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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 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.

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

I think most of us in the Club are of same generation. We had Triumphs in our youth and enjoy them now to help recapture those fun times. As baby boomers we endured the draft, the SE Asia conflict and later had family members involved in more turmoil throughout the world. Never were we prepared to deal with a pandemic. It was always some other country's problem. Well, here we go again with more restrictions! As this joyous season is soon upon us, I'm sure we can find many things to be thankful for. Let us see this COVID event as simply another challenge that we as an organization must and will face.

Our Board struggles with scheduling events; but appreciates our membership's desire to stay safe. We have events scheduled through the winter; but they will be subject to the ability of various venues to accommodate groups.

On a brighter note, we are proceeding with the purchase of a memorial paver stone in Ellis Wolfe's name. The paver will be placed in the AACA Museum's Memorial Garden in Hershey, PA.

His collectable '72 Spitfire is now being cared for in Florida, thanks to Adam Kisthardt.

Drive your car every chance you get. Weather forecast predicts a mild winter. Let our Editor know how your cold weather adventure went. It's another opportunity for a story to tell your grand-kids ... or anyone else willing to listen!

Stay Safe, Keep Calm and Motor On!

Rich





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2021 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.

- Jan. 23rd** Join us for a trip to the Classic Auto Mall in Morgantown, PA. Scores of classic cars & trucks on display and/or on consignment. Details to follow. **CPTC Event**
- Feb. 10th** Drive Your Triumph Day ... Details on P. 8
- Feb. 20th** Boyertown Museum of Historic Vehicles - Nearly all of the cars, trucks, wagons and carriages on display were built in PA. Learn some of the history of transportation in our state. **CPTC Event**
- March 13th** Visit the Simeon Foundation Automotive Museum, 6825 Norwitch Drive, Philadelphia, PA. A collection of 75 + racing sports cars assembled over a span of 50 years. **CPTC Event**

**We are planning to carpool to the museum/auto mall events
Details on meet time and location for each event will follow.**

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Triumph TR3A Restoration

Part IV

~ by Gary Fatherree



Going back to the October issue of the newsletter, I had finished the rebuild of my engine and got it mounted in the frame. I decided to start it up and do the break-in before I mounted the tub. We got all the fittings completed and wired up and attached a small lawn mower gas tank to supply fuel.

Turned the engine over ... and over and ... still no starting. The engine wasn't even trying to start; so I checked for gas to the carburetors – Check! Checked the #1 spark plug for spark - Check! Checked for manifold leaks - everything tested OK; but it still wouldn't start, so we gave up for the day.

Bob Krivenko and I went through the whole system again the next day; but still no difference. I had purchased an electronic distributor from Moss - a CSI optimized electronic distributor which has programed advance curves to pick

and choose for the best performance from your engine. The number 1 cylinder tested OK; so I pulled the number 3 spark plug and we got a very weak spark. Bob had driven his TR3A over that day and he suggested we swap his distributor into my engine. So we did that and it immediately fired right up and ran perfectly. What a relief!



I'm getting another CSI replacement to try again; but I have also sent my stock distributor out to British Vacuum Unit to have it rebuilt with correct weights and vacuum for my engine, which is essentially a TR4A engine now. That unit will reside in my trunk as a back-up.

And now it's time to get back to the body work ...



Annual Election of Officers

Due to COVID-19 restrictions and the lack of additional candidates, the Board has proclaimed, and the candidates have agreed, to serve an additional term in their current capacities as members of the Board of Directors:

Vice President
Rory Liebrum

Treasurer
Marty Shoop

Webmaster
Joe Laurito



****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.

The Club Corner

Links to Share:

Conventional v Silicone Brake Fluid - from Moss Motoring

<http://www.mossmotoring.com/conventional-vs-silicone-brake-fluid/>

**Submitted by John Krause*

How Often Should You Flush Your Car's Radiator? - by Advance Auto Parts

The best way to determine when a radiator flush is needed is to check your car owner's manual. But, in some cases, you might need to perform this task in shorter intervals than recommended. This depends on your driving habits, as well as weather conditions where you live and drive. In general, perform a flush every five years or at 100,000 miles.

Aside from the recommended intervals, keep in mind some of the potential signs which indicate your car might need a coolant flush, like visible rust, debris, or corrosion.

