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A few of the Triumphs present for Euromeet 2018 in Papenburg, Germany last fall - Story on P. 6 *Photo by G. van de Klashorst

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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

At the January board meeting, the By-laws committee brought us up to date about some of their ideas for corrections and proposed changes. Once the proposal has been finalized it will have to be voted on by the membership. We have agreed to use an online voting tool called Survey Monkey which would make it convenient for members to vote online. A successful trial vote has been done by the board and committee members with positive results. As for the members who do not use email, there will be a ballot in an upcoming newsletter that can be mailed in. The board and I would like to thank the By-laws committee members, Chairman Dennis Ward along with Jay Snavey, John Miele and Rory Liebrum, for their time and insight on this matter.

Winter is here; but it's time to think spring & summer, as the driving season is not that far off. We are looking for members to host runs again this year. If you would like to host a run, please contact any board member. We are more than willing to help in any way we can. Hopefully, we will have our old standbys; but new ideas and hosts for events are always welcome.

The Welcome Spring party is set for March 24th at the West Shore Elks club. The cost is \$18.00 per member and \$25.00 per nonmember. Good food, good friends and good conversation are always on the menu. Hope to see you there!

Our next board meeting is scheduled for 3:00 p.m. Feb. 10th at John's diner. All are welcome and encouraged to attend.

Keep Calm and Motor On!

Tom





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2019 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.

- Feb. 10th** **Membership Meeting - John's Diner at 3:00 PM. Take the Limekiln Road Exit off I - 83. All are welcome to attend. This meeting date happens to coincide with International 'Drive Your Triumph Day'; so herein lies an opportunity to get the proverbial 'Two birds with one stone' kind of deal!**
- March 24th** **Welcome Spring Party - West Shore Elks, St John's Church Road, Camp Hill, PA. Join us for a festive afternoon as we partake of a delicious buffet and celebrate the upcoming driving season! Cost is \$18/person (\$25 for non-members); cash bar. Save the date and send your check to CPTC, Box 493, New Kingstown, PA 17072.**
- March 30th** **Triumph Rescue Tech Session - 617 Walnut St., Bally, PA 19503 Please call Matt Bakes @ 610-845-8217 if you plan to attend.**
- Sept. 6 - 8** **2019 Watkins Glen Vintage GP - Triumph is the featured Marque. Vintage racing - Friday night festivities downtown**
http://www.theglen.com/Articles/2018/10/1011_Sked.aspx
- Oct. 6 - 11** **VTR National Convention - Dripping Springs, TX. More info at:**
<http://hillcountrytriumphclub.org/vtr2019/>

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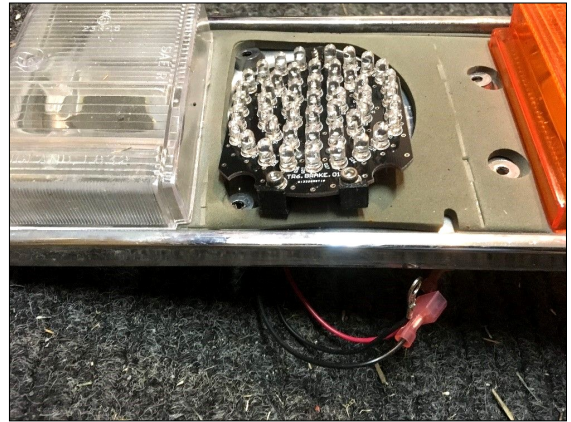
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LED Tail Lights ~ by Jay Snavely

Last year I ran across Spoke Works, a supplier of LED lights for TR6's and Spitfires. Rather than a single bulb, they are arrays mounted on a printed circuit board. I have had a similar arrangement in my Mustang for a few years and they have worked well. I would classify the supplier as a car hobbyist who makes light assemblies for Porsches and Triumphs in his spare time. He was inspired after his 914 was rear ended. He has created assemblies to replace the brake light, the turn signal light, and the backup light bulbs.

