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Bud Cadwallander takes advantage of a fine spring day to exercise his beautifully restored '58 Triumph TR3. **Photo by R. Roenigk*

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The Central Pennsylvania Triumph Club is dedicated to the preservation, restoration, and enjoyment of all automobiles built by the Triumph Motor Company and its successors from 1923 through 1981. Annual membership is \$20.00 (\$15.00 if you opt for the electronic version). **Triumph News** is the official newsletter of **CPTC**: its objective is to encourage research related to Triumph automobile history and to disseminate technical and current/historic information to its members. **Triumph News** is published monthly.

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Information found within this newsletter is believed to be of interest to the Triumph owner. Opinions expressed may or may not reflect the ideas of all officers and members. Technical material is provided for reference and should be used advisedly.

All material intended for **Triumph News** should be submitted to John Miele, Editor. Contact information: Phone ~ 717-566-7228 or email newsletter@cptc.org.

Ads for The Brokerage are free; they usually will run for several issues and must then be resubmitted. Ads should be received no later than the beginning of the third week of the month. Late arrivals will be printed when possible.

Visit www.cptc.org to view the club website, with an expanded calendar of events and photos.

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A Few Words From Our President ~ Rich Roenigk

Just as things were starting to open up to some degree of normalcy, we lose a valued club member. Our friend Ellis Wolfe passed away on May 19, 2020. He had recently celebrated his 99th birthday. Ellis has set the bar high for the rest of us, never stop driving your TRIUMPH.

As you may recall, a picture was taken of him in February standing by his Spitfire which he had driven to our Club meeting at John's Diner. That same photo also appeared as part of the annual Drive Your Triumph Day celebration and was featured in the April-May issue of *The Vintage Triumph* magazine.

The world lost Sir Sterling Moss in April at age of 90. He proved to be a versatile driver, winning 212 of his 529 races. His early days of racing were in a Triumph Standard 10 saloon. He went on to race many British marques, winning 10 races in Jaguars.

Those few pleasant days this spring have seen some of us on the road in our favorite cars. I find going for a TR drive to be calming, relaxing and head clearing -

good medicine for these times. Runs to State Parks, favorite take out stops, etc. have been my excuse.

Still holding out hope that events at Mid-Ohio, Summit Point, Carlisle, Altoona, Watkins Glen will not be cancelled. Our cars will be ready, glad that they are not autonomous!!!

Let's see what next month brings - in the meantime ...

Stay Safe, Keep Calm and Motor On!
Rich



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2020 Calendar of Events

The caption **CPTC Event** means the event is sponsored by our Club.
The caption **CPTC Event*** means the Club has a presence within the main event,
such as our tent at the Carlisle Import Nationals.

Visit www.cptc.org for updated event information.

- June 14th** 27th Annual British Motorcar Gathering - Hellertown Reservoir Park, Hellertown, PA. All British cars & motorcycles welcome. \$15 pre-registration/car; \$20 on day of show. Info and registration at www.keystonemg.com or email Jeff Rohrbach, Show Chairman, at show@keystonemg.com
- June 26-28** Kastner Cup -Mid-Ohio Sports Car Course, Lexington, Ohio. More information on P. 12 of this issue.
- July 20-26** Pittsburgh Vintage GP week, including WPTA British Car Day at Schenley Park on July 25th. Information & registration at: <https://www.pvgp.org/car-shows/schenley/british-car-day/>
- Aug. 14 - 16** Carlisle Import Show - Carlisle Fairgrounds. Register NOW and tell them you are a member of CPTC to help us qualify for a tent for our group. Visit <https://www.carlisleevents.com/events> or phone: 717-243-7855 for information/registration. **CPTC Event***
- Aug. 29-30** Altoona British Car Festival - Information to follow.
- Sept. 11-13** Watkins Glen Vintage GP - Information to follow.
- Sept. 26th** 30th Annual Meeting of the Marques Motorshow - Carlisle, PA. Held in conjunction with the Harvest of the Arts Festival. More info at: www.meetingofthemarques.com

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1961 Triumph TR3A Restoration

~ by Gary Fatherree



Gary's car before restoration began ... complete with peeling paint & rust issues. Part 3 follows [Ed.]:

Five months into this restoration and things have slowed down - despite being on lockdown at home. I have finished the frame, all new suspension and rebuilt the steering box. Replaced all brake lines and pinion seal on the differential. So I moved on to the engine as it was still too cold to do any painting on the body.

