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Club members had ample time to socialize as they gathered to enjoy the scrumptious Allenberry buffet at CPTC's Winter Wonderland Brunch. It was cool & dreary outside; but the atmosphere inside was warm & cheery!

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

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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 enjoyed the Winter Wonderland Brunch at Allenberry … I know Sue and I did. Another fun event for everyone's enjoyment. A big THANK YOU to John Krause for putting this together for us. We honored Ellis Wolfe with a birthday cake and perpetual membership to help celebrate his 95TH birthday. Congratulations … and may you have many more!

The Board is hard at work scheduling runs & other events to fill the upcoming driving season with lots of LBC stuff. Along with our "regular" events we are always looking for some new and/or different activities. If you have any ideas please contact any Board member. Not sure if it's something other people would enjoy? Give it a try - who knows, you may be pleasantly surprised! Take last year's Wool & Wine Ride for example … what a great day! Nothing ventured nothing gained! And remember, something old or something new, as long as it's something to do.

I trust everyone is weathering the winter well and completing any projects you may have. Kelby Steele will host the Steele Motors Tech Session on March 12th. Triumph Rescue has scheduled a tech session on April 9th. Keep up to date on these events and other happenings by checking the CPTC newsletter and web-site for all the latest news.

Keep Calm and Motor On!

Tom



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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.

March 3rd	**CPTC Board Meeting - 7:00 PM at the Laurito's, Harrisburg, PA. Please call Tom at 717-469-2379, if you plan to attend.**
March 12th	**Steele Motors Tech Session - 10:00 AM CPTC Event**
April 3rd	**CPTC General Meeting - 3:00 PM at Hoss's Steak & Sea House, Mechanicsburg, PA. All are urged to attend.**
April 9th	**Triumph Rescue Tech Session - 10:00 AM at Triumph Rescue, Bally, PA. Details to follow.**
May 1st	**CPTC Spring Run - details to follow.**
May 20-22	**Carlisle Import Show - Fairgrounds at Carlisle, PA. *CPTC Event****
May 22nd	**2nd Annual LANCO Covered Bridge Tour ... *CPTC Event****
June 4th	**Cars & Motorcycles of England - Oakbourne Mansion, Westtown, PA. Sponsored by DE Valley Triumphs & DE Valley Jaguar Club.**
June 12th	**Reading Run - details to follow. CPTC Event**
June 12th	**23rd Annual British Motorcar Gathering - Hellertown Reservoir Park, Hellertown, PA. More info. at www.keystonemg.com or contact Mike Jones at the web address above.**
June 17-18	**Bellefonte Cruise In - details to follow. *CPTC Event****
June 18th	**Wings & Wheels Fly In - Meet at Flapjack's Pub, Dillsburg, PA.**
July 10th	**British Invade Gettysburg - Gettysburg Outlet Shoppes, Gettysburg, PA. Date not confirmed ... details to follow.**
Aug 4th-6th	**Roadster Factory Summer Party - Armagh, PA. Party theme and information to follow.**

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2016 Calendar of Events (continued)

Aug 7th	**CPTC General Meeting - 3:00 PM at Hoss's Steak & Sea House, Mechanicsburg, PA. All are urged to attend.**
Aug 20-21	**Duryea Hillclimb & Car Show - The Pagoda, Reading, PA. Dates not confirmed … details to follow.**
Aug 21st	**A Taste of Britain - Polo match & car show, Forney Polo Field, Rothsville, PA. Date not confirmed … details to follow.**
Sept 9-11	**Watkins Glen VGP - Watkins Glen, NY. Details to follow.**
Sept 18th	**CPTC Summer Picnic … date & location not confirmed.**
Sept 24-25	**Meeting of the Marques - Carlisle, PA. Held in conjunction with the Harvest of the Arts Festival. More info in this newsletter.**
Oct 16th	**Fall Leaf Tour - details to follow. CPTC Event**
Nov 6th	**CPTC General Meeting - 3:00 PM at Hoss's Steak & Sea House, Mechanicsburg, PA. All are urged to attend.**
Dec 4th	**CPTC Christmas Party - location not confirmed, details to follow.**

Steele Motors Tech Session

March 12th - 10:00 AM

Steele Motors
700 Enola Road
West Fairview, PA

This session will focus on tips for spring maintenance and prepping your car for the upcoming driving season.

Join us a bit earlier for coffee and stay for lunch following the session. A small fee will be required for the lunch buffet.

