

July 2019-June 2020

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Don Reinke II

The new year is really flying by with the third month of the year almost over!! The Speciality Auto Auction was on February 29th and the RMTc provided 16 drivers. We drove around 80 cars over the auction block and made revenue for the club's treasury. Being an auction driver is a blast because you get to experience the differences in collector automobiles. I personally drove a 30's rat rod, 56 four door Buick, a 29 Street Rod, a 70's Corvette and an 88 Rolls Royce!! Where else can one drive such a diverse group of cars all in one day?? Dave Sarno was the coordinator for this auction and he did an outstanding job. He was always on the move helping line up cars and jumping the one's with dead batteries or he figured out the problem cars issues!! THANKS Dave!!! If you want to drive cars in a future auction, contact Jim Merritt at 303-472-1328.

The St. Patrick's Day Parade in Sedalia was on March 14th. Ten RMTc T-Birds were in the parade with Barb Herbel-Hendricks walking the parade route tossing candy to the anxious children. After the parade most of the RMTc members went to O'Brien's Café for corned beef, cabbage and potatoes. We also celebrated my 66th birthday with a lovely non-birthday cake. This seems to have become a RMTc tradition THANKS to Jim Merritt. (My actual birthday is March 21 not St. Patrick's Day). So far 39 RMTc memberships have attended at least one club event, that puts us at 26.4%. The only other event for March was the 67th Mystery Cruise to be hosted by Dave Stambaugh. Unfortunately, the Coronavirus closed-down the venue and restaurant we were going to visit, so the cruise was postponed!

The Coronavirus has impacted the entire world and the RMTc Officers and Directors will be making many decisions concerning future events. Some may be held and others may be cancelled. We are a club made up of people in the "AT RISK" group so we must be very careful to not put each other in danger. My diabetes and kidney disease puts me at the top of the list for major issues if I get the Coronavirus!! Please use good judgement when going out in public and be aware of the symptoms of this virus!! Before attending any scheduled events listed in the newsletters, PLEASE check e-mails for cancellations or call me to verify the event is still on. Hopefully, it will not be too long before we will be back to normal.

Take your bird out for a spring cruise,
Don Reinke II RMTc President 2003 - 2020



CLUB EVENTS & MEETINGS

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

04/04	Saturday	9am-noon	April BOD Meeting, Lookin Good Restaurant, 66 Sheridan, CANCELLED
04/25	Saturday	9am-3pm	April Mystery Cruise, Lookin Good Restaurant, 66 Sheridan, Denver
05/02	Saturday	9am-noon	May BOD Meeting, Lookin Good Restaurant, 66 Sheridan, Denver
05/16	Saturday	6am-5pm	Not so Mystery Cruise Abbey Car Show, Canon City CO
05/17	SUNDAY	9am-3pm	THUNDERBIRD APPRECIATION EVENT TBD
06/06	Saturday	9am-noon	June BOD Meeting, Lookin Good Restaurant, 66 Sheridan, Denver
06/07	SUNDAY	11am-3pm	TUCC Cancer Survivors Car Show, Denver
06/11-13			VTCI REGIONAL, NEW ORLEANS, LA
06/20	Saturday	9am-3pm	Cruizin' Havana, Aurora
06/21	SUNDAY	TBD	Father's Day Car Event
06/27	Saturday	9am-3pm	June Mystery Cruise Lookin Good Restaurant, 66 Sheridan, Denver
07/04	THURSDAY	8am-2pm	Highlands Ranch 4th of July Parade, Highlands Ranch CO
07/10-11		8am-5pm	Mecum Auto Auction, Convention Center, Denver
07/18	Saturday	10am-3pm	Annual Picnic, Sterne Park, 5800 S Spotswood, St, Littleton
07/25	Saturday	9am-3pm	July Mystery Cruise Lookin Good Restaurant, 66 Sheridan, Denver
08/01	Saturday	9am-noon	August BOD Meeting, Lookin Good Restaurant, 66 Sheridan, Denver
08/02	SUNDAY	8am-1pm	Chenango Car Show, Parker, CO
08/08	Saturday	8am-3pm	CCCC Car/Air Show Swap Meet, Jeff Co Airport
08/11-15			VTCI INTERNATIONAL, Portland, OR

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 for a copy.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Cecelia Merritt

Please join me in welcoming our newest members!

Alan & Vivian Roberts from Colorado Springs, CO. Alan & Vivian have a 2005 50th Anniversary edition retro in cashmere white. They are currently VTCl members and found our club through the VTCl website. Welcome Alan & Vivian!

Robin & Chris Melkus from Elizabeth, CO. Robin & Chris have a 1965 Landau in turquoise frost with white interior. They found our club through the Flairbirds Yahoo group so again our online presence brings us new members which keeps our club growing. Welcome Robin & Chris!

