# Your Triumph Herald October 2023

# NEWSLETTER OF THE ROCKY MOUNTAIN TRIUMPH CLUB

# 2023 40TH ANNUAL COLORADO CONCOURS D'ELEGANCE & EXOTIC SPORTS CAR SHOW

Thanks to everyone who registered and participated in the 2023 40th Annual Colorado Concours d'Elegance & Exotic Sports Car Show sponsored by the Ability Connection Colorado. This years ACC Car Show was a total success. I want to give a very special thanks to Jeff Heller and Arlene Bosh for helping organize this event. It would have been a much harder task to do without them. Helping to make this show a success are the volunteers working behind the scenes, performing club judging and ballot counting who have never done it before. Our club had 13 Triumph's and 1 Bristal Lodekka Double Decker Bus along with their owners participating in the car show.

The ACC Car Show was canceled June 4th due to the massive rain storm that came through that day, then rescheduled for September 10th. The weather was cool in the morning, sun came out warmed things up a bit and then light rain toward the end of the show.

Thanks to the following club members for volunteering with Club Judging, and counting People's Choice ballots: Club Judging - Jeff Heller, Katie and Brian Plotkin, Steve Girkins.

Ballot counting for People's Choice – Marietta Hughes and Flo Harkin.

Listed below are the results of the Club Judging and People's Choice awards:

Club judged winners... 3rd...Scott Daly, 1976 TR6 2nd...David Bosh, 1975 TR6 1st...Bill Burgert, 1967 Herald 1200 Saloon People's Choice winners... 3rd...Bill Burgert, 1967 Herald 1200 Saloon 2nd...David Bosh, 1975 TR6 1st...Mike McGuire, 1959 TR3

Why your RMTC participates in this show:

- 1. It is one of the main fund raising events for Ability Connection Colorado.
- 2. There is great visibility for our club and our cars.
- 3. Talking with all the spectators about Triumphs and listening to their stories.









# Musings from the Gavel Prime Minister Richard Martin

**Greetings RMTC members,** 

The latest issue of the Hagerty "Drivers Club" magazine is largely dedicated to the concept of patina regarding old cars and motorcycles. Many of us with older cars be they Triumphs or something different yearn for that "brand new factory" appearance and yet the newest Triumphs are already forty plus years old let alone the TR 2"s and 3's. The old saying , "They are only original once" rings true with many collectors. After reading the various articles in the afore mentioned magazine I must say I have a better appreciation of patina and the associated concept of a "driver".

When one restores an old car to concours level there is the obvious investment in parts and labor. Few of us have the skill to perform a body-off rotisserie restoration. That includes refurbishing and restoring the chassis and its integral components. Then there is the engine, electrical system, and let us not forget the interior and soft top. I recall upon purchasing my 1970 TR 6 in 2017 having a sit down chat with Ted Ax regarding a restoration of my car. Let us simply state that the means simply would not justify the ends and vice versa.

So in the end, figure out what you, the owner want and can afford as well as what sort of activities you wish to enjoy with your Triumph. Even my 1973 2000 Mk 2 could be a fair weather daily driver just as the majority of our members' vehicles. Or sink \$50 K into a nut and bolt restoration but never drive it for fear of that first rock chip or door ding!

Other than a wet start to our summer season I dare say we have had some nice events: ACC, Conclave, Fairmount Cemetery, The Hughes BBQ, Highway clean up, etc. There is more to come and I highly recommend BCCNC for the Oilspot Rally Saturday, 7 October. The nominations for the 2024 RMTC Board will be presented at our October General Meeting. Please consider throwing your hat into the ring. New blood brings new ideas!

Here's to a fabulous fall! Enjoy and be safe!

Cheers,

Richard

# RMTC EVENTS

**October:** Fall drive , BMCNC Oil Spot Rally 10/07, Colorado Diecast Car Meet & Tour 10/08

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



# Notes on the CCCC meeting of September 7

Dick Thompson opened the meeting at 7:30 pm to a light attendance at Gateway Classic Cars. Eighteen member clubs and one individual member were in attendance. He started off with the benefits of selling a car via Gateway Classic Cars; ease of working with them, how the selling price is set, the positive aspect that the seller does not have to interact with potential buyers and the communication between Gateway and the seller.

