

TRIUMPH NEWS

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Bob Krivenko (left) and Jay Snavelly check out Jay's '72 TR6 which had been placed in the capable hands of the Triumph Rescue staff for some overdrive issues prior to the start of the tech session.

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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

Sure hope you can join us on the Spring Run for a wonderful ride through the Pennsylvania countryside. End the day with good food in Fiddler's Bar & Grill at the Mayapple Golf Club and remember to thank Marty & Jane Shoop for their efforts in ensuring a great start to the driving season!

The Carlisle Import & Performance Show is this coming month. I hope we have better weather and club membership turnout this year. Remember to cite CPTC as your club affiliation. The cost of our tent rental for next year depends on our membership turnout this year.

The club events calendar is shaping up nicely. Check the newsletter or website for dates, times and locations.

Hopefully, the by-laws committee will have their recommendations to the board for their review soon and we can vote on the proposed changes in the near future.

Please remember: Club dues (\$15 for electronic/\$20 mailed newsletter) are due by June 1st of each year.

Our next Board meeting is scheduled for Sunday, May 5th at 3:00 P.M. at John's Diner. All are welcome 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.

- April 28th** **Spring Run - Meet at Carlisle Country Market, 1446 Holly Pike (PA Rte. 34), Carlisle, PA at 1:00 PM and tour Adams & Cumberland counties, ending with dinner at Fiddler's Restaurant. Hosted by Marty & Jane Shoop. CPTC Event**
- May 5th** **CPTC Board Meeting - 3:00 PM at John's Diner, Sheraton Drive, New Cumberland, PA. Take the Limekiln Exit off I-83.**
- May 17 - 19** **Carlisle Import & Performance Nationals - Carlisle Fairgrounds. No Saturday lunch - Chef Tell (Gene Schrader) has retired! Anyone interested in attempting to fill Gene's capable shoes? CPTC Event***
- June 1st** **Cars & Motorcycles of England - Hope Lodge, Fort Washington, PA. Sponsors: DE Valley Triumph & DE Valley Jaguar Club. More info www.DVTR.org**
- June 7 - 8** **Moss Motorfest, Petersburg, VA. More info available at: <https://mossmotors.com/motorfest> Email Rich Roenigk if you are interested in caravanning to this event - rroenigk@aol.com**
- 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**
- Sept. 8th** **Family Day & Car Show - Shiremanstown UMC, 9:30 AM - 1:00 PM. Car show, children's games & activities, free food!**
- Sept. 15th** **CPTC Picnic - West Shore Elks Picnic Grounds, 1:00 PM. Save the date - information to follow.**
- Sept. 28th** **Meeting of the Marques - held in conjunction with the Festival of the Arts, Carlisle, PA. More info at www.MeetingoftheMarques.com**
- Oct. 6 - 11** **VTR National Convention - Dripping Springs, TX. More info at: <http://hillcountrytriumphclub.org/vtr2019/>**
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Triumph Rescue Tech Session Bally, PA March 23, 2019



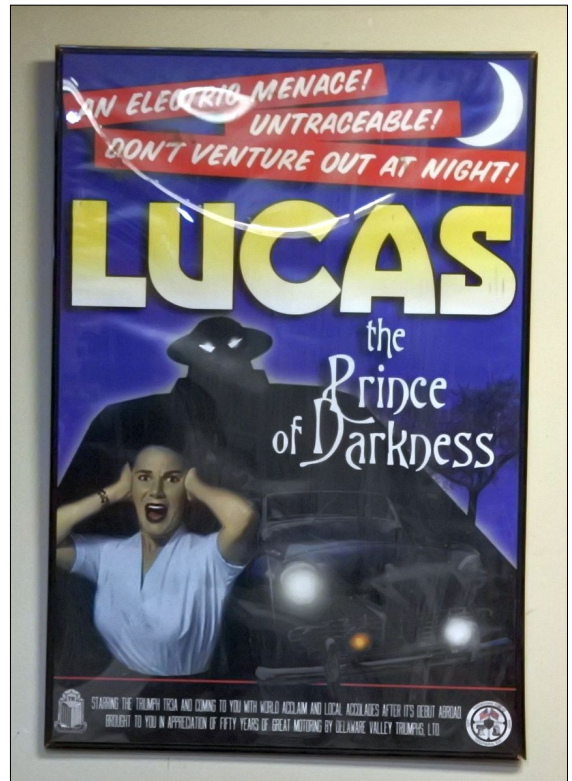
The Triumph Rescue Tech session took place on a fine, old fashioned spring day in PA - Translation: We needed the car's heater in the AM and the AC for the trip home!



Some of the CPTC contingent takes the opportunity to chat and catch up before the session begins ... after finding the coffee and donuts of course.



The usual overflow crowd was on hand for the session, including one unwelcome visitor whom we know all too well ...



