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*Parade Lap - Triumph Racers  
Watkins Glen Vintage GP*

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Stan Carpenter*



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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.

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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).

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## A Few Words From Our President ~ Tom Billett

A few cool days and nights lately; but also some warm days too. It's been a pretty nice fall to this point with plenty of opportunities to get out and drive. Hope you've been able to take advantage of some of the good weather.

Sue and I weren't able to get to Watkins Glen Vintage Grand Pix weekend - very disappointing! This year's marque was Triumph and we heard it was wonderful weather and a fun time. Can't wait until next year.

We also missed Meeting of the Marques in Carlisle and I missed the US Army Heritage Center museum in Carlisle. Hopefully, we will make the fall leaf tour - I'm missing out on a lot of fun.

Remember to check the website and/or newsletter for upcoming events and it's not too early to send in your reservation for the club Christmas party on Dec. 8th.

Until we meet again ...

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](http://www.cptc.org) for updated event information.

- Oct. 20th**      **Fall Leaf Tour - Meet in the first parking lot on the left inside the front entrance to the Hollywood Casino at 12:30PM (see the CPTC calendar for map and directions). The foliage should be at its peak as we drive through the spectacular forested areas around the Dehart Dam in Dauphin County. The tour will end at the Water-front Bar and Grill in Marysville, PA. If you are unable to do the tour; but want to join us for dinner, plan to meet us there at 3PM.**
- Nov. 3rd**      **General Meeting - 3:00 PM, John's Diner, 146 Sheraton Drive, New Cumberland, PA. Take the Limekiln Exit off I-83. Annual election of officers - please make an effort to attend this important meeting.**
- Dec. 8th**      **CPTC Christmas Party - 1:00 PM - 5:00 PM, Hershey Italian Lodge, 128 Hillcrest Road, Hershey, PA. Join us for great food, a fun time and the always entertaining gift exchange! Participation in the gift exchange is entirely voluntary and value should be in the \$10-15 range. The buffet price is \$14/member and \$24/guest. Send your check to CPTC, P O Box 493, New Kingstown, PA.**

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## America's British Reliability Run

Sept. 20-22, 2019

~ by Cliff & Kathy Grube

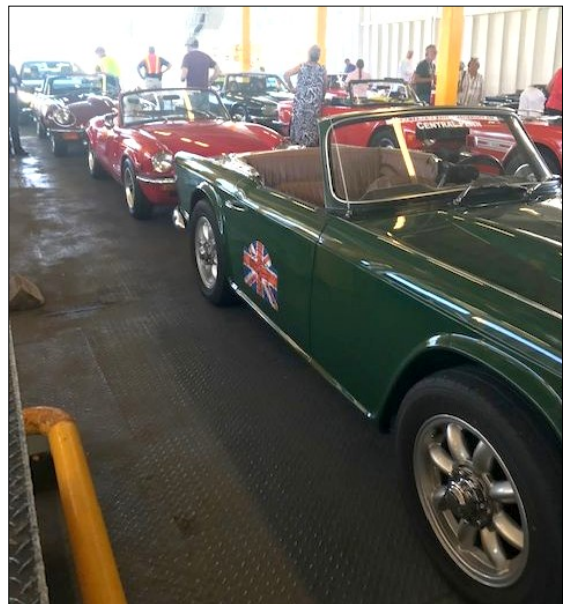
The 2019 America's British Reliability Run (ABRR) is now history. Thirty one cars left Peddlers Village on Friday September 20th, thirty returned on the 22<sup>nd</sup> under their own power for a total of 516 miles. Quite the variety of vehicles were entered, including a Stag driven by Triumph Rescue's Mike Nitroy, three TR6s, our TR4, two Spitfires and Dave Hutchinson's beautiful Italia. Among the lesser marques were eight Jags, one Morgan, one TVR, one Aston Martin, several Lotuses and MGs and a Healey 3000.



Friday morning was a bit challenging as we made our way between Trenton and Princeton and into the more open countryside of Fort Dix and the Pine Barrens of central NJ. Our lunch stop was at the New Jersey Motorsports Park just south of Vineland where we had the opportunity to take a few laps of the track.

