

Triumph News

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Blast from the Past - The first official CPTC gathering was a picnic at Dick & Diane James' home in June 1989! **Photo by John Krause*

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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 ~ Rich Roenigk

When I took the job as your President last January, I adopted the song “The Long and Winding Road”, as you may recall. Little did we know the Road would be full of potholes and detours as well as Yogi Berra’s proverbial ‘Fork’!

Everyone will be glad to put 2020 in the rear view mirror and make up for all the lost adventures. We have events planned and will update them as the time nears. The Holiday Season will be different this year; but let’s hope this is the last big hurdle before we get back to normal, in whatever form that may take.

I want to thank all the Board members for their fine work and extra effort this past year to make the Club successful. The Membership is also to be thanked for “hanging in there” and we even managed to add some new members along the way.

I hear about a lot of projects going on - please take time to share them with our Editor. And, if you run into a snag, perhaps another member can help with a suggestion or a good laugh!

It’s a NEW YEAR ... let’s make it a memorable one with lotsa smiles per mile!

I hope that everyone has a healthy and a Happy New Year.

Stay Safe, Keep Calm and Motor On!

Rich






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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.

- Jan. 23rd** Join us for a trip to the Classic Auto Mall in Morgantown, PA. Scores of classic cars & trucks on display and/or on consignment. Details to follow. **CPTC Event**
- Feb. 10th** Drive Your Triumph Day Details on P. 6
- Feb. 20th** Boyertown Museum of Historic Vehicles - nearly all the cars, trucks, wagons and carriages on display were built in PA. Learn some of the history of transportation in our state. **CPTC Event**
- March 13th** Visit the Simeone Foundation Automotive Museum, 6825 Norwitch Drive, Philadelphia, PA. A collection of 75 + racing sports cars assembled over a span of 50 years. **CPTC Event**
- We are planning to carpool to the museum/auto events.
 Details on meet time and location for each event will follow.**
- May 14-16** Carlisle Import & Performance Nationals, Fairgrounds, Carlisle, PA. 20% off the \$40 registration price if you register before 5:00 PM on Jan. 4th. Call 717-243-7855 during regular business hours.
- June 14-18** TRA 2021 - Lexington, KY. Bluegrass, Thoroughbreds, Bourbon and Triumphs. Stay tuned for updates.

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Join a Club: Part II

~ by Denny Ward

A few months ago I wrote a piece on the benefits of joining a club, in which I detailed the priceless help I received from CPTC VP Rory Liebrum. This continues the saga.

When I finally got my TR4 out of hibernation in the spring, it was pointed out that my left headlight was not working. This needed to be corrected, but I did not go out of my way to do so. Because of the coronavirus restrictions, I didn't go out much, so the Triumph lay dormant much of the time. I would take it for the occasional ride, but was wary to drive after dark with one light, and a very dim one at that. It would have been even dimmer; but the high beams were stuck on, so I had a bit more illumination. I doubt an oncoming vehicle even noticed.

Finally, I decided to replace the light. I got my manual out, and reintroduced myself with the lighting diagram of the TR. The exploded view of the lights is pretty simple; but you really can't tell how the pieces fit, only what order they are in. I had replaced lights over the years, but it had been a long time. I took everything apart and went to an auto parts place to get a headlight. They had two left, both halogen; but the numbers confirmed compatibility, so I got one. After trying more times than I like to admit, I gave up trying to get the chrome trim ring back on the car. The light stays put with the ring off, but it looks like the car has a black eye. I was not sure how to get it affixed correctly.

I had lost one trim ring previously, and after running over it, the ring looked like a pretzel. I had spoken with Rory Liebrum about it and he offered to help me. After a couple weeks I called Rory back, and asked if he could assist in getting the lighting straightened out.

