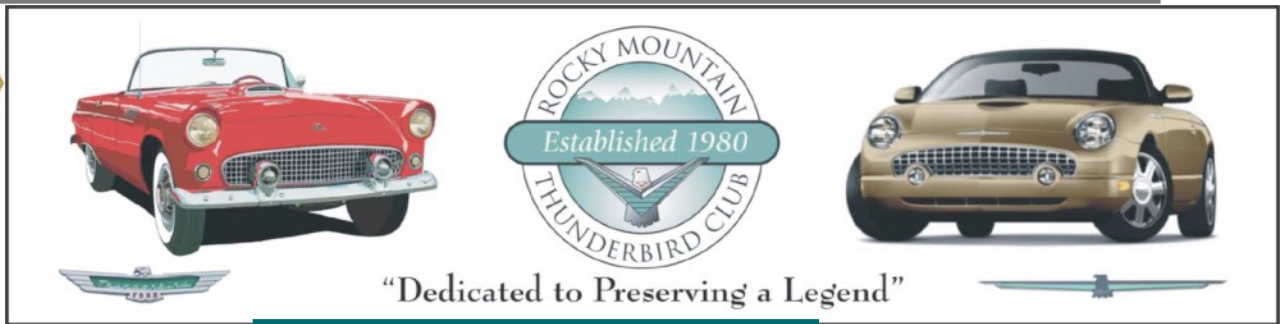




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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Don Reinke II

July 2020-June 2021

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No way?? How can it be October and we have been dealing with masks, covid19 and isolation for 7 months now?? The car hobby seems to have come to a halt except for a few gatherings. Mystery Cruise #71 took 12 T-Birds carrying 20 RMTc members on August 22nd, to the 7 Stones Memorial Gardens near Chatfield Reservoir. There we walked around the Gardens, gathered to hear a presentation about the history of the area and the Gardens from RMTc member Char Naumen. THANKS to Char for her presentation and for pointing out the memorial to her late husband Merle. Afterwards members went to lunch at a venue of their choosing. THANKS to Dave Stambaugh for organizing this Mystery Cruise!! The 2nd Colorado Car Clinic Show was on August 30th on S. Broadway. The RMTc was well represented with 15 T-Birds and 18 RMTc members. There were around 75 plus cars at the show and plenty of door prizes to choose from.

CONGRATULATIONS to Jim Merritt winning a socket set for his 56 T-Bird!! THANKS to Bob Oursler and Barb Herbel Hendricks for making the reservations and holding spots for the RMTc!!

The ONLY event for September is Mystery Cruise #72 on the 26th (This will be only our 4th 2020 Mystery Cruise)!! Meet at the Lookin Good Restaurant for breakfast at 8am with instructions handed out at 8:45am and a departure time of 9am. This will be our traditional drive to observe the changing of the colors in our beautiful mountains. Be sure to have a full tank of gas and money for lunch!!

The Last Mystery Cruise for 2020 will take place on the 24th of October. Meet at the Lookin Good Restaurant at 8am for breakfast, instructions at 8:45am and departure at 9am to who knows where?? The RMTc will have 25 Thunderbirds on display at the Forney Transportation Museum from Oct 1st through December 30, 2020!! Jim Merritt has worked very hard organizing cars from each generation, the information and colors for this display celebrating 65 years of the Thunderbird. Forney Museum is located at 4303 Brighton Blvd., Denver, 80216 (303-297-1113) CLOSED Mon – Thu / Sun 12pm – 4pm / Fri & Sat 10am – 4pm. PLEASE take time to get out and enjoy the memories of 65 years of the Thunderbird!!

This has been a very unusual year for all of us with the COVID 19 pandemic, the protests and the forest fires which have caused many activities and events to be cancelled. We can only hope that an antivirus can be produced to help control this virus. Maybe 2021 will be a more productive and eventful year for our hobby?? The officers and Directors of the RMTC continue to have our monthly board meetings trying to keep club activities going but also remembering to keep our members safe! PLEASE keep track of upcoming events and try to attend as many as you feel comfortable doing!! The Officers and Directors are working hard to keep the RMTC strong and mighty!!