I thought it would be a simple tear down and rebuild of the original engine in my car; but I opened a big can of worms. My block turned out to have cracks at all 4 of the corner head bolts. *[Photo, upper right]* So that meant a new block was in order. Meanwhile, I sent the head to my local machine shop to be checked for valve wear and such.



It turned out to have a deep rust erosion between the #2 and #3 pistons from a leaking gasket. We checked where the head gasket sealed and it was exactly at the deepest area, so that eliminated the head as well. Not what I was expecting!

Luckily, Matt Bakes at Triumph Rescue had a long block that I am picking up tomorrow. I sure hope this engine works out. I want to avoid taking another head off one of these TR3 engines. Those head bolts can be a PITA to get out as some are prone to corroding fast to the head and require a little patience, lots of liquid wrench and some muscle. I certainly would not want to do it with the engine in the car.

So, for the last two weeks I've worked on getting the body parts ready for the sand blaster, replacing a few broken cage nuts and patching a couple of rust issues. I thought I could get that done in a week or two.

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1961 TR3A Restoration (Cont.)

Again, I thought the body was solid with minor rust here and there; but once I started turning the body on the rotisserie and getting a much better look at the underside off the frame, I discovered some major rust between the spare tire compartment and the bottom at both corners. I decided to cut out the bottom panel which was rusted through. That allowed access to the closed areas I could not reach otherwise. I will make panels and weld them in after sand blasting and much anti rust application.

I also had to cut out both sides of inner fenders where the front body mounts were attached due to severe rust. You can really see where the Triumph factory never designed these cars to last. They could have done more sealing between panels; but used spot welds instead to save manufacturing costs.

So, this is where I am now. I hope to have a rebuilt engine installed on the frame in the next week or two and the body and body parts off to the sand blaster. Then it's all in on the body work and eventually paint. I hope to have more progress to report on next issue.

The Club Corner

More links to share:

Wire Wheels and Classic Cars

Excellent article on wire wheels by Carl Heideman in *Tires & Wheels* - answers to all your questions.

Submitted by Howard Zlotoff

Please follow the link below:

<https://classicmotorsports.com/articles/wire-wheels-classic-cars/>

Why We Love Them - Triumph TR6

Nice article on the TR6 found on the Bring a Trailer website. Interesting info and some great ads from decades ago.

Submitted by Jay Snavely

Please follow the link below:

https://bringatrailer.com/2018/03/22/why-we-love-them-triumph-tr6/?utm_source=dailymail&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=2018-03-23

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America's British Reliability Run October 16 - 18, 2020

We will be running a "cloverleaf style" run, where we plan on staying at the same hotel (in the Gettysburg, PA area) and run three loops back to our host hotel. Our runs are planned down south on the great back roads of Maryland and West Virginia. We will be visiting the Summit Point Motorsports Park and are working on a couple of surprises, too! We are running for the kids at Shriners Hospitals for Children again this year to support their great efforts. We plan to open registration on 6/6/20 at the Cars & Motorcycles of England Car Show.

Keep an eye on our PA website: <http://www.britishreliability.org/home-pa> for more details.



Great Day for a Ride!

Although the traditional spring Lewes British Motorcar Show was cancelled this year, car owners were not deterred as they go for a drive on Savannah Road in Lewes, DE on May 2nd of this year.

**Submitted by John Krause*

****NEWS YOU CAN USE****

CPTC now has a Facebook group which will allow us to get club news to you quickly. You will also be able to post your Triumph adventures to the group when something good comes your way.

Go to <https://www.facebook.com/groups/773444003051724>

and join the group or search for Central Pennsylvania Triumph Club on Facebook.

Ellis R. Wolfe

1921 - 2020

Ellis Wolfe of Dillsburg, PA passed recently at the age of 99, after a life fulfilled. He was a kind and gracious man, admired by many for his quiet demeanor and sense of humor. He was a WWII veteran, serving in an armor division of Patton's 3rd Army in the European Theatre. Ellis was an avid photographer and enjoyed travel. Upon retiring, he & his wife, Lorraine, traveled throughout the country on numerous camping trips. He was also a longtime CPTC member and drove his '72 Spitfire to our Club meetings and events whenever possible.

