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Classic British cars grace the Carlisle Fairgrounds - Photo: D. 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 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

What a streak of great weather, starting with Carlisle Import Show! Friday and especially Saturday really turned out the crowd. Although the vender crowd was light, many members found some gems to add to their cars and collections.

The Bring a Trailer website has been interesting to watch lately as a couple of club members have sold cars there. The variety offered and top dollar prices they bring are nothing short of amazing. The commission to sell is very reasonable as well as the fee to hire a photographer. Anyone can make a comment on a particular listing and that often adds some entertainment value!

The event calendar is filling up and CPTC members are encouraged to sponsor something that would be of interest to all. Let's try to add a few events that will involve members in the different corners of our Club's coverage.

Watch for some last minute, pop up events that involve an overnight stay.

A Mountain Laurel run to Potter County comes to mind. Great weather and peak bloom are a prerequisite.

Here's hoping that the only mask we'll soon need are the ones we put on the fronts of our cars!!!

See you on the road,

Stay Safe, Keep Calm and Motor On!

Rich



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2021 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.

- June 5th** — ~~Cars & Coffee - Moss Motors, Petersburg, VA. - **CANCELLED!**~~
- June 6th** **Original British Car Day - Serra Valley Farms, 5601 Ridge Road, (5 miles north of Mt. Airy, MD) on MD Rte. 27. Info and registration at www.chesapeakechaptermgtclub.com**
- June 19th** **Sizzling Summer Cruise In - AACA Museum, 161 Museum Road, Hershey, PA. Free registration - link below for info/registration or phone 717-566-7100 to register. Meet in Giant parking lot on PA Rte. 39 (north of Hershey) at 8:30 AM. CPTC Event* <https://www.aacamuseum.org/event/museum-car-show/>**
- June 27th** **Brits by the Bay - DeJon Vineyards, 5300 Hydes Road, Hydes, MD. Info & registration at www.tracltd.org**
- July 23-25** **2021 Kastner Cup, Portland International Raceway, Portland, OR. Read Kas Kastner's bio at: <http://kaskastner.com/kasbio.html>**
- July 24-25** **Pittsburgh Vintage GP - Schenley Park. 40th Annual British Car Day - July 24th. \$30/car prior to July 11th. Registration and more info at www.wptriumph.org**
- Aug. 7th** **Cars & Motorcycles of England - Held at historic Hope Lodge in Fort Washington, PA. Sponsored by Delaware Valley Triumphs. More info to follow.**
- Sept. 9-12** **Watkins Glen Vintage GP - Info at www.grandprixfestival.com**
- Sept. 14-18** **2021 VTR National Convention, Edmond, OK. More info on P. 15**
- Sept. 19th** **Britain on the Green - Gunston Hall, Lorton, VA. Info to follow.**
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Import & Performance Nationals Carlisle, PA May 14-15, 2021



Weather-wise, it was a beautiful couple of days in central PA! Mostly sunny with temps in the 70s and a great turnout of club members, visitors and British car enthusiasts alike.



The CPTC tent was a popular gathering spot for club members, made even more attractive by the spread of delicious snacks provided by Mary Ann Berrian and Rich Roenigk. Kudos to you guys ... and many thanks!



Our tent was adequately staffed by club members who generously gave of their time to answer questions, renew memberships and enlist new members.

A few photos of classic British sports cars gracing the area surrounding the CPTC tent ...



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Is Your Turn Signal On?

~ By Rory Liebrum

Have you ever driven for miles with your turn signal on and didn't know it? Ever taken one of our great runs and noticed the car in front of you or behind you had their signal on and didn't know it? I have left mine on as well. Most of our cars have a similar flasher that doesn't make the loud clicking sound that our more modern cars do. To make things worse, the indicator light that tells us our signal is on is dim and sometimes not even noticeable in sunlight or with the top down during nice weather.

So, I tried to come up with a plausible solution that didn't require wiring an additional bright indicator light in the dash. I didn't want to create a new hole in the dash or mount a siren that screamed with each flash. I tried an aftermarket mechanical flasher that was a bit louder; but still not adequate for my aging ears. Yes, this might shock you; but I'm over 35 years old ... by just a little bit. Anyhow, I searched and found something that works very well.