Our membership count now stands at 147 with 213 cars in our club. As an initial reminder annual dues expire on June 30th which is only a few months away. Please remember to renew your membership BEFORE the June 30th expiration date. Dues are \$25 for mailed newsletters and \$20 for e-mailed newsletters. We have a lot of great activities planned for the 2020 season and we look forward to seeing everyone at an upcoming event.

Don't forget to wear your name tag at all club events. If you don't have a name tag, want to switch from a pin closure to a magnetic closure, or 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.

COLORADO COLLECTOR CAR COUNCIL

LEGISLATION: Leo Boyle reported there are no bills in the legislature affecting collector cars at this time. There is a problem statewide with stationary engines and oil production emissions. They may not be able to get to this item this session.

COLORADO DMV: Seems like a lot of people are having renewal problems with Horseless Carrage license plates. All HC plates must be renewed at the end of years ending "4" or "9". many club members are having difficulty getting renewals due to DMV records.

SEMA SHOW: Las Vegas, November 3-6 2020. Complementary SEMA passes was discussed and changes were made and voted by the CCCC to use a lottery system to select people for the passes. This will be limited to individuals who have not gone before in previous years. If anyone has an interest in attending there are eligibility requirements. Please contact me for the details.

The TRI-State show has been postponed until further notice

MONTHLY EVENT



April MYSTERY CRUISE — April 25, 2020



Meet at Lookin Good Restaurant at 8:00 for breakfast (1st and Sheridan). Drivers meeting at 9:00 am in the Lookin Good Parking lot. Get your driving directions and head out to a metro location hopefully
???: Contact Don R 303-589-2232

UPCOMING EVENTS

CHECK EMAIL



NOT SO MYSTERY MAY MYSTERY CRUISE

MAY16 2020 6AM-5PM

RMTC will be cruising to Canon City as a caravan to display our beauties at the **Abbey Car Show.**

IF YOU ARE PLANNING TO JOIN THE GROUP, PLEASE PRE REGISTER SO ALL RMTC CARS CAN PARK TOGETHER!

Meet at 6AM. MEET-UP SPOT:

McDONALD'S 5090 S QUEBEC ST, DENVER, CO

NE corner of Belleview and Quebec, just west of I25.

Head to Canon City at 7AM



May 17, 2020 meet fellow RMTC members for the 4th Annual THUNDERBIRD APPRECIATION DAY at McDONALD'S(Prince & Belleview) for a 8:00 am cruise departure to location to be determined. Arrive earlier if you want to have a bite to eat! Greg A. will do a group T Bird photo enroute to the display destination at 8:30.



PAST EVENTS



A big RMTC **THANK YOU** to all the workers who helped make the Spring Specialty Auction go smoothly: Bill Vallos, Don Reinke, Sheryl Murphy, Bill Clay, Martin Shifers, Arnie Dillon, Bill Lewis, Ernie Tangye, Ray Tangye, Bruce Caswell, Scott Goering, Chris Goering, Bob Kimball, Bob Gies, Lawrence Freytag, Dave Sarno. Steve Muehlbauer



ST PATRICK'S DAY PARADE



Mar 15, 2020
Sedalia, CO
10 T Birds
1 Cougar
16 members
1 guest

More event photos at RMTC FLICKR site

MORE UPCOMING EVENTS/FUNDRAISERS



Workers needed for the CRUIZIN' HAVANA T-Shirt sales

Saturday June 20th at
2500 S Havana St Aurora CO 80014
2 shifts available; 9:30am-12:15pm &
12:00pm-3:00pm

This is an easy fundraiser for RMTC.
Let Laurie know what shift works best for you 720-244-4921 or landsarno58@gmail.com



Mecum 2020 Auction July 10&11 (Friday & Saturday) Denver Convention Center

Jim Merritt has sent out the first email looking for Mecum Volunteer Drivers. If you are a new club member, didn't volunteer for Mecum in 2019, or have changed email address you missed the email, then no problem! Look at your calendar, determine what day(s) you want to volunteer, and write them down. Then send Jim an email with your name, email, and cell phone to jamit793@gmail.com.

RMTC's MAJOR FUND RAISER



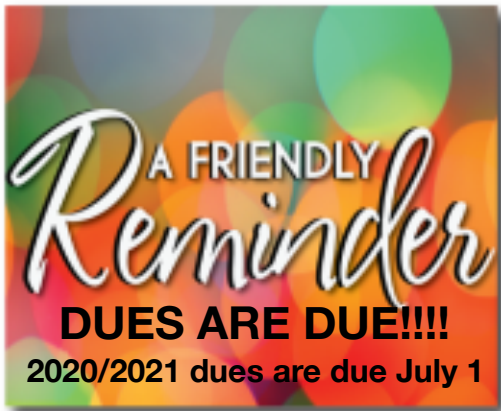
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CANCELLED

April 4, 2020
9am-noon
Lookin Good
Restaurant

RMTC continues to plan/hold car events, but with Coronavirus happening we all need to make careful decisions on attending these events. RMTC BOD works very hard to provide club events, but will understand members choosing to not participate at this time!

