TRIUMPH NEWS

The Newsletter of the Central Pennsylvania Triumph Club

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Our hope is that the remainder of this year's outings will be much more reminiscent of the photo above; rather than the hot, humid and wet weather that has plagued events since spring arrived! ***Photo - 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

WOW, it has been hot! The National Watch and Clock Museum run was canceled due to the excessive heat. Just plain too hot for LBCs and their drivers. Let's hope Mark & Dorothy reschedule this run in the future.

The Club picnic is Sept 18th. It's not too late to send John Krause your check if you plan to attend. Please consider bringing along an item or two for the Silent Auction. Proceeds help subsidize our club operations and parties. Remember, the more tickets you purchase the more chances you have to win a prize.

There are still plenty of upcoming events to fill your calendar. Our club picnic, the Watkins Glen VGP weekend, a Gettysburg tour/run hosted by Jeff Small, and the MoM event in Carlisle.

Our general meeting in August had a pitiful turnout. Hopefully the next one, scheduled for Sunday November 6th , will be better attended. Same time, same location, 3:00 pm - Hoss's in Mechanicsburg. Election of officers will be on the agenda - Vice President, Treasurer and Webmaster.

While I'm talking about officers, we really do need some volunteers to help out. Our webmaster is in dire need of help. He is the only member who knows how to maintain the site. Joe is more than willing to take someone under his wing and show them the ropes. He says it is not as hard as you may think. If you have some computer ability or an interest is helping out, please have a chat with him.

Remember to keep up to date by checking the club website and newsletter for all the latest news.

Keep Calm and Motor On!

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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.

Aug. 26-28 **British Car Festival - DelGrosso's Amusement Park, Altoona, PA. Sponsored by DelGrosso's & Central PA British Car Club. Caravan is planned - contact John Krause at 717-797-9762 for more info.** ***CPTC Event****

Aug 28th **A Taste of Britain - Polo match & car show, Forney Polo Field, Rothsville, PA. 11:00 AM - 4:00 PM. Over 250 British vehicles, pre-registration fee: $15/car, sponsored by LANCO MG Club. Benefits the Central PA Food Bank. Contact Larry at 717-285-7379 or email MG1lanco@comcast.net for registration information.**

Sept. 1st **CPTC Board Meeting - 7:00 PM at the Krause's. Please call Tom at 717-469-2379, if you plan to attend.**

Sept 9-11 **Watkins Glen VGP - Watkins Glen, NY. for Festival info. and event registration, visit www.grandprixfestival.com. The CPTC caravan will leave from the Harrisburg area at 10:00 AM on Sept. 9th. Please contact John Krause for details - email: vp@cptc.org**

Sept. 10th **Gettysburg Battlefield Tour - Driving tour of the historic battlefield with short stops at the most important monuments. Meet at Flap Jack's Pub on US Rte.15 in Dillsburg, PA. The group will leave at 11:00 AM sharp and we hope to wrap up the tour around 3:00 PM, with dinner at the nearby Pike Restaurant to follow. Questions or suggestions: contact Tom Miceli @ 717-423-5650 or Jeff Small @ 717-574-2775. CPTC Event**

Sept 18th **CPTC Summer Picnic - scheduled for the Park Inn by Radisson picnic grounds on the Carlisle Pike in Mechanicsburg, PA. Burgers, sausages & related picnic food, dessert, drinks & adult beverage. Cost: $25/person; $10/child under 12. Non-members: $29/person; $12/child. Mark the date and send your check to the address on the back of this newsletter - A good time is guaranteed!**

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2016 Calendar of Events (continued)

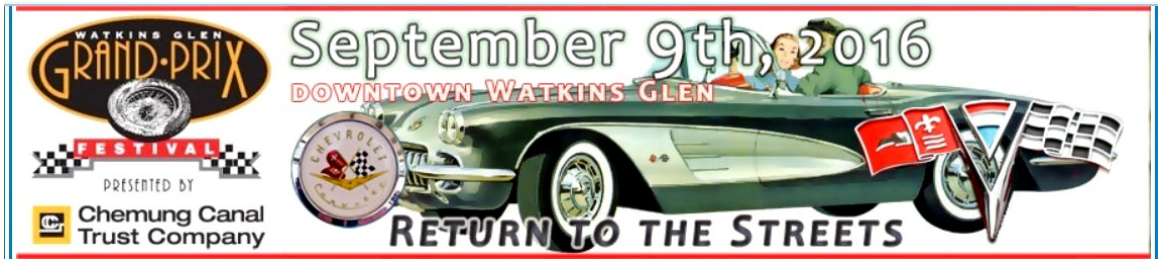
Sept 24-25 **Meeting of the Marques - Carlisle, PA. Day One is the Artistry on Wheels Motorshow held in conjunction with the Harvest of the Arts Festival. Day Two is the Artistry in Motion Driving Tour over back roads of Central PA, ending with dinner at a local restaurant. More information in this newsletter and at www.MeetingoftheMarks.com**