Up next was Leo Boyle, our lobbyist. He gave an overview about the issue of the Denver metro area being out of compliance with EPA Air Standards for Ozone and how the state legislature is working on ideas for legislative action to bring the metro area into compliance. A working meeting of a group of legislators was held on August 28th. The meeting was primarily for education of what causes ozone, how it affects humans and the health issues. Leo stated that state Senator, Chris Hansen of Denver attended and made remarks about general information as to the causes of ozone and remedies for it. Also, state Senator Barbara Kirkmeyer of southern Weld County and far north Thornton, spoke in favor of preserving the oil and gas industry in Colorado and that in the process of attempting to reduce ozone, those industries should have protections. The legislature has in place a form of a Cash For Clunkers program to remove the 500 most polluting cars within the metro area. The CFC most likely will be in the form of a voucher towards the purchase of an electric car. There have been 680 applications for this program. The money comes from a 27-cent tax on ALL home deliveries, be that Amazon, groceries, food from restaurants, any home delivery from a business.

Following Leo was Matthew Groves from the Colorado Automotive Dealers Association (CADA). Matthew spoke about how Colorado is working toward meeting 80% of California's goal for sales of electric cars by 2032. CA is wanting 100% sales of electric cars by 2035. Currently he states that the CO legislature has no stomach for reaching 100% electric sales by 2035. The Feds in their attempt to help states achieve the CA goal (which 18 states have signed up with manufactures will have to have 47% of their cars shipped to the states to be electric vehicles. His opinion is that to accomplish this the manufactures, for cars to those 18 states (includes CO), will ship few if any electrics to the western slope or eastern plains, thus unloading on the front range all of the required electric cars. Stellantis has already stated that they will quit shipping ALL internal combustion engines by 2032.

Dick Thompson announced is stepping down from the role of running the car show for the CCCC. He asked for people to come forward to take over that duty for the CCCC. No one at the meeting spoke up except for Calvin who stated that he is still full time employed and could not take the time to run the car show, as it in-of-itself is nearly a full time job. Calvin also expressed that CCCC members need to step up and take this on and thanked Dick for his time and hard efforts in putting on the car show. Calvin brought up an idea provided by a person that is a member of both the RPM Club and the Colorado Mopar club as an alternative way for the CCCC to raise money. His proposal is attached. Dick Thompson and a few others thought it may be a good idea, and something new.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:35 pm.

Next meeting: Wednesday October 4, at the Forney Transportation Museum, 4303 Brighton Blvd., Denver CO. On the agenda: Nominations for 2024 CCCC officers.

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

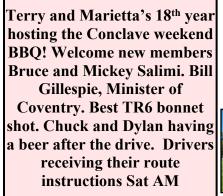
This report is available for inspection at the Board Meeting and at the General Meeting, or by special request.

# 2023 COLORADO CONCLAVE DRIVE, SHOW AND BBQ WEEKEND







































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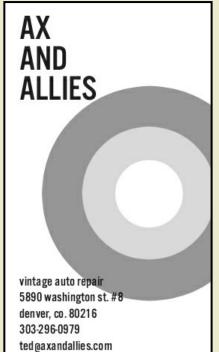




Birthday list is provided by Kitty Janiesch

# OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

Mike Kline 10/02 Brad Reed 10/04 Brenda Bayne 10/14 Cindy Alexander 10/14 Ray Knaus 10/19 Dave Einolf 10/20 David Bufalo 10/24 Terry Hughes 10/24





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

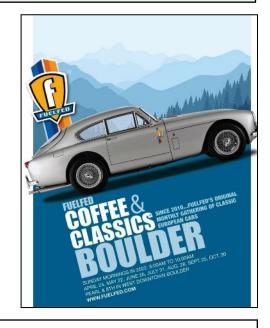






### FOR SALE:

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.



# 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!

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 Date 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:

- 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

# **NEW FOR SALE:**

I was hoping you could help me sell my 59 Tr3.

It's a beautiful but disassembled 1959 TR3 for sale. It was half way through its second restoration but is a project I unfortunately cannot complete. In Littleton, Colorado. I actually purchased it from a former RMTC member. Some photos attached. I have detailed paperwork for it. Lots of new parts and bolt kits, powder-coated frame. Asking \$7K. Pjroberts@gmail.com









# 2023 40TH ANNUAL COLORADO CONCOURS D'ELEGANCE &EXOTIC SPORTS CAR SHOW PHOTOS



Thank you to all who took photos- in what category was this one?



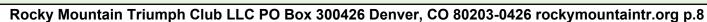












### RMTC BOARD MEETING - 09/06/2023

PRESENT: Richard Martin, David Durstine, Jeff Heller, Kitty Janiesch, Roger Mathis, and Steve Girkins

GUESTS: Andrew Janiesch, Tamara Durstine & Mike Jankowski

Meeting called to order at 1900 by Richard Martin

## **CURRENT EVENTS:**

Jeff Heller noted that everything was in order for the Concours D'Elegance on Sunday September 10th.

Kitty Janiesch discussed the upcoming Conclave weekend; She and Andrew will be out of town and unable to attend – Their first time missing this event in many years.

