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Numerous Triumphs & other LBCs grace the parking lot at the West Shore Elks during the 'Goodbye Summer' Picnic. **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.

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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 is getting driving time in between all the rain we've had since July. I've spent a lot of my time mowing the lawn. Hmmm, maybe I should rig up a mower blade on the 4A so I could drive it more often - the Triumph engine did begin with tractors!

Sue and I just got back from the Vintage GP weekend at Watkins Glen. The featured marques this year were "Cars of the Autobahn", so I had a good excuse to drive the BMW. Next year's marque is Jaguar! Maybe I'll have to discuss this with Sue?!? We didn't make it to the track; but we did go downtown Friday for the festival and then a sightseeing, wine and cheese run on Saturday. We are already making plans for next year ... maybe a trip to the Curtiss Museum.

Our Club picnic was held on September 17th at the West Shore Elks picnic grounds, with 54 members attending. The Board had hopes for more, but not a bad turnout. I personally thought the food was very good and everyone had a great time. The auction was a success and I want to thank everyone for their

donations and participation. And please remember to patronize the businesses that made donations: Victoria British, Little British Car Co., Triumph Rescue, Artist Thom Glace, Wessels Used Cars and British Marque Car Club News.

The Board works hard to schedule events and get-togethers for all to enjoy. If you have any suggestions, please come to our next public meeting on November 5th and don't be afraid to speak-up. Election of officers will be held, so please come out and show your support. The Board would like to thank everyone who hosted a run or lent a hand to any of our events this past year.

Remember to mark your calendars for the Fall Leaf Tour on Oct 22nd - it's our last run of the year. Bob and Tina Krivenko are our hosts and I'm sure they have a wonderful run planned. Check the newsletter and website for details.

I hope everyone had an enjoyable summer and is looking forward to cooler autumn weather. Remember that our Christmas party is fast approaching on December 3rd; so please plan to attend.

Keep Calm and Motor On!

Tom

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2017 Calendar of Events

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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.

- Sept. 21-24** **Six Pack Trials - Hershey Lodge, 325 University Drive, Hershey, PA. National convention of Triumph TR6/250 clubs.**
More information at: <https://6-pack.org/6packtrials2017/>
- Sept. 23rd** **Coatesville VGP - Vintage racing through the streets of Coatesville, PA - Like Watkins Glen of yesteryear! Proceeds benefit Coatesville Parks & Rec Department. See: www.coatesvillegrandprix.com/**
- Sept. 23-24** **Meeting of the Marques - Carlisle, PA. Held in conjunction with the Festival of the Arts. Sponsored by SVVSCC. More information at MeetingoftheMarques.com**
- Oct. 5th** **CPTC Board Meeting 7:00 PM at the Krause's home. Please call Tom at 717-469-2379, if you plan to attend.**
- Oct. 22nd** **CPTC Fall Leaf Tour - THE TOUR DATE HAS CHANGED! Hosted by Bob & Tina Krivenko. Leave from Sam's Club (formerly Lowe's) parking lot, 6520 Carlisle Pike, Mechanicsburg, PA at 1:00 PM for a tour of fall foliage in Adams & Cumberland counties, ending with dinner at the Appalachian Brewing Company in Gettysburg, PA.**
- Nov. 5th** **CPTC General Meeting - Hoss's Steak & Sea House, Mechanicsburg, PA - 3:00 PM. Election of Officers: Offices of President, Secretary & Newsletter Editor are open for nominations. If you have an interest in any of these offices, please contact a Board member and let them know. Let's come out to support our Club & vote!**
- Dec. 3rd** **CPTC Christmas Party - Hershey Italian Lodge, 128 Hillcrest Road, Hershey, PA from 1:00 - 5:00 PM. Delicious Italian buffet, cash bar and gift exchange for those who wish to participate. Save the date and make plans now to attend. \$25/person.**
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Revised Date for Fall Leaf Tour - October 22nd at 1:00 PM!

