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This fine Triumph TR6 graces the lawn at the AACA Museum during the recent Six Pack Trials in Hershey, PA. **Photo by Joe 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.

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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

On September 23rd, John & MB Miele and Sue & I ventured to the Invitational Vintage GP in Coatesville, PA. After a tour of MB's old stomping grounds and homestead, we arrived in town. A beautiful; but very warm, sunny day. The event was nice, not a lot of participants as this is only the 2nd year. We were a little bit disappointed with the organizational end of things. Hopefully, this will improve as time goes on.

I joined John Krause and John Miele on October 5th at the AACA fall auto show in Hershey. It takes more than a day to see everything. The range is from gas, oil and auto memorabilia and cars from pristine to fixer-uppers and anything in-between. John M. and I figured we had spent about \$3 million dollars (in Monopoly money) at the car corral - What a sight to see! Enjoyed every minute of it and managed to find a few more things for myself. Sue is so proud of me!!

The fall foliage run hosted by Bob & Tina Krivenko is slated for October 22. More on that next month.

Sunday, November 5th is our next public meeting. Elections for the offices of President, Secretary and Newsletter Editor are on the agenda. Please plan to attend ... Your support is our only pay!

The Club's holiday party will again be held at the Hershey Italian Lodge on Sunday December 3rd. The cost with the Club's subsidy is only \$25.00/person. The menu will be the Italian buffet with world famous Chocolate World cakes for dessert. If you plan to join in on the gift exchange, remember to bring a wrapped gift for each participant.

The Board is considering another 'Welcome Spring' party in 2018 to enjoy some food and camaraderie, discuss winter projects and plan next summer's events. Please let us know if this is something you are interested in. Stay tuned in by checking our website and newsletter.

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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.

- 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 any Board member and make your interest known. 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.

One of Our Own

The Central Pennsylvania Triumph Club mourns the recent passing of Michael S. Zakis, Sr., 79, of New Bloomfield, PA. Mike was a long-time member and had been very active in the Club prior to the onset of his illness. You will be missed, Mike.

~Rest in Peace~

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.**
**Contact any Board member with your
nomination and be sure to come out
and vote on Nov. 5th!**

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2017 VTR National Convention**Princeton, NJ****~ By Ron Weber**

As you're probably aware, the annual 2017 Vintage Triumph Register National Convention was held August 16th-19th. The event was jointly sponsored by the Delaware Valley Triumphs and the New Jersey Triumph Association clubs. They did a great job of organizing and running the event. To say that this VTR was well attended is an understatement.

We couldn't let CPTC go unrepresented at this national event; so CPTC had a small contingent there to take part in the festivities. Cliff and Kathy Grube made the trek in their TR4, Jerry and Jenn Frasso in their TR6, Bob and Sandy Iwan in their TR8, Rich Roenigk with his TR6 and, of course, Linda and I in our TR6.

We left Annville on Wednesday morning and decided on the PA Turnpike to get there quickly. I noticed the car wasn't producing full power at highway speeds; but it was running, so we continued on. When Linda and I arrived on Wednesday afternoon, the parking lot contained at least a 100 or so Triumphs. We saw an immaculate Herald station wagon, two beautiful Italias and even an MGA (not sure how that got in there). We chuckled as we walked by a TR6 with a NY license plate with "NOFNMG" on it on the way to registration. Walking into the lobby of the hotel, we were greeted by the sight of a gorgeous, black 1935 Gloria Southern Cross, a great addition to the event.

The VTR organizers had a number of events scheduled to make sure everyone stayed as busy as they wished. There was an opening night BBQ reception, a charity auction, at least a half dozen self-guided driving tours, an ice cream run, a bus tour to the Simeone Museum and eight tech sessions, including one by Matt Bakes of Triumph Rescue. For the more competitive, a TDR rallye, a Gim-mick Rallye, Funkana, Autocross and Le Mans start events were available. One was bored only if one wanted to be!

