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Club members take a few moments at the CPTC Christmas Party to relax and chat with friends before enjoying a delicious buffet and an entertaining gift exchange.

***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.

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

Our annual Christmas party was held on Dec. 3rd at the Hershey Italian Lodge. It was another successful event with 52 attendees. A little fun, a little drink, a few gifts, some good food and a lot of conversation. Oh, let's not forget the Chocolate World cakes! I hope everyone enjoyed themselves as much as I did.

The Board is working on an early spring party at the West Shore Elks. It will probably be held sometime in March. Check our website, newsletter and emails for information updates in the coming months.

There is not much in the way of activities for the club over the winter. Still, the Board meets monthly and will keep working to fill up the calendar with events and runs for the summer driving season. Please feel free to contact any Board member with your ideas. If you would like to attend one of our meetings, please let me know in advance so we can put you on our agenda.

Until next month ... Merry Christmas and have a safe and happy New Year!!!

Keep Calm and Motor On!

Tom



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2018 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.

- Jan. 4th** **CPTC Board Meeting at the Billett's - 7:00 PM. Please call Tom at 717-469-2379, if you plan to attend.**
- Feb. 1st** **CPTC Board Meeting at the Laurito's - 7:00 PM. Please call Tom at 717-469-2379, if you plan to attend.**
- March 1st** **CPTC Board Meeting at Weaver/Rhodes - 7:00 PM. Please call Tom at 717-469-2379, if you plan to attend.**
- April 8th** **General Meeting - 3:00 PM at Hoss's Steak & Sea House in Mechanicsburg, PA. Let's have a good turnout for this meeting as we will discuss events for the upcoming driving season.**
- April 29th** **Spring Run - hosted by Marty & Jane Shoop**





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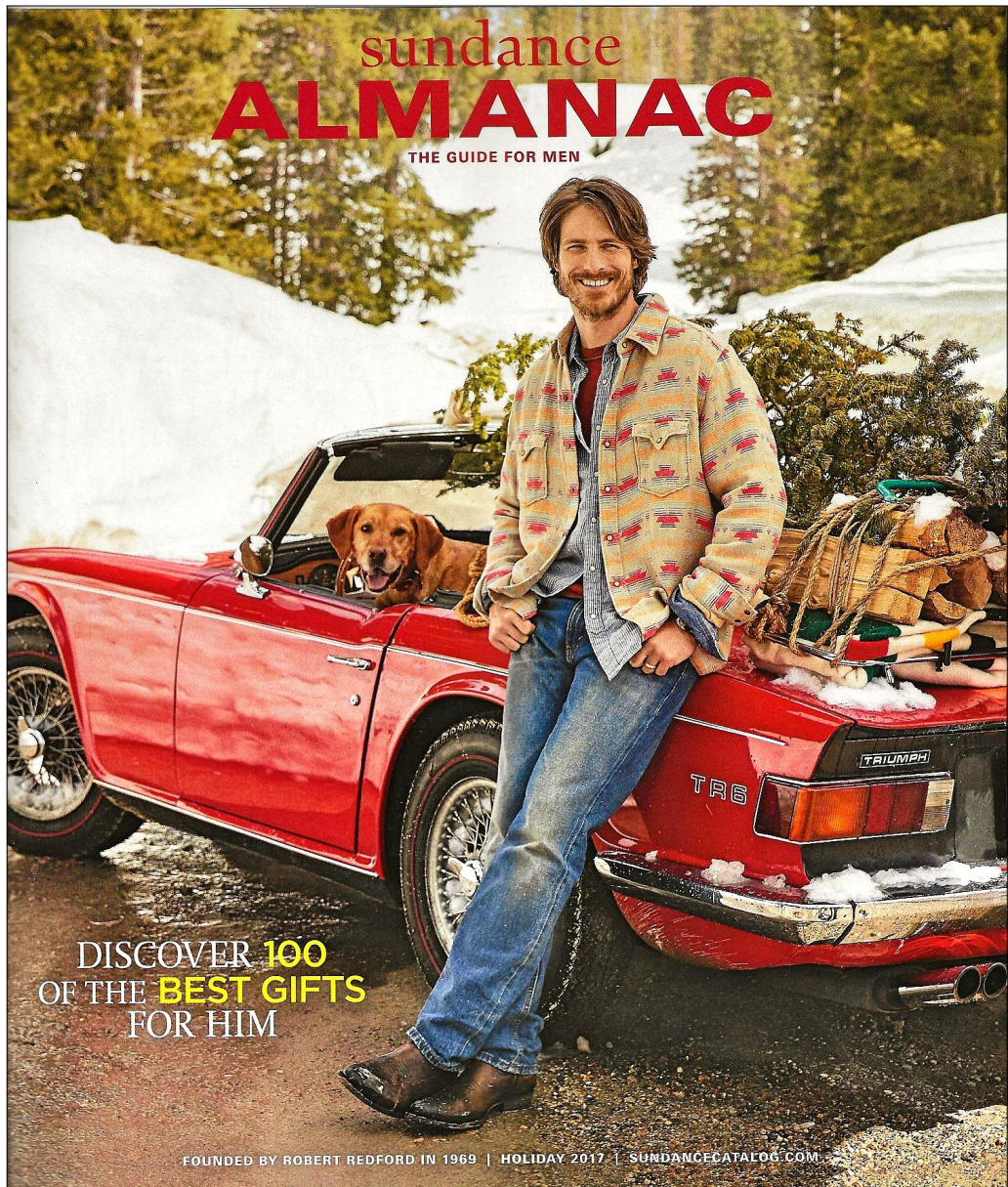
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**Submitted by John Krause*