Don Reinke II RMTC President 2003 - 2022



2020 CLUB EVENTS & MEETINGS

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

10/03	Saturday	9am-noon	October BOD, Barb's Home, Englewood, CO
10/10	Saturday	8am-3pm	Pumpkin Follies, Reinke Bros, Littleton, CO CANCELLED
10/24	Saturday	9am-3pm	October Mystery Cruise, Lookin Good Restaurant, 66 Sheridan, Denver
11/11	WEDNESDAY	8am-3pm	Veteran's Day Parade, Longmont, CO
11/14	Saturday	9am-noon	November BOD, Barb's Home, Englewood, CO
11/15	SUNDAY	TBD	Go Kart Racing, Littleton, CO
12/05	Saturday	9am-noon	December BOD, Barb's Home, Englewood, CO
12/13	SUNDAY	11am-3pm	Holiday Brunch, Mt. Vernon Country Club, Golden

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.

2021 Dues WERE due by July 1, 2020 See website for Duzrdue form!!!!

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Cecelia Merritt

Please join me in welcoming our newest members!

Jim & Marianne Van Wormer of Westminster. Jim & Marianne have a 1957 Coral Sand Thunderbird. They found our club through one of the car shows we attended and we are very happy they have decided to join us. Welcome to the club Jim & Marianne!

Lori & Edward Barry of Yuma. Lori & Barry have purchased Lawrence Freytag's 1966 Emberglo Town Landau Thunderbird. Although Lawrence sold his car it's great that it is staying in the club with new members. Welcome Lori & Edward!

Our annual membership renewal period is now complete and I would like to sincerely thank all the members who renewed their membership. Although it was unfortunate that about 30 memberships did not renew, we still have robust numbers at around 125 memberships and as you can see we continue to have new members join which keeps our club strong. Although this year was a very strange year where we were unable to have many events, we are having our mystery cruises each month and have attended a few car shows. We are arranging to put about 25 cars in the Forney Museum this fall so we are trying to keep the club active. I encourage everyone to try to attend the mystery cruises and hopefully we will be able to plan more activities very soon. Thanks again to every member and remember, it takes us all to keep our club strong.

Please keep us up-to-date with your e-mail addresses. Even if you get your newsletter mailed to you, throughout the year we need to notify members of things happening within our club that can't make the newsletter so we send out e-mail blasts with this information so please remember to notify us of any changes in your address or e-mail address.

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

Ernie Tangye

No CCCC meetings are scheduled until October.

THE SABERS OF DENVER ARE AGAIN GOING TRY TO HAVE THE TRI-STATE AUTO EXHIBITION ON OCT. 31ST. AND NOV. 1ST AT THE NATIONAL WESTERN COMPLEX. THE SHOW IN MARCH GOT CANCELED BY THE STATE HEALTH DEPARTMENT BECAUSE OF COVID OUTBREAK. INFORMATION CAN BE FOUND ON THE WEB SITE OF: www.tristateautoexhibition.com

OCTOBER EVENTS



FINAL 2020 MYSTERY CRUISE

October 24, 2020

Meet at Lookin Good Restaurant at 8:00 for breakfast (1st and Sheridan). Drivers meeting at 8:45 am in the Lookin Good Parking lot. SECRET GARDEN 2 is planned for within the south Metro area, is kid friendly, and will involve some walking! Handicapped options are accessible as well. Box Lunches from Jason’s Deli including a bottle of water will be available for \$10 to enjoy at the site. While there is no charge to visit the MYSTERY GARDEN, you may make a donation is you choose. ?????s: Don Reinke II for more info.
Hope you join us for this final 2020 Mystery Adventure!

