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Club members line up for the excellent picnic buffet provided by the capable staff at the West Shore Elks Picnic Grounds as part of our annual 'Goodbye Summer' festivities on September 16th.

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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

On September 6th Sue and I met up with seven others for our annual trek to the Watkins Glen Vintage GP. With a variety of vehicles, BMWs, Minis, a Jaguar and even a pick-up truck with a Triumph in tow, we headed North on Rt. 11/15. At a gas stop just before Williamsport we decided to put the top up and enjoy the A/C (BMW advantage) as the sun was really beating down on us. Not long after getting back on the road it started to rain and, man, it did pour! Thankfully, no leaks (another BMW advantage); but as we entered NY state the rain stopped and the rest of the weekend was just cloudy, cool and dry. Jaguar was the featured marque, with some beautiful examples of both old and new. Between the racing, museums and wineries we had another great VGP trip. Next year, Triumph is the featured marque - no A/C; but I hope to have the windshield wipers working on the 4A by then.

By the time you read this newsletter, the club picnic will be over. We had 56 members attend and, if you missed it, you missed a great venue - the West Shore Elks Club. Good food, fine people, nice auction items and, if you can believe it,

GREAT WEATHER ... One of only a handful this summer! Even old man Lucas had the sun showing up. We hope everyone enjoyed the day. Many thanks to John Krause for his efforts in making the arrangements.

The Fall Run is slated for Oct. 21st. We hope to see you there for our last driving event of the year. We'll be meeting in the parking lot behind the Hershey Theater at 1:00 p.m.

Don't forget our public meeting on Sunday, November 4th at John's Diner. Elections will be held for the offices of VP, Treasurer and Webmaster.

Stay informed and up to date by checking our newsletter and website often.

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.

- 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. 4th** **CPTC Board Meeting at the Miele's - 7:00 PM. Please call Tom at 717-469-2379 if you plan to attend.**
- 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.**
- Nov. 4th** **CPTC General Meeting - 3:00 PM at John's Diner, 146 Sheraton Drive, New Cumberland, PA. Take the Limekiln Road Exit off I-83. Please make plans to attend this important meeting as elections will be held for the following Board officers: Vice President, Treasurer and Webmaster.**
- Dec. 2nd** **CPTC Christmas Party - Hershey Italian Lodge, 128 Hillcrest Road, Hershey, PA 17033. More information to follow.**
- March 24th** **Welcome Spring Party - West Shore Elks. Info. to follow.**
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Upcoming: Fall Leaf Tour - October 21st
Join us for an interesting afternoon drive through
Dauphin and Lebanon counties, ending with an early dinner
at Funck's Restaurant in Palmyra, PA - See 'Fall Run' on P. 4

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Goodbye Summer Picnic West Shore Elks Picnic Grounds Camp Hill, PA September 16, 2018



For one of the rare times this summer, we were blessed with a beautiful day for a Club event: our annual summer picnic. Many members took advantage of the fine weather to get their cars out of the garage and on the road as the end of the driving season draws near.

Members peruse the donated items for the Silent Auction and place their 'bids' to win one of the many prizes displayed.



In addition to the popular auction items, there was the even more popular buffet of excellent picnic food provided by the staff of the West Shore Elks!



Did I mention that there were also many fine LBCs on display in the parking area throughout this splendid afternoon?

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Goodbye Summer Picnic (Cont.)



Kudos to the Elks staff for their friendly service & hospitality and excellent picnic buffet!

Many thanks also to Bill Shover and his family for their help in setting up and coordinating the Silent Auction and a special 'Thank You' to Gene Schrader, our auctioneer . 'Thanks' are also due to John Krause for his efforts in setting up this event - well done by all!