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

Scottsdale Auto Auctions
~ An Arizona Sojourn ~
By Cliff & Kathy Grube

Three days after the recent 30" snowfall/ blizzard, Kathy & I departed for warm, sunny Scottsdale, Arizona with the intent to visit the five car auctions taking place there. About 250,000 people attend these auctions where more than 1000 collector cars cross the auction block. It had been over 15 years since we first attended the Barrett-Jackson Auction and were astounded as to how large it has become. It is hard to grasp the sheer size of the production by watching it on TV. The major manufacturers were there promoting their performance vehicles (with the opportunity to take a ride with a professional driver), as well as countless vendors. Entertainment and seminars abounded, as well as food and drink. Before and after the cars enter the auction block, they are displayed in large tents where even those (like us) who did not have a bidding number could view the cars up close. After a car is sold the sale price is written on the window sticker; so, even if we didn't witness the car being sold, we could see what it brought. The auction ran for 6 days; so, many cars were sold before we arrived on Wednesday. I thought the prices were pretty strong in most instances. Most of the cars were sold with no reserve and some sold way below the cost of reconstruction or restoration. There was a nice early TR 6, brown in color, that went for $18K, which I thought was a nice car and a good buy.



A small mouth TR3, freshly painted in a very non-original metallic blue went for $21K ...



And a TR4A with Judson supercharger (not a great car by any means) that sold for $37K.

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Scottsdale (Continued)



There were a few MGs and Healeys; but mostly American muscle cars and, interestingly, resto-rods with old style bodies on modern chassis and drive trains. We left Barrett-Jackson very impressed. These folks have done this for many years and know how to put on a party.

The next day we went to the RM Sotheby Auction held at the Arizona Biltmore Resort and Spa. Those of you who have attended the Hershey event know that RM puts on a first class auction without all the hype and theatrics that we see on TV. As expected, this was first class all the way with many of the cars expected to sell in the millions. The cars were perfect, the grounds were spectacular. We watched as the cars were moved from an indoor parking area to the auction site and it was fun to hear them as well as see them in motion. Some sounded great, some not so much. Some even smoked a bit; but, hey, most of these cars will not be driven, they are art forms and investments.

The Russo and Steele auction is similar to the Barrett-Jackson auction of a few years ago. There were some cars of lesser quality mixed in with some fantastic ones. You really needed to look them over quite well. Unlike Barrett-Jackson, when the cars sold, the selling price was not written on the sticker; so I'll need to wait for a few weeks until the website posts the prices. Since the site is in the desert, dust was an issue with the cars needing to be cleaned off before entering the block. No Triumphs at this sale; but four Healeys, all not sold while we were there. These folks are trying very hard; but they have a way to go before attaining the Barrett-Jackson standards.

Another major auction going on at the same time in the Scottsdale area is the Gooding Auction with very high priced stuff - last year's 1959 Ferrari 250GT LWB California Spider bringing $7,700,000. A similar level of cars is offered at the Bonhams Auction, which probably would have been very interesting as they were offering more than 20 rare Porsches and a 1953 Fiat 8v Zagato Elaborata, one of five made. The fifth auction in the area is the Silver Auction which offers cars in a wide price and quality range; but the early listings didn't include anything that interested me.

Scottsdale is a beautiful city with fine restaurants, great shopping, a quaint historic "old city" and friendly people. Something to consider for next year.

**Cliff & Kathy Grube are longtime CPTC members, contributors to* Triumph News *… and really nice folks!*

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Flying High with Triumph

Maritella, internationally famed aerialist, and husband Don Woods chose a 1959 TR-3 as the "under-stander" for her new act, "which features stunts atop a 25-foot pole, mounted securely in the TR". While she performs, her husband drives the car through a series of intricate maneuvers.



Maritella, who starred abroad before becoming a featured aerialist with the Ringling, Pollack and Oren Davenport Circuses, and Woods selected the Triumph because of its frame strength and suspension, handling qualities and stability in action.

Her act, including neck swivels, back ankle drops and toe hangs, is performed at speeds between 25 and 50 miles per hour.

Woods is a thrill car and race driver who plans to compete in E Production racing when not on tour.

Editor's Note:
The above article was gleaned from the 1959 TSOA files. Many thanks to longtime member Jerry Frasso for his research efforts!