This track is relatively new and interesting in that you can buy an apartment above your trackside garage. If you are interested, check out their website.

Next, it was off to the Cape May Ferry where we lined up, with time to socialize as well as have our cars inspected by the police before boarding. This says much about the constant threat of terrorism these days.



There was some discussion about a MGC that had been having fuel pump problems and a Spitfire that was experiencing transmission issues. Rocking and rolling, we cruised to Lewes, Delaware where we spent the night. We walked to our harbor view restaurant for dinner. At this point, we had only logged 166 miles; but some were hard earned.

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## Reliability Run (Cont.)

Saturday dawned another gorgeous day as we left quaint Lewes and soon were driving thru vast fields of corn and soybeans. Harvest was indeed underway, with huge combines in the fields and the roads shared with tractor trailers loaded with grain. The driving was easy though perhaps boring for those without agricultural interest. It was corn, chickens, soybeans - corn, chickens, soybeans for about seventy miles until we reached the Blackwater National Wildlife Refuge and the new Visitors Center. This refuge is huge and contains 1/3<sup>rd</sup> of Maryland's tidal wetlands as well as hardwood forests. It is an essential stop over for migrating birds along the Atlantic flyway and Bald Eagle habitat. A few of the roads were flooded due to higher than normal tides and it was suggested that we not try anything foolish in our low slung cars. Off we went about 65 miles to our next stop at Easton, Maryland where we had lunch at a repair shop called Coventry Motors. The follow up vehicle mechanics had the fuel pump issue resolved; but the Spitfire was limping along with 1<sup>st</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> gears only. We now had 90 miles of unremarkable travel to our hotel at Elkton, Maryland. Dinner was at Woody's Crab House, a huge rambling eatery at Northeast Maryland. This really was a fun night, so much so that we were one of the last to leave. Thank goodness for our Lucas powered headlights to safely guide us the ten miles back to our hotel.

Sunday morning found the Spitfire in the chase trailer and its drivers in the substitute Miata for the final leg back to Pennsylvania. This route thru Chester County horse country was breathtaking, with little traffic and a cool morning. With the top down, that was as good as it gets! We left the group as we approached Elverson and headed the twenty miles north toward home as the rest of the group went east back to the craziness of suburban Philadelphia and the finish at Lahaska.

It was fun; it was stressful; it was expensive; it was an experience and we raised sixteen hundred of the forty one thousand dollars for the Shriners Hospital for Children. And that is what it was all about! Thanks for your support!

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## One of Our Own

Edward L. Gamble, 60, of Hummelstown, PA passed away on September 20, 2019 in the Hershey Medical Center. He was born March 21, 1959 in Hershey, graduated from Hershey High School in 1977 and attended Elizabethtown College. He served in the U. S. Navy and was a former member of the Central PA Triumph Club. Private inurnment will be in the Indiantown Gap National Cemetery in Annville, PA.

~ Rest in Peace ~

## Meeting of the Marques Carlisle, PA September 28, 2019

A beautiful Fall day in Pennsylvania for the Meeting of the Marques and the Harvest of the Arts Festival in Carlisle. Add to that some fine, classic British autos to make the day even better!



A great day and a good turnout of CPTC members led to a number of award winners from our Club.



CPTC Vice President, Rory Liebrum, with a first place finish in the Vintage British (1962-70) category with his 1970 Jaguar E-type.

Not to be outdone were Jerry and Jenn Frasso in the Classic British (1971-81) category with their 1973 TR6.

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## Meeting of the Marques (Cont.)



Ending the day on one more positive note, another generation gets a taste of the British sports car experience ala Ed's fine TR3A!

*\*Photos by Denny Ward & John Krause*

Last; but certainly not least is Ed Stum, the second place winner in the British Invasion group (Pre-1962), with his 1960 TR3A.



Congratulations to all - well done indeed!

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## Duryea Hill Climb

Reading, PA

August 24-25, 2019

~ by John Schmoyer

The 69<sup>th</sup> Duryea Hill Climb, climbing the peak of Mt. Penn to overlook the city of Reading, took place in late August. Here are some high notes as well as some low notes observed during the 2-day event.



