

# TRIUMPH NEWS

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

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**The CPTC faithful begin to gather in the Hershey Theatre parking lot on a rather brisk October day, prior to the start of the Fall Run.**

***\*Photo by Denny Ward***

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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; 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](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

Merry Christmas to all, I hope everyone is enjoying the holiday season. We have already had a taste of winter weather the week before Thanksgiving. That was enough for me! Unfortunately, I'm sure we'll be getting more in the near future. If it snows anything like it rained this past summer, look out!!

At the November meeting, we reelected our webmaster (Joe Laurito), treasurer (Marty Shoop) and a new Vice President - Rory Liebrum. I would like to thank Rory for his courage. It was a hard-fought campaign; but the best man won! I look forward to working with him in the upcoming year. I would also like to thank all the other board members, past and present, for their time and commitment. Without them we would our club be?

Also at the meeting, I appointed a special constitution committee chaired by Denny Ward, along with Jay Snavelly, current Newsletter Editor John Miele and Vice President-elect Rory Liebrum.

This committee will recommend changes to allow for updates and corrections, along with possibly changing the location and frequency of board meetings/public meetings. The current board feels that with cell phones, texting and email we can efficiently take care of club business while hopefully involving more membership participation. Stay tuned. And, as always, keep informed by checking our website and newsletter.

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.

- Dec. 2nd**      **CPTC Christmas Party - 1:00 PM at the Hershey Italian Lodge, 128 Hillcrest Road, Hershey, PA 17033. Partake of the Lodge's delicious Italian Buffet followed by the popular gift exchange for those who wish to participate. Cost: \$14/person; Guests - \$24/person. Join us for what promises to be a fun-filled afternoon! Send your check to CPTC, PO Box 493, New Kingstown, PA 17072**
- March 24th 2019**      **Welcome Spring Party - West Shore Elks, St John's Church Road, Camp Hill, PA. Info. to follow.**
- Sept. 6-8, 2019**      **2019 Watkins Glen Vintage GP - Triumph is the featured marque.**

## 2019 Watkins Glen USVGP

Never too early to plan for September!

Watkins Glen International track discounts are available until Dec. 17, 2018  
 Vintage racing - Friday night festivities downtown - Triumph is the Featured Marque  
 More information at:

[http://www.theglen.com/Articles/2018/10/1011\\_Sked.aspx](http://www.theglen.com/Articles/2018/10/1011_Sked.aspx)

*\*Submitted by Stan Carpenter*

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## Hunt Country Classic Middleburg, VA ~ by Kathy & Cliff Grube

On October 6<sup>th</sup> Kathy and I had the pleasure of attending the 23<sup>rd</sup> annual Hunt Country Classic British Vehicle Show on the beautiful Willoughby Farm at Middleburg, Virginia. This is a show sponsored by the MG club of Washington D. C. that I have heard about for years and, since it was one of those rare sunny days, we made the 175 mile trip to see it for ourselves.

This region is one of the most spectacular areas of Virginia - dotted with cattle and horse farms and, most recently, vineyards. We expected this to be a 'concours' event; but all the cars were driven there and it was very friendly and relaxed. Willoughby Farms is owned by Barbara Scott. She recently sold Summit Point Motorsports Park, which she owned with her late husband, Bill; so one could understand her support of vintage British sports cars.

Triumph was well represented with five separate classes. One of the entries was a beautiful black Triumph Mayflower that was parked in the Rolls Royce lineup. It was later moved to the Triumph field; but needed to be pushed to start. Oh well!

We were also surprised to see CPTC club members Taylor and Mary Jane Miller at lunch and learn that they are frequent attendees.



This would be an ideal several night's trip: mixing cars, wineries and Civil War history.

*\*Photos by Cliff Grube*

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## Fall Run October 21, 2018



Blue skies and a sharp chill in the air greeted CPTC members as they gathered in the Hershey Theatre parking lot for the start of the Fall Run.



Our tour leaders, Tom & Sue Billett, opted for winter gear and a 'top down' drive on this brisk October day.

A short drivers/navigators briefing was held and then ...



We were off!



At least the weather cooperated for the event, even though the fall colors (mostly still green this year) didn't!

Even though the colors weren't as hoped, it was still a great day for a ride through the countryside in a vintage British sports car.

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## Fall Run (Cont.)



The drive culminated in Palmyra at Funck's Restaurant for some delicious hot food and an adult beverage or two.



Kudos to our event organizers, Tom and Sue Billett for their efforts in putting this day together ... Thank You!

*\*Photos by Denny Ward & John Miele*

## A Word of Caution

I hope everyone has had a nice fall and your cars are tucked away for the winter. It certainly wasn't a good summer for cruising with the top down; so we can only hope next summer is better.

I want to pass on a little warning about mold growth on cars. A coworker of mine checked on his Porsche 944 that is in storage a couple of weeks ago and was horrified at what he saw when he pulled the cover off.



