

# TRIUMPH NEWS

**The Newsletter of the Central Pennsylvania Triumph Club**

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**Snow, wind and bitter temps - It's Winter in Pennsylvania!**

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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](mailto: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](mailto: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](http://www.cptc.org) to view the club website, with an expanded calendar of events and photos.

## Central Pennsylvania Triumph Club Officers

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## A Few Words From Our President ~ Tom Billett

Wow ... It's cold outside!!! Let's hope we get back to at least seasonal temps real soon. I've got a GT6 that needs some rear end work and warmer temps would help motivate me to get started on it. Hopefully, soon.

The New Year is here and we should embrace it with eyes wide open. Personally, I've made a job change at my work place: new hours and new responsibilities. Perhaps we should all take the opportunity, as this New Year begins, to resolve to make some changes, lighten our loads or look for new ways to contribute and keep ourselves occupied.

Some of our members are already doing that by stepping up and volunteering to host a run or helping the Board with routine club operations such as supplying newsletter items and articles and maintaining website operations. I hope we embrace these volunteers with open arms and show them the ropes. I am not as tech savvy as some of our members; so having others capable of operating and maintaining the newsletter/website seems prudent. I do know of at least one

British car club's website which hasn't been updated in more than a year!

The Board is busy working on a spring party for a date in March/April, scheduling runs and filling the calendar with fun stuff for the coming months. If anyone has questions or comments, please feel free to call or email me or any of our Board members. We are here for you and we want to make our club and events enjoyable for everyone.

Remember, the Carlisle Import Show is only a little over three months away!

Keep Calm (and warm) 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](http://www.cptc.org) for updated event information.

- 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.**
- March 24th**    **Triumph Rescue Tech Session - Session begins at 10:00 AM; coffee & donuts at 9:00 AM and lunch at noon. Please RSVP to Triumph Rescue, 617 Walnut St. Bally, PA. Phone: 610-845-8217**
- April 8th**      **General Meeting - 3:00 PM at Hoss's Steak & Sea House, 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. Info to follow.**
- May18-20**      **Carlisle Import & Performance Nationals - Carlisle Fairgrounds. CPTC Event\* More information at [www.carlisleevents.com](http://www.carlisleevents.com)**
- July 6th-8th**   **16th Annual Kastner Cup - Pittsburgh International Race Complex, Beaver, PA. See: [www.pvgp.org/drivers/kastner-cup/](http://www.pvgp.org/drivers/kastner-cup/) for info.**



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**A Triumph TR7 at rest before the aptly named Arc de Triomphe at Saintes, France as the New Year begins.**

***\*Facebook photo - submitted by Jay Snavelly***

## Giovanni Michelotti Automotive Designer

Giovanni Michelotti - a prolific designer who styled cars for Ferrari, Maserati, BMW and Triumph - designing some of the latter's most successful cars in the postwar era. When you see a Triumph TR4, Spitfire, Stag or Herald, you are looking at Michelotti's work. Giovanni Michelotti was inducted into the [British Sports Car Hall of Fame](#) in Petersburg, VA on June 2, 2017.

Born in Turin, Italy, Michelotti worked for coachbuilders, including Stabilimenti Farina, Vignale, & Carrozzeria Allemano, before opening his own design studio in 1959. As the 50s came to a close, he became the house designer for Standard Triumph. This began when he proposed to shape the 1956 Standard Vanguard, a sedan design that represented a total break from Standard's conservatively designed cars. From that point on, he became responsible for all the new models produced by Standard-Triumph.



It started with the Standard Vanguard; but progressed through models such as the Herald, Spitfire, GT6, TR4, and TR4A 2000, 1300. Toward the end of his tenure, the Triumph Stag, and Dolomite would be added to the list. He was also associated with truck designs for Leyland Motors, and with designs for British Leyland (including the Leyland National bus) after the merger of Leyland & BMC.

In addition to the Triumphs and others such as Ferrari and Maserati, he also designed one of our favorite non-British cars – the [BMW 2002](#). This car, becoming increasingly collectible, exemplifies the clean lines that make up the stylish, no-nonsense aesthetics of Michelotti's designs.