Leave from Sam's Club , 6520 Carlisle Pike (Silver Spring Commons), Mechanicsburg, PA at 1:00 PM and tour Cumberland County's fall foliage - dinner to follow at the Appalachian Brewing Co. in Gettysburg, PA for those who wish to participate.

New Member Welcome!

**The most recent addition to the
CPTC ranks is:**

**Gregory Williams
Boyertown, PA**

Owner of a 1974 TR6

We're pleased to have you with us!

CPTC Elections

**Public Meeting - Nov. 5th at 3:00 PM
Hoss's Steak & Sea House
Mechanicsburg, PA**

**Nominations are open for President,
Secretary & Newsletter Editor.
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nomination and be sure to come out
and vote on Nov. 5th!**



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Letter to the Editor

From the Sublime to the Ridiculous (You decide)

The recent Triumph Club Public Meeting, besides being very informative, was a fun gathering of the Triumph faithful. I will let others tell you about the meeting itself. I want to tell you about my ride home from Hoss's Steak House. I decided to take the TR-4 home via a route less travelled, from Mechanicsburg to my home in Lewisberry. After passing Rosegarden (near Ashcombe's farm market), I spied a white sports car parked next to the Yellow Breeches (Yella Britches, as my dad used to say). It was a new Alfa Romeo 4C. I had seen photos; but never one in real life. What a gorgeous car!



The flowing lines, air scoops, bits of visible carbon-fiber, slick fastback and big round taillights. The owner, who had moved here from Virginia, had been to a car show near Grantham and was taking a little break next to the stream. The 4C usually has about 230 HP in its little aluminum 6 cylinder; but our friend had some tweaking performed that took it to over 300.

He revved it for me a few times. Music! Oh, and he liked my Triumph too. His dad used to have Alfas when he was young – those old sports cars get in your blood, right?

So off I went, continuing my trek home to the inevitable job of completing my lawn mowing. Off to the right. What is that? An old Volvo, planted up to its axels in mud. "Siddonsburg Flash" was the logo painted on both sides of the hood. It was, apparently, raced in its better ... much better days! A unique lawn ornament.



Not a ¼ mile further, on the left, was a Mercury Montclair. Although very much Ford-derived, Mercury always had a different style, more ... MORE, you know? The old Mercs were just cool looking, with their little fins. I suspect a hot-rod is in its future.

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Letter to the Editor (Continued)



Clearly this Mercury did not run when parked. I stopped long enough to snap a picture with my phone, then continued on my way to a date with my John Deere.

About 3 miles from home sat a yellow dune buggy, with a sale sign next to it. It looked very clean – could be a lot of fun for somebody.

I headed home, thinking of the story I could write about chance encounters. I could have taken a slight half-mile detour for a shot of an MGB I have been seeing lately; but that would have been cheating.

Dennis Ward



Artistry on Wheels Motorshow

September 23

Artistry in Motion Driving Tour

September 24

Saturday's Motorshow is held in conjunction with Carlisle's 36th annual Harvest of the Arts Festival
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A Taste of Britain **Rothsville, PA** **August 27, 2017**

Where's a guy or gal to go to take in a British car show and a polo match all in the same day? Answer: The "Taste of Britain" Car Show and Polo Match at Forney Field in Rothsville, PA. The car show is sponsored by Lanco MG Club and proceeds benefit the Central PA Food Bank.

A group of 10 intrepid CPTC members embarked on the journey, taking full advantage of a beautiful late summer's day.



Upon arrival, it was apparent that the field consisted of a few Triumphs, several other British makes ... and a lot of MGs, including this fine 1937 MG TA.



Our group had plenty of time to catch up with each other's happenings and enjoy the numerous LBCs arrayed on the field.



At some point, in the midst of a car show, shared picnic food, liquid refreshments and a healthy dose of camaraderie, a polo match broke out!



A great day, a good time and a fine cause!

**Photos by MB Miele*

CPTC Goodbye Summer Picnic West Shore Elks Picnic Grounds September 17, 2017

On what had become a lovely summer day, 50+ members of the CPTC 'faithful' journeyed to the West Shore Elks for our annual picnic on their well designed and spacious grounds.



