

Your Triumph Herald

December 2023

NEWSLETTER OF THE ROCKY MOUNTAIN TRIUMPH CLUB



RMTC Annual Holiday Party 2023

Stonegate Community Clubhouse at Pool Area

10326 Stonegate Parkway, Parker, CO 80134

Saturday, December 9, 2023 from 5:00pm to 10:30pm

Cost is \$10 per person (must RSVP, Cash or Check) prior to December 4th. You can mail your check

to RMTC, LLC, PO Box 300426, Denver, CO 80203-0426 or pay in cash when you arrive.

After December 4th cost is \$15.00 pp to be paid upon arrival.

We are limited to 40 guests so please RSVP to Jeff Heller prior to December 4th.

Musings from the Gavel
Prime Minister Richard Martin



Ok, here goes on the penultimate diatribe. Oh my! There are two multisyllabic words for Andrew's benefit!

December Musings:

Greetings fellow RMTC members and guests,

The holiday season is upon us in full force although had you been in my Home Depot in Lone Tree you would have seen the cornucopia of Christmas decorations in early October! I guess there are those who shop smart and early for such items and of course the others that wait until 23 December, look on Amazon for the family gifts and expect them to be under the tree in forty eight hours. Not unlike those of us with Triumph issues which need addressing! One can begin to investigate issues or address routine maintenance now over the next couple of months or simply ignore and re-discover those issues in March next year. Of course that is followed by flares in the air, SOS, pleas for help, only to be followed by weeping, wailin, and gnashing of teeth! I can't get an appointment until June! Well, in the vernacular of the kids, "sucks to be you!". Deal with your issues NOW so you're not that guy come spring/early summer "well it's my _____ which soiled the sheets last August"

Enough preaching to the choir which only occasionally listens! I pray all of you had a lovely Thanksgiving! I have found through the years a generational shift regarding Thanksgiving and Christmas: all the kids love Christmas for the gift giving and family reunions but in my dotage have come to appreciate Thanksgiving more and more with each passing year. The reunion of family near and far, fun meals, camaraderie, but without the gift giving stress. What a treat!

I look forward to our Holiday party and the opportunity to greet all of you. Please stay safe and remember to help one another during this holiday season!

Cheers,

Richard

RMTC EVENTS

December 9: 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, 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



Condensed Minutes of 1 November 2023 CCCC Meeting

Meeting was held at the Colorado Automobile Dealers Association (CADA) headquarters building, 290 E. Speer Blvd., Denver Colorado.

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

Legislation and Regulations: Leo Boyle reported that he has been attending legislative interim committee study sessions in which legislators discuss potential actions to remedy Colorado's Air Quality violation of EPA's ozone standard. The primary target is the oil and gas industry but motor vehicles may be targeted in future deliberations, and Leo noted that the emission testing exemptions for horseless carriage and collector series-plated may be included. Legislators have suggested that some of California's restrictions on ICE vehicles right to travel and ZEV promotion be implemented in Colorado. Leo will be watching for anti-vehicle bills in the 2024 session.

Nominations for 2024 officers: Nominations were opened, but no new nominations were made. The current officers were elected by acclamation to continue in office for 2024.

Airport Show 2024: The format for the Airport Show is now well established but we still need someone to take over from Dick Thompson. Dick can mentor a volunteer and has a schedule of duties and details of when things need to be done. Details include contact individuals for sponsors and vendors.

Proposed Car Show Competition: Preliminary responses from clubs indicate that clubs need more details. More responses from clubs are urged.

Club Assessments: All member clubs pay the same annual dues since each club has equal voting rights but the assessment for legislative representation is based on club membership. That assessment has been \$4/membership for several years and it was proposed that this be increased to \$5/membership in 2024. Although this could bolster the usual shortfall in the Legislative Account, this may be a hardship for some clubs and past history has shown that memberships reported drop when the figure goes up. We are asking for feedback from clubs be reported at the December meeting.

Forney Museum Dust n' Shine Events: Jay Thomas reported that the following months in 2024 are not yet requested: January, March, April, June, July, August, October. If you want to schedule your club for one of these months, give her a call at 720-252-6798. Forney has requested that club member volunteers NOT show up before 9:30. The events are always on the third Saturday of the month.

Friends of Collector Cars PAC: Ted Rossi has offered to attend club meetings to explain the objectives of the FOCC PAC. His phone number is 303-618-3935. The PAC is independent of the CCCC accounts.

Next Meeting: Wednesday, December 6, 2023, 7:30 pm MST at the Forney Transportation Museum, 4303 Brighton Blvd., Denver CO

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.

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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.



RMTC Board Meeting 11.6.2023

**Present: Richard Martin, David Durstine, Kitty Janiesch, Roger Mathis, Eric Malewska, and Steve Girkins
Guests: Tamara Brown and Andrew Janiesch**

Jeff Heller provided us prior to the meeting through email the financial statements for the club for our review

David discussed A1 transport and the relationship will likely just be advertisements in our newsletter.

