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A fine array of Triumph TR3s greets participants at the Triumph Sports Car Club of South Africa's 2016 Nationals - Story on P.9

** Photo by Gertjan van de Klashorst*

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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

Well, we still do have cold temperatures and snow in Central Pennsylvania! After the mild winter we were having I thought we would be enjoying spring weather by now. Then along came "Stella". I don't know about you; but that was more than I needed. I just hope the roads are clear by the time the Spring Run comes around!

The Steele Motors tech session was held on March 11th. Kelby and his daughter Stephanie provided a very informative session. They covered everything from how much (or should I say how "little") tire pressure to run and how often to replace your antifreeze and brake fluid. They also added some tips on how to prepare our cars for the spring driving season, general maintenance and many things in between. I personally would like to thank the Steele Motors team for their time and expertise.

Upcoming events include the Triumph Rescue tech session April 1st, Welcome Spring party on April 2nd and the annual

Spring Run hosted by Marty and Jane Shoop - April 30th. Check the newsletter or the Club website for all the details.

Keep Calm and Motor On!

Tom



Meeting of the Marques

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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.

- 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 : 610-845-8217.**
- April 2nd** **CPTC 'Welcome Spring' party - West Shore Elks, Camp Hill, PA, 1:00 - 4:00 PM. Cost - \$22/person. More information on P. 8 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.**
- 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. Registration information at www.carlisleevents.com CPTC Event***

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2017 Calendar of Events (continued)

- 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 3rd** Moss Motorfest - Petersburg, VA. See www.mossmotors.com for event details & accommodations.
- June 9-11** The Elegance at Hershey - Hillclimb & car show (invitation only) on the grounds of the beautiful Hotel Hershey, Hershey, PA. Proceeds benefit the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation, AACA Library & AACA Museum. www.TheEleganceatHershey.com
- June 10th** Reading Run - Rain date: June 11th. Info to follow. CPTC Event
- June 16-17** Bellefonte Cruise, Bellefonte, PA. More information to follow.
- July 6th** CPTC Board Meeting at the Shoop's home - 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.
- Aug. 15-20** VTR Convention - Princeton, NJ. Funkana, Autocross, Rallies and Tech Sessions. See notice in this newsletter or VTR2017.ORG for more information.
- Sept. 7-10** Watkins Glen Vintage GP - Watkins Glen, NY. Information to follow.
- Sept. 17th** CPTC Picnic - West Shore Elks picnic grounds, Camp Hill, PA. More information to follow.
- Sept. 21st** Six Pack Trials - Hershey Lodge, 325 University Drive, Hershey, PA. TR6 gathering - More information to follow.
- Oct. 15th** CPTC Fall Run - hosted by Bob & Tina Krivenko. Details to follow.
- Dec. 3rd** CPTC Christmas Party - Hershey Italian Lodge, Hershey, PA.
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A Century of Triumph

Part II

Standard had been making a range of small saloons named the Standard Eight and Ten, and had been working on their replacements. The success of the TR range meant that Triumph was considered a more marketable name than Standard, and the new car was introduced in 1959 as the Triumph Herald. The last Standard car to be made in the UK was replaced in 1963 by the Triumph 2000.

Standard-Triumph was bought by Leyland Motors Ltd. in December 1960; Donald Stokes became chairman of the Standard-Triumph division in 1963. Further mergers resulted in the formation of British Leyland Motor Corporation in 1968.

Triumph set up an assembly facility in Speke, Liverpool in 1959 ... gradually increasing the size of the most modern factory of the company to the point that it could fully produce 100,000 cars per year. However, only a maximum of 30,000 cars was ever produced as the plant was never put to full production use, being used largely as an assembly plant. During the 1960s and '70s, Triumph sold a succession of Michelotti-styled saloons and sports cars, including the advanced Dolomite Sprint, which, in 1973, already had a 16-valve, four-cylinder engine. It is alleged that many Triumphs of this era were unreliable, especially the 2.5 PI (petrol injection) with its fuel injection problems. In Australia, the summer heat caused gas in the electric fuel pump to vaporize, resulting in frequent malfunctions.

Although the injection system had proven itself in international competition, it lacked altitude compensation to adjust the fuel mixture at altitudes greater than 3,000 feet (910 m) above sea level. The Lucas system proved unpopular: Lucas did not want to develop it further, and Standard-Triumph dealers declined to attend the associated factory and field-based training courses.

For most of its time under Leyland or BL ownership the Triumph marque belonged in the Specialist Division of the company, which went by the names of *Rover Triumph* and then *Jaguar Rover Triumph*, except for a brief period during the mid-1970s when all BL's car marques or brands were grouped together under the name of *Leyland Cars*.

