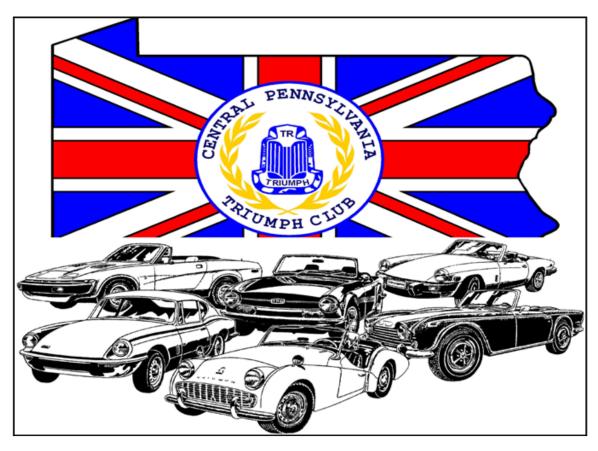
# Triumph News

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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 Ron Weber at 717-867-4548 or <a href="web@cptc.org">web@cptc.org</a> 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 <u>The Brokerage</u> 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

My snow shovel is getting rusty, not a bad thing. January typically is the coldest month and, if the few days we had is it, we lucked out. A couple of nice days allowed for car exorcising too. The biggest snows seem to hit in March and we know they won't be around long. This time of year lets us to catch up on our reading. Club member Howard Zlotoff has shared his recent good read in this newsletter. So this is a good time to ask other members to share their suggestions with the group.

A reminder that the upcoming Board meeting will be held February 15th. If it fits your schedule, consider attending. John's Diner is a convenient location with great food. The agenda allows for open discussion and we welcome all ideas. The event calendar is filling up, but room for more. This is a good time for suggestions.

Also check the calendar of events for the two tech sessions listed. A headcount is required for planning purposes; so please let us know by the registration deadline.

If you have a project going on in your garage, do not hesitate to send the story with pictures to the Editor. We all need a little inspiration now and then!

If you travel to a warmer climate this time of year and you spot a British car, send it in with info and pix for email distribution. As for our cars being relevant, a recent TR6 listing on BaT sold for \$40 K. Let's hope that trend continues.

Stay Safe, Keep Calm and Motor On!

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## 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...

### 2023 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.

Feb. 10th Drive Your Triumph Day - Details on P. 15

Feb. 15th CPTC Board Meeting - Noon at John's Diner. All are welcome to attend. Take the Limekiln Road Exit off I-83.

Feb. 25th CPTC Tech Session: Denny Ryder's Basic Body Work. Club member Denny Ryder will hold a Tech session in his shop on some basic body work. He currently has an Opel and a TR250 that are being redone. Location is120 Park Street, Seven Valleys, PA. The event is free; but pre-registration is required. RSVP by Feb 22 to Mary Ann Berrian: <a href="mailto:mab2beach@msn.com">mab2beach@msn.com</a> or 717-798-1922. Lunch provided by CPTC - Event runs from 10:00 AM to 1:00PM. CPTC Event

March 25th CPTC Tech Session: Jack Merryman's British Car Wiring. British Car Electrical systems and how to troubleshoot them. Event location: Rolls Royce Foundation Museum, 189 Hempt Rd, Mechanicsburg, PA 17050. Pre-registration and a \$10/person facility fee is required. RSVP by March 11th. Check payable to Central PA Triumph Club. Send to: Mary Ann Berrian 3179 South Salem Church Rd, York, PA 17408. Morning coffee, pastries and lunch will be provided by CPTC.

