engineered story garnered 2nd best.



SAVE THE DATE!

Black Hills Gathering August 17-19, 2023 The Lodge at Deadwood, SD Hosted by Bob Arnio

We are going to have a great time. The agenda is fluid - totally dependent on the desires of the participants. Thursday night (August 17th) we will have a meeting around 8 PM in the Presidential (Roosevelt) Suite (Room # 411). It is 1,000 sq ft and can use it as our "anchor place" for hanging out. Thursday night, I plan to review the great touring road options in the Hills. Folks can then determine what is of interest to them, decide who they want to travel with, where to meet up, route, etc. We will have coolers in the Suite so folks can bring their choice of beverage, snacks, etc. and the suite will be open during the rally for people to drop in.

There is no formal registration (and no registration fee), but it would be nice to know who will be showing up. Please RSVP Bob at rendezvousintheblackhills@gmail.com if you are planning to attend and if you have any questions, or you can call him at (605) 484-3100.

WE ARE GOING TO HAVE FUN. Bob



Musings from the Gavel
Prime Minister Richard Martin

Greetings fellow RMTC members!

Hard to believe it is almost August but it is. June and early July were rainy and now it is plenty hot! Hope everyone is bearing the temps!

I dare say July was a really reassuring month with respect to the membership: we enjoyed a good level of attendance for the Rod Tomkins Memorial Highway clean up and also for our General Meeting. Mike Jankowski gave an excellent presentation regarding the potential to host the 2025 VTR Rally. The Board and those not on the Board received his commentary with enthusiasm which was reflected by a secret ballot initiative whether to further pursue the matter. As the RMTC PM, I was very happy to see so much enthusiasm amongst the members present, only one "NO" vote was cast. We all owe Mike Jankowski a hearty thank you for spear heading this endeavor.

Plenty happening in August and September so be sure to check the events section of the news letter. Start thinking about RMTC Board positions and nominees. There will be a few of us leaving our posts.

Have a great rest of the summer and stay safe!

Cheers,
Richard

RMTC EVENTS

August: SD Overnight Drive, Terry Hughes; Rocky Mountain Car Show and Swap Meet, Jeffco Airport, Broomfield

September: Conclave, Hughes BBQ, Bosh Oktoberfest, ACC Concours reschedule

October: Fall drive - Eric, BMCNC Oil Spot Rally

MONTHLY EVENTS: To be updated on the Cars and Coffee Events near you, email support@carsandcoffeeeents.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.

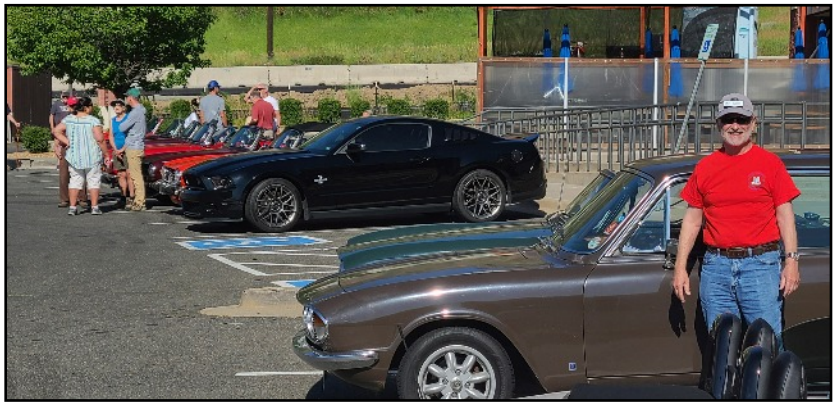
1. FuelFed Boulder June thru October each last Sunday of month, 8th and Pearl 8-10am. Rallys will be announced as they occur.
2. Lafayette C & C, first Saturday of month year round (weather permitting) Flatirons Church parking lot, 355 W South Boulder Road, Lafayette, CO 7-10am Facebook
3. GoldenSuperCruise.com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



SAVE THE DATE!

**40th Annual Colorado
Concours d'Elegance & Exotic
Sports Car Show Rescheduled
Sept. 10, 9 AM - 3PM**

Judy and Ryan graced the event- what fun! The camaraderie is always the best take away. Thank you boss.



7/12/23 Board meeting at the New York Deli News

Present; Richard Martin, David Durstine, Kitty Janiesch, Jeff Heller
Absent: Roger Mathis, Chuck Woodward, Bill Gillespie, Steve Girkins
Guest; Andrew Janiesch

We enjoyed the usual pre-meeting chatter about recent travel, status of various members, car sightings, etc, everyone is welcome to join us.