Before his death in 1980, Michelotti said his only design other than cars had been a coffee making machine shortly after the war.



*\*This article was adapted from a post on May 16, 2017 by [Michael Carnell](#) in [Hall of Fame](#), [People](#), [Triumph](#) and submitted by Rich Roenigh*



## Welcome to Pennsylvania ~ Land of Taxes ~

As a lifelong Pennsylvania resident, I'm used to paying a multitude of taxes and fees. We seem to pay taxes on just about everything: income, property, education, services, county taxes, local taxes, right to work taxes, registration fees, county road fees, transfer fees, communication fees and even some taxes on fees ... and that just scratches the surface.

However, one of the most onerous taxes, affecting anyone who owns or leases a car, is the PA State tax on each gallon of gasoline sold. That tax is currently an astronomical 58 cents per gallon – the highest in the country and more than double the nationwide average for state gasoline taxes!

We've all heard the tales of woe from PA DOT and the politicians: Our state has the 5<sup>th</sup> highest number of miles of public roads in the country and the 3<sup>rd</sup> largest number of bridges. On the surface, both of these statements ring true; but that begs a question – How did we get here? And that question becomes even more relevant when we look at other states with very similar weather conditions and number of miles of public roads and bridges. Ohio, New York, Oklahoma, Kansas & Missouri are all close to or exceed the miles of roads and number of bridges in PA; but they somehow manage to have both a smaller percentage of roads in disrepair and a lower percentage of structurally deficient bridges than PA does ... all this on state gas taxes ranging from 17 - 44 cents per gallon.

How is this possible? Having spent my lifetime in Pennsylvania, two words come immediately to mind – incompetence and corruption!

Speaking of that, let's look at Illinois – many more miles of public roads and more bridges than in PA; but only 18% of their roads are in poor condition (compared to 32% in PA) and only 8% of their bridges are unsound, compared to 20% in Pennsylvania – and they've accomplished that feat on a state tax of 34 cents per gallon – pretty amazing, huh? A PA DOT spokesman did explain (try not to laugh out loud here) that it was difficult to predict how much of the increased tax would be passed on to consumers; but I'm guessing anyone with even a marginally functioning brain had the answer to that question!

I believe the time is overdue to demand (from our governor and bloated and over-paid state legislature) an accounting of just how, why and where these windfall gas taxes are being spent. Is it just my imagination or does it seem that there are large numbers of shiny, new PA State Police vehicles driving over our many miles of poor quality roadways and crossing our numerous, structurally unsound bridges? Are tax dollars wasted when contractors have to pay workers union scale wages for small projects over \$150,000? How many more projects could be undertaken without such an unreasonable non-union wage cap? Is there an end in sight to this excessive and disingenuous tax?

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## Welcome ... (Continued)

Are we overdue for real leadership in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania?  
So many questions ... too few answers!

### Editor's Note:

*Information for this article was sourced from a 1/13/17 Pennlive article by Barbara Miller and the October, 2017 issue of Car and Driver magazine. The opinions expressed in this article are those of the editor and do not necessarily reflect those of the Board of Directors or the members of the Central Pennsylvania Triumph Club.*

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Former Grand Prix champion driver and fashion pioneer Eunice Wong and her favorite Triumph sports car, late 1950s.

*\*Photo by Phila Mae Wong*



Ann-Margret glides with alluring style and grace to her waiting Triumph TR3A in the 1964 movie, *Viva Las Vegas*, co-starring Elvis Presley.

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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 10<sup>th</sup> - 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 10<sup>th</sup>**.

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](mailto: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

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The following articles were reformatted and printed from the September, 1965 issue of the *TSOA Newsletter*-permission granted by the *Vintage Triumph Register*:



This lovely young lady is actress Peggy Ann Nielsen, who has an important part in the new motion picture, "Marriage American Style?" ... And also playing an important part in the movie is the TR-4 featured in the photo. Other cast members include Marty Friedman, Ralph Glove, Madeline Mack and Arlene Starr. "Marriage American Style?" is scheduled for release throughout the country.

