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Our Fall Foliage Tour on Oct. 22nd led us past this 'Spook-tacular' home in Adams County, PA ... a fun ride on a beautiful day! More on that inside ...

**Photo by 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.

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

On October 22nd, Bob and Tina Krivenko led an 18 car contingent on the Fall Run. After leaving the Mechanicsburg area, we made our way south through Cumberland County into Adams County via a beautiful, scenic drive over back country roads. By the time we arrived at our destination (Appalachian Brewing Co. in Gettysburg), the sun was shining and temperatures were in the 70s. What a wonderful, relaxing run!

The club's General Meeting at Hoss's on November 5th resulted in the reelection of the President, Secretary and Newsletter Editor. Thanks to everyone who showed up to vote and lend support.

Our holiday party will take place in just a few days. Hopefully, everyone enjoys the Hershey Italian Lodge hospitality and their friendly staff. It's always fun to get together with everyone and relax, share a good meal, a few drinks and catch up on our busy lives. We will evaluate the turnout for this party before scheduling a late winter/early spring banquet.

While there is not much going on with club events over the next few months, rest assured the Board and event hosts are hard at work on ideas & scheduling for next year.

Stay informed of club activities through our newsletter and website. If you have ideas or concerns, please feel free to contact any board member.

Have a safe and happy Thanksgiving!

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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.

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. Good company, great food and a fun afternoon for only \$25/person!**

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Father & Daughter ~ by Brian Sipling

I am a member of the Central Pennsylvania Triumph Club. I have a 1972 Triumph TR6 that my daughter and I enjoy working on and cruising in. Her name is Megan and she turned six on April 1, 2017.



A lot of times when we walk down to the garage she says to me, 'Daddy, can we take the Triumph?' Weather permitting, my answer is always 'Yes, sweetheart, we sure can.'

Editor's Note: The above article, entitled Dads & Daughters, appeared in the Issue 3, 2017 edition of *Moss Motoring* and is reprinted here with permission from David Stuursma, Editor.

**Photos by Dennis Ward*

Fall Foliage Tour October 22, 2017

On a warm & beautiful, blue sky October day (Thank God for 'Climate Change!'), 30+ CPTC members & spouses gathered at Sam's Club in Mechanicsburg, PA for a tour hosted by Bob & Tina Krivenko.



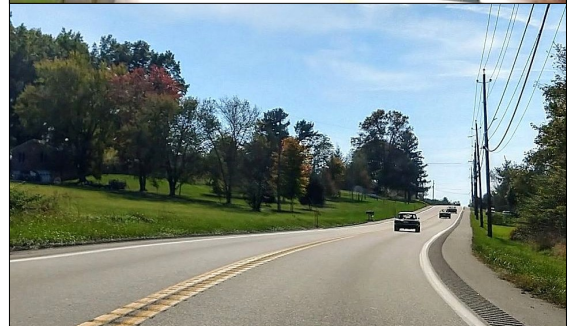
After renewing acquaintances and catching up on the summer's happenings,



it was time for the driver/navigator meeting and an overview of the well planned ride over the back roads in Cumberland and Adams counties by our hosts, Bob & Tina (Top right - center of photo).

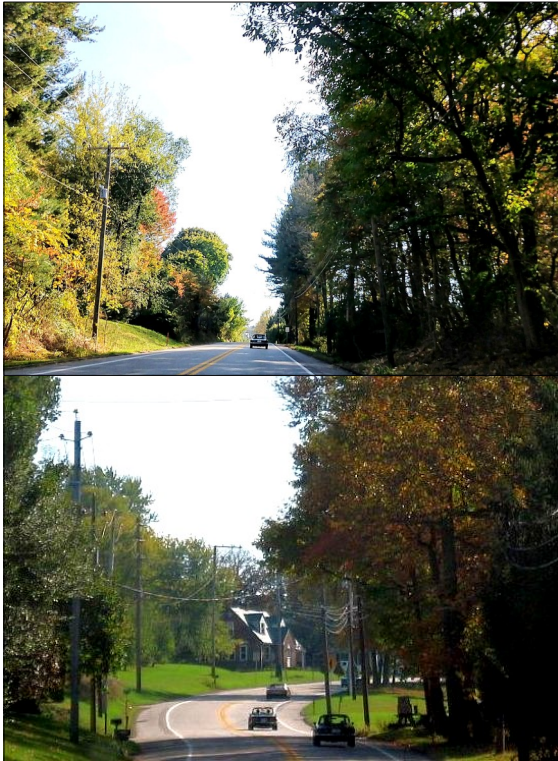


Then we were off and, although the leaf color wasn't as spectacular as we might have hoped, the quantity, quality and colors of these classic autos countered any scenery shortcomings.



