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Early '50s Allard K2 - Built in the UK and powered by a Ford V8. This type of sports car was a precursor to the Sunbeam Tiger and AC Cobra.

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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'm hoping the Welcome Spring party at the West Shore Elks turns out to be a well-attended event and a real good time. The party will be on April 2nd from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the West Shore Elks Club, 108 St. John's Road, Camp Hill, PA. The Club subsidy will lower the cost to only \$22.00 per person. With a great buffet menu and a cash bar, all we need are some enthusiastic Triumph nuts to make it a success! Please send your check to our club address: P.O. Box 493, New Kingston, PA 17072. If you need any more information, please see the notice in this newsletter or on our website.

I recently checked out my shed to see how the cars were wintering over. No leaks in the roof, no "Decon" missing (so no mouse activity!) and the car covers are still in place - All good signs! Here's hoping all of our cars are pain free when we wake them up later this spring.

On behalf of the Board, I would like to thank Bill Shover for volunteering to help our webmaster, Joe Laurito, by taking on the maintenance of our club E-calendar.

I would also like to thank Rory Liebrum, who has indicated his willingness to help Joe with the routine maintenance needed to keep our website functioning properly. Kudos to both of these guys for stepping up to the plate!

Keep Calm and Motor On!

Tom



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2017 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 2nd** CPTC Board Meeting at the Laurito's home - 7:00 PM. Please call Tom at 717-469-2379, if you plan to attend.
- March 11th** Steele Motors Tech Session - 10:00 AM. 700 S. Enola Rd., Enola, PA 17025. Arrive earlier to participate in discussions, coffee and donuts. A light lunch will be provided for a small fee. CPTC Event
- April 1st** Triumph Rescue Tech Session, 617 Walnut St., Bally, PA. Coffee and donuts - 9:00 AM. Session begins at 10:00 AM - Lunch will be provided. Please RSVP to triumphs@triumphrescue.com or call : 610-845-3518
- April 2nd** CPTC 'Welcome Spring' party - West Shore Elks, Camp Hill, PA, 1:00 - 4:00 PM. Cost - \$22/person. More information on P. 10 of this newsletter. Join us for some good food and a fun time!
- April 30th** Spring Run - Tour the back roads of Cumberland & Adams counties with organizers Marty & Jane Shoop. Early dinner to follow at the Mayapple Restaurant. More information to come. CPTC Event
- May 4th** CPTC Board Meeting at the Miele's home - 7:00 PM. Please call Tom at 717-469-2379, if you plan to attend.

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2017 Calendar of Events (continued)

- May 13th** **Marysville Spring Car Show: 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM. \$10 Preregistration \$12 - Day of event. To be held at Susquenita High School, 309 Schoolhouse Road, Duncannon, PA. Proceeds benefit the 'Save our Pool' org. For details & registration, call Kim at 717-957-3110.**
- May 19-21** **Carlisle Import Show - Carlisle Fairgrounds, Carlisle, PA. Be sure to visit the CPTC tent near the grandstand during the show. Registration information at www.carlisleevents.com CPTC Event***
- June 1st** **CPTC Board Meeting at the Krause's home - 7:00 PM. Please call Tom at 717-469-2379, if you plan to attend.**
- June 16-17** **Bellefonte Cruise, Bellefonte, PA. More information to follow.**
- July 6th** **CPTC Board Meeting at the Shoop's - 7:00 PM. Please call Tom at 717-469-2379, if you plan to attend.**
- July 9th** **British Invade Gettysburg (BIG) - Gettysburg Outlet Shoppes. More information to follow.**
- Aug. 3-5** **TRF Summer Party 2017 - Driving events, car show, Field Party picnic, T-shirt. See www.the-roadster-factory.com for more details and registration information.**
- Sept.7-10** **Watkins Glen Vintage GP - Watkins Glen, NY. Information to follow.**
- Sept. 21st** **Six Pack Trials - Hershey Lodge, 325 University Drive, Hershey, PA. TR6 gathering - More information to follow.**



A Century of Triumph Part I

The Triumph Cycle Company had its beginnings in 1884 when Siegfried Bettmann emigrated from Nuremberg, Germany to Coventry, England. In 1885, Bettmann founded the S. Bettmann & Co. Import Export Agency, in London, England. Bettmann's original products were bicycles, which the company bought from other manufacturers and then sold under its own brand name. Bettmann also distributed sewing machines imported from Germany.

