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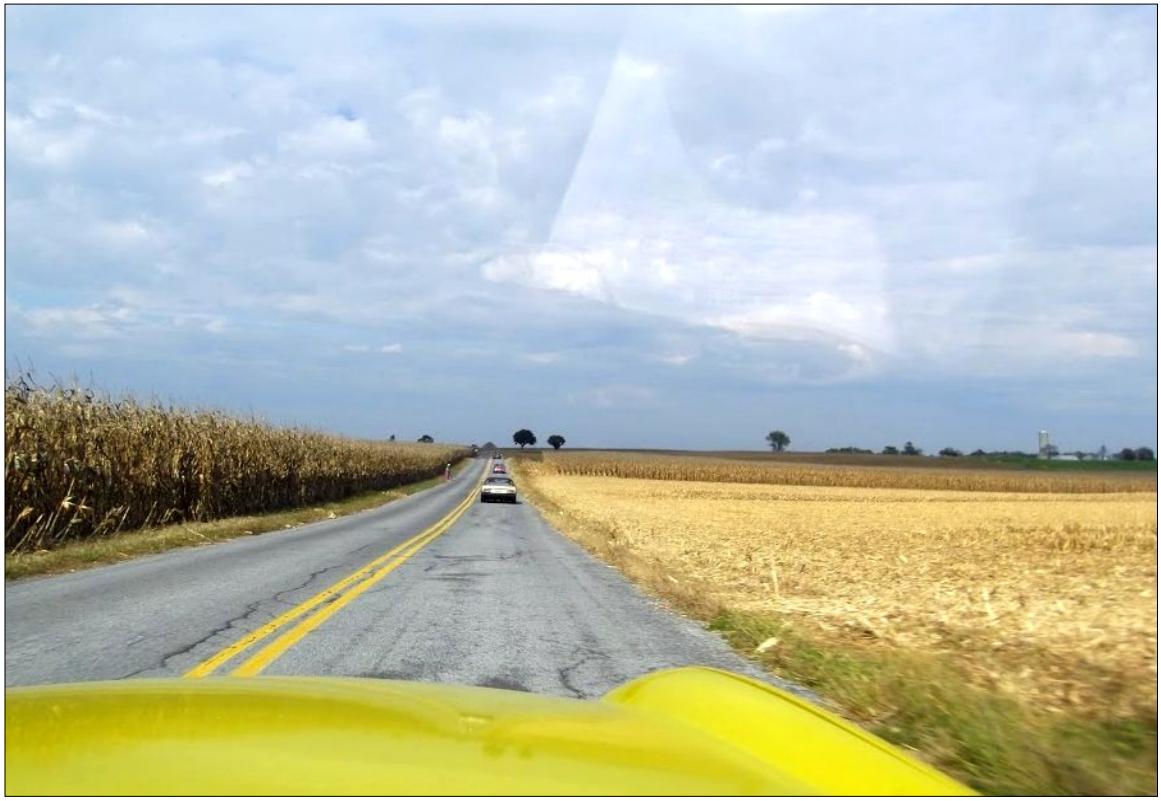

A column of LBCs rolls through the fertile farmlands of Lancaster County during a portion of our recent Fall Leaf Tour - a great day and a most enjoyable drive! ***Photo by Michele Laurito***

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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

Finally, cooler temperatures and lower humidity, even some much needed rain. I personally love hot weather; but this summer was a little warmer than usual.

Speaking of cooler temperatures, the Fall Leaf Tour was partly cloudy and mild - a lovely October day with a nice showing of members and their LBCs. Sue and I hope everyone enjoyed the run and our final destination of Funck's Diner in Palmyra seemed to be a great end to the driving season.

Our General Meeting will be held on Sunday, November 6th at 3:00 p.m. at Hoss's Steak & Sea House, just off of US Rte. 15, near Mechanicsburg. Please try to attend. Election for the offices of Vice President, Treasurer and Webmaster will be held. Come out to vote, learn more about upcoming events and voice your opinions.

The Club's Christmas Party is just around the corner - Sunday, December 4th from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. at the Hershey Italian Lodge. .An Italian buffet will be served and a cash bar will be available. Again we will hold a gift exchange. If you wish to participate, please bring a wrapped gift in the $10.00 to $20.00 range. The party is always a good time with lots of laughs and camaraderie. Mark your calendar and make plans to attend. Please send your check for $25.00 per person to CPTC, P.O. Box 493, Mechanicsburg, PA 17072. Hope to see you there!

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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.

Nov 6th **CPTC General Meeting - 3:00 PM at Hoss's Steak & Sea House, 61 Gettysburg Pike, Mechanicsburg, PA. Elections will be held for the offices of Vice President, Treasurer & Webmaster. All are urged to attend - let's have a great turnout for this very important meeting! Call Tom at 717-469-2379 and let him know if you plan to attend.**

Dec 4th **CPTC Christmas Party - Hershey Italian Lodge, 128 Hillcrest Rd., Hershey, PA. - 1:00 PM to 5:00 PM in the Banquet Room. Italian buffet and cash bar. Gift exchange for those who wish to take part. Cost - $25/person. Make plans now to attend and send your checks to the Club address shown on the last page of this newsletter.**

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3 Triumphs Up For Immediate Sale!