Kitty gave us the latest update on the RMTC hosting of the 2025 VTR from Mike Jankowski who is trying to set this up. Mike is having great difficulty in finding a location for the auto cross which is a required event if hosting a VTR. Mike is down to 2 shopping mall locations and should know by November 20th. Liability is a problem for this event and the cost of a location is prohibitive. Mike will make a fine Vice President for the RMTC. The National VTR wants to know by the end of November if we will do the 2025 VTR. The Minnesota Triumph club wants to do the 2025 VTR. If Mike cannot find an autocross location, we must decline hosting the 2025 VTR. The idea of finding an autocross location in Denver is deemed too far from Colorado Springs by the National VTR when the VTR would take place in Colorado Springs. The question was raised of the importance of the autocross in a VTR but it is estimated that 60 percent of the VTR participants will participate in the auto cross and it is required by the National VTR. Mike already has a hotel and other needs met.

David will have in the newsletter the South Central Regional VTR event which takes place June 2024 in St. Louis. David will have more new member profiles in upcoming newsletters.

The Christmas party is on December 9th starting at 5 PM with dinner served at 6 PM. The raffle budget will be increased. The club will provide appetizers and everyone is invited to bring desserts but there will be plenty of food.

Kitty reminded us all to be sure and vote for the board positions and the results will be announced at the Christmas party. Please keep up with your membership renewal as it is vital to the success of our club.

Roger said the wine tasting event has been moved to January or February.

Eric said thank you to all the members that participated in his Witter Gulch Run drive. He was most moved and expressed his highest gratitude to the pre-drive event at his father's house where his father Ralph was highly praised for his substantial contributions to the club and was also presented with a lifetime RMTC membership for his work.

Kitty discussed the rally presentation instructions by Patric Fitzhorn from BCNC with a possible date of February 17, 2024 and trying to do it at the Forney Museum. He would present tulip charts for navigation which are deemed superior. The Rally Master application was also discussed as a means of navigation for driving tours

Meeting adjourned at 7:45 PM

Yes, the slaw was good.



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DECEMBER BIRTHDAY

Joel Alexander 12/1
David Bosh 12/1
Lynda Mathis 12/5
Dave Bayne 12/25
Bill Gillespie 12/25
Katie Plotkin 12/29



Birthday list is provided
by Kitty Janiesch



Board Meetings

are held on the 1st
Monday of each month at
The New York Deli News,
located at 7105 East
Hampden Ave, Denver.
Meeting at 7pm, dinner at
6pm, all members are
welcome.

FOR SALE / WANTED

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

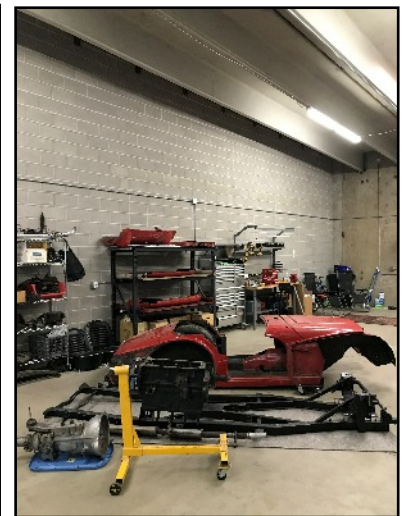
Submit adds at ROCKYMOUNTAINTR.ORG

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:
Triumph TR6 front and rear bumpers.
Both bumpers are in good condition, chrome is very nice.
Bumpers sold as a pair only both need to go. Bumpers are located in Grand Junction, could bring to Denver at Christmas. \$450.00 for both; Fit all TR6s 69 to 76 and on later TRs you can eliminate the rubber bumpers and have no holes.
Tony Cooper 303.434.1425

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 RMTTC 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



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

**2023 RMTTC Annual Holiday Party
Hosts for the Evening are Your RMTTC BOARD**

Menu

Chicken Parmigiana w/Rigatoni Marinara

Chicken Parmigiana w/Rigatoni Carbonara

Full Cheese Lasagna w/Meatballs or Sausage

Caesar Salad / Dinner Salad

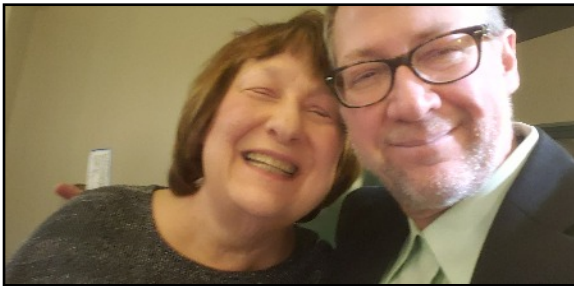
Bruschetta / Garlic Knots

**Feel welcome to bring an appetizer or dessert to share along
with your favorite alcoholic beverage. We will provide water.**

Evening Schedule

- 4:00pm - 5:00pm RMTTC Christmas tree setup and Decorations**
- 5:00pm - 6:00pm Cocktails and Appetizers**
- 6:00pm - 7:15pm Dinner Service by Lil'Ricci's Restaurant**
- 7:30pm - 10:00pm Raffle, Desserts, Gift Exchange, Presentation of the 2024 Board**
- 10:00pm - 10:30pm Clean Up**

Happy moments from the 2022 gathering



From the RMTC archives- thanks to Rod Tomkins for sending this in

Windows vs. Ford.