In 1886, Bettmann sought a more general name, and the company became known as the Triumph Cycle Company. A year later, the company registered as the New Triumph Co. Ltd., now with funding from the Dunlop Pneumatic Tyre Company. Dunlop was interested in promoting the commercial use of pneumatic bicycle tires. That same year, Bettman was joined by a partner, Maurice Schulte, also from Nuremberg. Triumph began manufacturing its own bicycles for sale in 1894.

In 1902 they began producing Triumph motorcycles at their works in Coventry on Much Park Street. At first, they used engines purchased from another company; but the business prospered and they soon started making their own engines. In 1907 they purchased a spinning mill on Priory Street to develop a new factory. Major orders for the 550 cc Model H were placed by the British Army during the First World War; by 1918 Triumph had become Britain's largest manufacturer of motorcycles.

In 1921 Bettmann was persuaded by his general manager, Claude Holbrook, to acquire the assets and Clay Lane premises of the Dawson Car Company and start producing a car and 1.4-litre engine named the Triumph 10/20, designed for them by Lea-Francis, to whom they paid a royalty for every car sold. Production of this car and its immediate successors was moderate; but this changed with the introduction in 1927 of the Triumph Super 7, which sold in large numbers until 1934.



In 1930 the company's name was changed to Triumph Motor Company. Holbrook realized he could not compete with the larger car companies for the mass market; so he decided to produce expensive cars and introduced the models *Southern Cross* and *Gloria*. These first used engines made by Triumph but designed by Coventry Climax; but in 1937 Triumph started to produce engines of their own designs by Donald Healey, who had become the company's Experimental Manager in 1934.

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A Century of Triumph (Continued)

The company encountered financial problems, however, and in 1936 the Triumph bicycle and motorcycle portions of the business were sold. In July 1939 the Triumph Motor Company went into receivership and the factory, equipment and goodwill were offered for sale. T. W. Ward purchased the company and placed Healey in charge as general manager, but the effects of the Second World War again stopped the production of cars as the Holbrook Lane works were completely destroyed by bombing in 1940.

In November 1944, what was left of the Triumph Motor Company and the Triumph trade name were bought by the Standard Motor Company - a subsidiary, "Triumph Motor Company Limited", was formed with production transferred to Standard's factory at Canley, on the outskirts of Coventry. Triumph's new owners had been supplying engines to Jaguar and its predecessor since 1938. Following an argument between Standard-Triumph Managing Director, Sir John Black, and William Lyons, the creator and owner of Jaguar, Black's plan in acquiring the rights to the name and remnants of the bankrupt Triumph business was to build a car to compete with the soon to be launched post-war Jaguars.

The pre-war Triumph models were not revived and in 1946 a new range of Triumphs was announced, starting with the Triumph Roadster. The Roadster had an aluminum body because steel was in short supply and surplus aluminum from aircraft production was plentiful.

The same engine was used for the 1800 Town and Country saloon, later named the Triumph Renown, which was notable for the styling chosen by Standard-Triumph's managing director, Sir John Black. A similar style was also used for the subsequent Triumph Mayflower light saloon. All three of these models prominently sported the "globe" badge that had been used on pre-war models. When Sir John was forced to retire from the company this range of cars was discontinued without being replaced directly, sheet aluminum having by now become an expensive alternative to sheet steel for most auto-industry purposes.