I bought a set to replace the brake lights on my TR6. The installation required some trimming to accommodate the space under my light lenses; but, since they are not original lenses, that may not be an issue for others. In any case, he also stopped at my house to see what the fit problem was and has made some changes; so this should not be an issue in the future. FYI, he uses a 3D printer to make the plastic parts.

The wiring is a simple matter of plugging the new harness into the existing connectors. The difference in lumens is very noticeable. While the install is much more complicated than using single LED bulbs, this design does not rely on the old socket or reflector at all and will produce more light. A definite safety upgrade for dim brake lights.



The SpokeWorks LLC website contains information & pricing details:

<https://www.spokeworksled.com/>

Any CPTC members with questions are welcome to contact me via the membership list.

**Photo by Jay Snavely*



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Euromeet 2018
Papenburg, Germany
September 12-16, 2018
~ by Gertjan van de Klashorst
International Coordinator
TR Club Holland

Each year one European TR Register organizes a European meeting. A lot of Europe can be seen this way as the “locals” know the best places to visit. In 2019 the meet will be in Pamplona, northern Spain. This year’s event was in Papenburg at the hotel Alte Werft, the former Meyer shipyard. Papenburg is located in northwest Germany near the city of Groningen in the Netherlands.

Registrants were from Belgium (6), Denmark (11), Germany (24), Italy (3), Netherlands (3), Norway (10), Austria (2), the UK (29), Sweden (5) and Switzerland (8) – a total of 101 cars.

On Friday: Trip via ferry across the River Weser to Papenburg where participants were arriving. Great to meet old friends and enjoy a dinner buffet with wine, beer and soft drinks – very nice.

Saturday: Departed around 10:00 AM for a tour through the region - flat lands; but with lots of trees - very different from the nearby Dutch province of Groningen. It is a former peat area (Moor) that was drained so that the peat could be transported. Our destination was the city of Leer, located on the Ems River, where lunch would be served on a waiting cruise ship. It’s worth noting that a disabled participant who could not walk to the ship’s berth was picked up. The ship

stopped momentarily and the gentleman was hoisted on board. That was on the side of the river where our 100 or so TRs were parked.



After the cruise there was a short walk through Leer, a beautiful old town.



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Euromeet 2018 (Cont.)

We left together to travel back to the hotel, crossing the narrowest bridge in Germany, less than 2 meters/6.5 feet wide. Too narrow for one participant with a TR7 who had to take an alternate (and much longer) route.



Back at the hotel, we talked cars, drank beer and prepared for the evening gala with music until late.



Sunday: New Meyer Werft (shipyard), an enormous complex - two cruise ships per year are constructed there. The length and width are limited by the size of the lock the ship has to pass through on its way to the sea.

The AIDAnova is a ship currently under construction - 345 meters long, 60 high, 41.5 wide and a draft of 8.5 meters. It will hold more than 4,500 passengers and 1,800 crew members and has a water slide 200 meters in length on the top deck. Inside cabins are not popular with passengers; so the portholes in the inner cabins are not popular with passengers; so the portholes in the inner cabins use a TV monitor as the window and whatever is happening outside is seen on the monitor.



The engines run on NLG; but can also run on diesel fuel. Ports with natural gas are still limited, so tankers will refuel the ship with NLG at sea.

All in all, it was a very nice weekend and fun to see many of our international friends again.

**Photos by Gertjan van de Klashorst*

Record Breaking Triumph TR2 Returns to Jabbeke

On May 20, 1953, Standard Triumph's new sports car - the TR2 - broke the land speed record for 2.0 liter production cars. The car was driven by test driver Ken Richardson and set a new record of 124.889 mph on the Jabbeke Motor Road in Jabbeke, Belgium.