For all of us who feel only the deepest love and affection for the way computers have enhanced our lives, read on. At a recent computer expo (COMDEX) : Bill Gates reportedly compared the computer industry with the auto industry and stated,

"If Ford had kept up with technology like the computer industry has, we would all be driving \$25 cars that got 1,000 miles to the gallon."

In response to Bill's comments, Ford issued a press release stating:

If Ford had developed technology like Microsoft, we would all be driving cars with the following characteristics:

- 1. For no reason whatsoever, your car would crash.....twice a day.**
- 2.. Every time they repainted the lines in the road, you would have to buy a new car.**
- 3.. Occasionally your car would die on the freeway for no reason. You would have to pull to the side of the road, close all of the windows, shut off the car, restart it, and reopen the windows before you could continue. For some reason you would simply accept this.**
- 4.... Occasionally, executing a maneuver such as a left turn would cause your car to shut down and refuse to restart, in which case you would have to reinstall the engine.**
- 5.... Macintosh would make a car that was powered by the sun, was reliable, five times as fast and twice as easy to drive - but would run on only five percent of the roads.**
- 6..... The oil, water temperature, and alternator warning lights would all be replaced by a single "This Car Has Performed An Illegal Operation" warning light.**
- 7..... The airbag system would ask, "Are you sure?" before deploying.**
- 8..... Occasionally, for no reason whatsoever, your car would lock you out and refuse to let you in until you simultaneously lifted the door handle, turned the key and grabbed hold of the radio antenna.**
- 9..... Every time a new car was introduced car buyers would have to learn how to drive all over again because none of the controls would operate in the same manner as the old car.**
- 10..... You'd have to press the "Start" button to turn the engine off.**

PS - I'd like to add that when all else fails, you could call "customer service" in some foreign country and be instructed in some foreign language how to fix your car yourself!

Please share this with your friends who love - but sometimes hate - their computer!

RALPH GEORGE MALEWSKA

06/04/1937 - 11/29/2023

Ralph passed away Tuesday. Surrounded by family, he cracked one last joke with his brother Dale before the medical devices were removed, allowing Ralph to free himself from his failing body. A husband, father, Grandpa and mentor, Ralph was a normal guy who never sought glory or attention for his accomplishments. His demure attitude is what made him a great man. Ralph's spirit lives on in all of our hearts- always first to offer his hand in friendship, the life he lived taught us the value of kindness and acceptance. Farewell our dear friend.



Hagerty Garage Closing...2024 Re-opening in Golden, CO

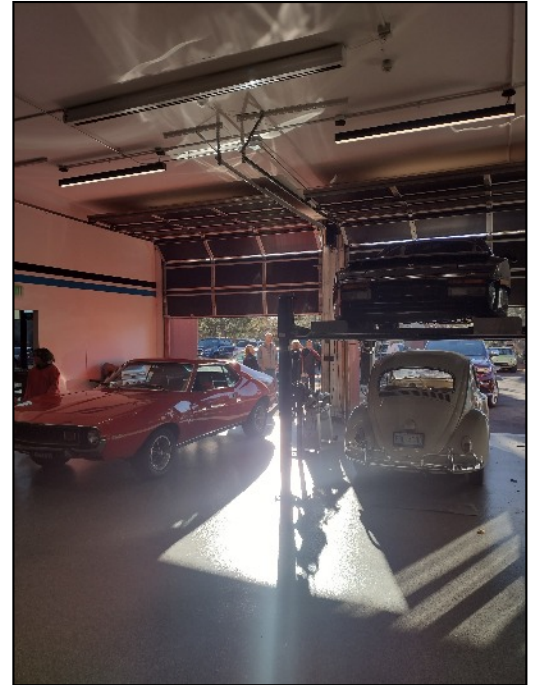
A few members from RMTTC attended the Farewell Cars & Caffeine at the Hagerty Learning Garage on November 17th. It is an end of an era, because Hagerty made a tough decision to close their Garage in Littleton. RMTTC has enjoyed the Hagerty Garage for various events over the past few years.

Below is an extract from the email we received from Bill Roushey, the Director of Fleet and Learning Garage for Hagerty:

With regard to the Hagerty Learning Garage, the decision has been made to close the location in Littleton, Colorado, by the end of this year, with efforts to do so currently underway. There are a couple factors that went into this decision, primarily that the property sold to new ownership who will be relocating their manufacturing business there. Hagerty's lease on the space determined that the end of this year was the right time, and the packing has already begun.

Hagerty is still highly active and engaged in the Denver area, and we are working toward re-opening the office space in Golden, at least partially, at which time we'll send out an additional communication. Once settled, we should be able to accommodate groups there and other functions, including Cars & Caffeine, club meetings and other gatherings.

A lot of effort went into creating the Littleton location, and it holds a special amount of sentimental value for many of us and will be missed. However, the real value is the Hagerty people, the broader community, and our Members- You All- our friends.



RMTC regalia contact is Chuck Woodward
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