Oct. 6th **CPTC Board Meeting - 7:00 PM at the Billett's. Please call Tom at 717-469-2379, if you plan to attend.**

Oct 16th **Fall Leaf Tour - meet in the Cocoaplex Movie Theater parking lot (1150 Cocoa Ave.) in Hershey, PA at 1:00 PM for a 1.5 hour tour of Dauphin, Lancaster & Lebanon counties. Dinner to follow at Funck's Restaurant (644 W. Main St.) in Palmyra, PA around 3:00 PM. CPTC Event**

Nov 6th **CPTC General Meeting - 3:00 PM at Hoss's Steak & Sea House, Mechanicsburg, PA. Elections will be held for the offices of VP, Treasurer & Webmaster. All are urged to attend - let's have a great turnout for this very important meeting!**

Dec 4th **CPTC Christmas Party - Hershey Italian Lodge, 128 Hillcrest Rd., Hershey, PA. - 1:00 PM to 5:00 PM in the Banquet Room. Details to follow.**



Spring Run *Redeux* … Uh, oh!
August 21, 2016

Unfortunately, the Spring Run was again cancelled due to overcast skies and showers, interspersed with torrential downpours! Our tour organizers, Marty and Jane Shoop, wisely decided to heed the gloomy forecast of the 90% chance of thunderstorms and heavy rains and suggested a cancellation a couple of days prior to the event. As luck would have it, it turned out to be one of those rare occasions when the forecasters were right on the money!



All is not lost, however. We still have a number of events coming up: British Car Festival, Taste of Britain, Watkins Glen, Summer Picnic, Meeting of the Marques, Fall Leaf Tour and (Marty & Jane willing) the Spring Run in 2017! Please join us for as many as possible … always a fun time.

Tech Tip
TR3 Choke Cable Problems

A recent email post by Charles Runyan, owner of The Roadster Factory, brought to light the myriad problems which have plagued TR3 owners from the beginning. The problem Charles mentioned was that the choke cable was very hard to pull. He solved his problem by changing the clevis to fit **inside** the carburetor jet levers (as the owner's handbook states) rather than **straddling** them … the choke cable now pulls out about 3 inches.

An internet search revealed many others who are experiencing similar problems. Here are a few suggested fixes:

1) Remove sharp bends in the cable, both under the dash and in the engine bay. Consider rerouting the cable to provide a straighter path to the carburetors.

2) Remove the choke cable and lube the entire length with graphite grease.

3) Depress accelerator slightly before pulling choke cable to release tension.

4) When rebuilding the carburetors:

- Soak the cork jet seals in oil overnight.

- Replace springs inside carb jet housing.

- Polish jets to a shine. The originals were polished; but modern replacements often are not.

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Tech Tip (Continued)

Editor's Note:

For those who may have an interest, The Roadster Factory stocks reprints of the TR3 owner's handbook entitled: *Practical Hints for the Maintenance of the Triumph T.R. 3*

In Need of Some Inspiration?

Anyone contemplating a restoration project should take a moment to check out this website: www.tr3b.com

A story of a ground up restoration of a 'basket case' project car purchase in California, by a gentleman from Spain, who then transformed this beast into a magnificent TR3B. In this case, the 'B' definitely stands for Beauty!