Richard called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM

We are hoping for a good turnout at the 7/19/23 General Meeting for the VTR hosting discussion and vote, Jeff reports that there have been 12 RSVPs to date. This is in contrast to the 32 responses to the VTR questionnaire sent earlier (thanks everyone!). So we don't have a good sense of the level of interest for the VTR discussion to be led by Mike Jankowski and others, and the subsequent vote at the meeting. Jeff has made a ballot for the VTR hosting vote at the General Meeting. The VTR hosting of the 2025 National Meeting by the RMTC was revived by several members as reported previously, so we want to be sure the full membership has a chance to consider going for it again.

The RMTC Bylaws Article 9 is the guidance for the board on this matter, and how to handle membership up or down vote on the VTR committee formation. We have a good collection of how to host a VTR in the club archives from hosting in 2001 and 2011, so except for modernizing some registration and other processes that can be automated, it could be pretty much cut and paste hosting work. A quick look at the status of the current VTR meeting scheduled in Georgia this September has 176 registrations from 32 states. That would be a lot of traveling Triumphs to check out if they came to Colorado.

Jeff reported on current financial status, all is in order, recent expenditures include the \$150 renewal of VTR dues, and our annual PO Box rent \$212. This led to a discussion about other ways to provide a club mailing address. It was decided to keep the PO Box, as that is the return address for mis-delivered Heralds, and various official mail, and is a stable address as board members and other volunteers rotate through positions.

Another discussion item from time to time is RMTC presence on social media. Kitty reports there were 573 Likes on the RMTC Facebook page over the month, so we know that is good exposure for the club. We also know that around a third of our membership do not participate on Facebook. We are considering ways to streamline our social media presence and the ease of posting to it. Any thoughts that you may have would be appreciated by the board.

Meeting adjourned at 8:23.

David Durstine reporting for Steve Girkins, who is attending to Sharon, while she is in recovery after breaking her wrist.



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

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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

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Jill Gomez 8/13

Roger Baillargeon 8/15

Ken Pelzel 8/19

Bob Klie 8/23

Nancy Yoas 8/26

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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, dinner at 6, all
members welcome.

FOR SALE / WANTED

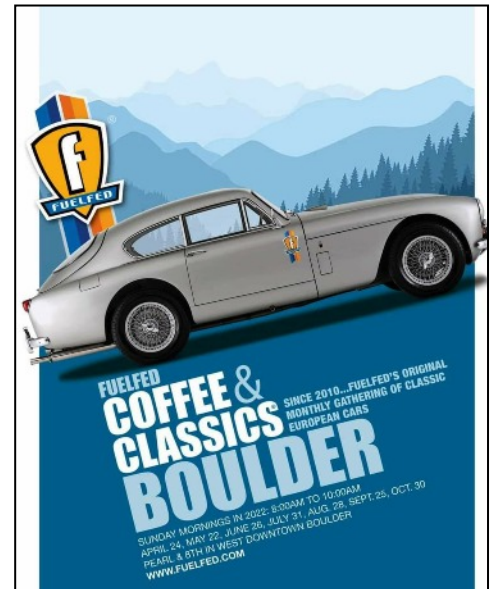
Free for members; Non-member ads are \$10/month.

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:
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 303-518-5285 for more information.



Fueled 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 Fueled 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://fueled.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: Fueled's iconic Coffee & Classics Boulder is back for 2023!

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

FOR SALE: 1973 Triumph GT6 MKIII

1973 Triumph GT6 MKIII KF20200UO project car. Two owners, 91,416 miles. Original steel wheels and slotted aluminum. Will run, leaks coolant. RR wheel frozen. New battery. Not drivable. Typical body rust. Bentley service manual. Some extra parts. As configured: 1967 long block with '73 intake, carbs and alternator. Original engine spun a bearing. Stored inside, turns freely by hand. Need the space. I'll never get to it. Needs an owner that appreciates what it is. Not part of my retirement plan. Make an offer. Car is in Woodland Park. Kirby 719 244-3419 lv msg. Kirby Laughlin Email: kirby10@mindspring.com. Asking Price \$2000



FOR SALE: 1972 TR 6 Triumph

1972 TR 6 Triumph. Purchased from the daughter of the original owner in 1999, she had a frame-off restoration performed prior to our purchase. Strong engine, 4-speed with overdrive; we have driven in the local Colorado Springs area. Interior is good. Paint is basically good, with blemishes in a few places. The convertible top is okay. Current mileage 80090. Always garaged; includes custom cover. We are downsizing and no longer driving this. Located in Monument, CO. Email: John.mann500@gmail.com. Asking Price \$10,500



The Vintage Triumph Register (VTR)



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

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MEMBERSHIP FEES ARE \$35 PER YEAR W/NEWSLETTER IN EMAIL ONLY FORMAT; \$50 PER YEAR
WITH PAPER COPY MAILED TO YOUR ADDRESS**

GENERAL MEETING NOTES AND PHOTOS

These photos include Mike and Janet Cline attending after a long absence, providing Mike Jankowski with some of the brochures and materials from the VTR 2001 meeting committee.



