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Torrential rains forced the cancellation of the highly anticipated Wool & Wine Ride - Part 2; but the AACA Museum Tour & Spring Gate Vineyards Run is still on for Sunday, July 29th at 1:00 PM.

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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; they usually will run for several 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

Excluding the recent monsoon weather, it sure has been a wonderful summer so far! Plenty of sunshine and starlit nights for driving with the top down. Sue and I have been enjoying every minute of it - Dinner out, wineries, ice cream or just an evening drive. Let's hope we have plenty more beautiful days ahead to enjoy our cars.

Sady, Mark and Dorothy Duchess's Wool and Wine Ride had to be postponed; but Rich Roenigk's and Mary Ann Berrian's Spring Gate Vineyards Ride is still on schedule. I would like to thank each of them for their efforts in hosting these runs for all of us to enjoy.

Looking ahead, the Club Summer Picnic is fast approaching. We already have some nice donations for the auction; but we always have room for more! If you do plan to donate an item, please give Bill Shover a heads up so he can have everything ready beforehand.

Our next public meeting is scheduled for Sunday, August 5th at 3:00 PM. The Board took a vote on the location and the majority decided to meet at Johns Diner (off I-83) in New Cumberland. Please plan on attending these public meetings and help to support your Club. If you have any questions or suggestions, this is a good opportunity to discuss them.

Keep informed by checking your newsletters, our website and keep an eye out for advisory emails from the Club. Hopefully, the weather for the next pop-up event will be a little cooler and less humid to entice more participation. Hope to see you all soon!

Keep Calm and Motor On!

Tom

FYI - Time is running out (8/15/18) to take advantage of the special deal for CPTC members to join VTR. Don't delay and miss out on this offer.



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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.

- Aug. 5th** **General Membership Meeting - 3:00 PM at John's Diner, 146 Shera ton Drive, New Cumberland, PA - Take Limekiln Road exit off I-83.**
- 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**
- Aug. 24-26** **24th Annual British Car Festival - featuring John Twist, University Motors. Friday's (August 24th) registration will be held at Lenny's Classic Cars, 816 Green Avenue, Altoona. Pizza and drinks will be provided. Saturday, August 25th includes a Funkhana starting at 11:30 am. You must pre-register. Saturday night pig roast dinner at Lakemont Park in Altoona, PA. Sunday, August 26th, it's Del-grosso's Amusement Park (10 miles North of Altoona on I-99). All British Cars are welcome. John Twist & Larry Learn will conduct seminars throughout the day. Pre-registration prices are good until August 18th. Please visit www.pabritishcar.com, for info/reg.**
- 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. See www.grandprixfestival.com for registration and information.**
- Sept. 15th** **Brits on the Beach 2018: 21st Annual British Car Day at Historic Ocean Grove, NJ on Saturday, Sept. 15th. Presented by the Positive Earth Drivers Club. Judging by participants choice, dash plaques f or the first 150 cars. The show will go on rain or shine, contact us or see our web site for full details. Phone: 732-620-2378. Email: joisuzu@optonline.net . Website: www.pedc.org. Address: 59 Main Avenue, Ocean Grove, NJ 07756**

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2018 Calendar of Events (continued)

- 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 at the amazingly low (and highly subsidized) price of \$14/person! Send your check to CPTC, P O Box 493, New Kingstown, PA 17072
- Sept. 22-23** Meeting of the Marques - Carlisle, PA.
See www.MeetingoftheMarques.com for more information
- Sept. 27-30** 6-Pack Trials - Fontana Village Resort, Fontana Dam, NC. Join in the celebration of the 50th anniversary for the Triumph TR250.
- Oct. 21st** Fall Run - Meet in Hershey Theatre parking lot, 15 E. Caracas Ave., Hershey, PA 17033 at 1:00 PM. Run begins at 1:30 PM - it will be a leisurely drive through the scenic countryside of Dauphin and Lebanon counties. Early dinner (3:00 PM) at Funck's Restaurant, 664 W. Main St. in Palmyra, PA 17078.
- Dec. 2nd** CPTC Christmas Party - Hershey Italian Lodge, 128 Hillcrest Road, Hershey, PA 17033. More information to follow.
- March 24, 2019** Welcome Spring Party - West Shore Elks. Information to follow.

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16th Annual Kastner Cup Pittsburgh International Race Complex Beaver, PA July 6 - 8, 2018

The Pitt Race Complex is located about an hour north of Pittsburgh, on the site of the former Beaver Run Race Track, with easy access from the interstates.

The 2018 Kastner Cup kicked off the start of festivities for the hugely popular Pittsburgh Vintage Grand Prix week. The Pittsburgh VGP, centered in Schenley Park, features vintage racing and car shows through the week. Proceeds benefit autistic/developmentally challenged individuals. More than \$5 million has been donated to this great cause to date.



