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CPTC Christmas Party ~ an opportunity to renew old acquaintances, make some new and share the joy of the Season! ***Photo by MB Miele***

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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 to **CPTC** members; they usually will be run for two 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 ~ Tom Billett

I hope everyone has a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Our Christmas Party was another huge success! What a wonderful time with good friends. I believe it is safe to say everyone enjoyed the day. On behalf of the Board, I would like to thank Allenberry for the nice buffet and courteous staff! The gift exchange was, as always, a lot of fun; even if you wound up with one of the new "fuzzy blue lamp" replacement gifts! I'm sure we will be seeing some of them again next year.

The Board will begin the task of filling the calendar with fun and exciting events at our monthly meetings in the next few months. Anyone who is adventurous and willing to host an event is certainly welcomed and encouraged to do so. Tom Miceli is our events coordinator; he, or any of our officers, would be more than willing to help guide you.

February 21st is our Winter Wonderland party at Allenberry. Where else can you relax, mingle, eat, drink, be merry and talk about your latest car project for only $25.00 a person. It really is a good time; so mark your calendar and send a check to the club's P.O. Box. Come and join the fun!

Don't forget to check our newsletter and website for all the latest news.

Thanks to everyone who has helped make CPTC the best car club in the area. Also a very special thanks to all the event hosts and our Board members!

Keep Calm and Motor On!

Tom

New Member .... Welcome!

The most recent addition to the CPTC ranks is:
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2016 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. 7th **CPTC Board Meeting - 7:00 PM at the Billett's, Grantville, PA. Please call Tom at 717-469-2379, if you plan to attend.**

Feb. 4th **CPTC Board Meeting - 7:00 PM at the Krause's, Mechanicsburg, PA. Please call Tom at 717-469-2379, if you plan to attend.**

Feb. 21st **Winter Wonderland Brunch - 1:00 PM at Allenberry Resort, Boiling Springs, PA. $25/person - Always an entertaining and fun event - mark your calendar and prepare to chase away those winter blues!**

Winter Wonderland Brunch

Allenberry Resort
Boiling Springs, PA
February 21, 2016 - 1:00 PM

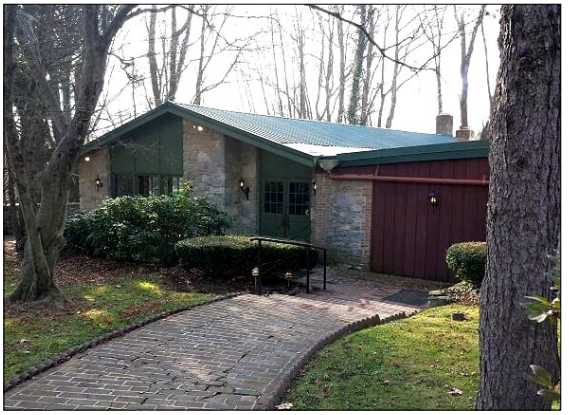
Join us for an afternoon of fun, camaraderie and good food. You can also use this opportunity to help make amends for forgetting Valentine's Day!

Cost: $25/person
Send checks to:
CPTC
PO Box 493
New Kingstown, PA 17072

Alms for Our Webmaster

Our Webmaster, Joe Laurito, could use a little help. He's not asking for money (this time!) … what he really needs is assistance in maintaining our website. If you've any interest in the cyber world, contact Joe and he will have you 'coached up' in no time. You won't be responsible for the website … his need is for help with updates and maintenance. So, if you have any empathy for the old guy (who doesn't???), please contact him at 717-652-8636 or web@cptc.org

CPTC Christmas Party
December 6, 2015
Allenberry Resort
Boiling Springs, PA



The Carriage House at Allenberry was once again the setting for our annual Christmas Party.

A cozy fire and friendly atmosphere led to plenty of conversation and camaraderie!







As always, a sleigh load of gifts were wrapped for the popular gift exchange!



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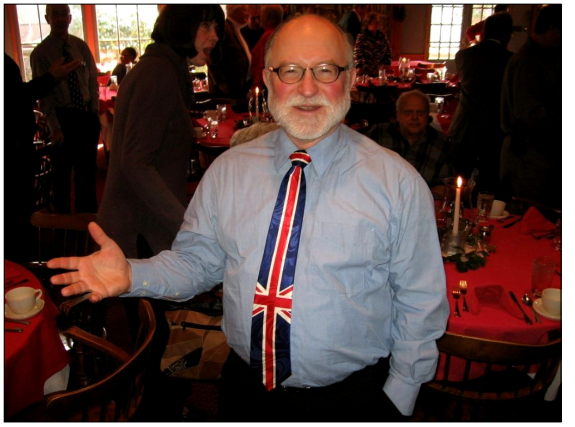
Christmas Party (Continued)



Michele Laurito participates in a photo op with Dick & Diane James …

And the Nguyen family joins in to help celebrate the occasion.





Dave English sports a new tie … well suited to this crowd!

Following the delicious dinner buffet and an array of scrumptious desserts, it was time to relax a bit and prepare for the always entertaining Gift Exchange!