**Submitted by John Krause*

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Three Vehicle Storage Mistakes Classic Car Owners Make

~ by **Classic Cars.com**

Oil and fuel expert Lake Speed, Jr. of Driven Racing Oil explains what these issues are and why so many classic car owners make the same vehicle storage mistakes year after year. Speed Jr. has a long history with vehicles, he's the son of NASCAR racer Lake Speed.

Don't start the engine

Speed cautions classic car owners against starting their cars engines and letting them only run for a few minutes during the winter months.

"There are a lot of people who have this idea that they'll go out there and crank the car every couple of weeks, let it run for a couple of minutes and then turn it off. That's the worst thing you can do," he said.

"The engine's cold and you'll get fuel dilution, blow-by and moisture in the crankcase and, if you only run it for a few minutes, those few minutes of run time aren't enough for the engine to warm and evaporate all of that stuff."

Change the oil, unless...

People who run their cars during the winter may think the oil goes bad during storage. That's not the case, Speed said.

"You have two different schools of thought about what to do with the oil after a car has been stored. Some guys will swear that you have to change the oil because the oil's gone bad; but that comes from people who have been out starting their car and letting it run for two minutes a week all winter."

Under the proper circumstances, oil can sit in an engine for six months and still be drivable. To help decide whether an oil change is necessary immediately after a car has been stored, Speed offers three situations:

1. If you've been cranking the car once a month while in storage, change the oil immediately.
2. If you didn't change the oil when you put it in storage, change the oil.
3. If you put in fresh oil when you stored the vehicle, don't change the oil.

He recommends putting in fresh oil with storage additives before putting the car away for winter. Oils are available with **storage additives included**, or additives can be **bought separately** and combined with the oil.

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Vehicle Storage Mistakes (Cont.)

Top off and protect the fuel

Even if all the oil preparation is done properly before storing the vehicle, the fuel in the vehicle can become an issue.

“If the car doesn’t run right, don’t blame your engine,” Speed said. “It’s probably because your fuel is crap, especially if you used ethanol-blended fuel when you put the car away.”

Ethanol fuel is the silent killer for classic cars. Gas tanks “breathe” through the filler neck, and ethanol fuel absorbs moisture from the air. In addition to the damage moisture can cause, impure fuel doesn’t burn as efficiently and reduces the power output. If the fuel absorbs too much moisture, it may be impossible to start the engine.

“If the tank is completely full you’ll get more fuel life,” Speed said. “Some guys will run their tanks almost empty before storage, but that gives it the biggest ‘lung.’ That means the little fuel you do have left in there is junk.”

There are **fuel additives** designed for carbureted and fuel injected engines that can help protect fuel during storage. Speed also recommends adding a carb or fuel injector cleaner to the fuel before your first spring drive.

Drive Your Triumph Day February 10, 2021

My name is Rye Livingston and I'm with the Triumph Travelers Sports Car Club in Northern California, celebrating our 62nd anniversary.

Some years ago, I encouraged our club members to drive their Triumphs on February 10th to celebrate Sir John Black's Birthday, the man who organized Standard's purchase of Triumph after the war. Last year I received about 350 photos from all over the world!

On February 10th, go for a drive in your Triumph. Drive alone or in a group from your local Club; then take a photo. The photo is mainly of the car and the owner - ideally at a cool spot, if possible. If it's the middle of the winter where you live and your car is in hibernation, take a photo of it anyway.

Then email a high-resolution photo to driveyourtriumphday@gmail.com, along with some basic information: owner's name, year and model of car, and place photo was taken (city, state, country). The photos will be published not only in our club newsletter, but also in USA's **Vintage Triumph Registry and on the Drive Your Triumph Day website: <https://driveyourtriumphday.shutterfly.com>**

**Regards,
Rye Livingston
Activities Chairman**

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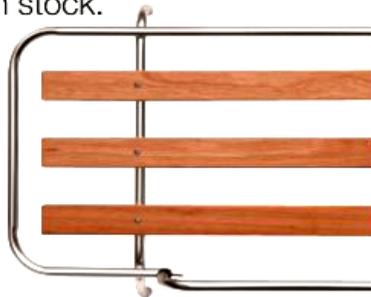
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In Memory of Ellis Wolfe



Ellis and his Spitfire at the CPTC summer picnic several years ago

The proceeds from the sale of Ellis' Spitfire are being used to establish a memorial fund in Ellis' name and donations will be made from it to deserving charities in the coming years. We are also purchasing an engraved stone paver which will be placed in the AACA Museum's Memorial Garden as another way to honor Ellis and his contributions to the Club over his many years as a member.