CPTC Christmas Party Hershey Italian Lodge Dec. 3, 2017

The Club's annual Christmas gathering got underway by greeting old friends ...



And meeting some new.



There were gifts galore ...



Yummy Hershey's Chocolate World cakes and ... food aplenty from the delicious Italian buffet! Kudos to the Hershey Italian Lodge staff for their excellent food and friendly service!

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Christmas Party (Continued)



CPTC's newest members, Ray & Lorraine Wentzel, help themselves to plates from the buffet as the rest of the group settles in to chat and enjoy some great food.



After the meal, it was time for the always eventful and entertaining gift exchange!



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Christmas Party (Continued)

As is the case with each of our Club's functions,



a good time was had by all!

**Photos by J. Laurito & J. Miele*

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.

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Drive Your Triumph Day - February 10th

Last year I reached out to as many Triumph Clubs as I could find around the world, encouraging everyone to celebrate Sir John Black's Birthday on February 10th - the man who bought Standard/Triumph after WWII and built many of the Triumphs we enjoy today.

I received a great response with close to 150 photos sent to me from all over the world: Australia, New Zealand, South Africa, Finland, UK, across the USA and more.

The concept is to go for a drive in your Triumph: on a country road, out to lunch, to the market, to work, where ever. Go for a drive alone or with a bunch of Triumph Club members. Take a spouse, buddy, child, grandchild or dog and then take a photo. The photo is mainly of the car, ideally in a cool spot or in front of a landmark, also in front of a market, hardware store or workplace is all-good. Send me the photo with basic info: name and place photo was taken and the year & model of the car. Remember, this is a photo taken on **February 10th**.

If you live in part of the world where your car is stored for the winter or is in the process of restoration, you can still participate. Take a photo of the car in the garage and send it in.

I've set up a special email address to send photos: driveyourtriumphday@gmail.com

Last year I posted all the photos online, <https://ttscc.shutterfly.com/pictures/3178>, and a large number were then published in the US national magazine of the Vintage Triumph Register, <https://vintagetriumphregister.org>

Thank you in advance for participating in Drive Your Triumph Day on February 10th.

Regards,
Rye Livingston
Activities Chairman
Triumph Travelers Sports Car Club
1960 Triumph TR3A

DriveYourTriumphDay@gmail.com

With a Little Help from My Friends

~ by Gertjan van de Klashorst

The following account relates to a request to find a TR2-3B from a retired Brazilian doctor (Jaime K.) who lives in Uruguay and wants to realize his life-long dream of owning one. Problem: In South America, there are almost none.

On Dec 2nd, 2016, I received an email from him. He found my address in *TR Action*, the magazine of the British TR Register, in the column under foreign contacts. He writes, "I have been looking for a car since mid-2016. I missed two good ones right at the beginning: a BRG in New Zealand and a red one in Washington, Missouri at Wilson Motors." He reports that he has been looking for some time for a TR3 and thinks he has found a beautiful, pale yellow TR3 at E & R Classics in Waalwijk, Netherlands. As he lives far away, he asked if I can see the car, test drive it and report back. I could reply that he is not a member of our club; but that is not my persona.



Waalwijk is not next door, however; so I sent an email to a member of the Dutch TR Register (TR Club Holland), Marcel Claassen, who has restored a TR3B with the help of friends. Perhaps he could look at the car? Marcel emails to say that he wants to look at the car; but time is short. His friend Ber was also involved in the restoration and wants to see the car when he's in the area.