There was time to greet old friends and to make some new ones ...



And plenty of opportunities to partake of a beverage and check out the plethora of gifts generously donated for our Silent Auction!



Did I mention the outstanding service and excellent picnic buffet provided by the West Shore Elks ...



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Goodbye Summer Picnic (Cont.)



Or the numerous LBCs that adorned the parking lot?



Then it was time for the Silent Auction, ably handled by Bill Shover, Helen Weaver and President Tom Billett. A great way to end a fun day on a fine summer afternoon!



Many thanks to our members and to the businesses whose generosity helped to make the auction a rousing success once again!

**Photos by JJ & MB Miele*

Positive Earth Drivers Club Show Ocean Grove, NJ

A beautiful ocean-side village of Victorian style homes and shops, replete with an outstanding car show - a wonderful day!



**Photos by Cliff Grube*

Watkins Glen Vintage GP (Upon Further Review)

They had ...



We had ...



Jenn & Jerry ... Frasso, that is!

We win!!!

**Photos by Jay Snavelly*

New Hope Car Show



A sharp looking Triumph TR2 with a rather unusual 'third eye' headlamp accessory, at rest in the parking lot at a recent British car show in New Hope, PA.

**Photo by Cliff Grube*



**Coatesville Invitational
Vintage Grand Prix
September 23, 2017**

Registration is now open! Deadline is July 15th!

Proceeds go to benefit the Coatesville
Department of Parks and Recreation.



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Hershey Trials 2017

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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...



The Brokerage

Where Buyers Meet Sellers

1974 TR6 - Original owner, 64,000 miles, Sapphire blue w/blue interior. Complete, professional, mechanical restoration in 2015; overdrive and upgraded suspension; original paint/body; \$22,000 firm. Car is located in Chicago, IL. Contact David Sparks (Non-member) at 312-933-7683 or email david@davidsparks.net [Listed 10/17]

1960 TR3A - One owner, low mileage restoration project. Car has been disassembled, sandblasted, body repairs completed & primed. All panels have been acid dipped and primed. Car needs some minor body work, frame prep and engine rebuild, reassembly to complete. Car history includes original title and purchase paperwork. Vehicle is located in Lancaster, PA - asking \$3500 for all parts. Contact Jim (Non-member) at 717-808-5342 or thompsonjim03@gmail.com [Listed 10/17]

1980 Triumph TR8 - Persian Aqua convertible. Automatic transmission, cold AC, nice condition inside and out, stainless steel exhaust, very dependable. Regrettably, I must sell due to my eye condition. \$7500.00 OBO. Call Dick James (Member) at 717-761-1741. [Listed 9/17]

1980 MGB LE- 66,000 miles, show quality black paint with tan interior, refinished original wheels and new tires, new rubber bumpers and more. This car has always been locally owned (York, PA) and garage kept - I have owned it the last 15 years. This is a no rust car and is in very nice condition and fun to drive! \$8,500.00. Call Taylor (Member) before 8:00 PM at 717 843-3762 or email taylormillerorganco@comcast.net . Photos available upon request. [Listed 9/17]

1972 Triumph GT6 - Mechanically sound, rebuilt drive train with less than 5000 miles, electric fuel pump and fan, Bosch alternator, TR6 175 Stromberg carburetors, electronic ignition, aftermarket oil filter, tires very good, interior good, new carpet, seats very good, body needs some work. Everyday driver. \$4500.00 obo. Mike Zakis (Member), 717-612-2318, email 64spitfire@gmail.com. [Listed 9/17]

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]

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The Brokerage (Continued)

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]

PARTS & EQUIPMENT

Want to Buy - Luggage rack parts from Spitfire or TR6. Call Chuck Swartzbaugh (Member) in York, PA at 717-495-7314 [Listed 9/17]

For Sale:

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]

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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**, Oct. 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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more information
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application.



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.

REMINDER

Membership Renewal - June 1st

The membership renewal date for
ALL CPTC members is now

June 1st!

Thank you.

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1973 MGB
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