8:30-9:30 Coffee & pastries pre-meeting social
9:30-Noon Tech session

12:00-1:00 Sandwich lunch at the RR Foundation - CPTC Event

April 30th 25th Annual Britain on the Green - Gunston Hall, Lorton, VA. British car & motorcycle show. 9AM - 3PM. For info/reg. visit <a href="http://britainonthegreen.org">http://britainonthegreen.org</a>

May 12 - 14 Carlisle Import & Performance Show, Carlisle Fairgrounds. Register online: http://store.CarlisleEvents.com or call 717-243-7855. Be sure to mention that you are a CPTC member. CPTC Event\*

## **2023 Calendar of Events (Cont.)**

May 20th Triumph Rescue Spring Shakedown Car Show, 149 Limekiln Road, Bechtelsville, PA 19505 See P. 9 for registration details.

The 2023 Spring Shakedown Car Show is sponsored by Matt Bakes and our friends at Triumph Rescue in Bally, PA. The non-judged car show will run from 9am - 3 pm (rain date is May 21st). Lunch food will be available for purchase. The registration fee is \$15.00 and proceeds will benefit the Eastern Berks Fire Dept. and the Bally Community Ambulance Co. Registration: <a href="mailto:triumphs@triumphrescue.com">triumphs@triumphrescue.com</a> or call 610-845-8217.

- June 19-23 2023 TRA National Meet, Hueston Woods Lodge, College Corner, OH 45003. For more information/registration, visit: https://www.miamivalleytriumphs.org/tra-2023
- July 13 16 Elkhart Lake, WI. The Kastner Cup will be the featured marque of the 2023 WeatherTech International Challenge with Brian Redman.

  One of the largest vintage race car gatherings in the United States, featuring over 50 classes of cars racing in several groups.
- Aug 19 20 Duryea Hillclimb, Reading, PA 19602. Admission is by voluntary donation to Pagoda-Skyline, Inc. Racing starts each day around 9AM and continues until 4PM. A shuttle bus will operate both days, taking spectators up and down the hill, with stops. Car show on Sunday. See BMR-SCCA | Duryea Hillclimb page for more info.
- Aug 26 28 Central PA British Car Festival Fairfield Inn & Suites by Marriott Altoona, 2915 Pleasant Valley Blvd, Altoona, PA 16602. A two day event features John Twist of University Motors, Lenny's Car Museum, axe throwing event, Mountain Tour to Pig Roast and Lakemont Park Car Show. Pre-registration required. See brochure at <a href="https://www.centralpabritishcar.com">https://www.centralpabritishcar.com</a> for more details.
- Sept. 8 10 Watkins Glen Vintage GP for more information, please visit: www.grandprixfestival.com/index.html



# 2023 Through the Windscreen ~ By Stan Carpenter

The outdoor season ended ten days before Christmas as the salt truck passed from view, closing the lid on the 'toy box' until all the winter residue is off the roads. It's time then to concentrate on that off-season punch list during these cold, gloomy days while also thinking about your calendar of car-related interests. Our Mid-Atlantic region hosts a range of events that other parts of our country can only dream of. Check out their websites for more details as we drive deeper into 2023, some yet to announce their featured marques or full slate of events.

#### Carlisle Import Weekend - May 12 & 13

Simply stated, this is our home turf being showcased on a national scale. Success starts at home by doing your part, even if that only means you pay at the gate and attend without a car. I could drive that point further; but, if you are truly an enthusiast, you already understand how the LBC side has been diminishing over the last decade or so.

Featured Marque is Rolls Royce. Audi will be featured in Building T. This weekend is my first opportunity of the year to have appreciative people 'test fit' the Silver Bullet, my favorite task that runs at least through October's Dillsburg Farmers Fair. Last year's goal was met through the interest expressed by numerous young people and it's something I never tire of.

#### IMSA @ Watkins Glen - Sahlen's Six Hours of the Glen - June 22-25

Not the same manufacturers as the 'Golden Era' of 3+ decades ago, nor will it include Jaguar race cars, but the GTP classification returns with manufacturer interest! Several others are talking of joining in the championship hunt over the next few years.

With IMSA acquiring the Historic Sportscar Racing organization last January, the stage is now set for the inaugural HSR Classic Six Hour at Watkins Glen.