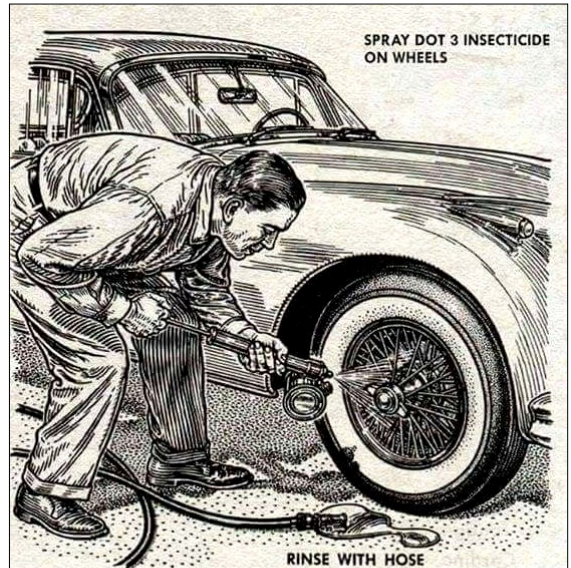
On the very same day, 64 years later - May 20, 2017 - the meticulously restored and record breaking TR2 returned to the streets of Jabbeke. The period between those dates included a run of British sports cars never again to be matched!

Ed. Note: Published by UK TR Register on May 24, 2017. See the full story at:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=07_AjnIyfyU

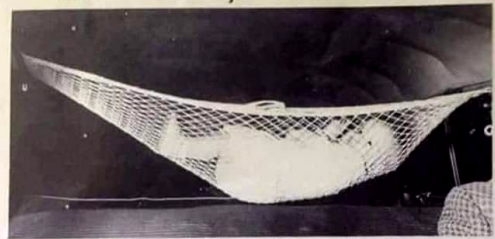
**Submitted by Gertjan van de Klashorst*

Some Old (and very bad) Ideas! Circa, 1950s



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***Submitted by Bob Krivenko**

**January 14, 1969
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In Infamy
(At least in the minds of
TR6 owners!)**

50 years ago the 150 bhp Triumph TR6, the ultimate incarnation of the chassis-based Triumph TR series, was launched.

Built from 1969 to 1976, the Triumph TR6 was the best seller of the TR range built by Triumph at its time and the last in the illustrious tradition of bold British sports cars.

**Adapted from the 6-Pack Facebook page and submitted by Jay Snavelly*

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 Snavelly
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

Welcome Spring Party
March 24th - 1:00 PM
West Shore Elks
108 N St. John's Church Road
Camp Hill, PA 17011

Please consider joining us for an afternoon of camaraderie, good food and good times as we greet old friends and make some new ones. Let's all help to make this a great start to the new driving season!

Delicious Elks Club buffet
Spacious, well-appointed facility
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Cash bar
Cost: \$18/person; \$25/non-member

Save the date and send your check to:

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Looking forward to a fun time and a great turnout - hope to see you there to help kickoff the 30th Anniversary year of the Central Pennsylvania Triumph Club!

Your Help Is Needed!

To assist in our efforts to keep our membership information current, please email or call Rory Liebrum with changes in your contact information. Rory's email and phone are located on the second page of this newsletter...



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.

Helpful Hint:
For any CPTC member planning a trip



to Spain in 2019... Just sayin'!

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.

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
[Listed 8/18]

Charles Runyan 1946 - 2018

Charles Runyan, 72, is remembered for building a business out of a passion for things British that began in his high school and college days in Indiana County. He went from being a librarian at the University of Pittsburgh to owner of the Roadster Factory near Armagh and later, as well, to being proprietor of The Coventry Inn, Pub & Restaurant in downtown Indiana.

His passing came three months after The Coventry Inn closed after 25 years "for lack of staff to run the restaurant," Runyan wrote in an online letter. But much of his life centered on the business he founded in 1978, first in an office in downtown Indiana, then at the family farm along Killen Road off Route 22 near Armagh.