There is a small Mom and Pop company in Stockton, CA called DAECO. Their email is turnalarm@sbcglobal.net or see www.turnalarm.com. The owner (Dan) takes a regular flasher and puts a tiny speaker on the end of it that beeps with each flash. I ordered one for my MGB and it works great ... seriously, you will know when your signal is on! Simply remove the existing flasher and put this one in. No wiring or anything ... only takes a minute.

I ordered two more - one for the Jag (works perfectly) and another for the GT6.

There are basically just two types of flashers for most of our British cars. If you have a two prong flasher, a 552LL will work. If the flasher has three prongs, a 550 should work. If you have any questions about which flasher is correct, just give them a call. Dan will provide the correct product.

The only thing that may be a bit troublesome with these is the volume. I don't have a problem with that; but you might find it annoying while sitting at an endless red light. Just place a bit of cotton over the end of it with a touch of scotch tape to secure it and it will be quieter. If it doesn't quite fit in the original flasher holder, just secure it with a zip tie or some sticky tape.

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

Import & Performance Show (Cont.)



The Spitfire Squadron was out in force and standing tall.



An outstanding example of a very nicely done Austin-Healey 100-6 and an A-H 3000.



And lest we forget, the more refined side of the British car spectrum included this truly immaculate Bentley and an elegant example of a classic Rolls Royce.

All in all, this was one of the best shows in recent years. The weather cooperated fully and the turnout was excellent, making it a fun outing indeed!

**Photos by D. Ward, J. Laurito and J. Miele*

Editor's Note:

A great deal of thanks is due the members of the Western PA Triumph Association for their willingness to sign up for the event under the CPTC banner. This considerate act will allow us to have a tent next year at no cost, thus benefitting both clubs. Well done, guys!

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...

Interpreting Classic/Antique Ads

OFFICIAL CONVERSION CHART

HOW TO INTERPRET

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ANTIQUE CAR ADS

IF IT SAYS:	IT REALLY MEANS:
Rare model.....	Nobody liked them when new either
Older restoration.....	Can't tell it's been restored
Needs engine work.....	It's been frozen for 30 years
Uses no oil.....	Just throws it out
No rust.....	Body and fenders missing
Rough.....	It's too bad to lie about
One owner.....	Never been able to sell
No time to complete.....	Can't find parts anywhere
Needs interior.....	Seats are gone
Rebuilt engine.....	Has new spark plugs
May run.....	But it never has
Low mileage.....	Third time around
Many new parts.....	Keeps breaking down
29 coats hand-rubbed paint....	Needed that much to cover rust
Clean.....	It sat out in the rain yesterday
Best offer.....	About what I expect to get
Always driven slowly.....	Won't go any faster
Prize winner.....	Hard luck trophy 3 times in a row
Stored 25 years.....	Under a tree
Real show stopper.....	Orange with purple fenders
Easy restoration.....	Parts will come off in your hand
Ready to show.....	Just washed it
Top good.....	Only leaks when it rains
Good investment.....	Can't depreciate any more

**Submitted by Rich Roenighk*

The Club Corner

A well known and liked CPTC member recently had a new garage constructed to better house his collection of British cars.

In answer to the oft asked question from family and friends about when he is going to sell some of his cars, all he has to do is point to the weather vane atop his garage to answer, "When pigs fly!"



**Submitted by Rich Roenighk*

****NEWS YOU CAN USE****

CPTC now has a Facebook group which will allow us to get club news to you quickly. You will also be able to post your Triumph adventures to the group when something good comes your way.

Go to <https://www.facebook.com/groups/773444003051724>

and join the group or search for Central Pennsylvania Triumph Club on Facebook.

Please join us for the 23rd Annual

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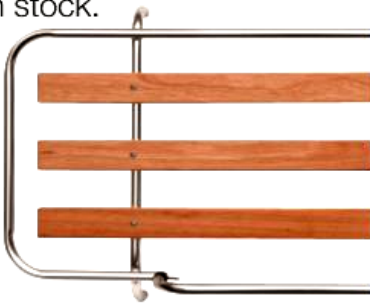


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Turbo V8 Triumph TR6: A Drag Strip Demon

*Adapted from an article in *Motorious* by Elizabeth Puckett - 4/29/2021

The TR6 is a special little car, while not known for its incredible horsepower or low quarter-mile times, it is still a very popular piece. These cars are driver's cars - not the fastest mean machines on four wheels; but still really fun to drive. However, this tiny British cruiser has been equipped with a fire-breathing V8 engine from Pontiac and is ready to destroy any competition that might come its way.