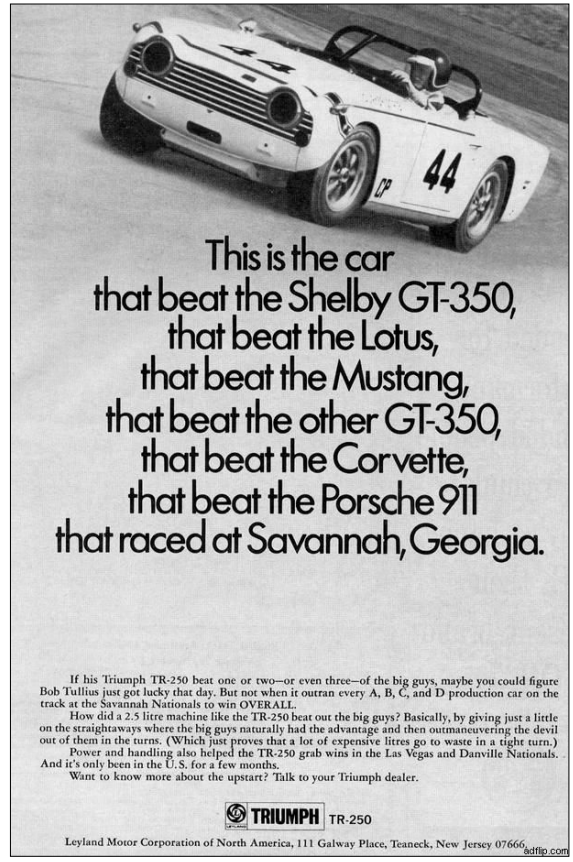
***Submitted by Rich Roenigk**

Items Needed for Silent Auction

The CPTC Summer Picnic is scheduled for the Park Inn by Radisson picnic grounds in Mechanicsburg on Sept. 18th and items for our popular Silent Auction are needed.

If you have an item you wish to donate, please call Bill Shover at 717-249-4463 or email him at wsspjs@pa.net

THANK YOU!



Group 44 - Triumph TR250
*Ad/photo: 1968

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

A Funny Thing (Not!) Happened On the Way to the BIG

~ By Dennis Ward

So, July 10th is a gorgeous day … Cindy and I are cruising along in the TR4, following Cindy's sister and her husband in their 'Vette. We were on US Rte 30, just entering Gettysburg on our way to the British Invade Gettysburg (BIG) event, when we heard an earsplitting Screeeeeee! … and the car died. The red light came on in the dash and I was able to drift to the side of the road. No spitting or sputtering, just stopped dead.

I thought it was the transmission, which has been making some odd noises lately; but that shouldn't cause the engine to stop, right? There was a brief smell of burning rubber. Maybe the generator froze, or something connected to the belt? Water pump? That would stop the belt. Right?



Not quite how I had planned to enjoy one of my favorite events! Fortunately, AAA was there in 30 minutes got us back home and into the garage. Now to figure out what happened …

As it turned out, the correct answer was 'C' … the water pump. Kelby Steele and the Steele Motors crew soon had the problem diagnosed and corrected and I was able to drive the car home the next day.



"THE TR-4 IS HARD TO CRITICIZE!"

These were the words of one of the world's leading motoring writers, Jesse Alexander, European Editor of CAR and DRIVER magazine. In the February '62 issue of the magazine, he reported:

"My first thought was, 'What a great car for the beginner to cut his teeth on.' We discovered the TR4 to be a friendly car, surprisingly quiet with super-safe road manners - largely due to its wider track - even in the wet (rainstorms coming and going in the usual English manner). We liked the revised instrumentation, the two fresh-air vents on each side of the dash and, most of all, we approved of the space in the TR-4, with generous room behind the seats and in the trunk. The slightly larger engine gives more than just enough power and a novice sports car driver can learn effectively how to use the accelerator in cornering.

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Hard to Criticize (Continued)

Triumph sales people were talking about a gigantic overseas and domestic order boom during the Earls Court Show and it's our opinion that, with such saleable merchandise, they can't go far wrong.

The TR-4 is hard to criticize."

Editor's Note:

The above article was taken from the 1962 issue of the *TSOA* files. Many thanks to CPTC member Jerry Frasso for his research efforts.

Your Help Is Needed!

To assist in our efforts to keep our membership information current, please email or call John Krause with changes in your contact information.
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Saturday, September 24th

Meeting of the Marques (Artistry on Wheels Motorshow) is held in conjunction with the Harvest of the Arts Festival in Carlisle, PA. Registration is $15/car.

Sunday, September 25th

Artistry in Motion Driving Tour - a driving tour of about 80 miles over back roads in Central PA, with interesting stops along the way. Finish with dinner (order from menu) at a picturesque restaurant. Cost is $10 for the driver and $5/passenger.

Pre-registration is required for both events
Register for either or both events at:
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July 10-16, 2016



A photo collage of a few of the stellar Triumph automobiles which participated in the PVGP/British Car Day at Schenley Park - *Photos by Stan Carpenter*

'Fast Pursuit Car'



The sixties saw the rise of British sports cars - getting better, faster and capable of outrunning most other cars on the road, including police cars!