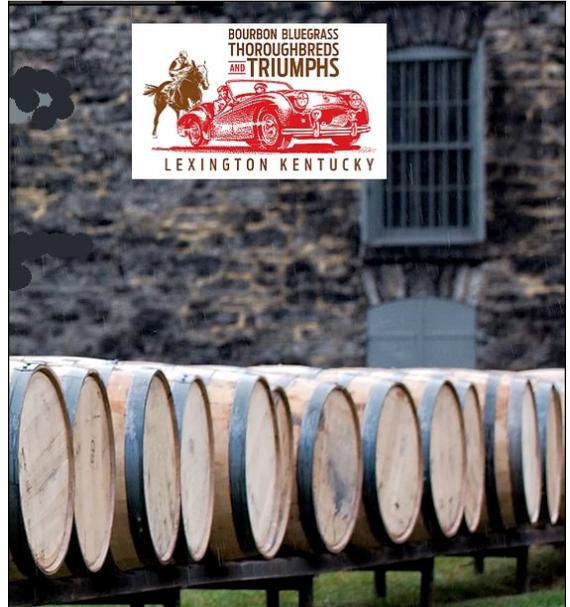


We wish you safe passage as you embark upon your final journey, Ellis.

~ Rest in Peace ~

Triumph Register of America Has been POSTPONED!

TRA 2020 - Lexington, KY
Rescheduled to
June, 2021



Attention, CPTC Members!

If you are in the process of doing a full restoration and are doing much of the work yourself, please let us know!

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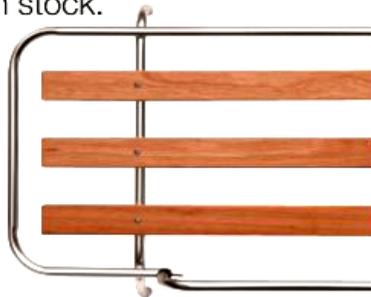
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Apple Blossom Run May 2, 2020



On a recent Saturday, an intrepid group of CPTC members met in Heidlersburg, PA (appropriate social distancing being observed, of course!) for an impromptu tour of Adams County ... with the apple orchards in full bloom.



It was a beautiful spring day - perfect for a drive through the countryside on some great back roads.

Turns out that fresh air and sunshine can keep those nasty viruses at bay and Vitamin D helps to boost your immune system. [*Who knew? - Ed.*]



After a picturesque drive, it was time for a stop at the Thirsty Farmer for take-out burgers & fries and perhaps an adult beverage too ... a fitting end to a lovely (and what has been, to this point, an all too rare) day in central PA!



**Photos: R. Roenigk & M. A. Berrian*

Tidbits from the Quarantine

I don't think anyone expected that when we changed the clocks we'd go from Standard Time to the Twilight Zone.

Homeschooling is going well. Two students suspended for fighting and 1 teacher fired for drinking on the job.

This morning I saw a neighbor talking to her cat. It was obvious she thought her cat understood her. I came into my house and told my dog we laughed a lot.

Looking to Buy an LBC ... Or Planning to Sell Yours?

Check out the Classified Section on **The Roadster Factory's website:**

[www.the-roadster-factory.com/
Classifiedsform.php](http://www.the-roadster-factory.com/Classifiedsform.php)

This free-to-list site contains numerous MGs and Triumphs offered for sale as well as listings for Triumph parts wanted to buy and for sale.

Worth a visit even if you're just browsing!

A Tongue-in-Cheek Treatise on SU Carburetors

If your carburetors don't leak, you are out of gas (Akin to the "MG test for oil"). The carburetors only run properly when the mechanic is taking a test drive. The universal SU repair kit will work on all carburetors except yours. No two repair books will recommend the same fluid for the dampers. When replacing needles, the only parts store with the correct ones will be in Coventry, UK or on a ship floundering in an Atlantic storm. When you get the correct carburetor needles, one of them will be bent. SU carburetors parts are interchangeable. You can replace a faulty part with a new one and the carburetor will run just like it always did. All levers and jets will move smoothly if (and only if) the carburetor is sitting on the kitchen table. MG carburetors are infinitely adjustable. That is, they can be set anywhere from "not quite right" to "totally wrong". Tightening the jet nut will automatically move the jet off center. Despite all the above, a weekend working on the MG carburetors is preferable to fixing the oil leak.

**Courtesy of the Western PA Triumph Association*

A Good Sign!



**Submitted by Rich Roenigk*



Complete information & registration for the VTR 2020 National Convention in Galena, IL is available at:
www.vtr2020.org

2020 Kastner Cup

**June 25th-28th
Mid-Ohio Sports Car Course
Lexington, Ohio**

**Held in conjunction with the
Vintage Grand Prix of Mid-Ohio
Complete information/registration is
available at:**

<https://svra.com/events/2020-vintage-grand-prix-of-mid-ohio/>



The Brokerage

Where Buyers Meet Sellers

Disclaimer:

Items for sale are provided as a courtesy to members of the Central Pennsylvania Triumph Club (CPTC) and the readers of *Triumph News*. This section is provided solely to facilitate contact between Triumph enthusiasts and the use of this information shall create no liability or responsibility upon CPTC, or its Officers or Directors.