In 1969, after graduating from Indiana University of Pennsylvania, Runyan bought his first British sports car, a 1960 TR-3. He might have remained just a classic car owner, rather than a lifeline for other owners of such cars, were it not for a long commute from the family farm in Armagh to the University of Pittsburgh in 1971. "When I was in graduate school, my black Triumph died," Runyan said. Without a mechanical background, Runyan spent five years restoring his beloved TR-3. "I tore it apart without any idea how I would put it back together," he said.

He eventually found TR Registry of England. Then the TR Registry parts dealer, Peter Buckles, announced that he was looking for someone to represent his parts business in America. Charles lost that contract to a man from Philadelphia, but then won it in 1978 after the Philadelphian gave up the business.

It started with his selling parts on the side, from his apartment above Dr. Charles Kauffman's office along North Seventh Street in Indiana. The first year, Runyan said, he took in \$20,000. The next year, \$120,000. By 1983, he had moved the business to the old chicken coop at the family farm near Armagh.

He expanded the building over the years, now three times the size of the original, occupying a 30,000-square-foot warehouse with the goal "to make it as easy as possible for our customers to drive, maintain, and restore classic British sports cars for fun, for transportation, for racing, or for show as they desire." Among the shows it has hosted over the years is an annual Summer Party, dating to the late 1980s, that has drawn enthusiasts from Canada, Britain and Australia as well as from across the United States to locations throughout Indiana County. In a 2003 preview published in The Indiana Gazette, TRF said it was a large-scale convention and an economic gem for Indiana, attracting more than 1,000 car owners and booking hotels solid, garnering hundreds of thousands of dollars for local businesses.

~ Well Done, Charles - Rest in Peace ~



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 - Maroon paint (original) in very good condition; tan top w/clear windows; tan interior; dual Weber side draft carbs with velocity stacks (K & N filters included); high performance cam & suspension; no structural/body rust; some chrome pitting; professionally tuned engine (very fast!); 48,796 miles; asking \$12,000 OBO. Car is located in Mt. Holly Springs, PA. Photos at: harrisburg.craigslist.org/cto/d/mount-holly-springs-triumph-tr-6/6788006730.html Call or text Wayne Eckelmann (Non-member) anytime at 717-377-5340 or email skibum_43@comcast.net. [Listed 2/19]

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]

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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 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 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]

Drive Your Triumph Day Feb. 10, 2019

Once again, Rye Livingston and the Triumph Travelers Sports Car Club in northern CA will host "Drive Your TR Day" in honor of Sir John Black's birthday. John Black is the man who organized Standard's purchase of Triumph following WWII and they went on to make the cars we still enjoy today.

On Feb. 10th, take your Triumph out for a drive - alone, with a friend or with your Triumph club. Take a picture of the car and the owner (if possible) at a scenic spot, landmark, etc. If you live in snowy climes, a picture in the garage/driveway would be great.

The next step is to email a high-res pic to driveyourtriumphday@gmail.com, along with some basic information: owner's name, year and model of car, and place photo was taken (city, state, country). The photos will be published not only in our club newsletter, but also in USA's national magazine: The Vintage Triumph and the Drive Your Triumph Day website:

[https://
driveyourtriumphday.shutterfly.com](https://driveyourtriumphday.shutterfly.com)

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.

REMINDER

Membership Renewal - June 1st

The membership renewal date for
ALL CPTC members is now

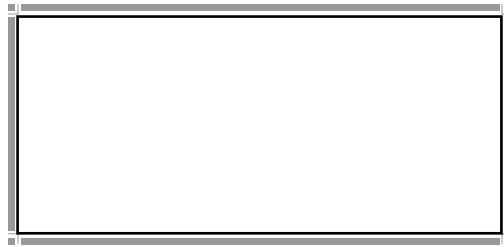
June 1st!

Thank you.

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Owner Unknown: One of the nicest TR6 engine compartments 'under the bonnet' ... ever! **Photo by Cliff Grube*