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One of the few bright spots at an otherwise dreary Carlisle Import Show - a tastefully done Jaguar XJ8 sedan-to-pickup conversion - unusual ... and very nice!

**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

Well, so far this spring Central Pennsylvania weather has gone from snow to 85/90 degrees (at least for a few days) to 60 degrees and April showers in May!! I hope everyone is keeping up with grass cutting and other basic yard work, not to mention Triumph upkeep and repairs.

The Spring Run was a nice start to the driving season. Marty and Jane planned out another enjoyable event. While the temps were a little on the cool side there was no rain! With about 18 cars or so we drove through some wonderful countryside and quaint small towns in Cumberland and Adams County, with the usual stop at Fiddler's Restaurant for some friendly service and good food. Thanks again to the Shoops for hosting the run.

The Carlisle Import show was to become a complete washout according to all local weather reports; but, though breezy and cool on Friday, it stayed mostly dry. Saturday was partly rainy; but much better than predicted. I would like to thank everyone who showed up and helped man our club tent. And a special THANK YOU to Gene Schrader for grilling up another great lunch for the membership. There's

nothing like a hot dog on a cool and damp day to warm you up. Another thank you to Rich and Maryann for the wine and brownies.

I'm hoping to run the 4A a little more this year - with the help of a good friend a new electronic distributor has been installed and the car is running a lot smoother. Keeping my fingers crossed!

I hope to see you at one of our upcoming runs or events. Check the club calendars for dates. May warm weather and sunny skies come our way soon!

Just a reminder: If you didn't pay your dues at Carlisle they are due June 1st. You can always sent a check to CPTC, P.O. Box 493, New Kingstown, PA 17072.

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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.

- 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.chesapeakechaptermgclub.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 10th** **25th Annual British Motorcar Gathering - Hellertown Reservoir
Park, Hellertown, PA. All British cars & motorcycles welcome. Pre-
registration by May 31st is \$15 - \$20 on day of show. More info is
available at www.keystonemg.com or contact Mike Jones at 610-
865-3419 or email mojones@enter.net. Sponsored by Keystone
Region MG Club, Inc.**
- 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.**
- 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.**

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2018 Calendar of Events (continued)

- 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. 10)
- 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'. A block of rooms has been reserved at the Park Inn by Radisson in Indiana, PA. Phone: 1-800-317-9168 ... \$99/night - reference TRF. Register online at <https://gar.zeni.net/trf/SPform.php> or phone 800-234-1104 or FAX 814-446-6729.
- 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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CPTC Spring Run April 29, 2018



Overcast skies and chilly temps failed to dissuade the CPTC faithful from the first Club outing of the season. Ably led by Marty & Jane Shoop, the 16-car caravan met at the Carlisle Country Market and wound it's way through back roads and byways, taking in the scenic charm of Cumberland and Adams counties.



Approaching the final leg of the journey, there was time for some candid photos from a street view perspective.



Host Marty Shoop leans into the corner, with a bevy of others in trail.



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Spring Run ... (Continued)



Bill Wessels, one of our Club sponsors, joined us in his vintage VW Beetle soft top ... very nice, Bill.



Also getting in on the fun were Cliff and Kathy Grube in their beautiful 1964 TR4. They also have a story to share with us on Page 11 of this issue. You won't want to miss it!

Our trek ended at Fiddler's Restaurant at the Mayapple Golf Course near Carlisle, where good food and liquid refreshment awaited ..



Kudos to Marty & Jane Shoop for their efforts in another great Spring Run!

**Photos by Joe Laurito & Tom Miceli*



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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

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Carlisle Import Show Fairgrounds - Carlisle, PA May 18-20, 2018 ~ by Dennis Ward

Carlisle Import Show—RAIN—a little Friday, a LOT Saturday. Sloppy, but fun. Apparently I am easily amused. I took the day off on Friday, May 18th, to attend the Carlisle Import and Performance Car Nationals. I have been attending this event for over 30 years, and for almost 30 years have been driving my Triumph.

The day dawned ugly, with a fine rain. Top up, my TR4 and I headed toward Carlisle. Unsurprisingly, after about 15 minutes the wipers stuck in top-dead-center position. Pulling under the protection of a drive-in bank lane, I got out and dislodged the balky blades. I discovered that, if I only pulled the wiper knob long enough for one swipe, we were fine, so the trip continued fairly safely. I found that, if you can manage to force yourself to focus on the road, the rain drops kind of disappear (but not completely). I know, I know, RAIN-X.

Usually a packed field on Friday morning, I was greeted at the CPTC tent by an Audi convertible, a BMW drop top, a Jag and an MGB. No Triumphs. The turnout on the show field was equally dismal because of the threat of rain all day. However, although the skies were overcast with a lot of wind, there was almost no more rain on Friday. It does sound awful; but it wasn't - it was fun! Soon Bob Krivenko arrived in his Miata and Dave English in his Spitfire, and the population began to grow. While not

crowded, there were some nice vehicles on the show field.

I felt extremely fortunate to meet Michael Quinn, the grandson of Jaguar founder William Lyons, and son of Patricia Lyons, who co-drove a Jaguar XK120 with her first husband, Ian Appleyard, in Alpine rallye events in the 1950s and 60s. Michael was one of four speakers in a Jaguar/Aston Martin session.

And then there was Saturday. What I said earlier about my wipers ... Worse. However I had volunteered to man the Triumph Club tent from 8 AM to 10 AM, and there was no one else to do it (I thought). The intrepid Joe Laurito was waiting for me, with his Datsun Z-Car under the tent. He had texted me to stay home; but I didn't look at my phone.



