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The buffet line forms to kick off the recent CPTC Christmas Party at the Hershey Italian Lodge - Good food & good times!

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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! I usually don't make it to midnight on New Year's Eve; that doesn't stop me from celebrating, however!

If you missed our holiday gathering, you missed a wonderful time. The Hershey Italian Club provided a wonderful atmosphere and good food and our membership provided 48 of nicest people you're ever likely to meet! I believe we should return there for next year's party. Check out the pictures in the newsletter and there are even more on our website. Just click on the recent events tab and pick the event you wish to view. There's a whole year of fun pictures to see.

With the start of the New Year, the Board will begin working on the calendar of events for the coming year. Hopefully, we will be able to fill the summer driving season with some old standbys and add a mix of new and fun events. If anyone has an idea or an event they wish to host, please contact our Events Coordinator, Tom Miceli.

Tom is more than willing to schedule and help to promote your idea or event.

We're all hoping the coming driving season weather and temperatures will be more LBC friendly than they were for much of last year. Stay tuned to our newsletter and website for all the latest and greatest CPTC news!

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Tom



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Check out this gorgeous Triumph Italia - now on display at the AACA Museum, 161 Museum Drive, Hershey, PA. This fine automobile is a prominent part of the exhibit, *Amore della Strada*, which features an array of beautiful Italian autos. The exhibit will remain at the museum through April 22, 2017.

**Photo by John Krause*



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CPTC Christmas Party
Hershey , PA
December 4, 2016



Partygoers began arriving at the Hershey Italian Lodge ... many bearing gifts!



There was time to greet old friends and to make some new ones throughout the afternoon ... as well as enjoy a libation or two!



Even a moment for John Krause to model his spiffy new socks!

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Christmas Party (Cont.)



Next up was a delicious Italian buffet, enthusiastically enjoyed by all ...



Dessert was a choice between the lesser of two evils ... absolutely yummy cakes from Hershey's Chocolate World bakery.



Most of us failed to make a choice and opted for a slice of each!



Having eaten just about all we could and imbibed nearly enough, it was time to move on to the always popular (and fun) gift exchange!

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Christmas Party (Cont.)

There were many fine (and entertaining) gifts to be exchanged ...



With Skip Reed having the good fortune to possess the *Christmas Story* Leg Lamp!

**Photos by T. Billett & J. Miele*

European TR Meeting

September, 2016

Grosseto, Tuscany, Italy

~ By Gertjan Van de Klashorst

Each year a European TR Register organizes an event for members of the other European TR Registers - a tradition since 1986 when the first one was held in Belgium. This year it was Grosseto in Tuscany and, as Italy (and especially Tuscany) are very popular destinations, some 184 Triumphs from 11 countries gathered near Grosseto

www.fattorialapincipina.it/en) for a weekend of meeting old friends & making new ones, drinking and dining. Of the 184 cars, 14 teams were from the Netherlands, arriving in groups of 3-5 cars each.



The author's beautiful TR3B

The program plan: Friday afternoon welcome, drinks and dinner. Saturday was a guided drive with 4 options - to a peninsula called Argentario some 50 km away; straight to lunch for the late sleepers or a nice scenic drive; a visit to an archaeological site or a drive through a national park. Lunch was held at a beach club.

As is the custom in Italy, lunch can take a while and, as there were no menus on the table, some of the north-European guests assumed that after the entrée buffet and some wine set on the tables, the meal was finished and left; so they missed the main course! That evening there was a "gala" dinner. In the past it had been a black tie affair; it is now more casual, but no jeans or T-shirts. Sunday consisted of a drive through the city of Grosseto (with many TRs in a convoy) and then on to a wine estate for lunch ... A beautiful estate overlooking the rolling



hills of Tuscany www.frescobaldi.com/. Beautiful architecture, wonderful wines and a farewell to a wonderful weekend.



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European TR Meeting (Cont.)

The tradition after the weekend is that the host club organizes a 4-5 day tour to explore the country. In this case, 30 teams had succeeded in booking a place for this event, leaving many others to fend for themselves or organize an alternative as the Swiss and the French had done. The German and Belgium clubs went on a tour together, ably organized by a Belgian member of both clubs. We and 23 other teams were part of this tour that went east of Tuscany to the Marche and Umbria (earthquake area).

We visited Castelliuccio, a small village that had clear evidence of a recent quake and earlier that day we visited Norcia where we could put the TR3B on the Plaza, take a picture, park outside the city walls and go for a walk.



Little did we know that Norcia was near the epicenter of a recent quake and had received severe damage. Of the church on the square, only the façade is left. The stadhuis, Palazzo Comunale, of 13th Century origin, had shed all of its roof tiles. The tower was still standing, but just barely.