**Photos by John Miele*

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Surrounded!**~by John Schmoyer**

Think of General George Custer's 7th Cavalry along the Little Bighorn River on June 25, 1876. Or two jersey-wearing Dallas Cowboys fans at the upcoming December 9th Eagles game at the Linc. In both instances, they could consider themselves to be surrounded by others with dissimilar interests. This is the situation that I theorized I would find myself in if my TR were to be parked on the grounds of the VFW's Aug. 26th car, truck and motorcycle show in Reinholds, PA. My guess was that mine would be the only British car in a sea of MOPAR, FOMOCO, and Chevy vehicles. Regardless, it was a beautiful day for the 7-mile ride to the quaint Lancaster County village and interesting to see if my theory proved to be correct.

I arrived at the event around 10:30 AM and received show placard number 336. The event grounds were already quite crowded as I was offered a space behind a Corvette that would likely place the TR's passenger side nearly in the first row of the corn field that hugged the road. After a bit of cajoling, the parking staff allowed me to park some 100 yards down the road in one of the primary exhibit areas. I bordered on despondence when one of the event greeters stated that he hadn't seen a car like mine for quite some time; but that he has now seen two on the same day! This was surely going to blow my theory right out of the water. In the end, had it not been for a black 1960 TR3A, mine would have been the lone British roadster out of approximately 385 registered vehicles.



(John Schmoyer's fine '60 TR3A)

And who would I find to be the owners of the other British car? None other than CPTC's Cliff and Kathy Grube. While it was great to see them, they clearly sent me back to the drawing board!

Postscript: Have you noticed that the 1960's era rivalry between sports car owners and those driving American muscle cars has waned? Now it's just an appreciation that all of us are collectively keeping the cars of our youth in good repair for other generations to enjoy.

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

Avoiding Fires While Your Collector Car Is In Storage

This article is in the May Condon Skelly Insurance newsletter - Posted: 5/17/18

Many of us use battery maintainers when we don't drive our collector cars for lengthy periods of time; but few of us know that the battery maintainers can be a potential problem unless we take a few prevention steps. Apparently, power surges can cause a battery maintainer to catch on fire. We've heard these things before from others, so it's time we found a method of prevention.

We recommend that everyone using a battery maintainer consider having it plugged into a surge protector, which are readily available as small single units or multi-unit power strips. Although surge protectors are inexpensive, you should consider getting one that has high power protection ratings. Often the ratings are in joules - a rating of 600 joules is good, but a rating of 1,000 joules is better.

The next thing to consider using is a fire-resistant bag/box for the maintainer to sit in when it's in use. The ones we're describing are intended for use when charging or transporting LIPO batteries which are known to sometimes catch fire. Use the search words "LIPO Safe" in one of the large global online retailers and you'll find lots of the fire-resistant boxes in different sizes, for around \$5 each. Buy ones that have a double layer of fire resistant material, because those are less likely to burn-through.



The battery maintainer should be completely inside the fire-resistant box - the cords can go out any of the sides. Most fire-resistant boxes have Velcro closures; but the boxes are not air tight, so there is ventilation, but generally not enough for a fire to burn as it might without this extra protection.

It would be best to have the battery maintainer at some distance away from your vehicle. You should also keep it away from anything flammable in your garage to minimize the potential risk of damage if a fire occurs, regardless of whether you're utilizing a fire-resistant box.

Editor's Note:

Complete article is available at:

<https://condonskelly.com/blog/avoiding-fires-while-your-collector-car-is-in-storage/>

**Submitted by John Krause*

Best of the Marque

CPTC's own Bob Krivenko received an award at the Bellefonte Cruise-in from the *British Marque Car Club News* for his 1957 Triumph TR3. The award was given in recognition of the 'Best Representation of the Marque'. As you can see from the photos below, the award is well deserved!



Bob (seated, center of photo) did nearly all the work on this restoration project - the results speak for themselves!



**Photos courtesy of British Marque Car Club News*

Attention CPTC Members

Elections will be held on **Nov. 4th** 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.