In the early 1950s, the company decided to use the Triumph name for sporting cars and the Standard name for saloons and, in 1953, the Triumph TR2 was introduced - the first of the TR series of sports cars that were produced until 1981. Curiously, the TR2 had a Standard badge on its front and the Triumph globe on its hubcaps.



To Be Continued in the April Issue ...

Steele Motors Tech Session

**700 Enola Road
West Fairview, PA
March 11, 2017
10:00 AM**

You are invited to join us for some good natured camaraderie, British car talk, maintenance & restoration tips and the latest updates in our world of the classic British car hobby.

Come early for discussions, coffee and donuts. Lunch will be available for a small donation. Please call 717-732-9229, leave a message if you plan to attend.

Driving While British ...?



Neither rain, nor sleet, nor snow ...

**Photo submitted by John Krause*

Welcome Spring Party

April 2, 2017

1:00 - 4:00 PM

**West Shore Elks
108 St. Johns Road
Camp Hill, PA 17011**

An opportunity to get together with friends and fellow Club members to celebrate the advent of spring and the start of a new driving season!

Menu includes roast beef, chicken, pasta, vegetables, desserts, coffee, tea and spring water.

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New Kingstown, PA 17072

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



Tip of the Month

On following another vehicle: Tail-gating is no joke; but it is stupidly common, even at high speeds on wet roads. The simplest, most practical method for getting used to proper following distances, and for checking yourself frequently, is the "1-2-4 Second Rule." For example, you are following fairly closely and, just as the rear end of the vehicle in front of you passes some feature that you can easily watch (such as a roadside sign), start counting "One thousand, two thousand, three thousand, etc." A little practice counting to five by saying out loud "One thousand, etc." will allow you to accurately count out seconds.

The standard minimum distance that you should be behind another vehicle is 2 seconds. So, if YOU reach the point just passed by the other vehicle in LESS THAN 2 SECONDS, you are following too closely!! This method adjusts itself automatically FOR ANY SPEED. All you have to do is determine how many seconds you are behind the other guy.

For heavy traffic in lanes at under 40 mph with all conditions favorable, one SECOND is the absolute minimum gap.

For poor weather, brakes, tires, light, etc., a gap of 4 SECONDS should leave the margin you need when trouble jumps up. Thus, the "1-2-4 Second Rule." It won't let you down. When you try it, especially at higher speeds, you will be amazed just how often you are ... TOO CLOSE!

Editor's Note:

The above article was recovered from the Nov. 1972 edition of the TSOA Newsletter (Vol. 18, No. 11) by CPTC's Jerry Frasso.



Early 1950s Allard K2 - British built two seat sports car, powered by an American V8 engine. This particular car, now on display at the America on Wheels museum in Allentown, PA, was originally purchased by the owner of Hess Department Stores and given to the manager of the Allentown store. The car was seldom driven; stored in a barn, then completely restored about 20 years ago.

**Photo by Cliff Grube*

Who Is That Youngster?

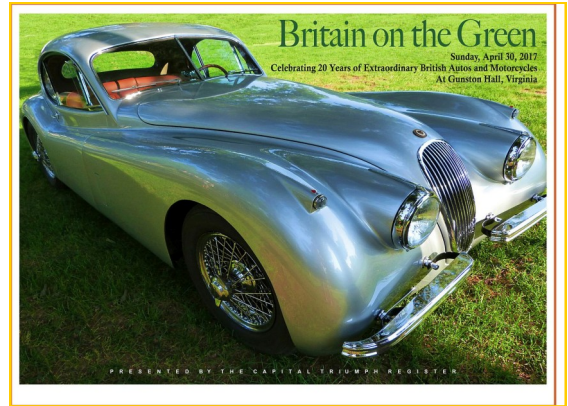


Who is this fine looking young lad settled in behind the wheel of his Mom's bug-eye Sprite?