### High Notes:

Harrisburg resident Kerry Hitt's entry hit the 160 MPH mark as it seemingly flew past the finish line located at the William Penn Fire tower. He has been entertaining spectators on the hill since the 1970's and is the only driver to have captured *King-of-the-Hill (KOTH)* honors in 4 different decades.

Bill Shields' white, 1966 MGB (#149) is back racing, although with a new owner/driver. This car, bar none, is the loudest British car that I have ever heard. The new owner, in respect for Bill, vowed not to change any detail on the car ... even to the extent that its *Carriage Craft* decals

cite a business that has since changed hands and name.

There are now three TR6's racing in the event. With the advances in technology, it's of interest to note that Richard Good's 1972 TR6 had a faster time this year than did Hal Keck's 427 Cobra, which garnered FTD (fastest time of the day) honors in 1969.

### Low Notes:

The only TR7 participating on the PA Hillclimb Association circuit is for sale (\$1900.00). While it is far from the fastest car, nonetheless, it is still a TR. (Side note: the seller is preparing a TR8 to debut for the 2020 season).

The viewing area overlooking Turns 2 and 3 and the straight shot up to Turn 4 has continued to shrink in size, much to the chagrin of the long-time squatters - myself included. Since 2017, the fencing has twice been pulled back from the roadway in the interest of spectator safety. It's at this corner, each year, that the story is recounted of Rich Rock's gray TVR hitting a tree stump and coming to an abrupt halt just a few feet away from spectators.

Bill Lessig's beautiful 1967 Lotus Elan concluded its final Duryea Hill Climb as Mr. Lessig and his car are both moving to Florida. Both have been competing on the hill for 50 years.

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## Duryea Hill Climb (Cont.)

No question ... British cars are becoming less often seen. I thanked Bill for the many years that I have enjoyed following his car.

Merlin Miller and his highly-modified 1966 Sunbeam Tiger seem destined not to win future *KOTH* honors at this event. This 5-time FTD winner, while still extremely competitive, is under fire from vehicles such as BMW and those powered by snowmobile and motorcycle engines. If you have never seen Merlin throw his Tiger about in Turns 2 and 3, you are missing some exciting moments.

### A Few More High Notes:

The \$4.00 cheese/egg/bacon sandwich remains one of the best (but awful health-wise) breakfast sandwiches to be found anywhere. Be sure to bring extra cholesterol meds if you decide to take one on. If you are feeling brave, have a second!

The 1956 Dinosaur-racing team MGA returned after a 13-year hiatus. While the car will not win any best-of-show appearance awards, it is a fun car for any British car fan to watch. The owner explained that she considered having it re-painted; but thought better of it after recalling that she rolled the last car she had re-painted. To illustrate how race-crazy she and her husband are, their wedding ceremony was held during one of the Duryea Hill Climbs in the 1980's.

### As a final High Note:

Based upon the number of racing participants, there remains quite a bit of enthusiasm for this long running event.

*\*Photo by John Schmoyer*

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wanted to buy and for sale.**

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Days of Yore ...

**A Look Back at the Winners in the  
Early Days of the Hershey Hill Climb**

**COURSE RECORDS**

These drivers made hill climb history at Hershey by establishing the fastest time during the two-day event.

| Event No. | and Date    | Winner's Name   | Type of Car    | Time          |
|-----------|-------------|-----------------|----------------|---------------|
| 1         | Fall 1958   | Dave Latsha     | Renault-Alpine | 70.6178       |
| 2         | Spring 1959 | Ray Gross       | Devon VW       | 67.2926       |
| 3         | Fall 1959   | Frank Schroeder | A-C Bristol    | 61.5955       |
| 4         | Spring 1960 | Ray Gross       | Devon Porsche  | 63.5709       |
| 5         | Fall 1960   | Ray Gross       | Devon Porsche  | Not Available |
| 6         | Spring 1961 | Ray Gross       | Devon Porsche  | 56.8216       |
| 7         | Fall 1961   | Tom Robinson    | Cooper BSA     | 56.0743       |
| 8         | Spring 1962 | Tom Robinson    | Cooper BSA     | 58.9937       |
| 9         | Fall 1962   | S. Elfenbein    | Corvette       | 61.6178       |
| 10        | Spring 1963 | Al. Loquasto    | Sting Ray      | 55.9487       |
| 11        | Fall 1963   | Al. Loquasto    | Sting Ray      | 55.2051       |
| 12        | Spring 1964 | John Bolton     | Sting Ray      | 56.4976       |
| 13        | Fall 1964   | Bill Rutan      | Porsche Spe.   | *53.0812      |
| 14        | Spring 1965 | Don Peterson    | Sting Ray      | 54.5354       |
| 15        | Fall 1965   | ??              | ??             | ??            |

\* All-time record to date.