Triumph automobiles are in demand for motion picture and TV productions. Look for them in "Lord love A Duck", starring Roddy McDowall, Tuesday Weld and Lola Albright. TV productions include: the NBC series "My Mother, The Car" starring Jerry Van Dyke, the ABC TV show "O.K. Crackerby" starring Burl Ives, the "Patty Duke Show" and many others.



Here's Robert C. Tullius on his way to a fine Class win and 3rd overall (C and D Production and G Modified) at the National Championship races held at Thompson International Raceway over Labor Day weekend. Bob had already clinched the Northeast Division's DP title; but still drove like a tiger in one of his best performances all year.

Bob's mechanic and fellow Group 44 member, Brian Fuerstenou, has wrapped up the FP title in the Group's TR-3 ... using Bob's old TR-3 that he went through driver's school with!

## Watkins Glen Nationals - Aug. 21, 1965

|              |     |               |       |
|--------------|-----|---------------|-------|
| D Production | 1st | Bob Tullius   | TR4   |
|              | 2nd | Dick Stockton | TR4   |
| F Production | 1st | Fuerstenau    | TR3   |
|              | 2nd | C. Redmond    | TR3   |
| G Production | 1st | D. Gilmartin  | Spit. |
|              | 2nd | P. Haloff     | Spit. |

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## TSOA (Continued)



Standard-Triumph in Coventry, England kindly sent us this photo of the factory rally-prepared GT Spitfire that finished 1st in the General Category (Sports and Prototype GT cars) and also 1st in Class 2 (Sports and Prototype GT, 1,000-1300 cc) in this year's tough 26th Alpine Rally. The GT Spitfire was beautifully driven by the Finnish team of Sima Lompinen and Jyrkhi Ahova. Another GT Spitfire finished 2nd in the above categories and was driven by Jean-Jacques Thuner and John Gretener. Only one third (31 of 93) starters completed the rugged 2,250-mile event.

*\*The information for this article was researched & submitted by Jerry Frasso.*

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### New Members .... Welcome!

The most recent additions to the CPTC ranks are:

Dan and Wendy Wright  
York, PA

Owners of a 1969 TR6

We're pleased to have you with us!

### 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.**

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## **The Elegance at Hershey** ~ from Executive Director Melissa Rau

### **Over 1 Million Dollars Donated!**

We recently presented checks to JDRF for \$75,000, the AACA Library for \$25,000 and the AACA Museum for \$25,000. This year's check presentation brings the total amount raised for charity through The Elegance at Hershey to over 1 million dollars in just seven years!

Thank you for all of your support as we gear up for another fantastic year!

### **The Elegance Named One Of The Best...Again!**

For the second year in a row, The Elegance at Hershey made USA Today's 10Best list! We are still ranked #6 on their Reader's Choice award for car shows.

The top 10 winners in the category Best Car Show are as follows:

1. Back To The 50's - St. Paul
2. Iola Car Show - Iola, Wis.
3. Amelia Island Concours d'Elegance - Fernandina Beach, Fla.
4. EyesOn Design - Grosse Pointe Shores, Mich.
5. Hilton Head Island Motoring Festival - Hilton Head, S.C.
6. **The Elegance at Hershey - Hershey, Penn.**
7. Washington Auto Show - Washington, DC
8. CES - Las Vegas
9. New York International Auto Show - New York
10. Los Angeles Auto Show - Los Angeles

## **16th Annual Kastner Cup** **July 6th - 8th, 2018**

### **16<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL KASTNER CUP**



### **2018 PVGP HISTORICS AT PITT RACE**



**Event will take place at the Pittsburgh  
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Beaver, PA**

**Cup race on July 7th at 4:00 PM**

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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](mailto: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](mailto: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 \$7000. Car is located in Lock Haven, PA. Contact Loren Sample (Member) at 570-295-7069 [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](mailto: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](mailto:thompsonjim03@gmail.com) [Listed 10/17]

**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](mailto:rroenigk@aol.com) [Listed 3/17]

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## The Brokerage (Continued)

### 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](mailto:rbhartzell@yahoo.com) or 610-775-5332 (8 am to 6 pm). [Listed 4/17]

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**\*Submitted by John Krause**

## **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.

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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.

## **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...

## **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**



**1968 Triumph TR250**  
**Owners: John and Jean Krause**