The only all-new Triumph model initiated as *Rover Triumph* was the TR7, which had the misfortune to be in production, successively, at three factories that were closed: Speke, the poorly run Leyland-era Standard-Triumph works in Liverpool, the original Standard works at Canley, Coventry and finally the Rover works in Solihull. Plans for an extended range based on the TR7, including a fast-back variant codenamed "Lynx", were ended when the Speke factory closed. The four-cylinder TR7 and its short-lived eight-cylindered derivative the TR8 were terminated when the road car section of the Solihull plant was closed (the plant continued to build Land Rovers.)

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A Century of Triumph (Continued)

The last Triumph model was the Acclaim, introduced in 1981 and was, essentially, a rebadged Honda Ballade built under license from the Japanese company Honda, at the former Morris Motors works in Cowley, Oxford.



The Triumph name disappeared in 1984, when the Acclaim was replaced by the Rover 200, a rebadged version of Honda's next generation Civic/Ballade model. The BL car division was, by then, named Austin Rover Group, which also ended the Morris marquee, as well as Triumph.

The trademark is owned currently by BMW, which acquired Triumph when it bought the Rover Group in 1994. When it sold Rover, BMW kept the Triumph marque. The Phoenix Consortium, which bought Rover, tried to buy the Triumph brand, but BMW refused, saying that if Phoenix insisted, it would break the deal.

The Standard marque was transferred to British Motor Heritage Limited. The Standard marque is still retained by British Motor Heritage, who also has the license to use the Triumph marque in

relation to the sale of spares and service to the existing 'park' of Triumph cars.

The Triumph name has been retained by BMW, along with Riley and Mini. In late 2007, the magazine, Auto Express, after continued rumors that Triumph was to be revived under BMW ownership, featured a story showing an image of what a new version of the TR4 might look like. BMW has not commented officially on this.

Editor's Note:

More rumors surfaced in 2012 & beyond regarding a new version of the Triumph Spitfire, with no confirmation from BMW once again.

Information for this article was cobbled together from Wikipedia, British auto histories, and TSOA files.



June 9 - 11, 2017
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Welcome Spring Party
April 2, 2017
1:00 - 4:00 PM

West Shore Elks
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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/>

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

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Nationals 2016

A Triumph Sports Car Club of South Africa (TSCC) Event.

~ By **Gertjan van de Klashorst**

The TSCC is made up of different centers such as Cape Town, Johannesburg, Pretoria and more. These centers are fairly independent and the TSCC serves as the umbrella organization. Every two years, one of the regional centers of the TSCC organizes a national event. This time it was in Hartenbos, at the southern end of the continent, overlooking the Indian Ocean. The event was hosted by the center in Cape Town.

Upon arriving in Pretoria from Germany, I was welcomed by the Registrar of the TSCC, Nols Pienaar, and spent the rest of my time there with him and his lovely wife Cathy. They had a tight schedule arranged for me. I arrived on Tuesday and used Wednesday to acclimatize. On Thursday, we went to a car show in the area. We were to take two TRs as Nols had promised the organizers Triumph would make an appearance. We went with a TR6 (Nols) and a TR7 (me). The show was on the sports field of the Waterkloof Hoëskool (Waterkloof High School) and there were ten Triumphs and other British makes and many American cars. A nice show.

At 4:00 AM on Friday morning, after a light breakfast, we drove Nols' TR7s to the meeting place for the convoy to the south coast. A long drive, some 700 miles or 1260 kilometers.

The convoy consisted of a Grinnal TR7 V8 (the only one in SA), 2 TR7s (my host Nols and me), a TR7 with a trailer for luggage (they were making a trip after the Nationals) and one TR4A.



The author (center) & host, Nols Pienaar

The drive took us through the Great Karoo, an open plain with brush and grasslands (technically, it is a desert), and we arrived 900 km later in Graaff-Reinet, a place with few paved streets. The Great Karoo is a wide and impressive plain – beautiful; but can become monotonous.



Nols had everything planned; so, we rose at 7 am (breakfast at 8 am - on schedule) and back on the road for the last stretch of 350 km.

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Nationals 2016 (Continued)

It was a beautiful ride and nice weather. First up was a photo stop at the church in Unionville;



then over the Kammanassie mountains and the Outeniqua Pass to the city of George, situated on the coast of the Indian Ocean. Cathy was to fly into George a few days later. We arrived early to attend the Knysna Car show (a big event); but I went there on my own as

Nols wasn't feeling well. Knysna is a tourist site and a nice city, also bordering on the Indian Ocean.