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Christmas Party (Continued)



As in the past, there is seldom a shortage of laughs involved in the Gift Exchange.

Denny Ward's snazzy new hat provides ample proof of that!



Many thanks to all who participated in this day of sharing and a special 'Thank You' to the Allenberry staff for a great meal and excellent service!

**Photos by Joe Laurito & MB Miele*

Attention, CPTC Members!

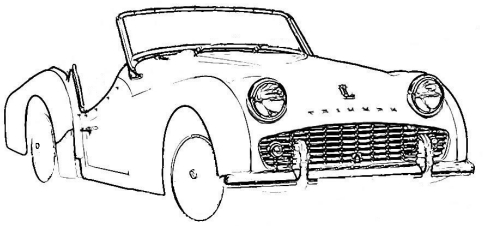
If you are in the process of doing a full restoration and are doing much of the work yourself, please let us know! Mention your project to a Board member or send an email to: newsletter@cptc.org





Unfinished Business
~ By Stan Carpenter

2015 was another great year for the hobby and there will certainly be more of that to come in 2016, so pull the belts tight in anticipation of next Spring. Congratulations to those who have stepped up to lead the CPTC charge into the vast unknown. Their success is only a certainty if the rest of us have their backs and are willing to help them beyond just claiming a membership number.



As in the sketch above, the Club (and our antique/vintage/classic car hobby) has an identity but it will always be a work-in-progress…always things to finish, improve and advance our cause. In all truth, the dedicated few carrying the bulk of the tasks is not as effective as many doing just a little. And regarding outreach for growth, it's pretty certain that my sphere of influence doesn't capture all of yours or vice-versa. That's why participation in the club's public activities are so important…it puts us out there with 'them'. But to advance, each one must first commit to start, and if you already have, right now is a great time to renew your commitment to finish the work immediately ahead. So "your mission Jim, should you decide to accept it", and ours collectively, is to not stop until we know that our cars and this hobby are in the safe hands of the generations that follow behind us. As we 'boomers' are all on the clock toward eternity, one look at the small number of younger people currently involved in our segment tells us that we are in trouble… and it shouldn't be left to chance that it will fix itself.

MoM 2016: Save the Dates – Sept. 23 & 24 in and around Carlisle, PA

Yes, the Motorshow just might happen to fall on the same Saturday as 'MG's on the Rocks' and that's OK with me. I know there are enough vehicles out there to support both events. So please be somewhere…anywhere…to help your hobby that day. Crashed out at home on the 'snoozecliner' watching a football game doesn't move our sticks. The game's final score won't affect much; but your presence in PA or MD that day will certainly affect those in your midst and benefit our Mission.

The Doretti

~ By Cliff Grube

The name sounds Italian and somewhat exotic; but this English sports car had a story book beginning ... featuring a beautiful blonde and included some of the movers and shakers of Britain's post war car industry.

A gentleman named Arthur Anderson was in the thin wall conduit business in California. His daughter, Dorothy Deen, had bought a MGTD in 1950 and fell in love with the whole British sports car scene. Seeing the need for accessories for these little cars, Dorothy and her father started a company called Cal Specialties to produce such things as wind wings, luggage racks and visors. They called this line of products "Doretti" and operated it out of their garage. Doretti, of course was a derivative of Dorothy who was really running the show. Remember, this was 1950 and it would have been unusual for a young woman to be heading up a company; but she did just that.

Meanwhile, Arthur Anderson's tubing business involved a similar company in England called Tube Investments and a gentleman named Eric Sanders. It was through Sanders that Anderson met Sir John Black in 1952 and discovered that Standard Motor Company was looking for distributorships of their new sports car, the Triumph TR2. Eric Sanders had a relationship with Standard as he wanted to produce his own car at one of Tube Investment's subsidiaries, Swallow Coachbuilding. Swallow, of course, had a long history as Swallow sidecars and SS cars, run by none other than William Lyons.

In January of 1953, designer Frank Rainbow of Swallow got the OK to build a new sports car using a tubular frame connected to Triumph TR2 mechanicals. The bodies were built by Panelcraft in Birmingham and, by spring, prototypes had been built and tested. Sanders liked the Doretti name and purchased the rights to use it from Cal Specialties. In May of 1953 Dorothy Deen and her father found themselves the distributors of not only the Doretti but the sole distributors of Triumphs west of the Mississippi! They called the company Cal Sales. Dorothy Deen was certainly the face of the company and worked tirelessly on behalf of Standard Triumph. She is said to have influenced the adoption of better paint colors on subsequent models and was constantly promoting the brand.

The Doretti, on the other hand, was really a specially built car for the US only, averaging one car a day production. Since it was more of a touring car and heavier than the TR2, it did not set any performance records; but, by most accounts, handled extremely well. By early 1955 production ceased after 275 units, mostly because the large holding company, Tube Investments supplied other car manufacturers with steel and aluminum and thought it might be a conflict of interests to compete with their own customers.

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The Doretti (Continued)



A number of years ago, there appeared a Swallow Doretti for sale in the Hershey Antique Auto Show car corral. I recall it being black in color, very nice looking … and that I didn't have any money!



