

# Triumph News

The Newsletter of the Central Pennsylvania Triumph Club

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**Some of the fine cars and great folks who joined us at Gifford Pinchot State Park for CPTC's Goodbye Summer Picnic!**

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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.

CPTC will consider running commercial advertisement that is representative of maintaining interest in the preservation of the Triumph automobile as a service to its members. Interested businesses may contact Joe Laurito at 717-652-8636 or [web@cptc.org](mailto:web@cptc.org) to discuss placing an ad and available rates. All ads are subject to board review and approval.

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](mailto: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](http://www.cptc.org) to view the club website, with an expanded calendar of events and photos.

## Central Pennsylvania Triumph Club Officers

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**A Few Words From Our President ~ Rich Roenigk**

After a hot, soupy summer, we were blessed with a great day for our Goodbye Summer picnic. Over 40 members and 20 plus cars took part in the outing at Gifford Pinchot State Park. The Silent Auction was a big success and helped offset the costs of the event. Thanks to all for making it so enjoyable. Joe & Fran Macdonald drove their latest creation, a Pembleton Brooklands, previously featured in the newsletter. Look for an ‘up close and personal’ photo of it in this issue and in the Recent Events area on the CPTC website.

The last big driving event will be the Fall Leaf Tour organized by Bob and Tina Krivenko. The destination will be Colonel Denning State Park. Details to follow.

We are looking into a venue to hold our Christmas Party and gift exchange, so stay tuned.

We have Board of Directors positions (VP, Treasurer and Webmaster) now open for nominations. If anyone is interested in participating, please let us know.

I speak for the entire membership when I say ‘Thank You’ those who are and have been serving. We appreciate your efforts to make our Club function at such a high level.

One last note: If you have a car project you’re working on or have planned, consider sharing your story (and pictures) for the Newsletter. We can all use the inspiration!!

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](http://www.cptc.org) for updated event information.

- Oct. 12th**     **Heritage Day at the Star Barn Village & Car Show 1 Hollinger Lane, Elizabethtown, PA 17022. Free admission for car show participants Cars, food, Star Barn tours & fun. Must register online at: <https://stonegablesstate.com/car-registration/> In the “Special Features of the Car” section, please enter “Member of Central PA Triumph Club”. After registering, please call, text or email Mary Ann at 717-798-1922 or [Mab2beach@msn.com](mailto:Mab2beach@msn.com) so she can keep track of the attendees. We’ll meet at 8:45 AM at St. Peter’s Church parking lot, 904 Mill Road, Elizabethtown so we can all drive in and park together. Please register soon!**
- Oct. 17th**     **America’s British Reliability Run - one day only! Event benefits Shriners Hospitals for Children. More information on P. 7**
- Oct. 25th**     **Fall Leaf Tour - a later date than usual to hopefully add some fall color to the tour! Our destination will be Colonel Denning State Park; so pack a picnic lunch and bring along your chairs and warm personalities. Meet in Sam’s Club parking lot (formerly Lowe’s) in Mechanicsburg at 12:30 PM - begin tour at 1:00 PM.**
- Dec. 6th**     **CPTC Christmas Party - location undetermined ... Details to follow.**

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**Goodbye Summer Picnic**  
**Gifford Pinchot State Park**  
**September 19, 2020**  
**~ Rory Liebrum**



We travelled to Gifford Pinchot State Park and invited members to bring their own picnic lunches. Mary Ann's perfect weather guarantee was in play and it was indeed a beautiful day to get our cars out on the road! The park is much larger than I expected, with a huge lake in the center. We reserved a pavilion not far from the water and did the masks and social distancing thing too.



We had a great turnout for our first try at a true picnic-style lunch. Rich had the grill fired up for those who needed to do a little outdoor cooking.



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## Goodbye Summer Picnic (Cont.)

Our Silent Auction was a rousing (and entertaining!) success as always, with many cool items donated. I won three of them, with two being gift cards for The Roadster Factory ... pretty much spent them already! A special 'thank you' to those who donated gifts and also to Bill and Paula Shover for coordinating the auction.

Lest we forget, kudos to Rich Roenigk and Mary Ann Berrian for the hard work they put in organizing this event for us!



I truly think everyone had a delightful time. It was just great to see everyone again after being so isolated. I think we will continue to plan events in venues such as this in the future. No one has to send money in advance and they can make a last minute decision to hang out with us. Thanks to all who helped out and to all who shared their day with us.