Mystery Cruises began in March of 2011 to meet the need of members wishing to spend quality time driving their THUNDERBIRDS to various locations with the confidence of having others on hand if a problem occurred. The RMTTC has had 72 Mystery Cruises running March to October weather permitting over the past nine and a half years in which many memories have been made. The newsletter will provide general information about the cruise when provided by the planner like direction (N-S-E-W), handicap accommodations, physical exertion but NOT the destination or lunch location. What is the point of a Mystery Cruise if you know where we are going?? Disclosure occurs when instructions are given out at the 8:45 am driver’s meeting! PLEASE come out, be adventurous and take part in the next RMTTC Mystery Cruise!! We do have a lot of memorable fun!!



UPCOMING EVENTS

WATCH FOR EMAIL UPDATES ON WHETHER THESE EVENTS ARE HAPPENING!!!!

**Veterans Day Parade November 11, 2020
Longmont, CO**

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.
ROOSEVELT PARK (Bross & Long's Peak)

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



As of printing this issue of THUNDERWORD, this parade is still scheduled. BUT watch for email updates!!



WHERE OR WHERE WAS THUNDER GNOME

It has been a year of cancelled events and that is probably good as RMTc's THUNDER GNOME (TG) has been MIA!!! He went into hiding last September and was re-discovered prior to the August CCC car show! Good thing Prez Don was looking for RMTc signs and took TG out from the backseat of his Rocket Bird!

TG IS HAPPY TO BE PARTICIPATING IN CLUB EVENTS ONCE AGAIN!!!!

PAST EVENTS

More event photos at [RMTC FLICKR site](#)



On a HOT August Saturday, 12 Thunderbirds with 21 members left Lookin Good Restaurant and headed south east to "A Secret Garden". After about a 45 minute drive, the group's destination was Seven Stones: Chatfield, a unique final resting place filled with fountains, flowers, sculptures, and bee hives. The group was met by another RMTC member in her yellow retro who gave a short talk on the history of Roxborough Park. Then the director of Seven Stones Cemetery explained how this unique landscape came to be. Careful thought/planning went into developing this peaceful, meditative final resting spot overlooking Waterton Canyon.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS (BOD)

October 3, 2020
9am-noon
Barb's House
Englewood, CO



Fall is here! Time to think about putting the Birds in the nest for the winter. Seems like we barely had them out this year! Come join in the few remaining events.

BITS FROM BARB

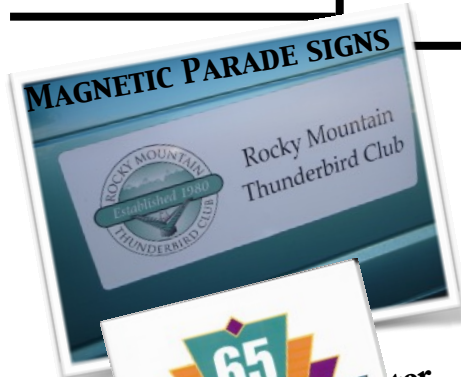


RMTC GOOD THOUGHTS TO:

- Carol Dassler who continues with on going health issues

COUNTRY STORE

Laurie Sarno



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**RMTC SWEATSHIRTS
ALSO AVAILABLE**



MORE PAST EVENTS



COLORADO CAR CLINIC
2ND ANNUAL CAR SHOW
AUGUST 30

Jim and CeCe Merritt's
1956 Thunderbird
BEST OF SHOW

Jim Merritt accept BEST OF SHOW award from Brian Brockhausen, Owner of Colorado Car Clinic

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

3/20

FOR SALE: 1956 BLACK FORD THUNDERBIRD with REMOVABLE WHITE HARDTOP Original paint. Current Millage 88,700 Purchased in 2011 (third owner) Automatic Continental Kit New: Upholstered Seats, Carpeting, Shocks, Gas Tank, Brakes, Cylinders, Fuel Pump, Water Pump, Carburetor and Battery. If interested, please call Richard at (303) 451-8096 and leave a message with a return number.

04/20

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



06/2020

FOR SALE: 55 T-Bird with both tops, 6 volt, Red/White top, Red/White Interior (1 repaint), automatic, power steering, Correct white walls, chrome dress up kit, Good driver, runs well \$25,000 OBO call Ron Theisman 719-471-1887

3/20

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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