HSR was founded by a group of Jaguar enthusiasts from Atlanta back in the 1970's, and was the precursor to "The Mitty" at Road Atlanta so its roots do indeed run deep. We will have to see who tows what to The Finger Lakes region of New York.

### The PVGP @ Pitt Race - July 13-16

This weekend of vintage racing is the opening salvo of The PVGP Race Week and tune-up for Schenley Park.

The Shelby American Auto Club's (SAAC) 48<sup>th</sup> Convention joins in the weekend festivities.

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# Tire Trax (Cont.)

### The 41st Pittsburgh VGP Schenley Park, July 22 & 23

A 'bucket list' event to witness if you have never been there. Actually, you will be disappointed if you don't register into one of the car shows to get the best on-site parking...period! It's not the Monterey Motorsports Reunion at Laguna Seca but it is 2,500 miles closer and still America's largest vintage street race!

Saturday's British Car Day is not to be missed with Triumph, MG and Jaguar hugely represented. I took the 'E' last time out in 2021 and will be taking the 350Z this year to hang out with my Datsun/Nissan friends in the Asian Show. Over 3,000 vehicles will be displayed across 16 car shows on the Park's golf course.

### SVRA @ Summit Point - August 18-20

1st time on the SVRA calendar so we will have to watch for details in the coming months.

# Lime Rock Historic Festival 41- Sept. 1-4

I haven't made it there yet; but it looks like a great way to spend the Labor Day weekend.

# SVRA USVGP @ Watkins Glen Sept 6-10

Four days of practice, qualifying and races at Watkins Glen International.

Friday's Grand Prix Festival: Featured Marque in downtown WG: Corvette

If you have only one day for Watkins Glen, then do the Friday Festival. Go early to find the best parking and then stroll through the Franklin Street vendors until the other events get started. There is so much going on that the day will fly by and you'll be left wanting more ... I promise!



"Winning is everything. The only ones who remember you when you come in second are your wife and your dog." Damon Hill

\*Photos by Stan Carpenter

# 8 Reasons to Own a Spitfire (And 2 Reasons We'd Never Buy One!)

Adapted from an article By R J Waldron Published in HOTCARS Nov 19, 2022

\*Submitted by Sue Billett

The Triumph Spitfire has an iconic name with plenty of appeal and attitude to match. There is something intoxicating about British classic cars. A feeling that becomes invigorating when a gearhead climbs behind the wheel. Cars like the Jaguar E-Type provide presence and power. While the Ford Escort RS2000 dishes out motorsport-bred thrills. Those cars are now very expensive. But there is a solution for the budding enthusiast: the humble Triumph Spitfire. A feather-light two-seat sports car that provides plenty of smiles per mile. A simple car that delivers beyond expectations. A back-tograssroots style driving experience that needs to be savored.

Often overlooked by buyers for more muscular offerings, the low-powered Triumph Spitfire isn't an obvious buy. Which is a shame as the Spitfire has plenty to offer. Highlighted are these eight things we love about the Triumph Spitfire; but, gearheads beware, as there are two reasons why we'd never buy one.

# 8 The Spitfire Is Good Honest Fun

Every generation of the Spitfire can deliver a smile when driven. It's good honest fun in a basic package. Wonderfully styled, in a quintessentially British way, and cheap to buy and maintain.

These are all appealing characteristics that made it popular back then and bolster it as a classic today.

Triumph Spitfires served up average performance. The quickest would hit 60 mph in 12.5seconds; but struggle to reach 100 mph. But driving a Spitfire wasn't about high speeds. It was more about coaxing hidden talents from the chassis and being rewarded.

# 7 The Triumph Spitfire Was Never A Power House

All generations of the Triumph Spitfire came with low-displacement engines. From 1.2 liters to 1.5 liters - outputs never rose above 80 HP from the factory. But this was part of the Spitfire's charm and was the norm for affordable British sports cars at the time.

