

July 2018-June 2019

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

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The hectic time of the year is now behind us and club events will become less numerous. The last events of September were the Landmark Lincoln Car Show for St. Jude's on the 15<sup>th</sup>. From what I was told this was another huge success with a parking lot full of classic cars including 8 RMTc T-Birds with 15 members. Entrants received \$20 per car, free lunch and drinks provided by the Landmark Lincoln owners and staff. THANKS to Greg Akiyama for coordinating this event for the RMTc. The 58<sup>th</sup> Mystery Cruise on the 29<sup>th</sup> began at the Lookin Good Restaurant in Lakewood and headed west on 6<sup>th</sup> Ave., then the caravan of 10 T-Birds with 18 RMTc members and one guest traveled through Boulder, Nederland, Central City and over Central City Parkway with beautiful views of the changing of the colors. Idaho Springs was our lunch stop at the Smokin Yards BBQ with the door prize give-away taking place in the parking lot. Some people decided to head home after lunch while others continued the cruise over Squaw Pass (the changing of the leaves were spectacular) ending up in Evergreen for the final good-byes. Some choose to drive through Evergreen, Kittridge and Morrison. WOW a lot of miles (150 mi.) and through many scenic Colorado towns. THANKS TO ALL that supported this Mystery Cruise!!

Our first event for October was the Pumpkin Follies & Goat Show in the parking lot of Reinke Brothers located in Littleton on Oct. 13. The RMTc had 24 T-Birds & 2 Mustangs on display with 33 members and 8 guests. Each car received a goody bag filled with Halloween trinkets and candy and a free grilled lunch of hot dogs, brats and hamburgers provided by Reinke Brother's. Ernie Tangye took on the job of head grill master and cooked everyone's lunch (THANKS ERNIE). We had our monthly meeting and pulled tickets for the traditional door prize give-away. Thanks to everyone that brought the side dishes or desserts and for making this event one of the RMTc 's most successful event and car show.

Next RMTc October event is the 59<sup>th</sup> Mystery Cruise to “Who knows Where” on the 27<sup>th</sup>. The Veteran’s Day Parade in Longmont is scheduled for SATURDAY Nov. 10<sup>th</sup>. More details can be found in this newsletter. The FINAL RMTc event for 2018 is the Holiday Brunch at Mount Vernon Country Club on December 9<sup>th</sup>. Be sure to get your reservation sheet mailed in with \$27 per person ASAP. This is always a very festive gathering with many different personalities and door prizes!!

The RMTc Board of Directors & Officers are already planning events for 2019 and hope that you will plan to attend as many as you can. PLEASE REMEMBER that our club’s success depends on your participation. The only way that we know that our efforts are paying off is by your participation!! So, get out and enjoy that beautiful T-Bird(s) and the outstanding members of the RMTc.

Happy Turkey Day  
Don Reinke II  
RMTc President 2003 - 2020

## CLUB EVENTS & MEETINGS

**Most events are on a Saturday. Different days and changes are in bold print.**

11/03	Saturday	9am-noon	November BOD Meeting, Lookin Good Restaurant, 66 Sheridan
11/10	Saturday	8am-3pm	Veteran’s Day Parade, Longmont, CO
12/01	Saturday	9am-noon	December BOD Meeting, Lookin Good Restaurant, 66 Sheridan
12/09	<b>SUNDAY</b>	11am-3pm	Holiday Brunch, Mt. Vernon Country Club, 24933 Club House Cir, Golden
01/19	Saturday	11am-3pm	Crazy Crock Pot, Hope United Methodist Church, Greenwood Village

SW VTCI Regional Director

Jim Merritt

***BEEP BEEP from the VEEP*****Annual RMTC Holiday Brunch at Mt. Vernon Country Club  
December 9, 2017 11 am to 3 pm**

Cost for the buffet brunch is \$27 per person. Cash bar available. Additional food items this year!  
Please get your reservation form (included with this newsletter) filled out and sent in !!

Deadline for reservation is **November 15, 2018.....NO EXCEPTIONS**

If you have any question, please call Jim Merritt 303-683-3117

***WEAR YOUR NAMETAG AND BRING DOOR PRIZES!!!***

***MEMBERSHIP REPORT***

No new members to report this month so I wanted to take this opportunity to let everyone who has ordered name tags know that if you have not gotten them yet don't worry, I have them and will give them to you at the next event you attend. Since the Holiday Brunch in December is a popular event for many members I am hoping to give many of them out at that event so I hope to see you there. In the meantime, Happy Thanksgiving everyone!