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Fall Foliage Tour (Continued)



Joining us for the tour were two of our newest members, John & Cindy McArdle, in their sharp '76 Triumph TR6!



We wrapped up the day with libations and good food at the ABC (Appalachian Brewing Company) in Gettysburg, PA.



Many thanks to our tour hosts, Bob and Tina Krivenko, who set up an interesting and fun cruise on a beautiful day in Pennsylvania!

**Photos by Joe & Michele Laurito and MB Miele.*

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Automotive Electrical Fuses: British & American

British and American standards for rating electrical fuses are different. Both provide an "Amp Rating" for very similar looking fuses; but the two ratings mean very different things. The U.S. system rates the fuse based on the continuous load it can handle for a specified period of time w/o blowing; but the British system expresses the load at which the fuse will immediately blow.

For example, the 35 Amp fuse called for in many 1950's - 70's vintage British cars is roughly equivalent to a US-spec BUSS AGC 17 Amp fuse. Installing a US 35 Amp fuse into your LBC fuse box ensures that the wiring harness will melt down before the fuse blows!

NEVER use a USA rated 35 amp fuse in your vintage British car!

The complete rating for a 35 amp Lucas fuse is:
"17 AMPS Continuous/35 AMP SURGE"

Early British fuses were simply marked with the quick-blow rating; but later fuses are given two ratings in an effort to minimize the confusion. For instance, the 35 Amp fuse is often marked as "17 continuous / 35 blow", or simply 17/35. In that case, use the lower "continuous" rating as the one to which you try to match an American BUSS fuse rating. Or, better yet, proper British fuses are available from your favorite independent British car parts dealer. Purchase a supply and keep them in your glove box.

It's extremely important that USA owners of British cars be aware of this issue and make wise choices when using USA fuses in them. The best choice is to make the effort to source proper British fuses for your LBC. In an emergency, the loose Rule of Thumb is to use a USA BUSS fuse with an Amp rating equal to **not more than one half** of the British Lucas fuse rating.

(Adapted from the August 2012 issue of Spokes, the Official Publication of the MG Car Club, Western New York Centre)

**Submitted by John Krause.*



CPTC Christmas Party
December 3, 2017
Cost: \$25/person

1:00 PM - Banquet Room
Hershey Italian Lodge
Hershey, PA

Coatesville Invitational Vintage Grand Prix
September 23, 2017 - Coatesville, PA



Making Tires Last Longer

With proper storage and treatment, you can make tires last for 10 years from the date of manufacture, unless you're driving in extreme conditions such as on gravel or super-hot pavement - think Arizona summers!

Tires are getting more expensive all the time; so learn how to make tires last longer. The more attention you pay to your vehicle's tires, the less chance you have of getting a blowout or a flat and the longer the tires will last. However, tires do dry rot, which causes cracks in them, and they will likely go flat at the least convenient moment.

Tips To Make Tires Last 10 Years

Monitor tire pressure.

Check the tire pressure monthly. Tires with low air pressure decrease gas mileage and wear the outside of the tread. Tires with too much pressure wear out the center faster. Both cases add stress on the sidewalls and cause premature wear.

Tires generally lose about a pound of pressure per square inch every month. Cold temperatures also cause lower air pressure, while summer temperatures will increase air pressure.

Balance and rotate tires.

Balance and rotate your vehicle's tires every 5,000 miles. The drive tires wear faster than the other the tires; but rotating tires prevents this from becoming a problem.

Every tire & wheel needs to be balanced. Unbalanced tires cause vibration which increases wear and tear on the tires, suspension and steering.

Check wheel alignment.