Those of you familiar with New Jersey traffic can appreciate the fact that driving a classic car there is not for the faint of heart. To prime ourselves, Linda and I took a short ride to PJ's Pancake House for breakfast on Thursday morning. We returned to the event grounds afterward and I spent a little time figuring out the cause of the weak performance on the 'Six' (turned out to be a sticking carb piston). With the car running much better after a quick cleaning, I managed to convince Linda to run the Funkana with me before lunch. I guess I was a little too enthusiastic in my run and decided to use the front bumper of the Six to knock down both little cardboard redcoat solders (along with the bales of hay they stood on) rather than stop and fire our little pop-guns to do so. I then became "that guy who hit the hay bales". Needless to say, Linda did better than I did when she drove the course!

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2017 VTR (Continued)

Thursday afternoon, with the Funkana under our belts, Linda and I decided on the Duke Estate run, a 45 minute ride along a great road (with little traffic) on the east side of the Delaware Canal. The Duke Estate, which covers 2740 acres, was a great place to stretch our legs and take a walk. The Estate highlight is an orchid range (greenhouse) loaded with a wide variety of orchids.



After walking through the tropical greenhouse, we were actually glad to get back outside into an 86 degree, less humid environment. The day's activities ended with an ice cream run to the Halo Pub with the Grubes and Rich Roenigk. We were greeted with an assortment of over a bazillion different hand-dipped ice cream flavors (OK, I exaggerate a bit; but there were lots of flavors there)! Linda and I were glad we had only split a small stromboli for dinner!

Friday was Autocross day for me. A great breakfast at PJ's Pancake House (again), this time with Rich and the Grubes. While there we got to experience Cliff's first (and maybe last) breakfast of buck-wheat pancakes. Afterward, I was ready for the Autocross. I was apprehensive at first since this was my first time in this event and trashing the Six would make for a very unpleasant ride home in a flat-bed cab. The wet, humid conditions and a slight mist made for a slick course; so I figured that it would be an interesting day. After the practice run, I realized those times I spent flogging my parent's car in the snow in upstate New York years ago actually had a purpose in preparing me for this! After the last of 3 runs, I was wishing for another trip around the course. Linda was inspired to do the autocross as well after seeing Anne Kutka (age: 77) run her beautiful powder blue TR3 through the course. I should mention that Anne participated in the Le Mans start event as well!

The weather turned nasty late Friday afternoon; so we scrapped plans for the Triumph Brewery and opted for the Salt Creek Grill next to the hotel and the food there was great! The weather map looked ominous; so Cliff sent out a notice that hail was in the forecast and indicated that parking was available in an enclosed garage behind the hotel- thank you, Cliff!

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2017 VTR (Continued)

Saturday was the auto show with the Concours event taking place on the streets of Forrestal Village near the hotel. The Participants Choice showing took place in the hotel parking lot. Since I was showing the Six, I figured I'd get head start on everyone else by washing the car at 6 AM since no one would intentionally wake up that early on a Saturday. Later, I found out that Cliff had been there at 5:30 AM. The weather had cleared by the 10 AM start of the car show and couldn't have been better for the rest of the day.



The local Canada goose population thought it was a good day to be in the air and they decided to do a flyover around 11:30 AM, right up the street where all the Concours cars were parked. Luckily, no airborne "deliveries" were made to ruin the showing of these beautiful cars.

Following the car show, everyone had worked up quite a thirst; so we made a beeline to the Triumph Brewery with the Frassos and grabbed a table.

Rich and Cliff showed up too; but decided the bar seating was closer to the taps. The beer was good and could have made for an interesting afternoon if we had stayed any longer; but we had to get ready for the evening's banquet.



The awards banquet was well attended. Mike Cook gave a nice presentation about Triumph history in the US. One interesting bit of history he mentioned is that the Spitfire was developed off a slightly modified Herald frame! Who would've thought that possible? He also spoke about the incredible effectiveness of their marketing campaign here in the US (much to the surprise of the home office in the UK). The US consumers wanted the cars; but dealers couldn't get them fast enough and only 60% of the demand could be met. Would Triumph still be around if they were able to grow with the market demand?