1975 TR6 - Complete; but needs body work & engine rebuild. Color: black
1974 Spitfire Needs body work and engine re-assembly. Color: red
1968 TR250 - Complete; but needs body work; has wire wheels; ran when parked. Original green color has been removed. Spare parts for all 3 cars, plus TR4A engine and 8 doors to fit TR4A. Cars and parts are located in Etters, PA.

If interested, contact David Adams (Non-member) at: 717-938-1193 before Oct. 23nd.

Meeting of the Marques

Carlisle, PA
September 24, 2016

On a fine Saturday in September, a bevy of British cars, along with some Detroit iron and a variety of other makes, gathered in Carlisle for the car show and the Harvest of the Arts Festival.





A good many British autos lined the street adjacent to Dickinson College, its beautiful campus situated in the heart of downtown Carlisle.



There were vendors and cars aplenty ...





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Meeting of the Marques (Cont.)

CPTC was well represented with entries such as Cliff Grube's TR4 …



Denny Ward's TR4 & R. Roenigk's TR4A.



Perry County Traffic Control showed up in force …



Likely in response to the rumor that the Miele's TR6 & the Billett's GT6 were loose and on the road again!



A great day to be out and about in your LBC and enjoy a fine show in a wonderful venue. We certainly hope you can join us next year!

**Photos by J. Miele*

The Inaugural Coatesville Vintage Grand Prix

~ By John Schmoyer

During the period from the 1880's through the 1970's, the Chester County city of Coatesville, PA shared a common thread with Pittsburgh, the industrial behemoth in western Pennsylvania - the production of steel. While Coatesville continues to produce steel within its city limits (Sadly, Pittsburgh does not), the two cities now share a second common thread ... the hosting of a vintage automobile grand prix.



Situated along the Brandywine River and built upon the *Old Lancaster Turnpike* (USA's 1st toll road, dating to 1795), Coatesville (population:13,100), through the efforts of the CVGP Executive Committee and City Council, laid out a 2.2 mile race course through the streets in anticipation of the September 24th event.

Judging from the many residents and car buffs lining the streets and meandering through the pits, this inaugural Grand Prix was very well received and embraced by all in attendance.



The author's shining,'60 TR3A (silver with red trim) on display prior to the race.

Participating cars were sorted into groups including "priceless entries", *i.e.* don't even think about nearing their car while at speed, pre-1965 vintage race cars, and pre-1940 open wheel race cars. An 'Isle of Man TT-Type Interval' start green-flagged each driver as he/she queued at the line. Hay-bale chicanes were strategically placed to tamp down speeds of the higher horsepower racers.



1969 Ferrari 365 Daytona Coupe

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Coatesville Vintage GP (Cont.)

Should you ask if any famous or colorful figures participated in the CVGP, the answer is, "Yes" as former Eagles head coach (1976 to 1982) Dick Vermeil and his 1927 Miller Schofield Sprint Car ...



and Richard "Dick" Miles both fit the bill. Doubling as both race starter and Race and Compliance Director, Dick Miles, at the driver's meeting, told of promoting/ selling the event to City Council as merely being "a rolling car show".

Realizing that some drivers may want to 'amp up' their overall speed, driving with a degree of caution was impressed upon them ... similar to the sales slogan used by MG during the '50's & '60's that read, "Safety Fast".



1936 Indy Champion - the Bear Special

Given the abundance of volunteers and police to assist in keeping spectators out of harm's way, numerous sidewalk food vendors, race announcements, 1960's music blaring through the sound system, the *Victory Beer* Garden and many local business sponsors, there is likely a high probability of a second CVGP being held in 2017.



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Coatesville Vintage GP (Cont.)

Postscript: Four days before the event, I contacted Dick Miles with regard to my wish to observe and write a brief article for the *CENTRAL PA TRIUMPH CLUB*. In the course of our conversation, my mention of owning a TR3 caused him to not only invite me to park in a cordoned off area; but, "What the heck, why don't you participate?!?" Having only driven parade laps on several hill climb courses and at Watkins Glen, who was I to decline an offer to be a Grand Prix driver?

**Photos by John Schmoyer*

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.



CPTC Christmas Party
December 4, 2016

1:00 PM - Banquet Room
Hershey Italian Lodge
Hershey, PA

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Brits on the Beach

Sept. 17, 2016

~ By Bob Iwan

The alarm clock woke me at 4:50 AM and I thought to myself, "Do I really want to go?"... Answer: "YES!"