TR3s & Parts Inventory for Sale

1961 TR3 – Red with white interior, painted wires, overdrive, excellent (restored) condition, **\$21,000.00, OBO.** Also, 1958 TR3 project car, much of the body work is done, engine in running condition, overdrive – asking **\$4500.00.**

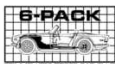
Enormous parts inventory (collected over 40+ years) of all types of TR3 parts, hardware, etc., including several engines, transmissions, overdrives and numerous body panels – asking **\$8000.00 for the entire parts lot.** Photos of cars & parts are available upon request. Cars and parts are located in Weston, PA. If interested, contact Pam (Member) at pcurilla@yahoo.com .
[Listed 10/18]



2018 6-Pack TRIals

Fontana Dam, North Carolina • September 27-30, 2018

*Celebrating the 50th Anniversary
of the Triumph TR250*



Two forlorn Triumph GT 6s sit alongside a hiking trail in Victor, NY ... looking for a home. The photo of the GTs (a Mk1 and a Mk2 or 3) was snapped by CPTC member Ron Weber's brother who was doing some work on the trail. The cars are in obvious disrepair and it would be a huge feat to get even one of them back on the road.

**Photo by Ralph Weber. Photo and text submitted by Ron Weber*

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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FAX number is (717) 599-7711.

One of Our Own

The Central Pennsylvania Triumph Club mourns the recent passing of George 'Robbie' Curilla of Weston, PA. George was an avid Triumph enthusiast and a CPTC member for over 18 years. His enduring passion for the past 40+ years was working on and restoring vintage British sports cars, especially TR3s. You will be missed, George.

~ Rest in Peace ~

1960 Triumph TR3A Custom Built by Earl Ipsen



Full custom body handcrafted by the late Earl Ipsen of Snohomish, WA. Earl began fabrication around 1962 and completed work in 1965. He purchased the original 1960 TR3A from a local wrecking yard as a 'total' with extensive frame and body damage. The drive train is primarily stock. The body is completely custom with a hand formed grill, pop-up headlights and unique swing forward doors.



Various donor cars were used to source the sheet metal and parts, including a late 20's Hudson Sedan, a '57 Studebaker and a '62 Buick.

Editor's Note:

Original article was posted by Vasileios Papaidis in the *TR Register of Greece* on Sept. 6, 2018.

** Submitted by Gertjan van de Klashorst*

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 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.

1971 TR6 – Dark blue w/black interior. Restoration project, mostly together; some frame repairs done; three fenders done and off car; complete new interior w/seats, panels, carpet still in boxes, new soft top in box, new exhaust not installed, aftermarket hardtop. Supposedly ran well when parked. Other misc. Triumph parts included. Car is located near Reading, PA. Call Bob (Former member) at 610-401-0834 or email boblogan61@gmail.com \$3500 obo. [Listed 10/18]

1978 Triumph 'Spit 6' Spitfire – Color: red w/tan interior (repaint - 2001), 63,000 miles, powered by GT6 MK3 6 cylinder engine, 1.75 SU carbs, performance camshaft, header w/Monza exhaust, Pertronix Ignition, high torque gear reduction starter, alloy wheels, Koni adjustable shocks, new convertible top & interior. Hardtop and stock wheels/tires included. Needs new rear bumper. Car is located in Carlisle, PA. Photos available. \$7499.00. Call Jeff (Non-member) at 717-329-7964 after 4:30 PM or email him at pacooriginals@live.com. [Listed 10/18]

1973 TVR 2500M - Rebuilt 2.5 liter inline 6 with twin SU carbs & mild cam; cylinders slightly bored-over; head milled with 10 to 1 compression; approx. 149 HP; 4 speed trans with no issues; new rear end. Generator replaced w/alternator; working Smiths gauges; stainless exhaust; twin electric fan radiator & electric fuel pump. Original T slot wheels; recent tune-up by Triumph Rescue; new headliner & sunroof; fiberglass body on steel frame in good condition. Considered a front, mid-engine coupe. Only 947 produced. Easy conversion to small block V8. Asking \$19,500. Car is located in Barto, PA. Email Chad at underpressure02@gmail.com or phone Bob Colfer (Non-member) at 610-841-6517 for more info. [Listed 10/18]

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The Brokerage (Continued)

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]

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]

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 \$200 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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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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1973 Triumph TR6
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