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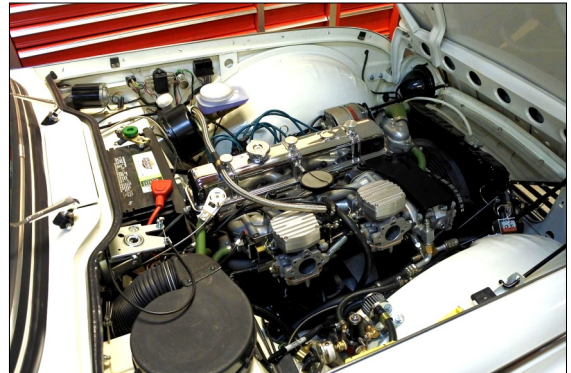
Triumph Rescue Tech (Cont.)



Owner Matt Bakes (Left) welcomed the crowd and discussed many of the problems customers experience, such as old gas, wrong gaskets, spark plugs, fuel lines (ethanol related) and brake fluid. His shop uses fuel injection hoses to replace rubber lines due to their alcohol resistance.

A few other tips: Triumph Rescue uses Brad Penn 20W50 motor oil in TR2-TR4 and 10W40 for TR6s. Also, ATF works well in the dash pots of Stromberg carbs and is much less expensive than 20W. A final suggestion is to check brake fluid every year. Auto stores carry test strips.

Mike Nitroy (Right, above) gave us an overview of a new fuel injection system developed by Patton Machine. It uses mostly GM parts and is fairly simple and efficient. The photo at top right of the page shows the system installed in a beautiful TR250 in the shop.



Many thanks to Matt and his staff for an excellent tech session ... and kudos to Matt's wife, Beth, for providing a terrific buffet - another in a long line of excellent luncheons through the years!

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Points versus Pertronix

**Adapted from the article by Rob Siegel,
dated 1/21/19 on Hagerly.com
*Submitted by Tom Miceli**

It's become a debate for the ages. Ford versus Chevy. Coke versus Pepsi. And now, points versus Pertronix.

For nearly 70 years, just about every car had a points-based ignition system. This venerable design, invented by Charles F. Kettering, first appeared on the 1910 Cadillac and was used on most cars through the mid-1970s. It really is an ingenious and glorious electromechanical contrivance. It's so good that it's still with us, at least electrically—a [stick coil in a modern car](#) works by using the same dual-winding principle in the original design.

The mechanical part of Kettering's design does have a fundamental shortcoming. When the points open and close, the electric charge can cause an arc to jump between the point faces. A capacitor (the condenser) is employed to minimize the arcing, but it does not eliminate it. Over time, arcing across the point faces causes them to pit and burn. The point gap decreases, which in turn increases the "dwell" and decreases the amount of time that the coil has to charge up before generating the next spark. Also, the little nylon block attached to the points rides on the distributor's cam lobes and, over time, the block wears down, causing the points to not open as far.

When points were superseded by electronic ("breakerless") ignition in the mid-1970s, a star wheel and pickup replaced the points in the distributor and sent a reluctance signal to an electronic box that was mounted on the firewall. For decades, however, there have been a number of small aftermarket triggering systems that replace the points and condenser and reside completely inside the distributor. Magnetic Hall Effect-based systems dominate the aftermarket, including Hot-Spark, Mallory and others; but one of the best-known is Pertronix.

The Pertronix "Ignitor" has two pieces—a small triggering module that replaces the points and condenser in the distributor via a small adapter plate, and a magnetic sleeve that slides over the lobes and sits under the rotor. There's one magnet inside the sleeve for each of the cylinders. The triggering module senses each magnet as it whizzes by and fires the coil.

Note that a triggering module such as the Pertronix Ignitor is a substitute for the points and condenser, but nothing more. It doesn't affect performance. It doesn't give you a hotter spark or fire the plugs multiple times in rapid succession. If your distributor is advancing correctly and you simply want to eliminate the vagaries of points, a triggering module is all you really need.

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Famous Stars and Their Cars!



**Stan Laurel & Oliver Hardy in their
1930 Buick Phaeton.**



Vintage Triumph Register National Convention
<http://hillcountrytriumphclub.org/vtr2019/>
October 6-11, 2019



**Bing Crosby giving rides around the
studio lot in his 1939 Olds Convertible**

***Submitted by Rich Roenigk**

Points v Pertronix (Continued)

Some folks are worried that a triggering module will affect the stock look of their engine compartment. It's very subtle - just a red and a black wire from the distributor to the coil. You won't see the Pertronix, just the red and black wires.

Regarding reliability: most vintage cars were originally equipped with a ballast resistor in line with the coil. The resistor is to be bypassed during starting to provide a stronger spark. The Pertronix documentation states that the total resistance of the coil plus the ballast resistor must be at least 3 ohms. If it's less, the ignition will draw more current than the Pertronix is rated for, and fry it. Lastly, Pertronix's documentation also states that if the ignition is left on for more than a short period of time without the engine running, it can pop the unit. Good advice for *any* vintage ignition system, as coils are designed to be fired, not to carry always-on current.