With more emphasis on handling, the Triumph Spitfire became known as a great back road blaster. Nimble and easy to place on a winding road, the lack of power was easy to ignore as the responsive chassis delivered excitement when behind the wheel.

# 6 The Triumph Spitfire Is Great For Tinkering

Mechanical simplicity has its advantages; so keeping a Triumph Spitfire alive is no hardship. A basic assortment of tools is all that is needed. An enthusiastic gearhead can get stuck at home, learning as they go while utilizing easy-to-find tips and tricks off the internet.

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# Reasons to Own a Spitfire (Cont.)

From basic maintenance to restoration, a Triumph Spitfire can be bought as a running project with time devoted to both implementing improvements and the enjoyment of driving.

# 5 The Triumph Spiffire - Modernized

Oozing with style and attitude, a Spitfire forms a great basis for a resto-mod. It's the perfect combination of the old-school appeal of a British roadster with modern efficiencies. Think of it as adding more polish to a great package, ensuring that an old dog gets a lot more life.

From basic upgrades to complete transformations, a Spitfire can be reinvigorated to new levels. Adding more power pushes the well-balanced chassis. Beefier brakes ensure that it stops. Tweaking the styling makes a Triumph Spitfire stand out to draw admiring glances.

# 4 The Spitfire Gets A Bad Rep

"All show and no go." These are the usual comments exchanged when discussing a Triumph Spitfire. The Spitfire may not have masses of horsepower; but it doesn't need it. Compensating for the lack of power makes a driver hone other skills.

A Spitfire is prone to rust. It's going to happen, so just bite the bullet. Many cars from this period suffered from the same issues. The electrics aren't great either; but that's classic cars in a nutshell – a joyful headache!

To Be Continued ...



# ~ CPTC Members ~ Your Help Is Needed

Results from our recent membership survey revealed that 25% of respondents indicated that they would be willing to organize and lead a driving event. If you have an event in mind for 2023, please share it with any Board member. We are more than willing to provide insight and assistance where needed to help make the event a success.

We are in the early planning stages with our Club calendar; so now is a great time to share your thoughts and ideas!

**Thank You!** 











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# 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

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!

## **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!

Mention your project to a Board member or send an email to:

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### **The Club Corner**

# The Car - A Book Review by Howard Zlotoff DPM

I am reading a newly published book called "The Car", by Bryan Appleyard. This book is an enjoyable description of the infancy of the automobile industry. The author has done his homework and shares the challenges and successes of these early engineers trying to make a car that actually worked and could support a business.

What I found fascinating was society's rejection of the first cars by Benz in Europe, as noisy and dangerous contraptions that endangered pedestrians, frightened horses and constantly broke down. City ordinances were enacted demanding that any car driven in town had to have a man walking ahead of the car with a red flag to warn people. Laws limited their speed to 2 mph in town and 5 mph in the countryside. There are similar stories that are hard to believe today; yet there is no question that the automobile kicked off the Industrial Revolution in America.

An entire chapter talks about Henry Ford, his Model T and the revolutionary mass production assembly of a very basic car that was reliable and affordable to common folk. There is plenty of technical information about the early ICE (internal combustion engines) and the steam engine that preceded the ICE and were part of the car's evolution.

Steam engines were used in farming, industry and then adapted to cars, but with limited success.

So, if you are looking for something to do on a cold, snowy day, pick up this book on Amazon or at your local bookstore, pour yourself a snifter of your favorite cognac and enjoy!

If other members have a good read they wish to share, please send me the title and author's name ... and a short review, if you care to do so. [Ed.]

### Membership Renewal - June 1st

The membership renewal date for **ALL CPTC members is June 1, 2023** 

Thank you!