On Dec. 12th Jaime tells me that Classicdigest.com has a pretty '57 TR3. No news from Marcel or Ber yet. He also tells me that he has found a BRG TR3A in the UK, second owner. The owner will inform him in a few weeks. On Dec. 19th, I decide to visit E & R Classics with my son and a friend. I had never been there – it's a fantastic display of 350 classics; but the light yellow TR3 is disappointing. Seams are not right and neither is the paint. High price, no overdrive. Waiting for a report from Ber.

Jaime gets back to me with more information on the BRG TR in the UK. Jaime wants to spend a max. \$35K US. The car in the UK is LHD and OD. On Dec. 21st, the company selling the car is no longer interested because the owner has decided not to sell the car after all. That same day, Ber informs me that he has been at E & R and sends pictures that I forward to Uruguay. Ber's conclusion is that it is a nice car, not perfect, average paint and too expensive.

Meanwhile, Marcel also has sent pictures to show what his TR3B looks like. Jaime asks if Marcel's car is for sale. The car at E & R is waived.

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With a Little Help ... (Continued)

Marcel's car is not for sale. Revington TR offers a smallmouth with original upholstery. The car is listed in a TR-book by Bill Piggott; but the owner is not sure he wants to sell. The car is RHD and asking price is £31K.

There is a pause in the correspondence before Jaime contacts me on Jan 10, 2017 and states that it is difficult to find a good car, but "fun." Jaime has a Porsche 993 as a daily driver and does not want another modern vehicle. He says he wants a time capsule, a car as it left the factory. So no alternator, no electric fan etc.



Then a beautiful French Blue TR3A with a hardtop in Brescia, Italy comes up. He asks if there is anyone I know (in the Netherlands and 1000 miles away!) who can look at the car? Before I can contact the Italian TR Register, the car is taken off the website.

On Feb. 3rd, photos of a beautiful red TR3A with a white top and white side screens arrive. 39K USD is the asking price – the car is located in Washington, Missouri. Jaime asks if I know someone who can look at the car.



I then contacted **Rich Roenigk***, a TR3B mate in York, Pennsylvania and member of the VTR, to ask within the VTR for a member who lives nearby and might be willing to appraise the car. Rich finds some interested parties, including Stephen Moore, president of the St. Louis Triumph Owners Association, willing to take a look. Jaime agrees and Stephen delivers his report: The car looks good, not perfect. Probably painted by the owner himself in the garage. Panels are not a perfect fit. The car has new chrome wire wheels from Moss Motors and the interior is good. The car starts well and runs well, OD works as it should and there are no oil leaks. Window brackets must be re-chromed. His judgment: 7 on a scale of 10.

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With a Little Help ... (Continued)

On Feb. 11th Jaime thanked me for my help and Rich for mediating the excellent inspection by Stephen. Jaime offered Wilson Motors \$36K and they accepted. Last question to me: Can the seat move forward because he is smallish in stature and has never been in a TR3! Next up is to find a way to import the car because the import tax in Uruguay is 160% of the purchase value of the car - that's quite a stiff tariff!

Why the title of this article? Of course, it's the name of a Beatles song; but it's amazing how willing *Triumphistas* are, all over the world, to help other Triumph enthusiasts they have never even met. Personally, I have experienced this in Europe, in South Africa, in New Zealand and in the US with Rich Roenigk. One needs a little help from his friends.

Editor's Note: Gertjan is the International Coordinator of the Dutch TR Register - Netherlands and an occasional and very welcome *Triumph News* contributor.

*Rich Roenigk is a long-time and valued member of the Central PA Triumph Club.

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Engine Oil: Consider Time Over Mileage ~ by Egge Machine Company

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When considering the lifespan for engine oil in older vehicles, we suggest you use time in the crankcase and not mileage to determine when an oil change is needed. Oil in a vintage engine that sits idle over the winter can break down due to residual gas, dirt and other contaminants generated from running. Regardless of the number of over-the-road miles, engine oil should be changed every six to twelve months. Several quarts of oil and a new filter are certainly less expensive than a premature engine failure caused by oil that's lost its lubricity.

The above information was adapted from a June 21, 2012 article by Egge Machine Company which appeared on the Hagerty Insurance website [Ed.]

**Submitted by John Krause*



The Brokerage

Where Buyers Meet Sellers

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)

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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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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New Members Welcome!

The most recent additions to the
CPTC ranks are:

Raymond & Lorraine Wentzel
Denver, PA

Owners of a 1964 TR4A

We're pleased to have you with us!

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WHEN HE'S BEEN DRINKING**

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TO DO HIS THINKING**

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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Merry Christmas
Best Wishes for a safe and Happy New Year!