Do your research and make up your own mind. But, when you see someone else's vintage car by the side of the road with the hood up, you can say,

"It's *always* the bloody points."

One of Our Own

The Central Pennsylvania Triumph Club mourns the loss of Myles "Skip" Reed, MSG (Ret.), of Newville, who passed away March 31, 2019 at the Penn State Milton S. Hershey Medical Center at the age of 82. He was united in marriage with Karen (Ocker) Reed.

Skip enlisted in both the Army Reserve and the Pennsylvania National Guard, where he proudly served for 28 years and retired with the rank of Master Sergeant. In the workforce, Skip had been employed by Evangelical Press for 42 years, until it ceased operation.

Skip was an avid Triumph enthusiast and a CPTC member for over 18 years. He appreciated the opportunity to spend time outdoors - whether camping with family and friends, tending to his flower garden or riding with the top down on a twisting country road.

You will be missed, Skip.

~ Rest in Peace ~

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...

Parting Shot



A recent TV Guide issue featured a fare-thee-well to the tremendously popular *Big Bang Theory* TV series.

It's worth noting that the editor had the good sense to shoot the cover using a Triumph TR4 cockpit for the background!

**Submitted by Jay Snavelly*

Looking to Buy an LBC ... Or Planning to Sell Yours?

Check out the Classified Section on
The Roadster Factory's website:

[www.the-roadster-factory.com/
Classifiedsform.php](http://www.the-roadster-factory.com/Classifiedsform.php)

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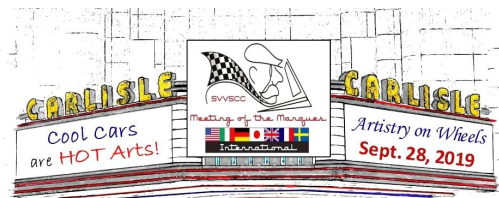
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Preregistration ONLY - sponsored by the Susquehanna Valley Vintage Sports Car Club - www.meetingofthemarques.com

Buck Valley Winery Tour Saturday, May 25th

Meet at Fort Hunter
5300 N. Front St., Harrisburg, PA
at 11:00 AM

Take a leisurely drive (about an hour) through the countryside, ending at the Buck Valley Winery in Newport, PA for lunch – Brick oven pizza, Stromboli, etc. Red and white wines (dry to sweet) and PA brewed beer

Call Mary Ann (717-798-1922) by May 17th to reserve your spot
More information to follow on the Club website: www.cptc.org

Triumph TR3 Parts Wanted

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

Wanted for Triumph TR3: Fender Skirts or Spats in any condition. If you have a set that a pattern could be made from that would also be helpful.

Contact Dave at 717-887-4276 or email him at 1968gt6@gmail.com
[Listed 4/19]

**Car Show
Central Dauphin East High School**

Sunday, April 28, 2019

Noon - 4 PM

CD East High School parking lots

\$25 Entry fee per car – judging by popular vote. Open class - All makes and models welcome! Awards at 4 PM sharp! Enter show from Union Deposit Road ONLY.

Food Trucks, 50/50 Raffle, Live Music and Fun! Rain date: May 5, 2019. Proceeds benefit the CD East High Music Dept.

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Motorcar Gathering
Sunday, June 9, 2019**

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New Member Welcome!

**The most recent addition to the
CPTC ranks is:**

Lee Churchman

**No car as yet - Lee is currently
searching for a TR6**



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.

1984 Austin Mini - Silver w/black interior. Excellent condition; 24,000 original miles; drive anywhere. 1000 cc engine; front discs; 12" tires; photos upon request. On-lift inspection, if desired. Asking \$14,000. Call Tom Hertzog (Member) at 717-426-2362. [Listed 4/19]

964 Triumph Spitfire MK1 - Color: white; 150,000 miles; needs complete rebuild. Everything is there; engine & transmission in car - not in running condition; extra '64 body tub comes with car. Clear title - car is located in Altoona, PA. \$900 obo. Contact Eric Barr (Non-member) at ebarr1967@gmail.com or call 814-381-5136, [Listed 4/19]

1973 Triumph Spitfire 1500 - Dark blue exterior (and primer) with tan seats, factory hard top with new head liner, new black soft top with frame, aftermarket header, new brake master cylinder, oil cooler. Needs door panels recovered and a paint job, \$1800. Contact Ken Beiler (Member): Cell# 717-304-5514 Home# 717-270-6512 or email him at spit6beil69@hotmail.com [Listed 3/19]

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]

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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]

22nd Annual Britain on the Green
Gunston Hall, Lorton, VA
April 28th 9:30 AM - 3:00 PM

British cars & motorcycles welcome.
Food, parts vendors and British vehicles of all kinds on the grounds.

Special display of British cars built in 1969 to celebrate the 50th Anniversary of the introduction of the Triumph TR6
Registration/Information at:

www.capitaltriumphregister.com/bog/

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

REMINDER

Membership Renewal - June 1st

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

June 1st!

Thank you.

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.

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