Stan Carpenter arrived next, rain-soaked and dripping. Only his hot coffee kept him smiling. A few more hardy souls did appear, though, and a nice, friendly crowd formed under the big top.

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Carlisle Import Show (Cont.)



I saw many more Jaguars than usual, including an XJ8 pickup! Say what you will about the concept, this 'truck' was very nicely done. This 'street rod' Jaguar was well thought out and executed. Of course, the interior was as gorgeous as any Jag sedan!

By the time I left, my Triumph was the only one left. A black E-Type coupe did appear and joined the parking space next to an MG Midget. I lasted until about 11:30 AM, feeling thoroughly damp and musty. I motored home - one wiper-knob pull at a time.

New Members Welcome!

The most recent additions to the CPTC ranks are:

**Bob & Kay Johnson
Carlisle, PA**

Owners of a 1975 MGB

We're pleased to have you with us!



The Royal Wedding - Prince Harry driving Meghan to the reception in a Jag XKE ... with a 295 hp electric motor under the bonnet!

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Steve Parsons/AFP/Getty Images*

Minnesota Triumphs
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22nd Annual Drive Your British Car Week May 26th - June 3rd

Check your cars out - get them out
of the garage and drive them to help
celebrate British Car Week!

A Triumph Tale ~ by Cliff & Kathy Grube

We were only a mile into the CPTC Spring Run, hosted by Marty and Jane Shoop, when I looked at my fuel gauge, showing empty and no engine temp. I quickly discovered that I had no turn signals either and wondered if my brake lights worked. It certainly is not comfortable to begin a 50 mile tour, with others following, in such a state.

At the first stop sign, as I pulled up behind Joe and Michele Laurito's TR6, I turned my headlights on and, yes, I could see that they worked; but I still had no idea if I had tail lights and especially brake lights. At this point it appeared that we would be on mostly open roads with little traffic; so on we went, using an occasional hand signal for turns. Near the end of the run we had an opportunity to pull off and check out the situation under the hood. After removing the fuse box cover, both fuses looked OK. Thinking that maybe there was some corrosion under the contact, I pulled the fuse and it came apart in my hand.

These early cars came with two extra fuses so we were soon good to go and were only a few minutes late to Fiddler's restaurant. The fuse that failed was an AGC35 which was not even the proper fuse to use.

British fuses are rated differently than American fuses and in a pinch I guess an AGC25 might be used safely for a 35 amp Lucas fuse. Perhaps the installation of an electric cooling fan by the previous owner encouraged the use of a heavier fuse; but the spare fuses were correct. The lesson learned was, although the fuse does not look blown, it may have failed. The 75 mile trip home was uneventful and all is well again in Lucas Land.



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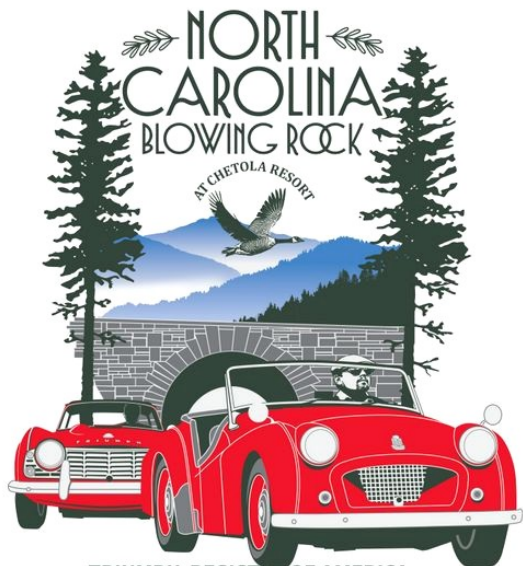


Bellefonte Cruise In Historic Bellefonte, PA June 15th & 16th

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



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1962 MGA Mark II - Red with tan top & interior; excellent interior, exterior and mechanical condition throughout; 2200 miles since restoration; photos upon request. Asking price - \$22,000. Contact (Non-members) Rose at 717-215-0805 or Kurt at 717-215-9264. [Listed 6/18]

1980 TR8 - Convertible, silver/gray with blue interior, 5-speed, 43,000 miles, solid and reliable driver, good top & mechanical condition, good interior, reluctantly offered for sale, asking \$12,000. Call Bob Rife (Member) at 717-512-5667 and leave message. [Listed 6/18]

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 \$11,500, reasonable offer considered. 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]

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The Brokerage (Continued)

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]

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:

Spitfire (I think) parts: trunk lid with luggage carrier, tranny, fuel tank, etc. Best offer for all. TR6 right side tail light - best offer. Pictures available upon request. Contact Bob (Non-member) at 610-401-0834 anytime or email boblogan61@gmail.com. [Listed 6/18]

Used TR3 roll bar for sale and an unused TR 250 Walker exhaust system purchased from The Roadster Factory 27 years ago. If interested, contact Steve (Non-member) at Apple Electric – Phone: 302-645-5105 or FAX: 302-645-5590. Parts are located in Rehoboth, DE. [Listed 6/18]

Watkins Glen Vintage Grand Prix
September 7 - 9, 2018
www.grandprixfestival.com

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!



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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, which includes six bi-monthly issues of *The Vintage Triumph* magazine.

Write to: VTR-E-New Membership,
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 more information
 and a membership
 application.



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.

REMINDER

Membership Renewal - June 1st

The membership renewal date for
ALL CPTC members is now

June 1st!

Thank you.

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1971 Triumph TR6
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