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2017 VTR (Continued)



The best news of the awards banquet has been saved for last. CPTC's Jerry Frasso became the recipient of the prestigious Charles Macartney Daily Driver award. Some background from the VTR website: Charles Macartney worked for years behind the scenes at Standard-Triumph Motor Company as a Service Manager, Chief Inspector and Quality Engineer. Charles often said that the engineers, designers and plant workers did their jobs with one intention – to produce cars which would be driven and enjoyed by those driving them. As a result, the award was developed and given in memory of Charles to a car that "most typifies a well cared for and much loved Triumph 'daily driver' with the emphasis being on regular use, rather than perfection or conformation to original standards."

Be sure to congratulate Jerry on this fantastic award!



Sunday morning we packed up, after yet another fine breakfast (where else but PJ's Pancake Barn?), and joined the Grubes and Frassos for a great drive home over the back roads of NJ & PA. Of course, no British car drive would be complete without a mechanical event. When we stopped for gas about an hour outside of Princeton, my Six decided to vent some pent-up smoke from the starter when I turned the key. A quick push start (in reverse, no less!) and I was off running again, although Linda got nervous every time we stopped for a red light or stop sign.

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2017 VTR (Continued)

By the time I hit the sheets on Sunday night, a new starter was on order; so the Six will be ready for the next event.

I think I speak for the whole CPTC contingent when I say we had a great time there! The national VTR event is a great venue and I encourage everyone to put it on your to do list. This is our second one and it really is a fantastic time to meet up with like-minded Triumph owners to share notes ... or to commiserate!

We met some great people from around the country; began some new friendships and saw many beautiful cars ... like this fine Triumph Italia.



The 2018 VTR will be held in La Crosse, Wisconsin on July 17th-21st at the La Crosse Radisson Inn and hosted by MN Triumphs Sports Car Club. I'm looking forward to it; so mark your calendar!

**Photos by Jerry Frasso, Cliff Grube and Ron Weber*

Meeting of the Marques

September 23, 2017

Carlisle, PA

Another highly successful MoM event was made even better knowing that CPTC's Bob Krivenko earned the 'Best of British' award for his outstanding 1957 Triumph TR3 - Congratulations, Bob!



CPTC Christmas Party

**December 3rd
1:00 PM - 5:00 PM
Hershey Italian Lodge
128 Hillcrest Road
Hershey, PA**

Join us for a delicious Italian buffet, cash bar, fun, camaraderie and an always entertaining gift exchange for those who wish to participate.

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We're looking forward to seeing you there!

Attention, CPTC Members!

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New Protocol for Purchase of Club Regalia

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New Members Welcome!

The most recent additions to the CPTC ranks are:

**John & Cynthia McArdle
Gettysburg, PA**

Owner of a 1976 TR6

We're pleased to have you with us!

6 Pack Trials 2017 - Hershey, PA

Sept. 21th - 24th

'The Sweetest Cars on Earth'



**Photos by Joe & Michele Laurito*



The Brokerage

Where Buyers Meet Sellers

1969 TR6 - Signal red/black interior; paint: fair; 59,000 miles; engine rebuilt nine months ago. Inspected, solid driver. Asking \$9000. Car is located in Lock Haven, PA. Contact Loren Sample (Member) at 570-295-7069 [Listed 11/17]

1962 TR4 - One owner car; black with red vinyl interior; white dash. New parts include: clutch, radiator, tires and wire wheels. New top; SU carbs, no overdrive. Zero rust, floors and rocker panels perfect. Starts up and drives well; needs minor brake work. Car is located in Ocean City, NJ. Email Mark (Non-member) at mdonati@Comcast.net or call (evenings) 856-816-8298. [Listed 11/17]

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 or email djamestr8@gmail.com. [Listed 9/17]



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The Brokerage (Continued)

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]

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 dpbledford@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]

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The Triumph Lunch Bunch

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

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...

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.

REMINDER

Membership Renewal - June 1st

The membership renewal date for
ALL CPTC members is now

June 1st!

Thank you.

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1969 Triumph TR6
Owner: Tom Miceli