Jefferson 500
Summit Point Motorsports Park
Summit Point, WV
May 12-15, 2016

VRG Drivers School (May 11th & 12th)

FREE Open Practice Day (May 12th)

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Event Co-Chairmen: Cal Trumbo and Jim Karamanis, Tel: 304-449-7050. Email: j500@vrgonline.org

**CPTC member Rich Roenigk is making plans to attend … anyone wishing to join his caravan is asked to contact Rich at: rroenigk@aol.com*



Another Phoenix Prepares to Rise from the Ashes

CPTC member Bob Logan has just begun the restoration process on his '71 TR6.



To this point, some minor body work has been done and 3 fenders are in primer. Bob is now in the process of verifying the 'ran when parked' claims on the engine and transmission! All are welcome to stop by and inspect the work in progress. Bob lives in Green Hills, just south of Reading … he may have a 'spanner' to fit your hand and, of course, there is beer!

We'll look forward to updates from Bob as his project moves ahead and we wish him the luck we all know he will need.

2015 MoM Winners





Vintage British Class
1st Place: '66 Austin Healey 3000 MK III
Owners: Steve & Joy Caldwell of Chambersburg, PA.





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newsletter@cptc.org



Planning to Sell Your LBC?

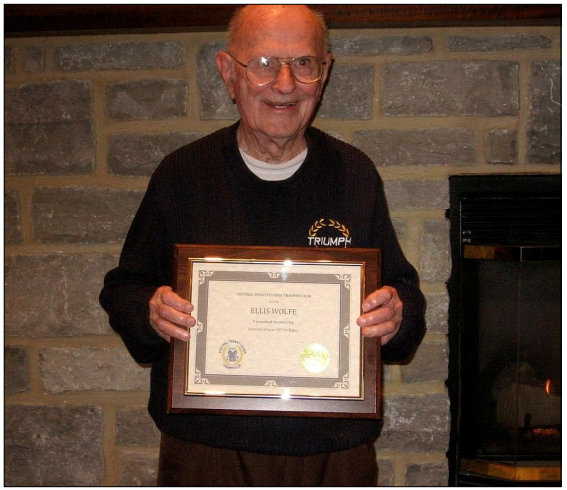
Here is a noteworthy tip from David Stuursma, Editor of *Moss Motoring:*

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.

Winter Wonderland Brunch
~ A Special Day ~

One of the brightest spots during our recent Brunch was the celebration of CPTC's most 'seasoned' member's 95th birthday! Ellis Wolfe of Dillsburg, PA was awarded CPTC's first-ever 'Perpetual Membership' to honor his special day!



Ellis continues to participate in Club activities and still drives his '72 Spitfire on occasion. For those who have not met him, don't pass up the next opportunity to chat with a knowledgeable and interesting guy and a genuinely nice person! All the best on your birthday, Ellis, and our wishes for many more to enjoy!

Editor's Note:
Full coverage of the Winter Wonderland Brunch at Allenberry Resort will appear in the April issue of *Triumph News*. Until then, suffice to say that the food and the service were truly outstanding and a fine day was had by all!





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The Brokerage

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1968 Triumph GT6 Mk1 Fastback - all new brake components, complete fuel system w/Stromberg carbs, lights, wiring & electrical system, windshield, radiator … over $8000 in parts during the 3 year restoration. Owned since 1974 – car always garaged. $9995 OBO. Call or text John Beck (Non-member) at 412-605-9067 or email john.beck@fcfins.com . Link to vehicle photos: http://www.the-roadster-factory.com/Classifiedsform.php [Listed 2/16]

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]

PARTS & EQUIPMENT

Interior panels - New wheel arch panels, black, purchased for '67 Triumph GT6, Spit Bits price is $160 + S & H. Will sell for $110. Contact Ken Drye (Member) - email: akdrye@gmail.com or call 301-271-4042. [Listed 3/16]

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The Brokerage (Continued)

Triumph Parts - Rebuilt Lucas starter, TRF part# LUS 3512, fits Spitfire, maybe GT6. New in box: $100. Aftermarket MoMo black, GT leather-wrapped steering wheel, fits Spitfire/GT6. Used, shows some wear: $20. Contact Cliff Grube (Member) at 484-529-9078 or email grube261@aol.com [Listed 3/16]

Wanted to Buy - Windshield and driver's side rear fender for TR6. Please contact Bob Logan (Member) at boblogan61@gmail.com or call 610-401-0834. [Listed 2/16]

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]

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]

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The Triumph Lunch Bunch

The next meeting of the **Lunch Bunch** will take place at noon on **Thursday**, March 17, 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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Write to: VTR-E-New Membership, PO Box 655, Howell, MI, 48844 or visit **www.vtr.org** for more information and a membership application.

CPTC Events Coordinator

Tom Miceli
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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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