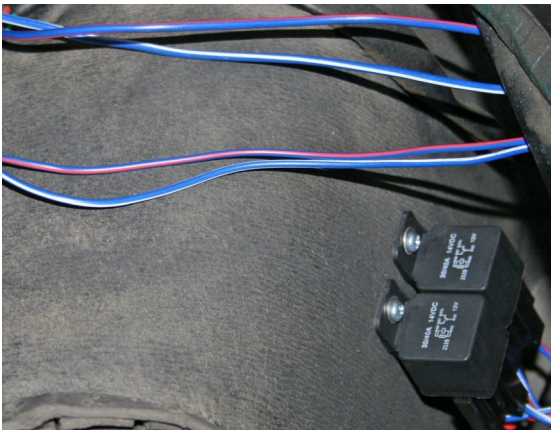
I cruised the couple miles to his home, and we assessed the situation. We got the trim piece on tight. He noted that the halogen light drew a lot more current than the old bulbs. This extra current went right through the light switch, and has been known to heat up the wiring with potentially bad results. He suggested a relay kit sold by Moss, which can alleviate some of the strain on the 60 year old wiring. I also mentioned that my high beams were always on; had been for a year or so. He recalled that Bob Krivenko had mentioned having the correct floor-mounted dimmer switch, and gave Bob a call. Bob graciously let me have it.



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Join a Club (Cont.)

I ordered the relay kit and picked up Bob's dimmer switch. A few days later I trekked to the Liebrum ranch, and we (mostly Rory) got the relays wired and the foot switch installed. Not only did the new wiring ease the pain of over-taxing my electrical system; but all my lights appear to be brighter. And my ammeter shows a stronger charge. Win-win.



Thanks are again due to Rory and Bob. In addition to the camaraderie, isn't that what clubs are all about?

Note: TR4 Wiring

For those who don't have a TR4, that is the way the lights are wired, strapped on top of the cardboard shroud. We attached the relays to the right side of the shroud. The Moss kit is reasonably priced, and comes with everything you need.

The used dimmer switch: I guess I could have found two of the same type of screw; but maybe next year!

Drive Your Triumph Day

February 10, 2021

My name is Rye Livingston and I'm with the Triumph Travelers Sports Car Club in Northern California, celebrating our 62nd anniversary.

Some years ago, I encouraged our club members to drive their Triumphs on February 10th to celebrate Sir John Black's Birthday, the man who organized Standard's purchase of Triumph after the war. Last year I received about 350 photos from all over the world!

On February 10th, go for a drive in your Triumph. Drive alone or in a group from your local Club; then take a photo. The photo is mainly of the car and the owner - ideally at a cool spot, if possible. If it's the middle of the winter where you live and your car is in hibernation, take a photo of it anyway.

Then email a high-resolution photo to driveyourtriumphday@gmail.com, along with some basic information: owner's name, year and model of car, and place the photo was taken (city, state, country). The photos will be published not only in our club newsletter, but also in the USA's Vintage Triumph Register and on the Drive Your Triumph Day website: <https://driveyourtriumphday.shutterfly.com>

**Regards,
Rye Livingston
Activities Chairman**



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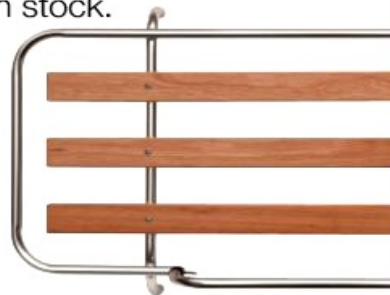


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Follow Up to Lake Speed, Jr's Tips for Classic Vehicle Storage

In our December issue, Speed, Jr. noted some common storage mistakes classic vehicle owners often make. To add to that information, here are a couple of ideas that our own John Schmoyer uses to keep the ambient humidity present in his garage from finding its way into the internal components of his vehicle's engine/exhaust when the car is stored:



**Photos by John Schmoyer - a longtime member and also a regular contributor to Triumph News*

The Club Corner

Links to Share:

Moss Motors to Acquire Victoria Brit

http://www.mossmotoring.com/wp-content/uploads/2020/11/PR_Moss_VicBrit_Nov2020_Final.pdf

**Submitted by John Krause*

Brake line Technical Help/How to PDF's:

Here is a good resource for technical info on brake fittings that highlights the differences between "normal" fittings and the special Girling fittings on our cars. This company is also the only source for Girling fittings that I was able to find in the US, if anyone wants to roll their own brake lines.

<https://store.fedhillusa.com/technicalhelphowtopdfs.aspx>

**Submitted by Ron Weber*

Attention, CPTC Members!