Kas Kastner, looking hale & hearty at the age of 90 years young, stands amidst the group of Triumph racers vying for the Cup trophy.

The track was blessed with glorious sunshine throughout the event - a beautiful time to be in Pennsylvania!



This year's Cup winner was Jim Dolan (center, with award) - Jim and his three sons had four Triumph GT6s entered in the race! Congratulations to Jim & sons - well done!



Rich Roenigk's fine '63 Triumph TR4 - one of 50 cars to attend the event

The next Kastner Cup is to be held in CA

**Photos and text by Rich Roenigk*

Synthetic or Conventional Oil? The verdict is finally in ...

If you're a good car owner and follow a reasonable maintenance schedule, you most likely change your oil at least twice a year. A big question comes up when undertaking this basic task: traditional or synthetic oil? There are two considerations when making that call: cost and quality. Everybody knows synthetic costs more. But is it worth it?

AAA conducted an [extensive scientific analysis](#) to find out. The results aren't shocking; but they could guide consumer behavior toward spending a bit more money for a long-term benefit. Synthetic is better ... A lot better.

"Synthetic oil outperformed conventional oil by an average of nearly 50 percent in its independent evaluation, offering vehicles significantly better engine protection for only \$5 more per month when following a factory-recommended oil change schedule," the organization said in a statement.

In the study, AAA found that "synthetic engine oils performed an average of 47 percent better than conventional oils in a variety of industry-standard tests," John Nielsen, the organization's managing director of automotive engineering and repair, said.

AAA was quite honest about the findings. You aren't going to hurt your engine if you skip the Mobil 1, one of the best-known synthetics. But you aren't going to put yourself in the poorhouse if you flip for the synthetic, either —

these oils add only \$64 a year on average to vehicle-operation costs. You might think you're being up-sold at the oil-change place; but it usually pays off for you and the mechanic.

"AAA's engine oil research focused on eight industry-standard ASTM (American Society for Testing and Materials) tests to evaluate the quality of both synthetic and conventional engine oils in terms of shear stability, deposit formation, volatility, cold-temperature pump-ability, oxidation resistance and oxidation-induced rheological changes," the organization said.

It is important to remember that you don't need to go synthetic if cost is an issue — that's the catch. When my 1998 Saab 900S was on its last legs, I went back to conventional oil for changes.

However, if you own a newer car or want to maximize the long-term value of your vehicle, AAA's advice is clear: pay the extra money for the extra protection.

This information was freely adapted from a recent *Business Insider* article entitled, 'Oil Change' [Ed.]

**Submitted by John Krause*



Not a member of VTR? Join now, get an extra year free!

Established in 1974, the Vintage Triumph Register is the only factory-authorized North American Triumph club. Now in its 43rd year, VTR prints an award-winning, full-color magazine, has a website with helpful information on every Triumph, and presents an annual convention hosted by one of its' 65 local chapters. You'll also get a national directory listing every member in the US and Canada — useful as you travel in your Triumph!



HOW TO JOIN

- ① Visit www.vtr.org and click 'Join Here' in the member login box.
- ② Complete the information page, offer available to new members only.
- ③ In the space labeled 'Coupon Code', enter **CPTC18**. Offer expires August 15, 2018.
- ④ Pay using the credit card of your choice.

In a few weeks you'll receive a welcome packet with the latest issue of the magazine!
Questions? Just send an email to Dick Birch, VTR Membership Secretary: birchtr6@gmail.com

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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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LAST SHOWING OF THE GOLD... 2017 Brits on the Beach – A Review Ocean Grove, NJ ~ By Bob Iwan

By the time of this show, the purchase of my next TR 8 was in the works and this meant the gold one had to go. So a last minute spiff job on the gold one, print and pack some sale flyers and off we go. Got to the show without incident, a little late but; wound up being the first '8' in line as you entered the show - PERFECT!



Had some action on the car all day; but there were plenty of other cars to check out. So I took my usual pics and enjoyed myself.



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Brits on the Beach 2017 (Cont.)



No trophies won; but wait 'til next time!
On the way home, I stopped at a good friend's house to catch up ... then an easy trip home. Hope to return next year!!!

**Photos by Bob Iwan*

The 2018 edition of Brits on the Beach will be held Sept. 15th in Ocean Grove, NJ

One of Our Own

The Central Pennsylvania Triumph Club mourns the recent passing of Robert 'Bob' Johnstone of Lykens, PA. Bob was a retired high school teacher and a CPTC member for over 25 years. He was a man of many interests who was fascinated with vintage British sports cars, gardening, photography, creative cooking, wood and metal working and was a self-taught musician. You will be missed, Bob.