Under the hood of this incredible car are a 488ci, 8-liter Pontiac V8 and a 94mm turbocharger which develop huge horsepower numbers. Mated to the engine is a 480L manual transmission feeding power to the drag tires mounted on a set of Weld Racing wheels.



With the upgraded throttle body, gigantic engine, and huge turbocharger, this thing uses a lot of fuel.

That's why the trunk of the car has been fitted with two 8.5 gallon fuel tanks.

Another cool feature this car brings to the table is that it is street legal, which means that you could see this high-performance masterpiece zooming past you on the highway!



After an ear-deafening burnout and some 'oohs' and 'ahs' from the crowd, the car can run a quarter-mile pass in just 9.51 seconds. After it's done demolishing the competition, it tows its trailer back to the garage. Without a doubt - one of the coolest cars we've ever seen!

*Photo credits by *Motorious*

*Submitted by Stan Carpenter

Tidbits from the Quarantine

TRAVEL PLANS FOR 2020



**There is a spike
in Covid cases
because there's
a spike in
testing.**

**If we had more
IQ tests, there
would be a spike
in morons, too.**

**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)

This free-to-list site contains numerous
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as well as listings for Triumph parts
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New Members ... Welcome!

**The most recent additions to the
CPTC ranks are:**

**Miller Baird
Annville, PA
'57 Triumph TR3**

**Kevin & Diane Barge
Mechanicsburg, PA
'73 Triumph TR6**

**Alan & Robyn Loesch
Halifax, PA
'69 Triumph TR6**

**Nolan & Dawn Penny
Westminster, MD
'80 Triumph Spitfire**

**Linus Reynold
Brooklyn, NY
'64 Triumph Herald**

**Joel Snyder
York, PA
'62 Triumph TR3A**

**Ed & Sheri Wagaman
Littlestown, PA
'66 Triumph TR4A**

We're pleased to have you with us!



CPTC's own Mary Ann Berrian helped to staff an exhibit at the recent York Home Show. Rich Roenigk's Triumph TR3A adds a touch of British flavor.

**Photo by R. Roenigk*

Legend has it that this car belonged to a man who parked in the shade while his wife ran into hobby lobby for just a few things.





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.

1974 MGB - all original, Desert Tan, California car, 3rd owner, 37,000 miles. Solid body and mechanically sound, starts and runs great. Prefer to see it go to a good home. Call Tom (Member) at (717) 432-5650 or email tr-tom@comcast.net. [Listed 05/21]

1978 Triumph Spitfire 1500 - blue w/ghost flames, new black top, black leather interior, no rust or mechanical issues, 45,795 original miles. Car is located in York, PA. \$7500 OBO. Call Cory (Non-member) between 9 AM - 9PM at 717-683-3516 or email him at cbless910@gmail.com [Listed 4/21]

1969 MGB - British Racing Green w/black interior. Paint and interior need help. Ran well when I had to park her too many years ago. All chrome accent pieces on the body are in place. Three windshield wipers are a nice touch. Six wire wheels are included. Needs lots of TLC. First \$2000 or best offer takes her home. Contact Randy (Member) at 717-432-4410. [Listed 04/21]

Car Parts:

Want to Buy: Set of 4 steel wheels for Triumph TR4. Wheel width - 4.5" from bead to bead. Contact Bob Logan (Non-member) at 610-401-0834 or email him with info at boblogan61@gmail.com . [Listed 2/21]

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The Brokerage (Continued)

Triumph TR4 Radiator for Sale - crank hole recently refurbished by Arnold Radiator Hospital in Lebanon PA. Radiator is an original Coventry radiator with tag intact. The upper & lower tanks were removed and cleaned, core cleaned & flushed, reassembled and pressure tested. There is a very small ding in the upper tank but otherwise very clean. Pictures available on request. \$350, pick-up only. Contact Ron Weber (Member), email: rmweber_99@yahoo.com [Listed 02/21]

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)

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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Attention CPTC Members Membership Renewal - June 1st

The membership renewal date for
ALL CPTC members is June 1, 2021

Thank you!

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FIRST CLASS



1964 Triumph TR4
Owner: Denny Ward