**\*\* NOTICE - PLEASE READ \*\***

In an effort to streamline the membership process the board has agreed to change the membership renewal process to be the same time of the year for all members. The membership year will run from July 1 through June 30. New members will pay a prorated amount based on the month they join in order to align them with this annual standard. Over the next year when renewal reminders are sent out, it will state your prorated amount of dues required to renew your membership and bring your membership in line with the June expiration. If you have any questions about this or when your membership is due please e-mail me at [rmtcmembership@gmail.com](mailto:rmtcmembership@gmail.com).

**Don't forget** to wear your name tag at all club events. If you don't have a name tag, or, if you want to switch from a pin closure to a magnetic closure, or, if you just want the updated name tag style, please call me and I'll order one for you. **There is a \$12.50 charge for each name tag.**

Also, please keep us up to date with your e-mail address because annual dues reminders will be sent via e-mail.

***SECRETARY REPORT***

Sheri Muehlbauer

To read copies of minutes from the Board of Directors meetings and Member Meetings, contact the secretary at 720-841-4163 or [smuehlbauer@msn.com](mailto:smuehlbauer@msn.com) for a copy.



The last RMTc parade of the year will be in Longmont November 10 for the **Veterans Day Parade.**

Plan to meet at the McDonalds at I-25 and Hwy 119 at 8:30am to enjoy breakfast and line up at 9:00am to caravan to the parade point. After the parade, cars will head back south on Hwy 287 (11 miles south from 3rd Ave in Longmont) to stop for lunch at the

Chili's restaurant ,  
579 US. Hwy 287 in Lafayette, 80026

If you have questions about this event, please call Don Reinke II at 303-589-2232

**WEAR YOUR NAME BADGE but NO MEMBER MEETING**

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**COLORADO COLLECTOR CAR COUNCIL**

Ernie Tangve

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RMTc is one of 57 car clubs that combined to form the Colorado Collector Car Council (CCCC). Each member club has one representative to this council. CCCC meets monthly to advise a lobbyist, Leo Boyle about legislation that directly affects collector cars and their owners. Additionally, CCCC sponsors the Havana Cruiz In and an Air and Ground Show/Swap Meet at the Rocky Mountain Regional Airport. CCCC has agreed to continue to host the swap meet/air show in conjunction with the Early Mustang Club Horsefeathers car show the first Saturday of August.

## COMING EVENTS



### ***RMTC HOLIDAY BRUNCH***



**December 9, 2018 11 am to 3 pm**

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Dress code is dressy casual , NO JEANS ALLOWED, and food cannot be taken from the building.

Mt. Vernon Country Club is at 24933 Club House Cir, Golden, CO 80401

Directions: Go West on I-70 to exit 256, Lookout Mtn. Road, turn right at the stop sign at the top of the exit ramp. At the mountain, dead end, turn left. You are now on US-40 going west , continue west to Lookout Mtn. Road. Turn right (North) onto Lookout Mtn. Road; on the left where the road begins to curve, you will see the MVCC arches. Turn left under the arches, you are now on MVCC Road, follow the paved road for about 1 mile.Mt Vernon is on the right

**Don't forget to wear your name badge and bring door prizes !!!**



### **CROCK POT CRAZY DINNER**

**January 19, 2019 11am-3pm**



**Hope United Methodist Church  
5101 S Dayton St ,  
Greenwood Village (corner of Belleview &  
Dayton)**

Dig out your favorite crock pot recipe and bring it to share with fellow RMTC members. The crockpot dish does not have to be chili, just your favorite meal. Crock Pot meals, not your thing! Then how about bringing a salad or dessert? RMTC will provide beverages and tableware.

Please let Barb Hendricks know (303-770-5799 or bjherbel@gmail.com) if you are bringing a crockpot meal so we know there will be enough to eat!

**WEAR YOUR NAMETAGE AND BRIND DOOR PRIZES**

PAST EVENTS



A member favorite is the fall color tour up into the Colorado Mountains. So much color and beauty in this state combined with the pleasure of driving 10 Thunderbirds makes for a great day!



On a sunny October Saturday 24 RMTc Thunderbirds and 2 vintage Mustangs gathered at Reinke Brothers Costume Shop for the yearly Pumpkin Show. Many of the store shoppers took time to also wander through the fabulous display of cars. At lunch time, 33 RMTc members and 8 guests enjoyed hamburgers, hot dogs, and brats cooked by Ernie Tangye plus a nice assortment of sides! Following the business meeting, tickets were drawn for door prizes. Some of the RMTc members then braved the Reinke Haunted House! A good way to end the car show season!

**BOARD (BOD) MEETINGS**

**November 3, 2018**  
9am-noon  
Lookin Good Restaurant  
The Board will begin  
planning for 2019

**FUN FACT:** 97,000 Colorado Cars  
sport "Collector Vehicle" tags!!!!

Time for family and Thanksgivings! As I pause to give thanks I am thankful for this amazing group of people who have become fast friends through a common love of beautiful Thunderbirds. Hope to see you at the remaining events of 2018!