Apparently the dampness this summer and the Zymol he conditioned the leather with set up perfect conditions for mold growth. The pictures he sent show the extent of the mold. This is not something that took years-- he last drove the car in June and it was fine. This goes to show what a few months of dampness under a car cover can do.

If you have cars stored in non-climate controlled spaces, you may want to check them!

*\* Submitted by Ron Weber*

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## Lone Triumph in November



Pictured above is the total number of Triumphs driven to the CPTC General Meeting on Nov. 4th at John's Diner.

In all fairness, it was a chilly day and most of us were in the process of tucking away our cars for the winter - It was November, ya know!

The photo is of Denny Ward's very nice '64 TR4. Credit is due Denny for driving his car to the meeting and for submitting the photo!

## CPTC Constitution Committee

A committee comprised of Board members and members-at-large has been formed to review our club's constitution and recommend changes.

Some of the changes being considered are more efficient and convenient methods of allowing members to vote, reducing the annual number of Board meetings and holding all meetings at public venues to encourage greater member participation.

Our goal is to update and streamline our constitution and expand voting opportunities for our membership.

If you have suggestions to offer, please contact any of the committee members listed below:

Denny Ward, Chairman  
Rory Liebrum  
Jay Snavely  
John Miele

**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](mailto:1951sbiker@comcast.net)

## High Speed Pursuit Vehicle



Customized 1962 TR4 police vehicle in use by several UK constabularies to keep pace with lawbreakers piloting numerous British sports cars 'back in the day'!

*\*Submitted by John Krause*

### 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](mailto:pcurilla@yahoo.com) .  
[Listed 10/18]

### Stuff That's Good to Know

Need an extra set of keys for your LBC ? Duty's Lock Safe & Security, Inc., located at 3101 Gettysburg Road, Camp Hill, PA, has key blanks for most makes of British cars - stop in or give them a call .... 717-761-6337

### 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...

## Election Results Are In!

No, not the results of the National Election  
The important one - The CPTC Election!

Treasurer: Marty Shoop

Webmaster: Joe Laurito

And our new Vice President: Rory Liebrum



Kudos to these folks and many thanks for  
their dedication and willingness to serve

## 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](http://www.sanmar.com). Email [HollysEmbroidery@comcast.net](mailto:HollysEmbroidery@comcast.net) or call her at (717) 599-5975.

FAX number is (717) 599-7711.

## 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](mailto:1968gt6@gmail.com)  
[Listed 8/18]

## Anybody Give Me a Hundred? Part II



~ By John Schmoyer

Another **Adamstown Area Library** “Bucks for Books” auction is in the books. The first of the two “A Morning at the Races” items was listed as item #18. Living in a more rural area, I admittedly had no idea as to how these auction items would be received.

The auctioneer lent a surprising amount of hype when describing it to be one of the most unique items ever offered over the years at this event. Bidding began at \$200 but, due to the nature of auctions, quickly dropped to \$100. Bids gradually began to climb to \$250 and then jumped to \$350 as the gavel dropped.

Bidding for the 2<sup>nd</sup> similar item hovered around \$100 until it was announced that the winning bidder would be allowed to drive the TR for a few miles. That quickly doubled the bid to \$200, after which there were no further bids. The winning bidder for this 2<sup>nd</sup> item was a father on behalf of his 15 year-old son. Should his son turn 16 by next summer, he best already know how to drive a 4-speed! The resultant total of \$550 turned out to be a nice donation to the library.



Postscript: As I don't wish to have to refund anyone's money, my TR will hopefully be running at the top of its game for both events. Of course, any TR owner reading this story and having experience with Triumphs would suggest I need not worry! Regardless, two other roadsters have already been designated as stand-ins. One is my brother's long-door TR2 and the other is my brother-in-law's 1973 MGB.





# 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.

**1980 Triumph TR8:** Original engine rebuilt with performance parts at 51,000 miles (now has 57,000 miles); converted to Edelbrock aluminum intake with Holley 4bbl carb and electronic ignition; original 5 speed transmission completely rebuilt; uprated, lowered suspension. Seats completely redone down to frames and new foam; new door panels; new top in Mercedes cloth type. Was Persian Aqua in color from the factory; now repainted BMW Atlantic Blue Metallic. I have the paint codes and lots of receipts. I have owned this car for almost 12 years; only available from Thanksgiving until New Year's Eve. I am headed back to Arizona and will be taking it with me if not sold. Clear PA title in my name. Asking \$16,900 - or best reasonable cash offer. Contact Denny Troupe (Member) at 717-422-4268. [Listed 11/18]

**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](mailto: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](mailto:pacooriginals@live.com). [Listed 10/18]

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## The Brokerage (Continued)

**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](mailto:underpressure02@gmail.com) or phone Bob Colfer (Non-member) at 610-841-6517 for more info. [Listed 10/18]

**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](mailto: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]

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**CPTC Christmas Party**  
**1:00 PM - December 2nd**  
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## **CPTC Events Coordinator**

**Tom Miceli**

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Email: [tr-tom@comcast.net](mailto:tr-tom@comcast.net)

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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