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Driving Season is here! Spring Run: April 29th - Details on P. 9

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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

I would like to thank everyone who took time from their busy schedule to attend the Club's General Meeting at John's Diner on Sunday, April, 8th. Following our meal and the regular meeting business, we discussed and shored-up some of our summer runs. Mark and Dorothy Duchess will host the Wool & Wine run on July 21st. Rich Roenigk is working on a date for a Hershey AACA Museum/ Spring Gate Winery run with neighboring Lanco MG club.

Tom Miceli, CPTC Events Coordinator, suggested we try some "Pop-up events" this summer. These events would not be organized runs, just a short notice to a destination (winery, restaurant, ice cream, etc.) for anyone who's available and interested. Everyone agreed this would be worth a try; so look for more details in the next newsletter. Comments or thoughts on this or any other idea are always welcome.

An item of note to pass along: The Vintage Triumph Register (VTR) is offering two years of membership for the price of one (\$35/yr) to new subscribers only.

You can read more about the VTR and its purpose on P. 15 of this newsletter.

Hope to see you all at the Spring Run on April 29th when the Club's official driving season begins. Remember to check our website and newsletter to keep up to date with all of our news and events.

Keep Calm and Motor On!
Tom





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2018 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.

- April 29th** **Spring Run - hosted by Marty & Jane Shoop. Leave from Carlisle Country Market, 1446 Holly Pike (PA Rte. 34), Carlisle, PA at 1:00 PM and end at Fiddler's Restaurant at 3:00 PM for an early dinner.**
- May 3rd** **CPTC Board Meeting at the Miele's - 7:00 PM. Please call Tom at 717-469-2379, if you plan to attend.**
- May 5th** **Car Show - Cumberland-Perry Area Vo-Tech School, 110 Old Willow Mill Rd., Mechanicsburg, PA. Cars, food & good times. Preregister at www.cpavts.org Rain date - May12th.**
- May 12th** **Cars 4 Critters - AACAMuseum, Hershey Road (PA Rte. 39) , Hershey, PA. sponsored by the AACAMuseum. More info at: www.facebook.com/aacamuseum.cars4critters/**
- May18-20** **Carlisle Import & Performance Nationals - Carlisle Fairgrounds. More information at www.carlisleevents.com CPTC Event***
- June 2nd** **Cars & Motorcycles of England - Hope Lodge, Fort Washington, PA. Judged, concours event. More info at www.historichopelodge.org**
- June 3rd** **41st Original British Car Day Show - 8:00 AM - 4:00 PM at Lilypons Water Gardens, Adamstown, MD. More information at: www.chesapeakechaptermgtclub.com/OBCD_main.htm**
- June 7th** **CPTC Board Meeting at the Billett's - 7:00 PM. Please call Tom at 717-469-2379, if you plan to attend.**
- June 8 - 10** **Elegance at Hershey - Hershey Hotel grounds. Hill climb on 8th and 9th and Concours d'Elegance on Sunday, June 10th. More info at: <http://theeleganceathershey.com/>**
- June 15-16** **2018 Bellefonte Cruise - Bellefonte, PA. Friday night cruise and dance - classic car show on Saturday. More info on P. 15 of this newsletter.**

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2018 Calendar of Events (continued)