**BITS FROM BARB**



**MEMBER NEWS**

**RMTC THOUGHTS TO:**

- Laurie Vaughn fighting a brain tumor
- Debbie Spickard recovering from knee replacement surgery
- Mickey Froid recovering from a stroke
- Tom Dassler on successful cataract surgery
- Vonnie Shmitka and family on the death of her daughter, Cheryl

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Laurie Sarno



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**STORE ONLY ACCEPTS CASH OR**

The new baseball jersey RMTC shirt

Silk Jackets are available as a **PRE ORDER ONLY** item. Price will be \$90 each - minimum of 12 to place the order - please let Laurie Sarno know if you want one & what size . New RMTC shirt above is \$27



Bernice Eisenberg passed away peacefully Friday morning, September 7, 2018. Bernice (Bonnie) Eisenberg was born in Chicago, Illinois on January 15, 1924. She was the second daughter of Israel (Jos) and Sylvia Cohen. Bonnie graduated high school in 1942. As a young lady, she moved to Phoenix, Arizona for a period of one year where she was a member of the USO Club. Bonnie married George Eisenberg on November 28, 1943, in Salt Lake City, Utah while George was in the Army. After George was honorably discharged from the service, they made their home in Denver, Colorado where George started his Geo. Eisenberg & Co. construction company in 1952 where Bonnie worked as vice president. Bonnie worked for a number of U. S. Government agencies during her thirty-two-year career as a government employee. In 1982 Bonnie and George retired at the ages of 58. They did a lot of traveling North America and Mexico as well as overseas. Bonnie and George belonged to a number of clubs around the Denver area. They were members of The Early Ford V8 Club, Rocky Mountain Thunderbird Club, and Classic Lincoln Car Club. They also shared a love for airplanes. They each had their private pilot's license and loved to fly single-engine airplanes but also enjoyed model airplanes.

Bonnie is survived by her sister, Vivian Mitofsky of Chicago, four nieces and great-nephews and nieces. She is also survived by special RMTc friends, Mike and Tenel Ashcraft. Bonnie was preceded in death by her husband, George, in 2009, her parents and her older sister, Eleanor. Bonnie will be laid to rest with George at Fort Logan National Cemetery.

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Check your latest edition of the VTCI THUNDERBIRD SCOOP magazine for more information on VTCI events.



**FOR SALE:** 1960 Sunroof, 352, AT, AC (not working), power steering, brakes, windows, seat. Good original condition (said to be approx. 2.5), only 2536 built. 3rd owner Colorado car. Corinthian white with black leather interior. Repainted approx. 20 years ago. Newer leather, carpets, dash & rechromed bumper. \$22,500. email me for photos Dan80110@aol.com 303-910-3660

**FOR SALE:** 1965 Thunderbird Convertible. 390 V8, automatic transmission, dual exhaust. Red exterior, black interior, white top. Power Features: steering, disc brakes, windows, driver seat and antenna. New: paint, convertible top, whitewall radial tires, chrome, lenses, scripts, emblems and more..Beautiful Tbird - lots of compliments. Runs, drives and shows well. \$23,500/offers will be considered. Call Paul at 970-481-6171 or email pauldarcy48@gmail.com 09/18

**FOR SALE:** 1966 Thunderbird Convertible, Brittney Blue, blue interior, dark blue top, wire wheels, #3 show, 67,600 actual miles, has aftermarket am/fm/cd/casstape/radio, otherwise unmolested and all stock. Is in North Platte, Ne. and can be driven any- where. \$20,000. Call John Phifer @ 308.534.1334.

**FOR SALE::** 1985 30th Anniversary Thunderbird, totally unmolested all stock with original paint and only 37000 miles, Is in North Platte, Ne. and can be driven anywhere. One of 5 thousand made and there ain't that many left. Has 4 extra tires and chrome wheels. \$10,000 or best offer. Call John Phifer @ 308.534.1334.

Also have a 1979 Triumph T140E 750 Bonneville, mostly all stock, new rubber front and rear, 19,000 miles, runs good, looks good, have stock mufflers, you can ride it anywhere but I wouldn't \$4,000. 09/18

**FOR SALE:** 1963 convertible parts — hood, fenders, doors, trunk & bumpers, 1966 Town Landau interior and exterior parts  
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**T-BIRD PARTS FOR SALE:** Over the years, I have accumulated many parts for 58 – 97 T-Birds. My hoard includes hub caps, emblems, scripts and many misc types of interior and exterior trim. Call Don Reinke II 303-589-2232

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Questions? Call either Jim Merritt at 303-683-3117 or Barb at 303-770-5799. You can also send an email to:

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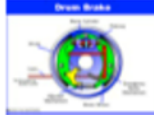


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