If you are in the process of doing a full restoration and are doing much of the work yourself, please let us know!

Mention your project to a Board member or send an email to:

newsletter@cptc.org



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 TR7 – White with black top. Car is in good condition other than the carburetors - car sat for over two years and now the engine does not run well. Car is located in Elizabethtown, PA. Asking \$1250 OBO. Email Ron Hain (Member) at hainr333@hotmail.com [Listed 11/20]

1975 Triumph Spitfire 1500 – White with black interior. I have owned this car since 1995. It has 21,000 original miles; factory hardtop (white) and tonneau cover included; stainless exhaust; original AM/FM (working) radio. Always garaged; not perfect, but a very good example of a nice original car. Great weekend driver or show quality with additional investment. Photos on request; car is located in Altoona, PA - \$9,500 Call Bob (Non-member) at 814-932-6634 or email: yahnerr1@gmail.com [Listed 5/20]

1971 Triumph TR6 - red /black interior, ground up restoration, virtually every part new or refurbished, headers and duals, inspected. Serious offers considered. Email for pix - Robert Logan (Non-member) boblogan61@gmail.com or call anytime: 610-401-0834. Car is located in Mohnton, PA. [Listed 2/20]

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. Car is located in southeastern PA. [Listed 11/19]

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The Brokerage (Continued)

Car Parts:

Triumph TR3 Parts - Large stash of used parts to include spoked rims, steel rims, 2 eared knockoffs, steering wheel, side curtains, soft top, manifold, heads, axles, gauges, hinges, heater, radiator, suspension, fuel pump, valve covers, glovebox, grab handles, gas cap, pedals, hand brake and much more. First \$1000.00 takes all. The parts are located in Gaithersburg MD. Pictures on request. Call Greg (Non-member) at 301- 512- 5110 or email gregscarver@gmail.com (Listed 12/20)

Huge Number of Parts Available for TR3 thru TR6: If interested, contact Vic Nigro (Member) at 717-371-7157 or email him at VICNO303@comcast.net Also, Vic wants to buy a used seat track (the one that bolts to the seat w/o the handle) for his TR3A. If you have one to spare, give him a call. [Listed 9/20]

TR3 Roll Bar: Constructed of heavy wall, steel tubing and was used in a TR3A for hill climb events by the previous owner. It is a four-point mount to rear fender wells, utilizing four bolts and a heavy backing plate at each mounting point. Pictures provided upon request. \$200, pick-up only. Contact Ron Weber (Member) - Email: rmweber_99@yahoo.com [Listed 6/20]

TR3 Gas Tank: Fits post-TS60000 cars. Pressure tight - no leaks; should be cleaned and coated before use, \$75. Call or text Joe Laurito (Member) at 717-991-1428 or email trglory@hotmail.com [Listed 1/20]

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



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Tidbits from the Quarantine

The truth is, it's not so boring at home. But it is interesting that one bag of rice has 7,456 grains while another has 7,489.

I'm now at a place where errands are starting to count as going out.

At what point can we just start using 2020 as profanity? As in: "That's a load of 2020." or "What in the 2020."

Putting a drink in each room of my house today and calling it a pub crawl.

Okay the schools are closed. So do we drop the kids off at the teacher's house or what?

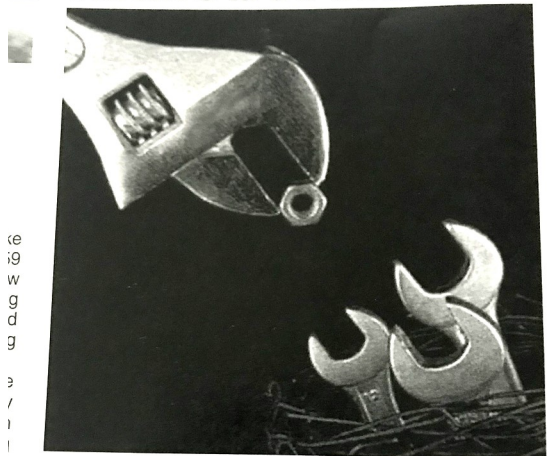
The Vintage Triumph Register

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.

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