- June 19-21** 2018 TRA National Meet - Chetola Resort, Blowing Rock, NC. Phone: 800-243-8652. For Meet Registration information, please visit: <http://triumphregister.com/tra-national-meet/>
- July 6th-8th** 16th Annual Kastner Cup - Pittsburgh International Race Complex, Beaver, PA. See: www.pvgp.org/drivers/kastner-cup/ for info.
- July 8th** Spring Gate Winery Run - Meet at AACA Museum for lunch and run to winery. Music, food, drink & cars! Information to follow.
- July 12th** CPTC Board Meeting at the Shoop's - 7:00 PM. Please call Tom at 717-469-2379, if you plan to attend.
- July 17-21** 2018 VTR National Convention, La Crosse, WI. (See info on P. 8)
- July 21st** Wool & Wine Run to Eastland Alpacas & lunch at the Vineyards at Grandview. Leave from Hollywood Casino parking lot at 10:00 AM.
- Aug. 5th** General Membership Meeting - 3:00 PM. Location to be determined.
- Aug. 16-18** TRF Summer Party - This year's theme is 'County Fair'. More info to follow.
- Aug. 19th** Taste of Britain Car Show & Polo Match - held at Forney Polo Field in Rothsville, PA. Sponsor: Lanco MG Club. www.lancomgclub.com
- Sept. 7 - 9** Watkins Glen VGP - Watkins Glen, NY. Jaguar will be the featured Marque downtown & the Mini Cooper will be featured at the track.
- Sept. 16th** CPTC Picnic - 1:00 PM at the West Shore Elks Picnic Grounds. Join us for an afternoon of fun, food, drink, cars and camaraderie. More information to follow.
- Sept. 22-23** Meeting of the Marques - Carlisle, PA.
See www.MeetingoftheMarques.com for more information
- Oct. 21st** Fall Run - Save the date - Information to follow.
- Dec. 2nd** CPTC Christmas Party - Hershey Italian Lodge, 128 Hillcrest Road, Hershey, PA 17033. More information to follow.
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Triumph Rescue Tech Session Bally, PA March 24, 2018



Owner Matt Bakes greets CPTC members Adam and Tina Kisthardt at the entrance to his shop.



Some of the usual suspects (Jerry Frasso & Cliff Grube) were on hand as well.

As we've come to expect, there were a number of Triumphs undergoing major or complete restorations, such as this fine BRG Triumph TR3A



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Triumph Rescue ... (Continued)

And this sharp looking Triumph TR6, fresh from the paint booth.



Following the coffee, donuts & admiring looks at the cars in the shop, it was time to get to the matter at hand: trouble-shooting/preventing electrical problems.



Mike Nitroy (above) and Matt Bakes took turns explaining what to look for and what you should avoid when dealing with the infamous Lucas electrical systems.



A crowd of enthusiasts from DE Valley Triumphs, Lanco MG Club & CPTC were on hand for the well-received session. The bottom line: When doing a major restoration, your wisest investment will be a new wiring harness!

Matt & Beth Bakes granddaughter, Ella, is prepping herself to take over the shop; wearing a CPTC shop apron is a great way to start!



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Triumph Rescue ... (Continued)



Many thanks to Matt & Beth Bakes and the entire staff for their hospitality and a very informative tech session.

**Photos by Joe Laurito*

CPTC member Chuck Swartzbaugh is looking for some help from fellow club members. He has a '77 Spitfire and a rebuild kit for his Weber carbs; but needs some assistance with the rebuild. If you have a little time and the experience to give Chuck a hand, please give him a call at 717-495-7314 or email him at 1951sbiker@comcast.net

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.

Minnesota Triumphs beckon you to the VTR NATIONAL 2018

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Central Pennsylvania Triumph Club

2018 Spring Run

April 29, 2018



START:
1:00 PM

Carlisle Country Market
1446 Holly Pike
(Route 34)
Carlisle, PA

FINISH:
 3:00 PM

Fiddler's Restaurant
At Mayapple Golf Links
1 Mayapple Drive
Carlisle, PA

Host
Marty Shoop
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Jane Shoop
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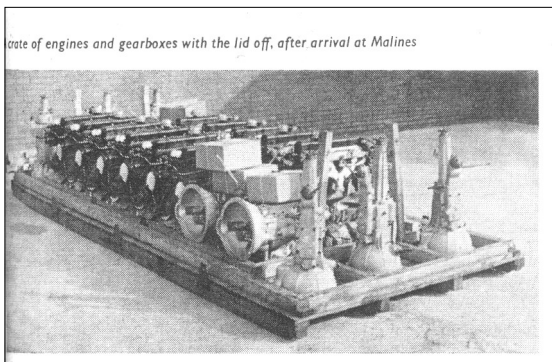
Triumph Assembly Plant Malines, Belgium

The assembly plant in Malines was one of many Standard-Triumph plants around the globe. Some others of note were in NZ, Australia, Ireland and South Africa.