1975 Triumph Spitfire 1500 – White with black interior. I have owned this car since 1995. It has 21,000 original miles; factory hardtop (white) and tonneau cover included; stainless exhaust; original AM/FM (working) radio. Always garaged; not perfect, but a very good example of a nice original car. Great weekend driver or show quality with additional investment. Photos on request; car is located in Altoona, PA - \$9,500 Call Bob (Non-member) at 814-932-6634 or email: yahnerr1@gmail.com [Listed 5/20]

1952 MG-TD white with buckskin interior. Older restoration, wiring, engine overhaul, dash instruments, new black top, tires and battery. Car was originally from Texas, there is no rust. Runs great, could use a paint job. Always garage kept and has been here in Hershey for the last 20 years. Service records are available. \$12,000. Call Judy (non-member) at 717-533-8694 or email andersj1921@gmail.com. [Listed 3/20]

1974 MG Midget – BRG w/green interior; rare fiberglass hardtop; cruises well at interstate speeds; car is in Mechanicsburg, PA. Must sell due to relocation; \$4200 OBO. Please contact Bill Seely (Member) at 717-856-9165. [Listed 2/20]

1971 Triumph TR6 - red /black interior, ground up restoration, virtually every part new or refurbished, headers and duals, inspected. Serious offers considered. Email for pix - Robert Logan (Non-member) boblogan61@gmail.com or call anytime: 610-401-0834. Car is located in Mohnton, PA. [Listed 2/20]

1973 Triumph TR6 - \$16,800. Pimento, 98,970 miles, engine rebuilt at 94,000, runs beautifully. Recently replaced the universal joints, differential and right rear axle. Overall excellent condition. I am the third owner for the last 14 years. Wire wheels with Michelin Red Line tires, also includes tonneau and boot cover. Original wheels available in fair condition. Call Neil Benjamin (Non-Member) at 215-256-1952 to leave message or email powerboat447@yahoo.com. Car is located in southeastern PA. [Listed 11/19]

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The Brokerage (Continued)

1964 Triumph Spitfire - MK I project; needs complete rebuild. Everything is there, extra body tub comes with it. Engine and transmission still in car; but not currently running. Clear title, car is located in Altoona PA. Asking \$900 OBO. Call Eric Barr (Non-member) at 814-381-5136 or email ebarr1967@gmail.com [Listed 8/19]

Car Parts:

TR3 Roll Bar - Constructed of heavy wall, steel tubing and was used in a TR3A for hill climb events by the previous owner. It is a four-point mount to rear fender wells, utilizing four bolts and a heavy backing plate at each mounting point. Pictures provided upon request. \$200, pick-up only. Contact Ron Weber (Member) - Email: rmweber_99@yahoo.com [Listed 6/20]

TR3 Gas Tank - Fits post-TS60000 cars. Pressure tight - no leaks; should be cleaned and coated before use, \$75. Call or text Joe Laurito (Member) at 717-991-1428 or email trglory@hotmail.com [Listed 1/20]

Triumph wire wheels: matched set of 4 from the 1960's. They are in good condition with some surface rust; but can certainly be restored. Please make an offer – Pictures emailed upon request. Wheels are located in York, PA. Contact Steve Krieger (Non-member) at skrieg711@gmail.com [Listed 1/20]

Wanted for Triumph TR3: Fender Skirts or Spats in any condition. If you have a set that a pattern could be made from, that would also be helpful. Contact Dave (Member) at 717-887-4276 or email him at 1968gt6@gmail.com [Listed 4/19]



Attention CPTC Members

Membership Renewal - August 15th

The membership renewal date for
This Year Only is now

August 15th!

Thank you.



Euro Road Rally

June 19-21, 2020

Open to all vintage European models. Visit the great waterfalls of New York, Letcorth, Niagara & Watkins Glen. ~Registration is now open~

CPTC members Bob & Tina Krivenko and Adam & Tina Kisthardt signed on for this interesting adventure - Join them for a fun time and a great cause! Trip information and registration at: www.wanderungpa.org

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The Vintage Triumph Register

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Write to: VTR-E-New Membership, PO Box 655, Howell, MI, 48844 or visit www.vtr.org for more information and a membership application.



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To assist in our efforts to keep our membership information current, please email or call Rory Liebrum with changes in your contact information. Rory's email and phone are located on the second page of this newsletter...

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FIRST CLASS



1954 Triumph TR2
Owners: Jim & Stephanie Schmoyer