Mike McGuire will be stepping in to cover as he had previously done membership – Kitty will give him the membership box to bring.

Kitty discussed the most crucial details of the RMTC conclave weekend including setting up and manning the tents, Having regalia for sale and having someone there to answer questions and accept money as it tends to be an event where people renew or sign up for memberships. Jeff will bring change.

She noted we usually have 4-5 tents/canopies and set those up along with the club banners and flags. We usually have a case of water but is leaving it up to the board to decide if we should bring water and a cooler with ice.

We need 5-6 volunteers to cover the 10am-11am time slot at registration and the gate—she has reached out to Bill, our liaison for conclave but had not heard back with confirmation on RMTC volunteering and times, however Kitty stated that we have volunteered for the last 35 years and assumes we will again this year. She hopes Brexit will also be taking a volunteer time slot as they joined the Conclave committee this year. Kitty asked if anyone could reach out to Bill and Jeff offered to email him.

Kitty reminded everyone that she and Andrew usually bring the truck with all the tents and tables, park in the main lot as we cannot bring non historic vehicles in. Members stop by the truck as they come in and take one of the items to set up

Kitty provided a list of items we would need including 4 pop ups, 2 tables, 3 trash bags. Zip ties, scissors along with the banners and flags.

Richard asked if we needed to do anything for the Ride the Rockies drive on Saturday and Kitty explained that participants just show up to get the briefing and route and it is also an opportunity to register if you hadn't done so. Meeting time is 8:30am and departure sometime between 9:00 -10:00am.

On Sunday registration begins at 07.30. After a brief discussion it was decided Steve or Sharon would be at the entrance with the tables and pop ups by 07.15. Kitty suggested an email blast to members to let them know when and where to pick up the club items at the entrance.

Chuck wondered who would be taking on the job of set up and tear down and the other roles that are needed. Andrew explained that it has always been a community thing with people just helping after parking their cars and the same happens when it is our turn to volunteer at registration. Andrew noted that some people were complaining there was no food or coffee provided by the club last year, but Richard stated there was coffee and food available at the Kiwanis club truck and people could chose to get something there if they didn't bring anything.

Chuck asked about ribbons and Kitty suggested sending a blast to remind members they need to make arrangements to get their ribbon if they win and are not there to pick it up. In the past any ribbon won by a Triumph whether it was a RMTC, BMCNC or Brexit etc. was given to RMTC if not picked up at the awards. Andrew noted we had got ribbons

### RMTC BOARD MEETING - 09/06/2023 CONTINUED

and Richard agreed saying he had ribbons from the last two conclaves and had no idea who they belonged to and had also received emails from people he didn't know asking for their ribbons.

Kitty also suggested reaching out to Terry Hughes regarding the vote tally as he has done this in the past – the usual cut off for voting is 12.30 and the tallied votes need to be at the registration table before 1pm. She noted it's a very simple process and you take the top three in each category to registration and put those details in their book.

## VTR:

Mike Jankowski updated the board on VTR planning. He had a conversation with David Pilcher and Bob Delucca, who will be taking over Davids's position as the VTR coordinator. They offered whatever help they could give and said no other clubs had shown interest in taking on VTR in 2025. Mike noted if we don't do it then there may not be a VTR in 2025 (but no pressure)

Mark at the hotel is still on standby for our decision. The bad news is that PPIR (Pikes Peak International Raceway) is out – they have a hot rod festival in August every year on the same week as VTR and no opportunity for us to use the track. They offered to call and introduce Mike to the owner of Pueblo Motor Sports; Mike will follow up and also has a couple of back up ideas in COS including mega church lots and the WW2 Museum apron.

Kitty wondered if switching the VTR dates might give us availability to use PPIR – Mike thought we would have to switch our date two weeks before or after. Andrew asked about timing and scoring as PPIR is not available. Mike stated they may be able to help us with staff and/or supplies but he is waiting for them to return from nationals and if not, he will look at borrowing cones and timing equipment and volunteering to design the course himself if needed.

Andrew wondered if we had people "quote not experienced" could it be a problem doing both the autocross and banquet on the same day. Mike thought it would not be an issue as autocross would be finished around noon – he explained if we had around 140 cars running the autocross with 3 runs each and 70 cars going at a time with a simple course so people don't knock cones over or get lost, needing a re-run it should be a half day event. Kitty asked if we might reach out to other clubs for cones noting our club does have some. She thought the MG club may have some from Funkana. She did agree with Andrew that holding the autocross and banquet on the same day had posed challenges at the last VTR in Colorado and it might be worth having them on separate days. She also discussed that at the Taos Triumphfest rather than an evening banquet they hosted a morning brunch banquet that went over well and kept the costs down and was a nice way to end the event – Mike was open to more discussion on this and working around available days noting the best park availability for the concours would be the weekend and having autocross on a Monday would keep costs down and give us more venue choices.