Malines, Belgium Plant - circa 1964

The Malines plant opened in 1958 and assembled models such as, Vitesse saloons, Heralds, TR4s and Spitfires for European Common Market countries.



crate of engines and gearboxes with the lid off, after arrival at Malines

The cars arrived at the plant in CKD (Completely Knocked Down) crates and 24 - 28 crates were required per car, depending upon the model.

While cars destined for large markets in the USA and the UK were assembled in the Canly plant in Coventry, UK, the smaller assembly plants were better suited to meeting the requirements of the Common Market countries. For instance, cars for Italy needed laminated wind-screens and tubed tires; West Germany required steering locks and France specified yellow lamp bulbs and a clear plastic reservoir for brake fluid. Most of the color ranges for the exported cars also differed from the home market needs.

By 1965, many local Belgian materials were being incorporated into these cars, thus helping the local economy even more. Examples include paint, interior trim, batteries, road springs, tires, horns and glass - in addition to staff wages and salaries. A great era for Triumph!

**Information & photos for this article were submitted by Gertjan van de Klashorst, Coordinator - International Contacts, TR Club Holland*

25th Annual British Motorcar Gathering
Hellertown Reservoir Park
Hellertown, PA
June 10, 2018

Sponsor: Keystone Region MG Club
\$15 Pre-registration by May 31st
Visit www.keystonemg.com or contact
Mike Jones at 610-865-3419 or email
him at mojones@enter.net

A Triumph Tragedy A Tale from North Carolina Folklore

Bittersweet Tragedy Claims Life of Local Man, 62

Friday, March 23, 2018. A local North Carolina man met his end this afternoon on Highway 129, just south of Deals Gap, NC. Sources say the deceased had recently completed a 2-year restoration of his vintage Triumph. After its successful safety inspection this morning, he licensed the car and had taken it on its first serious drive in 13 years.

Details are sketchy at this time; but police & paramedics at the scene pieced together what may have happened. Apparently, he was returning home after having just completed a drive through 'The Tail of The Dragon', with its famous 318 hairpin turns, sharp curves and switchbacks over an 11 mile stretch.



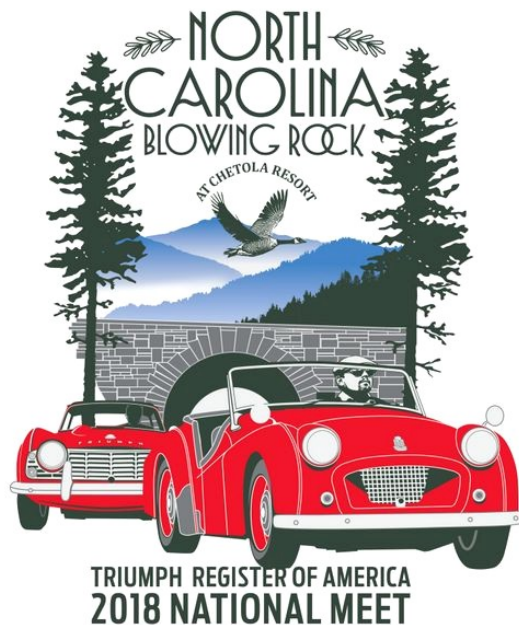
They speculate that his smile continued to widen so much that the corners of his mouth met at the back of his neck, causing his head to fall off. The classic Triumph coasted safely to a stop at the side of the road, backing traffic for miles

as drivers slowed to admire the car.

"At least he died doing what he loved" said the tearful wife of the deceased. "And thank God the car is OK."

**Anonymous – submitted by Ron Weber*

Editor's Note: Enjoy the drive; but keep your head about you!



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21st Annual Britain on the Green

The Capital Triumph Register is proud to announce that the 21st Annual Britain on the Green (BOG) will be held at historic Gunston Hall, the colonial home of patriot George Mason, on April 29, 2018. BOG, which welcomes all British cars and motorcycles, is well-established as one of the premier all-British shows in the metropolitan DC area.