Also, on that day my soft top was stolen. Unbelievable! Why does one want a specially made soft top? It probably doesn't fit any other TR as it was custom made. We asked the organizers to contact the police, eBay, etc.; but no luck. So we had to drive 1,400 km back to Germany without a top. We just managed to do that, with some rain only during the last few hundred km.

To conclude, a brilliant vacation with the TR3B. The engine didn't miss a beat and consumed 1.5 liters oil while traveling over 4,000 km (2500 miles), for which the passes in the Alps were mainly responsible.



Nine liters of petrol per 100 km wasn't bad as well. Climbing up the Stelvio Pass (the highest paved mountain pass in the Eastern Alps) in particular, 2,700 meters (9045 ft.) above sea level, definitely used a bit of oil.

The original road was constructed from 1820 - 1825 and contains 75 hairpin turns. It is considered one of the greatest driving roads in the world. *[Editor]*

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European TR Meeting (Cont.)



The author's TR3B rests atop Stelvio Pass in the Italian Alps

The 2017 TR Meeting is scheduled to be held in France, Burgundy from Dijon.

**Photos by Gertjan Van de Klashorst*

Editor's Note:

The author is an informed and well-travelled member of the European community ... and knowledgeable in all things Triumph! The locales and tales of his adventures are interesting and much appreciated and, hopefully, he will share others with us in the future.

A special note of thanks is also due our own Rich Roenigk for providing a path for the rest of us to benefit from his friendship with Gertjan!



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The 15th iteration of this great event will be hosted as the featured event at the 2017 VSCDA Blackhawk Classic at Blackhawk Farms Raceway in Rockton, IL on June 16-18, 2017. The track is perfect for small bore production racing and perfect for spectators.

The Kastner Cup is awarded to one Triumph Competitor each year. The award is based on 50% for the competitive results on the race track during the event (not necessarily the winner), 25% for the presentation of the car, and 25% for the attitude and interest in Vintage racing.

The host hotel for the event is the Hampton Inn Beloit which is located 15 minutes from the track. The rate for the rooms is \$120.60/night.

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KastnerCup2017@comcast.net

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

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.

John's email and phone are located on the second page of this newsletter...

Drive Your Triumph Day - Feb. 10th

From Rye Livingston of the Triumph Travelers Sports Car Club in Northern California:

A few years ago I encouraged the members of our club to drive their Triumph on **February 10th**, to celebrate Sir John Black's Birthday, the man who organized Standard's purchase of Triumph after WWII, and went on to make the cars we enjoy driving today.

On **February 10th**, go for a drive on a country road or out to lunch, to the market, to work, where ever. Go for a drive alone, with a spouse, buddy, child, grandchild or pet dog, maybe with a few other Triumphs; then take a photo. The photo is mainly of the car, ideally in front a cool spot, landmark, scenic view or even in front of a market or hardware store. Send me the photo with basic info: name and place photo was taken.

Last year I sent out the request to a Triumph Yahoo group across the United States, and about 40 Triumph owners sent me photos of their cars while out on a drive on February 10th. Those in the northeast USA, who were snow bound with their cars tucked away under covers in their garage for the winter, were encouraged to go out and pose with their car in the garage. I coordinated all the photos and sent them to The Vintage Triumph, and Mike Cook published multiple pages of photos taken on February 10th of Triumphs around the US, in the VTR magazine.

This year I want to make it a bigger 'Drive Your Triumph Day', so I'm emailing Triumph Clubs worldwide, encouraging you to ask your members to drive their Triumph on February 10th, take a photo, and send it to me. I will organize them and work with Mike Cook to get them published in The Vintage Triumph magazine, along with our club newsletter. I've set up a special email address for your members to send me their photos:

driveyourtriumphday@gmail.com

Editor's Note:

To any CPTC members who participate in the 'Drive Your Triumph Day' - Please send a copy of your photo to me, [news-letter@cptc.org] as well as to Rye, and I will be more than happy to include them in the upcoming issues of *Triumph News*.

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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]

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]

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]

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The Brokerage (Continued)

PARTS & EQUIPMENT

Zenith Stromberg Carburetor Tools - Mixture Adjustment Tool (new) & Uni-Sys Synchronizing Tool (used once) - \$18 each, shipping included. Contact Tom Drabers (Non-member) at tdrabers@comcast.net [Listed 1/17]

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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The Triumph Lunch Bunch

The next meeting of the **Lunch Bunch** will take place at noon on **Thursday**, January 19, 2017 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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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,
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more information
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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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