For the answer to this burning question, Please see P. 14

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



20th Annual Britain on the Green April 30, 2017

The Capital Triumph Register proudly announces that the 20th Annual Britain on the Green (BOG) will be held at historic Gunston Hall, the colonial home of patriot George Mason. BOG, which welcomes all British cars and motorcycles, is one of the premier all-British shows in the metropolitan DC area. Details at: <http://www.capitaltriumphregister.com/bog/>

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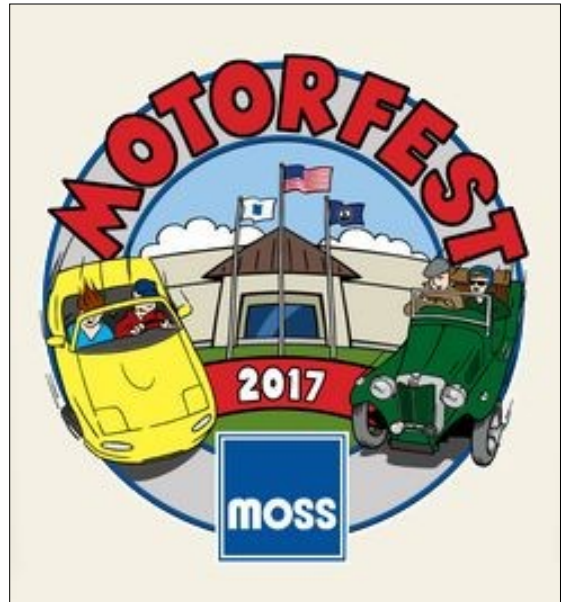


This great event will be the featured event at the 2017 VSCDA Blackhawk Classic at Blackhawk Farms Raceway in Rockton, IL on June 16-18, 2017. The track is perfect for small bore production racing and perfect for spectators.

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

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2017 Moss Motorfest
June 3, 2017

25651 Simpson Road
Petersburg, VA 23803

The Motorfest returns for 2017

See www.mossmotors.com for
Event details and accommodations

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...

Letter to the Editor



John,

I was reading the Sunday paper a couple weeks ago and, imagine my surprise, there was a Spitfire in the comics pages!

'Mary Worth' is not one of my regular reads, but a brown Spitfire, very well drawn, was racing across the page. I found it interesting that a 20-something guy (is that a millennial?) was driving. Does this show that there is still hope that young folks can appreciate the classics. Of course, the author of the strip is probably our age.

It looks like a nice restoration or a really well preserved original. Probably his dad's car ...

Denny Ward

Editor's Note:

Very unusual to see a Triumph of any kind featured in a comic strip. A tip of the hat to the writers and illustrators who produce the *Mary Worth* Sunday Comics panel!



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The Brokerage

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1974 Triumph Spitfire – Rust free car; silver w/black interior; overall decent condition with many new parts but engine work is needed - \$2500, OBO. Car is located in Maytown, PA. If interested, contact Rich Roenigk (Member) at: rroenigk@aol.com [Listed 3/17]

1975 Triumph TR6 - Restoration completed 3 years ago; 3500 miles since. Rebuilt engine with street-able performance parts, J-type overdrive, new interior, good top, new metal fenders, good tub & frame, Mimosa w/black interior - very good driver quality car, located in the Pittsburgh area. Asking price - \$15,000. May consider a trade for a TR7 or TR8. Email Pat Ledford (Non-member) at dpledford@gmail.com for photos and additional information. [Listed 2/17]

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]

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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]

Disclaimer:

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.

Who Is That ...? (Continued from P. 10)

The answer is: Our own **Cliff Grube!** Hard to believe Cliff could ever be that young ... OR that good looking!!!



The Triumph Lunch Bunch

The next meeting of the **Lunch Bunch** will take place at noon on **Thursday**, March 16, 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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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.

Central Pennsylvania Triumph Club
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FIRST CLASS



1975 Triumph TR6
Owners - Joe & Michele Laurito