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One of Our Own

CPTC mourns the recent passing of Donald L. Souder, 64, of Mechanicsburg, PA. Don was an active member of the Otterbein United Methodist Church in Boiling Springs, a former board member of the United Methodist Children's Home in Camp Hill and a former member of the Central PA Triumph Club, where he used his talents to develop the Club's graphics and organize tours of Pennsylvania's covered bridges for the group. You will be missed, Don.

~Rest in Peace~



Blast from the Past

Photo from the late 1950's of a truckload of TR3A's - en route to Sebring for the 12 Hour Race!

**Submitted by Gertjan van de Klashorst*

Planning to Sell Your LBC?

Here is a noteworthy tip from David Stuursma, Editor of *Moss Motoring:*

Most online sites have a lot going for them; but they're by no means perfect for the specific needs of the British car community. There is, however, another option, a new one created by a friend of mine and a long-time Moss customer. In addition to restoring cars with his Dad at their shop, British Sports Cars in San Luis Obispo, CA, Justin Jurgens and some web savvy friends decided to create a 'British car only' classified web-site. I know Justin and the work he does and have no reservations about steering members of British car clubs to him and his site. None at all.

Go to britishcarclassifieds.com; create an account; add your listing, making sure to select the Gold Plan when you create your ad; and, finally, enter the coupon code **moss** on the checkout screen. This first ad is **FREE!**

The Gold Plan includes one classified ad with up to 32 photos and 3 videos. The listing will appear until the car sells.

British Reliability Run

The 2015 America's British Reliability Run in October raised over $23,800 for St. Christopher's Hospital for Children in Philadelphia. This event is supported by Ragtops & Roadsters of Perkasie, PA, a British car restoration shop.



The check was presented there and included participants from several clubs in the Philadelphia area. ~ Cliff Grube









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The Brokerage

Where Buyers Meet Sellers

1968 Triumph TR4A: Red with black top/interior. Ground up restoration completed in 2009; driven 450 miles since. Garaged, never driven in inclement weather. Pertronix electronic ignition, concealed battery disconnect, fire extinguisher, solid birds eye maple wood dash, silver painted wire wheels, car cover, shop manual, extra red paint. In excellent condition and runs good. Has new style antique auto tag, transferable. Asking $25,000.For more information contact Charlie Benner (Member) at 717-898-2638. [Listed 12/15]

1978 Triumph Spitfire - Russet brown with tan interior, 29,311 original miles. Car is all original (except for a new top) and in very good condition. $6000, OBO. Call Gene (Non-member) at 570-659-5510, if interested. [Listed 6/15]

1973 Triumph TR6 - Red with black top/interior. This beautiful car has 94,000 original miles with a 'frame on' restoration. It's in excellent condition and runs great. A very nice driver that was my Dad's baby: garaged, never driven in bad weather and needs nothing - photos available upon request - $15,000. For more information, call Andrea Wirt (Member's daughter) at 702-461-4372 or email andreawirt@cox.net or call Lawrence at Sports Car Haven (570-275-5705). Estate settlement sale. [Listed 3/15]



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The Brokerage (Continued)

PARTS & EQUIPMENT

Robbins black convertible top - (part # RB2212/B) for a Triumph Spitfire Mk4 or 1500. New in the box, with new top to windscreen rubber seal included. The top was purchased from The Roadster Factory for $289 plus shipping and tax. $150.00 firm. Call John Krause (Member) at 717-697-9762. Top must be picked up, I will not ship. [Listed 1/16]

TR4 Rolling frame w/ rear end - $200; Triumph Spitfire rolling chassis w/1296 cc engine, trans. Runs - $350. Contact Rich Roenigk (Member) at rroenigk@aol.com (preferred) or 717-487-1795 [Listed 12/15]

Triumph parts - American Racing Lemans wheels that were previously on a TR6. They fit the TR4, TR4A, TR250 and MGA as well. TR3 driver's side door - good condition, with some surface rust. Rubber floor mat, white with Triumph logo, fits TR4 - TR6. If interested, I will forward photos. Reasonable offers will be accepted. Please call Alex (Non-member) at 717-564-0867 in York, PA. [Listed 12/15]

Tonneau cover - Black vinyl, fits a 1969 TR6. Will sell for $25. Call Dan Farber (Non-member) at 717-582-8658 or 717-805-7515. (Listed 9/15)

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The Triumph Lunch Bunch

The next meeting of the **Lunch Bunch** will take place at noon on **Thursday**, January 21, 2016 at John's Diner, 146 Sheraton Drive, New Cumberland, PA. Take Exit 40A (Limekiln Road) off I-83. If you enjoy great company, engaging conversation and good food, consider joining them on their next outing. Please call Diane at 717-761-1741, so she can include you in their reservation.

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CPTC Events Coordinator

Tom Miceli
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Email: tr-tom@comcast.net

If you'd like to volunteer a little time to help Tom coordinate our various Club events or if you have any suggestions for events or additional Club activities, please feel free to share them with him.

Membership Renewal Information

The membership renewal date for **all CPTC members** is now June 1st of each year! Please bear with us through this transition as we simplify the renewal process for all concerned. Thank you.

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