So, I packed all my stuff (camera, extra batteries, directions, GPS, sun block, pens, etc.), in my duffle, filled the cooler with drinks and protein bars, put both in the TR8, fired her up and off we went. Around 9:30 AM, I arrived at the main gate in Ocean Grove, NJ. Wow! Half the display area was already filled. Following directions from the Positive Earth Drivers Club (show organizer) members, I parked and then wandered over to the bakery for needed provisions - they sell out fast on show day!



That accomplished, I picked up my registration packet and got down to the real reason for the ride, the CARS!

I had preregistered in April as I knew the show fills quickly, having only about 250 spots, and I didn't want to be one of the guys at the gate waiting for a no-show.

Started my wandering and picture taking at the Wedge division, 8 present & 3 of them were eights,



and then continued up and down the street several times to get all my shots and take time to view all the interesting cars - and people & buildings.



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Brits on the Beach (Cont.)

Then I wandered around a couple blocks, including the beach, and took some more shots.





The town was founded in the 1800's and a unique feature of the town (to this day) is the 115 tents used by longtime residents for summer living at the beach. They are leased, some having been in the same family for 100 years, and continue to be passed down.



The waiting list for them is 10 years long; but I digress ... There were some very nice cars there this year.





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Brits on the Beach (Cont.)



All of the shops were open, the crowds were large and the weather was sunny all day. You couldn't ask for a nicer venue or better result!

'Til next time …

**Photos by Bob Iwan*

Another Successful Auction

~ By Bill Shover

I wish to thank all the members who donated items to the recent Summer Picnic Auction at the Park Inn. Unfortunately, the event was held indoors due to the forecast of rain; but that did not deter the enthusiasm of the attendees who participated in the auction. With your donations, the auction was once again a great success.

The following businesses also donated items for the auction, Thom Glace Watercolors, Moss Motors, Victoria British, Amsterdam Printing, Little British Car Company, Steele Motors, W.H. Wessels Used Cars Inc., Triumph Rescue and Classic Motorsports. Please consider patronizing these businesses when making purchases. Also, to those who did not donate items, thank you for purchasing tickets in hopes of winning one of the many nice items. Once again, the CPTC members made the auction a success!

Editor's Note: A special **Thank You** is due Bill Shover for his handling of all things related to the Silent Auctions at our annual picnics - great work, Bill !!!

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The Brokerage

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1981 Triumph TR7 - Fair condition $3,500 OBO. Mileage 61,502. Repainted in original color (Bordeaux Red) about 12 years ago. Newer tan convertible top, original tan interior. Needs new tires and has some minor electrical hiccups. Last worked on at Triumph Rescue. Garage kept since 1999 - Presently in Hackettstown, NJ. Contact owner (Non-member) via email: mybluedaisies@comcast.net or text (preferred) to: 973-906-6572 [Listed 11/16]

1974 Triumph TR-6 - 79,500 original miles; Pimento Red with black interior. Body and frame are rust and accident-free; all original panels and original chrome bumpers. The following has been done: rebuilt engine & transmission (both original)**;** new interior panels and carpets; rebuilt & reupholstered seats; new windshield & fittings; new top; refurbished trunk; new brakes & rear springs; original hood cover and tonneau cover. Central PA car since new and documented through the British Motor Industry Heritage Trust. Car is in Lancaster; spare parts included; pictures available. Price: $14,900. Serious inquiries only, please! Contact owner Chris Porse (Non-member) at 717-951-9983 or email ncporse@comcast.net [Listed 11/16]

1973 Mercedes 450 SL Coupe - This is a rare coupe, white with light blue interior. Ran when stored in 1991. Slight damage to fender, or quarter, and some minor rust on floor pan. All original parts - $2,000. Call Sam (Non-member) at 717-253-5849 for more information. Car is located in Hanover, PA. [Listed 11/16]

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]

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The Brokerage (Continued)

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 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. Antique auto tag, transferable. Asking $25,000.Contact Charlie Benner (Member) at 717-898-2638. [Listed 12/15]

PARTS & EQUIPMENT

Stow-able Top and Frame - fits '62 -'70 MGB. Top is in good shape; black with the original two piece frame from my '65 MGB. $350. Willing to consider trade for a nice, period correct luggage rack. Call Jeff (Member) at 717-574-2775.

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]

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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.

The Triumph Lunch Bunch

The next meeting of the **Lunch Bunch** will take place at noon on **Thursday**, November 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.

The Standard Triumph Story
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From the pre-war origins all the way to the end of the marque in 1984, this is the full history of Standard Triumph. In addition to all the new interviews, new video and archive material we've dipped into the Triumph DVD archives for this one to include as many of the men who were there at the time as possible.

Full details of this and all other Triumph DVD releases can be seen on http://www.triumphdvd.co.uk ; but remember to use the previous customer page before purchasing - you will find all titles are at lower cost. The address for that page is http://www.bfcc.biz/triumphdvd/shopspecials.html - this new double disc with a total running time of almost four hours is just £12.95 on that page.

**Submitted by Stan Carpenter*

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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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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