Some law enforcement agencies realized that they were being outpaced by bad guys with modern performance vehicles. One such concerned Superintendent was Bill Burles of the Southend on Sea Co. Borough Constabulary of Essex County, England. Burles ordered this 1964 TR4 to fill the new role of 'Fast Pursuit Car'. Of course, the new, unmarked Triumph needed to be brought up to Constable cruiser standards …



**Text and photos adapted from the Petrolicious website*

New Protocol for Purchase of Club Regalia

Holly's Embroidery is the exclusive embroiderer for our club. You can now select men's or women's styles in a wide range of clothing from the full inventory of Holly's catalog.

Call or email Holly with your request, telling her that you are a member of the Central Pennsylvania Triumph Club. She will calculate the cost of the item, embroidery and shipping and get back to you with a price. Pay with a check or credit card and the item will be shipped to your door. View her catalog at www.sanmar.com. Email HollysEmbroidery@comcast.net or call her at (717) 599-5975.

Twenty-Seventh Annual

"A Taste Of Britain"

British Vehicle Show

Hosted by the LANCO MG Club

Dash Plaques to the first 170 Vehicles - No Judging

SUNDAY, AUGUST 28, 2016

Forney Polo Field - 70 Church Street, Rothsville, Pa 17543

GPS: Latitude N 40° 08' 49" or N 40° 08.825' Longitude W 76° 14' 59" or W 76° 14.985'

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For futher information Call: Larry (717) 285-7379
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A Little Help, Please!

Our Webmaster, Joe Laurito, could use a little help. What he really needs is assistance in maintaining our Club 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 (and who doesn't???), please contact him at 717-652-8636 or web@cptc.org

The Brokerage

Where Buyers Meet Sellers

1951 Riley RMB Saloon – Color: Brown; rare left hand drive; bins of spare parts; clean AZ title; condition: restorable; car is located in Scottsdale, AZ; Price: $7000. Contact Steven Stralser (Non-member) at 602-540-4837 or Stralser@gmail.com For more info., see link to Hemmings ad at **http://www.hemmings.com/classifieds/cars-for-sale/riley/rmb/1815100.html** [Listed 8/16]

1957 TR3 (small mouth) - Blue exterior, 54,000 miles, electric overdrive, hundreds of spare parts. The car is in excellent condition; but is an unfinished restoration which has been in our family for 50 years. The vehicle is located in Berkeley Springs, WV. Complete description & photos available at: http://washingtondc.craigslist.org/mld/cto/5659276680.html Price: $22,500 with spare parts, OBO without. Contact Mark Schwenk (Non-member) at 304-676-4599 or mark@frogvalley.com [Listed 7/16]

1962 Triumph Spitfire - Restoration project/parts car; located in Northampton, PA; reasonable offers considered. Call Mary (Non-member) at 814-317-5578 for photos and more information. [Listed 6/16]

1971 TR6 Project - Ran when parked; 3 fenders done, balance of car to finish. Two extra doors, hardtop, new interior still in bags - $4000. Please contact Bob Logan (Member) at boblogan61@gmail.com or call 610-401-0834. [Listed 5/16]

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]

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The Brokerage (Continued)

PARTS & EQUIPMENT

Rebuilt TR6 Engine - Head & block done by Dorman Machine in Mill Hall, PA. All new bearings, pistons, internals; rebuilt carbs; head, timing chain cover & pan gaskets not installed so buyer can verify work; photos upon request; may visit to inspect. Price: $3000, $2500 w/o carbs & intake manifold. Contact Chad (Member) at 570-295-7069 or email chad.l.sample@gmail.com [Listed 8/16]

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]

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 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**, Sept. 15, 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.





Put-in-Bay, Ohio. South Bass Island on Lake Erie, near Sandusky, OH. Racing features vintage Formula Vees & Jrs; but owners/drivers of all types of vintage sports cars are welcome to participate in the car show/activities. For more info, visit: www.pibroadrace.com

Stuff That's Good to Know

Need an extra set of keys for your LBC ? Duty's Lock Safe & Security, Inc., located at 3101 Gettysburg Road, Camp Hill, PA, has key blanks for most makes of British cars - stop in or give them a call 717-761-6337

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 and includes 4 issues of *The Vintage Triumph* magazine and newsletter. 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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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.

Central Pennsylvania Triumph Club
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1972 Jaguar XKE
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