BITS FROM BARB



RMTC GOOD WISHES TO:

- Carol Dassler who continues to have health issue
- Cristy Caswell with ongoing health issues
- Toni Kindred recovering from pneumonia

RMTC COUNTRY

Laurie Sarno



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(720-244-4921)
or landsarno58@gmail.com
CASH OR CHECK only

Satin Jackets are available as special order item. Price will be \$90 each please let Laurie Sarno know what size.

RMTC LOGO sweatshirts will be coming!



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

OTHER CAR HAPPENINGS OF INTEREST

- 06/5-7 Hot Rod Dirt Drags Pikes Peak International Raceway, Colo Springs www.hotroddirttrags.com
- 07/11 Wheels for Meals Car Show to benefit Littleton Meals on Wheels
- 08/14-16 Gunnison Car Show Gunnison, CO info@gunnisoncarclub.com
- 08/28-30 Hot Rod Rock & Rumble Pikes Peak International Raceway, Colo Springs HOTRODROCK.COM

DaBoogiem is gonna be where???

- April 25th Highlands Ranch Hot Rodders Cruise 4-9pm 9285 Hepburn St, Highlands Ranch
- May 23rd Highlands Ranch Hot Rodders Cruise 4-9pm 9285 Hepburn St, Highlands Ranch
- May 25th Moonlight Diner 2nd Annual Car Show 10am-2pm 6250 Tower Road, Denver
- June 20th Havana Cruise 2430 S Havana St Aurora



FOR SALE: 63 T-Bird Hardtop with factory 3 Duece Holly Carbs. One of 30 cars built with this option on hardtop. 100K miles, Silver mink with red interior, one owner car. 100,000 mi Call Gen. Monroe Mathias 303-355-9825 3/20

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For Sale: 1982 Lincoln Signature Classic, 4 door, black/gray color, V8-auto, one owner, 62K mi, A1 condition, all factory options, Runs & rides great. \$11,000. Contact Gene Doty (Ft. Morgan), 970-380-5294, evdoty@hotmail.com



FOR SALE: 1985 Ford Thunderbird 30th Anniversary edition with 36k miles, 5.0L V8, auto trans, two sets of rims and tires (custom and original) from the estate of John Phifer. Car is located in Thornton CO. Contact Travis Phifer tphifer56@yahoo.com 720-753-2040 for more info/photos 05/2020

RMTC members for sale ad remain free or \$10.00 with a Black& White picture. Non-Member ads are available for \$5.00 per month or \$20.00 a month with Black and White pictures. All ads will run for 3 months in both the Thunderword and online at WWW.RMTBIRDS.COM. They then will be deleted unless editor is notified. To post, write details of item with contact information and check for full amount to "RMTC". Then mail to RMTC PO Box 620284 Littleton, CO 80162-0284. Questions? Call either Jim Merritt at 303-683-3117 or Barb at 303-770-5799 ThunderwordRMTC@gmail.com


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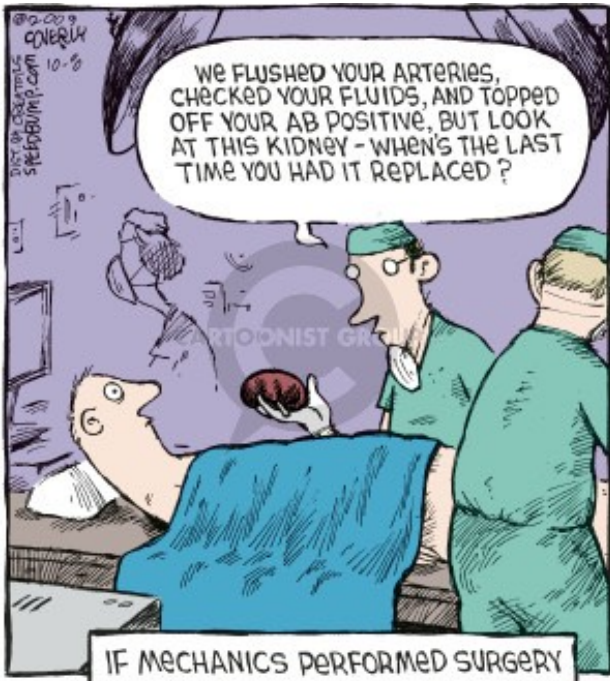
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If you or anyone you know would be willing to check further regarding donating please contact the following:

PRESBYTERIAN / ST.LUKE TRANSPLANT CENTER
 720-754-2155
 Reference: Don Reinke II

For questions on how to spread the word and help find Don a donor feel free to contact Robin Mulroney
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