*\* Photos by Joe Laurito & John Miele*

## The Club Corner

**This month's Corner is focused on a much more somber note:**

**A number of Club members are or have been dealing with some severe health issues. None are COVID-19 related, to my knowledge; but all are very serious in their own right. Speaking from past experience, a major health problem affects not only the person stricken; but also his/her spouse, family and friends. So, as you go about your daily business, please keep these folks in your thoughts from time to time:**

**Billett  
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Dilger  
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**If you are so inclined & have a prayer or two to spare, I'm sure that would be appreciated as well. Thank you.**

**John Miele  
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## America's British Reliability Run One Day Only - October 17, 2020

### Please note changes below:

Due to COVID-19 we will be holding a shortened event this year as at this time we do not have confidence in staying at hotels or eating inside restaurants. We are planning a one day "River Run" exploring the Delaware River towns, outside breakfast and lunch, a run up a vintage SCCA hill-climb road ending with a private tour of America On Wheels in Allentown, PA. We will reduce the entry fee and everything else; but are running for the kids at Shriners Hospitals for Children, this year to support their efforts to help treat kids with scoliosis.

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

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## Annual Election of Officers

The following CPTC members have been nominated to fill these positions on the Board of Directors:

Vice President  
Rory Liebrum

Treasurer  
Marty Shoop

Webmaster  
Joe Laurito

If you have an interest in any of these positions, please contact any Board member ASAP - Thank You

## \*\*\*\*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.

## Triumph TR3A Restoration

### Part III

~ By Gary Fatheree



Well, a lot has happened since my last write up on the TR3A. I finally have a rolling chassis complete with engine and transmission. I thought the engine was going to be a simple rebuild; but, after having to scrap the original block with its 4 cracks and the head due to deep corrosion between #2 and #3 cylinders, I sourced another long block from a '59. Another tear down and everything looked good. The usual machine shop work was done on the head with new valves and springs and all bearings replaced. I thought it was going great after installing the liners and head. After having it back together and the head torqued down, I read on a forum how important it was to have all liner protrusions exactly the same. The manual says the protrusion must be between .003" and .005" - mine were within that range; but not all the same. So I had to tear the engine down once again!



I have learned that these 60 year old cast iron engines are no longer to original specs. Having been through countless cold starts and some high temperature running, the cast iron warps and grows (and possibly shrinks) in many areas and corrodes many of the bolts which have to be persuaded to come out. The parts being offered by the big suppliers are made (supposedly) to original specs; so this is where problems arise when trying to put them back to original specs, especially the piston liners and the figure eight gaskets. Thank goodness for the forums and YouTube videos, which hold a wealth of information for the novices like me. The factory maintenance books were written when the cars were new; so they do not cover the issues of the 60 year old engine blocks. By doing my homework, sourcing the right gaskets and making sure the gaps were consistent on each liner protrusion, I feel I have done it correctly and shouldn't have any issues with a blown head gasket.

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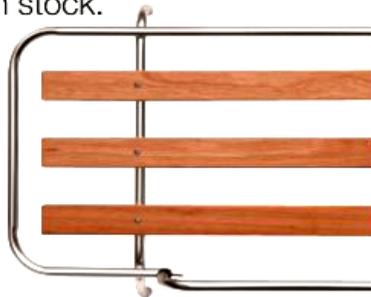
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## TR3A Restoration (Cont.)



I had snapped a couple of manifold bolts which took time and patience to remove. Then on went the head and sump and it was time to bolt on external parts. Wouldn't you know it - I fumbled a small nut that dropped into the distributor shaft and down into the block. Lesson Learned, don't install the sump until everything else is installed. Throughout this engine build, I guess I have done it at least three times. Now my efforts have switched to the body work. I have lots to say about this; so I'll save it for the next issue.

*\*Photos by Gary Fatheree*



**Joe & Fran Macdonald's  
Pembleton Brooklands - designed and  
marketed by Phil Gregory from  
Worcestershire, England**

Gregory started out with a Three Wheeler version that was inspired by the Morgan Three Wheeler and then later added the four-wheeled version, the Brooklands. He supplied the Space Frame Chassis, the plans and other options such as stainless exhaust, Brooklands mufflers, wire wheels. The builder must supply a donor car (a Citroen 2CV) that provides the suspension, brakes, steering and transaxle with inboard disc brakes, 3 - 4 sheets of aluminum and 1500 rivets!

Joe & Fran shared their creation with us at our recent club picnic. A very unusual car which required huge amounts of effort and skill to construct and make roadworthy. Very well done!

*\*Photo by Joe Laurito*

## Tidbits from the Quarantine

Does anyone know which page of the Bible explains how to turn water into wine? Asking for a friend ...

Remember when we were little and we had underwear that had the days of the week on them? Yeah, that would be helpful about now.