Have the alignment checked at least once a year - hitting a huge pothole or a curb requires an immediate check! If tires are not properly aligned, they wear unevenly. Wear patterns will appear on just one side of a tire if the alignment is uneven and the vehicle will pull to the left or right, depending on which side is out of alignment.

Following these common sense steps will add years to the life of your tires and lessen the strain on your wallet!

* The above article was freely adapted from a 2017 article which appeared in the *Mecum Monthly* magazine.

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.

Make reservations now by sending your check (\$25/person) to:

CPTC
P O Box 493
New Kingstown, PA 17072

We're looking forward to seeing you there!

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!

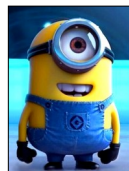
Mention your project to a Board member or send an email to:

newsletter@cptc.org

CPTC Election Results

Officers reelected to another term are:

President - Tom Billett
Secretary - Helen Weaver
Last, and certainly least ...
Newsletter Editor - John Miele



"Thank You" to all those willing to serve!

New Protocol for Purchase of Club Regalia

Holly's Embroidery is the exclusive embroiderer for our club. You can now select men's or women's styles in a wide range of clothing from the full inventory of Holly's catalog.

Call or email Holly with your request, telling her that you are a member of the Central Pennsylvania Triumph Club. She will calculate the cost of the item, embroidery and shipping and get back to you with a price. Pay with a check or credit card and the item will be shipped to your door. View her catalog at www.sanmar.com. Email HollysEmbroidery@comcast.net or call her at (717) 599-5975.

A Tragic End to a Great Story

Some of our readers may recall an article which appeared in the February, 2017 issue of *Triumph News*. The story was by Gertjan van de Klashorst, International Coordinator of the Dutch TR Register - Netherlands and a *Triumph News* contributor. The article featured the Davdon, a 'one-off' sports car with a retractable hardtop - an option far ahead of its time. The car was based on a TR3A chassis, running gear and drive train.



After years of neglect and disrepair, the car was rescued by Johan Marais, Chair of the Jeffrey's Bay Classic Car Club of South Africa. A careful restoration of the car began in 2013 and was completed several years later.



It saddens me to have to report that the owner and restorer of this unique auto, Johan Marais, was murdered during a break-in at his home several months ago. The car is now being offered for sale to friends and those who will cherish it as Johan did in order to provide support for his widow. This is not the way tales of good people and skilled and dedicated craftsmen are supposed to end - very sad indeed. [Ed.]

**Photos & information courtesy of Gertjan van de Klashorst.*

The complete story of the 'Davdon' is available in the Members section of the CPTC website.

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The Brokerage

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1971 TR6 - Restoration project, dark blue w/black interior, mostly together, some frame repairs done, three fenders done and off car, complete new interior, including seats, panels, carpet still in boxes, new soft top in box, new exhaust (not installed), aftermarket hardtop, misc. TR parts, supposedly ran well when parked. Car located near Reading, PA. Call Bob (Non-member) at 610-401-0834 anytime or email boblogan61@gmail.com \$3500 obo.

1979 Triumph TR7 - Convertible; good/very good condition; 68,879 miles, Inca Yellow. Asking \$7,000. Second owner; purchased in 1983; driven occasionally; garage parked since 1990. New black top, new fuel pump, rebuilt carbs, recently gone over end-to-end. Not a show car, nor is it flawless; but it is a good car to drive and enjoy. Car is in Harrisburg area. Contact Brian (Non-member) at 814-360-0208 and leave message or email bh.sellingthings@gmail.com [Listed 12/17]

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]

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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]

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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**In the Market for Socks
Sporting a British Theme?**

**Clarks (shoe stores) at the
Tanger Outlets in Hershey
or
Shoppes at Susquehanna Marketplace
in Harrisburg
or
Park City Center in Lancaster**

**May have exactly what you've been
searching for - just sayin' ... [Ed.]**

**CAUTIOUS RIDER
TO HER RECKLESS DEAR**

**LET'S HAVE LESS BULL
AND A LITTLE MORE STEER**

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

Phone: 717-432-5650

Email: tr-tom@comcast.net

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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FIRST CLASS



1971 Triumph TR6
Owners: Ron & Linda Weber