Rain was discussed – Mike said both the concours and autocross would go ahead unless there was a deluge and at that point a drivers meeting could be held to decide if people wanted to go ahead, make alternate plans, or cancel. Richard asked if the concours would be held on pavement or grass – Mike responded it would be on pavement and we could still judge in the rain. He has sent the city of Colorado Springs a draft of a memo of understanding for first right of refusal for the park to hold the concours on Sunday August 25th, 2025.

Kitty clarified, from the last meeting minutes, that the next steps on VTR are contingent on locking in autocross and when that is done, we will need to get a club vote either online via email blast or at the next meeting to nominate the VTR chair and co-chair. Mike stated his goal is to get autocross to a point where we could present at the next meeting either as a vote or at least as an informational presentation.

### RMTC BOARD MEETING - 09/06/2023 CONTINUED

There was a quick discussion of the many events at the Georgia VTR and how many volunteers were needed. Mike noted there are many things for people to do in the Colorado Springs area and these could be a self-drive or a single person leading a group. Mike volunteered to map out local attractions on Google and post them to our VTR website. Kitty also suggested tapping into other British car clubs to help host events and drives. Suggestions included a pub crawl, workshop or ice cream social.

### **ELECTIONS:**

Richard brought up elections, Kitty noted that per the bylaws candidates need to be nominated for a position at the general meeting (in October) and there could be an online vote for board positions. Jeff stated he could send out the online ballots. Open positions are Prime Minister, Vice PM, Treasurer, Membership, Minister of Letters and the Newsletter Editor. Chuck offered to continue with Regalia and Roger will continue with Events. Currently there is interest from Mike Jankowski for VP and Bob Mott for Minister of Letters. David Durstine may continue in some capacity but unsure if he wants to do the newsletter again, he had been newsletter editor for five years prior to Eric taking over, he may consider membership. Andrew and Kitty are considering the positions of Prime Minister and Treasurer utilizing their accounting and Vice PM experience along with many years in the club. There was a general discussion of roles and responsibilities with the open positions. Kitty suggested adding an email blast position: Jeff noted that the blasts he sends have an average of a 72% response rate. Kitty also brought up that if VTR goes ahead we will need to add some virtual, if not in person planning meetings noting that the virtual meeting might help in getting others, that can't make a midweek meeting, involved.

**UPCOMING MEETING DATES:** Jeff asked if Wednesday October 18th would be the next general meeting and

Monday October 2nd for the board meeting: there were some conflicts for the board meeting date and it was, with consensus, moved to Wednesday October 11th.

TREASURER REPORT: Jeff presented his treasurers report for July and August 2023 – no surprises noted.

**EVENTS:** In addition to the Concours D' Elegance and Conclave weekend

-Christmas Party: December 9th – Lil Ricci's has been decided on for food. Jeff to contact them to finalize details. Jeff will send out a blast asking for support with setting up and clean up after the party.

-A blast was sent for Octoberfest at Dave and Arlene Bosh's home on September 30th



- -The BMCNC Oil Spot Rallye on October 7th and the Diecast show on October 8th.
- -Also noted was new members Bruce & Mickey Salimi of Denver with a GT6.
- -Mike asked for a blast to be sent for the car show that Caroline's company is sponsoring in COS on the same day as conclave but might be an option for those in the south.
- -Jeff suggested asking Ted, Paul and the crew at Kats to do a brief interview with pictures for our VTR website.

Meeting was closed by Richard at 20.00

Submitted by Sharon Robinson and Steve Girkins, but mostly by Sharon Minister of Letters RMTC, LLC

RMTC regalia contact is Chuck Woodward Woodward.chuck@gmail.com
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# **RMTC Board Nominations for 2024**

Once again we are looking for members to fill the shoes of retiring board members. All positions are open for nominees. Six positions are being vacated by the current members: Prime Minister, Vice Prime Minister, Treasurer, Minister of Membership, Minister of Letters, and Newsletter Editor. There is no limit as to a nominee running for more than one position, but you can only serve in one position. It is critical that all positions are filled because it is your board that plans events from the general meetings to most mountain drives but not all, manages the club's online presence, produces the newsletters, handles membership and manages financial matters. As a limited liability corporation, your board is responsible for the club's operations. Please consider this opportunity to serve on your board in 2024. For questions and if interested in a position, please reach out to any current board member via phone or email and we'll add your name to the list of nominees. You may be nominated by another member, but you can decline at the October general meeting. Voting will take place by secret ballot in November. THANK YOU

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