The spread of COVID-19 is based on two things:

1. How dense the population is.
2. How dense the population is.

## Sign of the Times



## 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.

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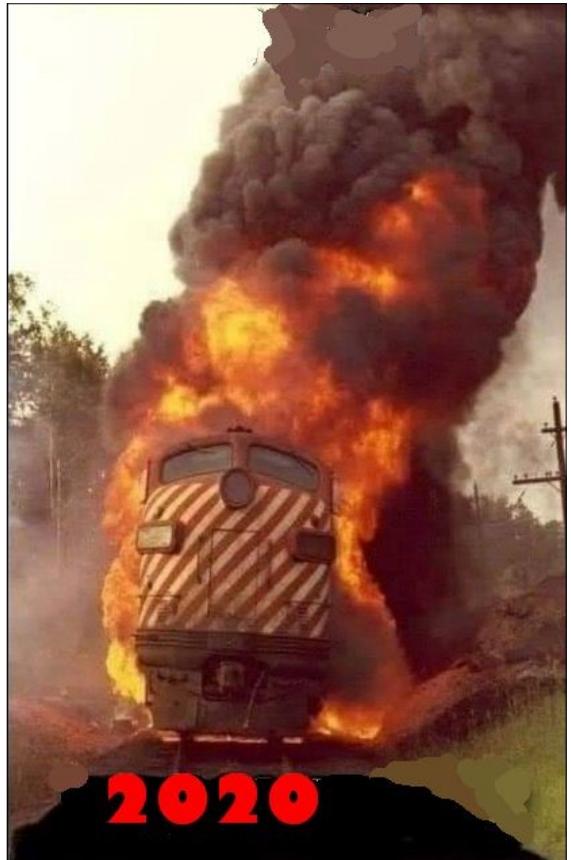
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*\*Submitted by Barry Young*



**The 2020 Express en route  
to the Terminal**

**Nothing to see here, folks ...**

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## 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.

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**1980 Triumph TR7** - Brown exterior with original golden cloth seats, very comfortable. Top is in great shape. Five speed with new poly shifter bushings. Front calipers, all brake hoses, pads and shoes replaced. Spin on oil filter adapter installed. Two new tires and recent alignment. Owned this car for twelve trouble free years; but now the carbs need to be rebuilt. Asking \$2,200.00. Car is located in Lansford, PA. Phone or text Steve Redash (Non-member) at 570-640-7341 or email [posearth@windstream.net](mailto:posearth@windstream.net) for photos or more info. [Listed 8/20]

**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](mailto:yahnerr1@gmail.com) [Listed 5/20]

**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](mailto: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](mailto:powerboat447@yahoo.com). Car is located in southeastern PA. [Listed 11/19]

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## The Brokerage (Continued)

### Car Parts:

**Huge Number of Parts Available for TR3 thru TR6:** If interested, contact Vic Nigro (Member) at 717-371-7157 or email him at [VICNO303@comcast.net](mailto:VICNO303@comcast.net) [Listed 9/20]

**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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:1968gt6@gmail.com) [Listed 4/19]



### Attention CPTC Members Membership Renewal - August 15th

The membership renewal date for  
**This Year Only** was

**August 15th!**

Please renew if you have not done so.  
Thank you!

**Heritage Day at the  
Star Barn Village & Car Show  
October 12, 2020  
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11:00 AM - 4:00 PM**

CARS, food concessions, petting zoo, tour Star Barn and other buildings and other fun activities.

Free admission for show participants.  
Mary Ann has arranged for our club to park 12 plus cars on the paved parking lot; but you must go on-line to <https://stonegablesestate.com/car-registration/> to register. To register your car, enter the following in the section called 'Special Features of Car': Member of the Central PA Triumph Club \*\*\* It is important to register soon!

After you register please call, text, or email Mary Ann so she can keep track of who is coming: 717-798-1922 or email [Mab2beach@msn.com](mailto:Mab2beach@msn.com). We will meet at 8:45 am (at location to be determined) in Elizabethtown; so we can drive in and park together. Self-photo by Star Barn until 9:30 am.

## Your Help Is Needed!

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...

### The Vintage Triumph Register

The Vintage Triumph Register (VTR) was founded to promote historic research, encourage sensible and accurate preservation of Triumph automobiles, maximize the enjoyment to be had from driving a Triumph and emphasize camaraderie and social interaction among Triumph owners. VTR welcomes all Triumph automobiles. Membership to VTR is \$35.00 USD, which includes six bi-monthly issues of *The Vintage Triumph* magazine.

Write to: VTR-E-New Membership,  
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## **New Members .... Welcome!**

**The most recent additions to the CPTC ranks are:**

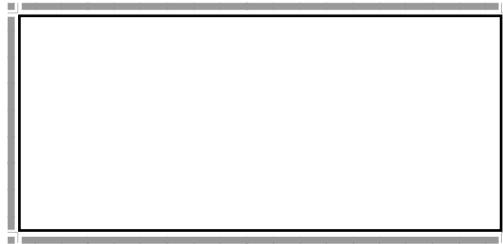
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