~ Rest in Peace ~

CPTC Summer Picnic West Shore Elks September 16th - 1:00 PM



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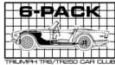
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Call or email Holly with your request, telling her that you are a member of the Central Pennsylvania Triumph Club. She will calculate the cost of the item, embroidery and shipping and get back to you with a price. Pay with a check or credit card and 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.

FAX number is (717) 599-7711.

Watkins Glen Vintage Grand Prix September 7 - 9, 2018

www.grandprixfestival.com



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Attention CPTC Members

Elections will be held this Fall for the following officers of the CPTC Board:

Vice President
Treasurer
Webmaster

If you have an interest in any of these positions, please contact any member of the Board for more information or to make your intentions known. It is no secret that we need members to step up and assume a leadership role in order for our Club to remain viable.

Thank You!

Triumph TR3 Parts Wanted

CPTC member Dave Stampler wishes to purchase the following TR3 parts:

Small mouth grill and any trim
Generator models 22258 d, e or f
Useable fuel tank
Brooklands screens, fender skirts
One half of the conical throttle shaft
bushing retainer mounted to firewall

Contact Dave Stampler at 717-887-4276
or email him at 1968gt6@gmail.com
[Listed 8/18]

Items Needed for Silent Auction

CPTC is in need of donated items for our Silent Auction at the Club picnic on September 16th

Bill Shover will again coordinate the auction. Please email him at wsspjs@pa.net or call 717-249-4463 with a description of the item you wish to donate.
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The Brokerage

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Disclaimer:

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1980 Triumph TR8 – Convertible; Poseidon Green with tan plaid interior in VG condition. New tan soft top to replace the original black top. New tires with less than 100 miles; excellent no rust car with 44K miles. Garage kept - never seen snow; 3.5 Liter V8 engine is all original with ZS induction system, catalytic converters and Lucas electrics intact and functional. Everything except A/C is in good working order with service records available - A/C is there but not cold. Photos available. \$12,900,OBO. Call (717)834-2033 or email Sue Kistler (Member) at Sakistler@aol.com. Car is located in Duncannon PA. [Listed 8/18]

1974 TR6 - Sapphire Blue with Shadow Blue interior. Driver-quality car in very good condition; Mileage: 104,653; Owned for 29 yrs.; Body all original no rust or repair. Previous owner had Car painted in 1989; Hard top on car just rebuilt and painted to match car. All new interior. Engine rebuilt at 103,727. HVDA Toyota 5 speed; Goods Nissan 300ZX rear. Car is located in Lewisberry PA. Asking \$23,500. Contact Ed Mohler (Member): 717-649-0191 or email mohleredwin@gmail.com for detailed info and photos. [Listed 8/18]

1967 TR4A - Runs well; BRG with black top/interior; wood steering wheel; original style luggage rack; new wheels and tires; newly reupholstered, leather TR6 seats. \$8000. Car is in Lancaster, PA. Call Vic Nigro (Member) at 717-371-7157, leave message. [Listed 8/18]

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]

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The Brokerage (Continued)

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]

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 (Non-member) at 724-977-0938 or email him at 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]

PARTS & EQUIPMENT

For Sale:

TR6 parts or adaptable to TR6:

New Parts: 6 AutoLite plugs; 18 N9YC plugs; 4 wheel dollies; 2 walnut door sills; 2 chrome door pulls; 4 center wheel badges (chrome & decal); 2 Stromberg 175 rebuild kits; 2 temp compensators; rear differential stabilizer kit; AC fuel pump (factory rebuilt); AC fuel pump rebuild kit; early front grill badge assembly; 6 ‘proper’ exhaust clamps; 1 yard Moss Motors dark red vinyl; 2 Triumph badges for seat belts.

Used parts: 6 jack stands; 2 rear axles & hubs; 2 Stromberg 175s (1973); tranny top cover assembly; Tach and Speedo w/other assorted gauges; 2 right tail light assemblies. Asking \$350 as a package. Parts in Shrewsbury, PA. Will meet at convenient location. Bob Levine (Member) Levinpa@comcast.net [Listed 8/18]



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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,
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.

Spring Gate Vineyards Run

Sunday, July 29th - 1:00 PM

Meet at the AACAA Museum,

161 Museum Drive, Hershey, PA 17033

Begin with a guided tour (group pricing) of the museum followed by a half hour drive to Spring Gate Vineyards & Winery 5790 Devonshire Road, Harrisburg, PA.

www.springgatevineyard.com

Reserved parking for the group - food, wines and microbrews available for purchase. Live music to celebrate the Winery's Peach Festival weekend.

Many thanks to Rich Roenigk and Mary Ann Berrian for their efforts in putting this run together!

REMINDER

Membership Renewal - June 1st

The membership renewal date for **ALL CPTC members** is now

June 1st!

Thank you.

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