In addition to hundreds of beautiful British vehicles on display, we'll have live music, a Food Truck Alley, a sponsor/vendor Midway for your automotive needs, activities for children, and tours of the Gunston Hall mansion and gardens for participants and spectators.

The featured model at Britain on the Green 2018 will be the Triumph TR250, celebrating the 50th year since its introduction in 1968.

Further information is available at:
<http://www.capitaltriumphregister.com/bog/>

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

16TH ANNUAL KASTNER CUP



2018 PVGP HISTORICS AT PITT RACE



Event will take place at the Pittsburgh International Race Complex in Beaver, PA

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The Brokerage

Where Buyers Meet Sellers

Disclaimer:

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.

1969 Austin Healey Sprite - Restoration project. Red with black interior; has not run since 1981. Car is complete with many extra parts, including brake parts, spare grill, soft top frame and complete dashboard. Includes many repair & restoration manuals and the original owner's manual. Car is located near Grantville, PA. Contact Alan (non-member) at 717-469-1047. \$500 OBO. [Listed 5/18]

1974 TR6 - Java Green w/tan interior. Second owner, garage kept, 80,000 miles, driver-quality car. Solid frame, floors & trunk. New battery, newer top & vinyl interior in good condition. Cons: dash pad cracks, minor rust around grill, some body panels have been repainted. Car is located in New Castle, PA. Asking \$12,500. Owner contact number: 724-657-0867. For detailed info regarding the car, contact Patrick Ledford at 724-977-0938 or email dpledford@gmail.com [Listed 5/18]

1963 TR4 – two cars for sale. Car #1: needs reassembly; 95% of parts are new or have been restored, i.e. body has been frame-off restored, under coated and primed. Frame has been gone over and painted. Engine and transmission have been gone over. Tires like new with painted wire rims. Pristine wooden dash with all gauges. New windshield still in crate; new wood steering wheel. Car is complete, less wiring, carpet canvas top. Car #2: Complete restoration needed. Car is complete, but dismantled. All parts tagged and catalogued. Use for parts or restoration. Both stored in a garage in Willow Street, PA. Contact Fred Fidler [Member] at 717-314-0024 or email rmfidler@verizon.net. [Listed 4/18]

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]

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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 or 610-775-5332 (8 am to 6 pm). [Listed 4/17]

British Parts Flea Market at the Roadster Factory

June 2nd at TRF facility in Armaugh, PA

Owner Charles Runion invites anyone who has British parts or cars for sale to join him on this Flea Market Saturday. You may sell from a tent, trunk of your car or a tarp on the ground. Charles will have some beer and food; but you may want to supplement with some items of your own. This is a great chance to sell parts and buy others you don't really need; but can't live without!

Watkins Glen Vintage Grand Prix

September 7 - 9, 2018

www.grandprixfestival.com





Meeting of the Marques in Carlisle, PA. Car Show on Sept. 22nd and the Driving Event on the 23rd - More info. to follow.

Bellefonte Cruise In Historic Bellefonte, PA June 15th & 16th

Friday night cruise, sock hop/live band. On Saturday the streets are filled with classic cars - a weekend designed to bring back the memories of the 50s/60s!

Caravan to the event meets at the Kmart in Enola, PA (off Rte. 11/15) at noon on the 15th. For more information, contact Helen at 717-761-7105 or email her at dustman7@verizon.net.

Pre-registration (\$10) by May 31st at: www.bellefontecruise.org/registration/
Registration on day of event - \$15

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,
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more information
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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

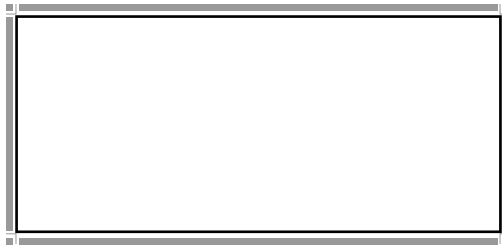
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