On Sunday, I picked up Cathy at the airport in George. On the way to the airport I noticed a slight hiccup in the engine and the tachometer made a strange swing; but otherwise no problem except for a traffic ticket for speeding!

Monday was the official start of the Nationals and we checked in at the ocean site. Mostly TR3s-6s, Spitfires, a Chicane (2500TC) and one Dolomite Sprint - 85 cars in total.



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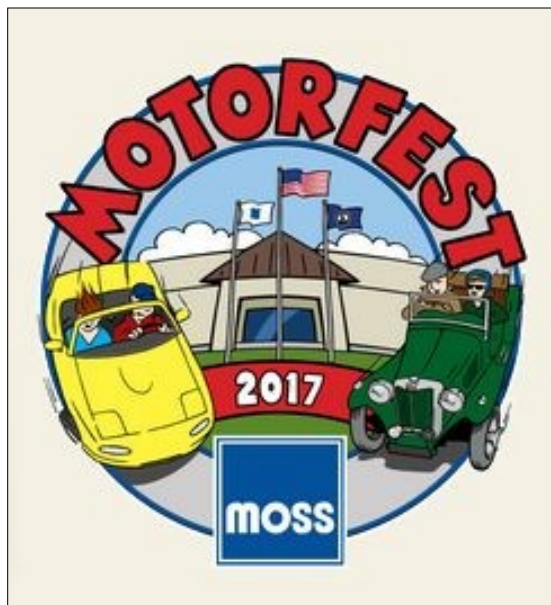


This great event will be the featured event at the 2017 VSCDA Blackhawk Classic at Blackhawk Farms Raceway in Rockton, IL on June 16-18, 2017. The track is perfect for small bore production racing and perfect for spectators.

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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Steele Motors Tech Session March 11, 2017 West Fairview, PA

Kelby Steele and daughter Stephanie welcome about 20 intrepid CPTC members to Steele Motors on a wintry morn.



This year's session centered on 'How Well Do You Know Your Car?' After a welcome cup of hot coffee and a donut, the group settled in for a Q & A on the day's topics.



And, yes, there was a quiz!

Some items to check before putting your car back on the road after a long winter's nap include:

- 1) Tires - look for dry rot & cracks in sidewalls near the tread and bead.
- 2) PSI - Unless you are using the same tires as listed your owner's manual, a good bet is to follow the tire manufacturer's psi recommendations. Inspect tires for over/under inflation and tread wear. Should increase pressure slightly before winter storage.
- 3) Brakes - Check pistons for movement and leaks. Test or change fluid every 3 years.
- 4) Electrical - to keep the Prince of Darkness at bay, clean and tighten battery terminals, check lights, wipers, brake lights and contacts.
- 5) Fuel - add fresh fuel (the best you can buy) - ethanol free, if possible!
- 6) Antifreeze - change every 3-4 years; loses its anti-corrosion properties.
- 7) Oil - change at 3000 mile intervals. Use 20W50 weight oils with a zinc additive, such as Kendall GT-1 High Performance oil - less than \$4/qt.

Editor's Note:

Many thanks to Kelby Steele & Stephanie Tripp for another informative and fun tech session! And remember to see Steele Motors (ad in this newsletter) for your restoration needs.

~ Reading Run ~
June 10th
Save the Date
Details to Follow



The Brokerage

Where Buyers Meet Sellers

1971 Triumph TR6 - Laurel green (repaint 2010) with beige interior and black top. 66,237 miles; mechanical & carburetion upgrades, original interior, always garaged, walnut dash, Moto Lita steering wheel, great condition. Car is located in Syracuse, NY. Comm.# CC6178L. Photos & info. Available - asking \$19,000. Call Paul (Non-member) after 6:00 PM at 315-378-6805 or email pseale@twcny.rr.com [Listed 4/17]

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]

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]

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The Brokerage (Continued)

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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All four fenders for 1974-1/2 TR6 - varying amounts of reparable rust. Three Michelin 185 R 15 red line tires with decent tread (for show purposes only) - make offer. Right rear fender for 1972 (?) TR6 with small ding on corner above tail light. - \$285 Trunk lid - rust on rear lip - repaired with metal; needs filler to smooth welds - \$325. Roll bar - \$250., Bruce Hartzell (Non-member), Wyomissing, PA. Email or call rbhartzell@yahoo.com or 610-775-5332 (8 am to 6 pm). [Listed 4/17]

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. [Listed 10/16]

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**, April 20, 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.



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,
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CPTC Events Coordinator

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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.



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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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1977 Triumph Spitfire
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