# 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.

**1970 GT6** - This car is ready for a frame off restoration; typical rust for age. Body is from a '69 and was stored inside. Rocker panels and battery box are worst spots; floors have surface rust but no holes. Frame and some body parts are from a '70. Stored outside, so it shows; engine turns by hand. Lower door panel has rust; surface rust on bonnet. Bunch of extra bits with car; will not part out. Title is 1970; car is in Keymar, MD. Price is \$2500.00; photos upon request. Contact William Mitchell (Non-member) at 404-309-2906 or <a href="www.wsmitchelliv@yahoo.com">wsmitchelliv@yahoo.com</a>. [Listed 3/22]

#### **Car Parts**

**For Sale: Four VTO alloy wheels.** New, never mounted. Have lug nuts and center caps. Bolt pattern fits Herald, GT6, TR7, TR8 and Spitfire. New tires (mounted) are 205x60x15 and are included, \$750. Will email/text pix upon request. Contact Rich Roenigk (Member) at 717-487-1795 or <a href="mailto:rroenigk@aol.com">rroenigk@aol.com</a> [Listed 2/23]

**TR3 Parts** - 3 Arizona TR3 Rolling Body shells - One is raised bonnet hinge style, other two are flat style. Great replacement for rusted project car. Prices start at \$4500 USD. Body shells located in Ontario, Canada, 1½ hours from Buffalo, NY. If interested, call Stephen Choquette (Non-member) - Phone: 905-873-1774 [Listed 11/22]

**TR6 Parts** – Best offer on the lot; but will sell individual parts. Right door, right rear panel, left door (poor condition) with glass and hardware, ignition w/key, both tail lights. I also have a set of 4 hubcaps for a TR4 in very good condition; best offer. Photos upon request. Call Bob (Non-member) at 610-207-6563 (Reading, PA area) or email him at <a href="mailto:boblogan61@gmail.com">boblogan61@gmail.com</a>. [Listed 9/22]

# **Triumph News**

VTR 2023 - Sept. 27<sup>th</sup> - Oct. 1<sup>st</sup>
Dillard, Georgia
More information at www.VTR2023.org

Host hotel is the Dillard House – www.dillardhouse.com

Event Hosted by the Georgia Triumph
Association
www.aatriumph.com

2023 6-Pack TRials Date and Location Announced

# TRials in the Alleghany's

The 2023 6-Pack TRials will be September 21 – 24, 2023 in Indiana, Pennsylvania. The host hotel is:

Ramada by Wyndham 1395 Wayne Avenue Indiana, PA 15701 (724)-463-3561

https://wyndhamhotels.com/ramada/indiana-pennsylvania/ramada-indiana/overview?checkinDate=09/

To make reservations, enter the URL above or call the hotel and ask for the **6-Pack Car Club TRials 2023** to get the reduced pricing of \$99.00/night.

Additional details and the registration form will be rolled out on the 6-Pack website and Facebook page in early 2023 TRials, please contact Mark Anderson, (517)-270-0789.



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# Drive Your Triumph Day Friday, February 10, 2023

Dear Fellow Triumph Owner,

My name is Rye Livingston and I'm with the Triumph Travelers Sports Car Club in Northern California. In 2016, I encouraged members of our club to drive their Triumphs on February 10th, to celebrate Sir John Black's Birthday, the man who organized Standard's purchase of Triumph after WW II, and went on to make the cars we enjoy driving today. Drive Your Triumph Day has gained momentum every year, and last year I received over 600 photos from all over the world.

On February 10th, go for a drive in your Triumph. Take a scenic drive on a country road, out to lunch or wherever. Take your spouse, buddy, etc., then take a photo. The photo is mainly of the car, and the owner or passenger if possible. ideally in front of a landmark, scenic view or in your driveway. If it's the middle of the winter where you live and your car is in hibernation or in the middle of a restoration, take a photo of it in the garage. Have fun with it. Next step is to 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 then be published in USA's national magazine: *The Vintage Triumph* and on the Drive Your Triumph Day website: <a href="https://">https://</a>

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