General Meeting Report, 7/19/23

About 26 people gathered at the New York Deli News for the quarterly General Meeting.

There was a Spitfire, TR4, TR3, and GT6 in the parking lot. Other two-seaters driven there by RMTC members included a Pontiac Solstice and a BMW M4 convertible.

The main order of business after drinks and dinner was to discuss the feasibility of RMTC hosting the 2025 Vintage Triumph Register National Meeting. As mentioned previously in various reporting, some members think that it is time to reconsider the VTR request for us to host that national meeting. Mike Jankowski, who has had experience with other national meetings, has taken the lead on investigating this feasibility. Mike led a discussion on what he has found out so far. Earlier considerations converged on Colorado Springs as a good location. It has a number of convention hotels, and numerous nearby attractions for the Colorado Experience. The DoubleTree Hotel, which was used by the MG Club for their national meeting last year, looks like the best fit so far. Their banquet prices are not as steep as some others in the Springs. It may be possible to have the autocross at Pikes Peak International Raceway, with the help of some other local clubs.

Terry Hughes and Mike Cline attended this meeting, and shared their experiences from hosting previous VTR meetings. They had some of the meeting fliers and other material from that meeting to pass around and give us an idea of the scope of this effort (lots of moving parts!). As always, the question is how many people does it take to run this meeting, and do we have enough volunteers. These days, some of the resource intensive parts like registration/payments can be automated via the web. Other parts like the Concours judging, the autocross, registration packets, etc, will need helpers. There were 24 people who said yes on the recent email survey, to helping in some way, so that is a good sign. After Mike's briefing and some Q&A, a secret vote was taken about continuing the feasibility study of hosting the 2025 VTR meeting. The vote was 25 to 1 for continuing the investigation. Planning and arrangements for these types of meetings are needed at least one year out, and better two to three years, so we are right on the edge of getting it started in time, or advising VTR we won't get there.

Bill Gillespie is working on the Conclave committee, and distributed this year's flier. Cover car is an MGA. The Conclave website is up and running with basic information at this point. Terry Hughes won the \$28 raffle pot.

Next general meeting is in October. Reported by David Durstine



Sixth Annual 2023 Rocky Mountain Car Show and Swap Meet

at Rocky Mountain Metro Airport in Broomfield.

To Sell Tools, Parts, Toys, Hot Rods or any other car related things, please download the 2023 registration form.

Click the link to the Registration Form, print it, and fill in all your information, enclose your check and mail to:

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For questions and more information email:
thompson660@cs.com

More highway clean up photos. Sharon we missed you!. Get well soon.





The British Car Show at the 59th Annual Colorado Scottish Festival is HAPPENING Sunday, August 6!

Who: 59th Annual Colorado Scottish Festival,
<https://scottishgames.org/>

What: British Car Show at the Colorado Scottish Festival

When: Sunday August 6, 2023

Where: Denver Polo Club, 6359 Airport Rd, Sedalia, CO

How: Register you and a guest and your British Car for two FREE Day Festival Passes

<https://scottishgames.org/british-cars/>.

Limited to 25 cars. The first 5 of each make will be accepted so we can ensure a variety of makes. You will receive a confirmation under separate cover to let you know the status of your registration. We will be parking on the Polo field. Car Show parking will begin at 8 am. The Car Show will open at 9 am. Questions? Please contact Alan Magnuson at alanmg1978@gmail.com or call 303-437-0527

Condensed Minutes of July 5, 2023 CCCC Meeting

Meeting was held at the Hagerty Garage, 8101 Shaffer Pkwy, Littleton CO, sort of. Actually it was held in the Hagerty parking lot, since apparently no one from Hagerty remembered we were coming.

The meeting was called to order at something like 7:31 pm MDT by President Dick Thompson.

Treasurer's Report: Information from Samantha Baker reported that as of the end of June we had the following account balances:

Operating Account: \$34.59, Govt. Relations: -\$930.00, Swap Meet & Car Show: \$1295.62.

Total all 2023 Accounts: \$ 400.21. Reserve Account: \$33337.57. Total: \$33737.78

Tax status: The IRS has received our request for 501(C) 7 status and is reviewing it. They have 180 days to make a determination.

CCCC has received \$200 from Gateway Classic Cars for the cars that showed up for their April 29 th Caffeine & Chrome event.

CCCC RMMA (Airport) Car Show and Swap Meet (August 5): Dick Thomson summarized the coordination with the airport and support agencies (Law enforcement agencies, porta-pottie, gold carts, Commemorative Air Force, food vendors, etc.) The printed program will include a listing of current member clubs (dues paid for 2023). The event should be promoted in club newsletters. NOW, WE NEED VOLUNTEERS TO MAKE EVERYTHING RUN SMOOTHLY ON AUGUST 4 & 5. Shifts are only two hours and a couple volunteers from each club would be appreciated. To volunteer contact Dick Thompson, 303-929-5533 or Thompson660@cs.com.