*\*Submitted by John Krause*

**Euromeeet 2019**

**European TR Meeting  
Pamplona, Spain  
September, 2019**



Some of the 100+ Triumphs gathered for this year's Euromeeet in Pamplona.

*\*Photo by Gertjan van de Klashorst*

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**Tidbits**

I find it ironic that the colors red, white,  
and blue stand for freedom, until they're  
flashing behind you.

Behind every great man is a woman ...  
rolling her eyes.

*\*Submitted by Rich Roenigk*

**CPTC Christmas Party**

**December 8, 2019  
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**Annual Election of Officers**

**General Membership Meeting  
John's Diner, New Cumberland, PA  
November 3rd - 3:00 PM**

**The following CPTC members have been  
nominated to fill these positions on the  
Board of Directors:**

**President  
Rich Roenigk**

**Secretary  
Mary Ann Berrian**

**Newsletter Editor  
John Miele**

**If you have an interest in any of these  
positions, please contact any Board  
member ASAP - Thank you**



**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](mailto:1968gt6@gmail.com)  
[Listed 4/19]**



# 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.

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**1973 Triumph TR6** - \$16,800. Pimento, 98,970 miles, engine rebuilt at 94,000, runs beautifully. Recently replaced the universal joints, differential and right rear axle. Overall excellent condition. I am the third owner for the last 14 years. Wire wheels with Michelin Red Line tires, also includes tonneau and boot cover. Original wheels available in fair condition. Call Neil Benjamin (Non-Member) at 215-256-1952 to leave message or email [powerboat447@yahoo.com](mailto:powerboat447@yahoo.com). Car is located in southeastern PA. [Listed 11/19]

**1976 Triumph TR6** - Factory overdrive; tan top & interior; BRG exterior; 64,000 miles. New: dual SU carb conversion, electronic ignition, carpet, aluminum radiator and electric fan, plug wires and motor mounts. Photos upon request - asking \$17,000. Car is located in Texas. Call Steven (Non-member) at 281-793-8343. [Listed 9/19]

**1964 Triumph Spitfire** - MK I project; needs complete rebuild. Everything is there, extra body tub comes with it. Engine and transmission still in car; but not currently running. Clear title, car is located in Altoona PA. Asking \$900 OBO. Call Eric Barr (Non-member) at 814-381-5136 or email [ebarr1967@gmail.com](mailto:ebarr1967@gmail.com) [Listed 8/19]

**1964 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](mailto:ebarr1967@gmail.com) or call 814-381-5136. [Listed 4/19]

**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](mailto:1968gt6@gmail.com) [Listed 4/19]

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## The Brokerage (Continued)

**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 K. Beiler (Member): Cell# 717-304-5514; Home# 717-270-6512 or email [spit6beil69@hotmail.com](mailto:spit6beil69@hotmail.com) [Listed 3/19]

**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]

### Car Parts:

Set of 4: Dayton 5", 72-spoke chrome wire wheels with Vredestein 185/HR15 Sprint Classic Tires mounted and balanced. Both wheels and tires have less than 100 miles on them - Purchased 8/29/19. Must sell due to clearance issues on my TR3. Will fit TR6 - TR250, Austin Healey 100-3000, and MGC cars. Spline hubs or spin lock nuts are not included. Located in Carlisle PA. Price is \$2000.00. Phone Gary Fatherree (Member) anytime at 717-249-5977. [Listed 9/19]



### REMINDER

#### Membership Renewal - June 1st

The membership renewal date for  
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**June 1st!**

Thank you.



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June 19-21, 2020

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Rory's email and phone are located on the second page of this newsletter...

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**FIRST CLASS**



**1969 TR6**  
**Owner: Tom Miceli**