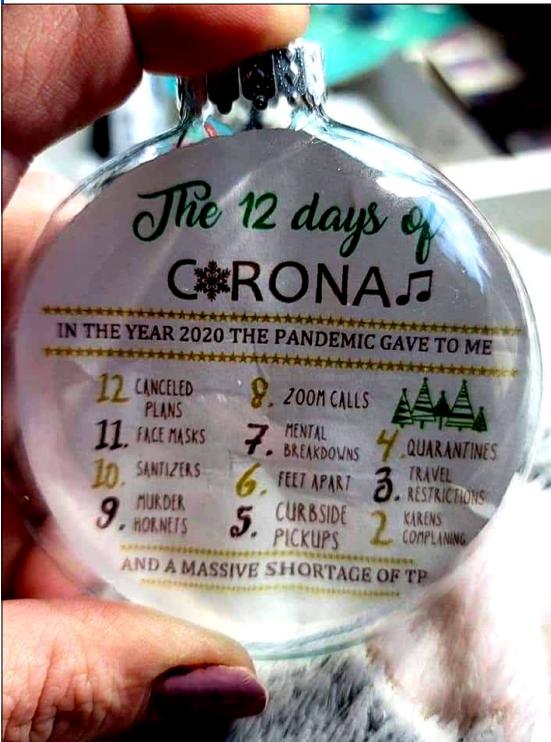
Tidbits from the Quarantine

2019: *Avoid negative people
 2020: *Avoid positive people

We can all agree that in 2015 not a single person got the answer correct to, 'Where do you see yourself 5 years from now?'

I went line dancing last night. OK, it was a roadside sobriety test ... (same thing)

Having plans sounds like a good idea until you have to put on clothes and leave the house.



**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.

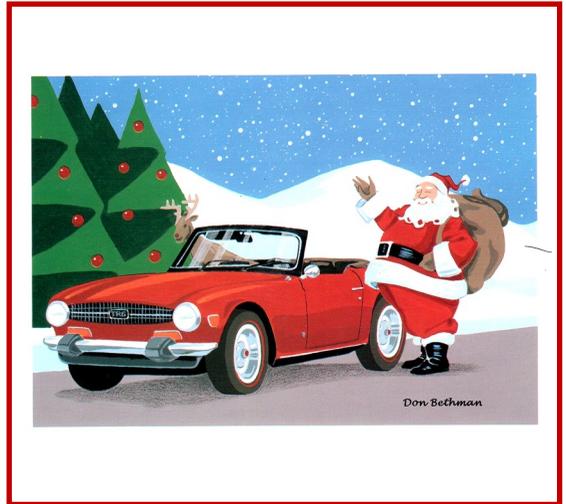
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1980 Triumph TR7 – White with black top. Car is in good condition other than the carburetors - car sat for over two years and now the engine does not run well. Car is located in Elizabethtown, PA. Asking \$1250 OBO. Email Ron Hain (Member) at hainr333@hotmail.com [Listed 11/20]

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 [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 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)

Car Parts:

Triumph TR3 Parts - Large stash of used parts to include spoked rims, steel rims, 2 eared knockoffs, steering wheel, side curtains, soft top, manifold, heads, axles, gauges, hinges, heater, radiator, suspension, fuel pump, valve covers, glovebox, grab handles, gas cap, pedals, hand brake and much more. First \$1000.00 takes all. The parts are located in Gaithersburg MD. Pictures on request. Call Greg (Non-member) at 301- 512-5110 or email gregscarver@gmail.com (Listed 12/20)

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 Also, Vic wants to buy a used seat track (the one that bolts to the seat w/o the handle) for his TR3A. If you have one to spare, give him a call. [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 [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]

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 was
August 15th!
Please renew if you have not done so.
Thank you!

CPTC Christmas Party

Due to the increase in COVID-19 restrictions and the understandable reluctance of our members to gather in large groups, our Christmas Party scheduled for Dec. 6th has been

CANCELLED!

Our sincerest wish is that 2021 will prove to be a much better year for all and the world will return to at least a semblance of normalcy!

Until that time, your Board wishes each and every one a safe and joyous Holiday Season!



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.

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www.vtr.org for
more information
and a membership
application.



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...

New Members Welcome!

The most recent addition to the CPTC ranks are:

**David Jansen & Ellie Daisey
Honey Brook, PA**

We're pleased to have you with us!

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