Forney Museum Dust 'n Shine events. Jay Thomas (phone 720-252-6798) reported that there are (were) two months in 2023 available for signup. (These are now claimed.)

Mel Bacon: Mel has been a long-time member of the Council and the representative of the Packard Club among others. Unfortunately, he was in a serious accident on June 20 th while driving his 1953 Kaiser and suffered back and head injuries. After lengthy hospitalization, he is now home at 379 Weld CR 2 ½ Brighton CO 80603. Cards would be appreciated.

Next Meeting: August 2 nd , Forney Museum of Transportation, 4303 Brighton Blvd., Denver Colorado.

Adjournment: Well, about 8 pm, it started to rain. Car Shows may go on rain or shine but meetings do not so this one adjourned.

Respectfully submitted, Richard Fritz, CCCC secretary

The Last Tow to date, continued...by Jeff Heller

Monday, April 10:

I picked up a new coil at O'Reilly's Auto Parts and installed it, still no start using a remote battery starter as the car battery was dead. There was no spark at any of the plugs so I opened the distributor cap and found the rotor split in half, a perfect break. How did that happen? Anyhow, that required a new rotor which I ordered from the Roadster Factory. While checking the ignition I noticed that the ignition light was glowing red without the key in the ignition, which had to be a clue, but what? Work was on hold until the rotor arrived 3 days later.

Thursday, April 13:

After installing the new rotor, charging the dead battery, I tried to start the car...again, no spark. Okay, I thought perhaps the new coil was bad, that happens, so I returned it and picked up another. When I got home and opened the box with the new coil, I found the plug end filled with oil...the 2nd coil was defective. Took the coil back, got my purchase refunded and drove to NAPA Auto Parts and purchased a 3rd coil. Installed the new coil and still no spark. Now I am confused.

I then sought the assistance of another neighbor, much younger but very knowledgeable about things electric. He is a computer engineer. He came over with a collection of testing equipment and isolated the issue to either the alternator or the ignition switch, both of which are original equipment. We figured the easiest thing to do was have one of the auto parts stores test the alternator. As you might have guessed none of the 3 places we visited had equipment to test a 53-year-old alternator. That's when I called Mike McGuire for guidance. Mike said take the alternator to D&D Auto Electric up in Wheat Ridge.

Friday, April 14:

In the morning I drove the 30 minutes to D&D Auto Electric and was in for a trip back in time, about 1960 or so. Doug, the owner and one-man technician was helping a customer so I checked out the two rooms in the shop, one filled with alternators and one filled with starters...all very old. It was crystal clear that I had come to the right place. When I set the alternator on the counter, Doug, whose arms and hands were black from grease, hair was slicked down said, "Ah, another Lucas alternator", like he sees one every day. I told him what I had experienced and he reached over on the counter, picked up a flashlight, peered inside and proclaimed that the diodes had burned up. Not a problem, just give him a day or so and it would be good as new. As it turned out, he had to order the parts so it was about 5 days when he called to say it was ready. I couldn't wait to get back and get that alternator so when I called that Friday (April 21) evening I asked if he was open on the weekend. He said he was open Saturday (I was busy Saturday) but if I wanted to come up on Sunday, he would give me the keys and let me in and pick it up.

Monday, April 24

Monday came and I called a friend and we went to lunch then drove to the shop. When we arrived there was another customer at the counter. He had a very large alternator (?) that he sat on the counter, Doug looked at it and said, "Ford, 1947-48". He was right, as the customer just stood silent. It was but a minute or two before I picked up my alternator, and paid by check (\$161). Doug had replaced everything inside and said it was like brand new. It was also spotlessly clean. Once home, it wasn't long before I replaced the alternator, connected the coil, installed and gapped new points and condenser. Turning the key in the ignition brought the engine to life immediately, almost like nothing had happened. What a relief to hear that motor running.

Tuesday, April 25:

Mid-morning I decided to take the car for a drive as everything was back together. When I went to start the car, wouldn't you know, the 21-year-old battery had died, and this was after charging it for several hours. A new battery was in order. After checking battery prices I decided that Costco was the place. It was an hour to Costco and back, and a new 875 CA Interstate battery with 36-month warranty and \$119 bill. With the help of my strong young neighbor, the battery was installed and connected. The car started up in an instant. The drive was uneventful as all was again working properly.

Hopefully I will not have to call AAA anytime soon, at least not for the rest of 2023. And, if you have an issue with your alternator or starter, call D&D Auto Electric and talk to Doug.

Jeff C Heller, original owner 1970 TR6



RMTC regalia contact is Chuck Woodward
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