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Some of the CPTC contingent arriving at the Sizzling Summer Cruise In on the AACA Museum grounds in Hershey, PA

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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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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

The summer is moving along. Mary Ann and I managed to escape to Shenandoah Valley with her two sons who were in for a visit. While they did their kayaking thing, a car museum in Luray, VA caught my eye. It is a private collection of 30 + vintage cars which looked like they belonged in Amelia Island or Monterey. A 1932 Bugatti Type 40A and a 1930 Cord were fantastic. This is a very worthwhile stop if you are near Luray Caverns.

Triumph Spitfires usually don't get much love or respect; but that is changing with a \$19,000 winning bid on a 1979 listed on Bring a Trailer this past week. It was a local car too, not far into MD. Can we expect to see more Spitfire projects now?

I plan to attend the Pittsburgh Vintage Grand Prix and Hope Lodge events. Both of these really bring out the best with a great variety of cars. Watkins Glen and SVVSCC's Meeting of the Marques in September will round out a busy event season. Our Goodbye Summer Picnic is scheduled for Sept. 19th - same location; but a different pavilion this time. We had a great turnout last year and are looking forward to the same this time around.

Mary Ann has been in touch with the Mason Dixon Club in planning and preparation for the TRA Convention next June. They appreciate the assistance and the local knowledge of the Gettysburg area will help to make it a rewarding time. If you are not a TRA member, this is a good time to consider joining. Your support can help make this event a success. Get a car ready to participate with a friendly group of like-minded folks. You will not be disappointed ... and the convention may never be this close to us again!

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Rich



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2021 Calendar of Events

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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.

- Aug. 1st** **Cassel Vineyards, 80 Shetland Drive, Hershey, PA. Live music, food available for purchase or bring your own. 2:00 - 6:00 PM ~ Special parking for our cars. Wine for purchase on site - bringing alcoholic beverages onto the grounds is prohibited.**
- Aug. 7th** **Cars & Motorcycles of England - Held at historic Hope Lodge in Fort Washington, PA. Sponsored by Delaware Valley Triumphs. Online pre-registration ONLY. For complete information, please see www.dvtr.org and click on 'Events'**
- Aug. 22nd** **A Taste of Britain - Forney Polo Field, 70 Church St., Rothsville, PA. British vehicle show and polo match. More info & registration at www.lancomgclub.com . Show field open 10:00 AM - 5:00 PM**
- Aug. 28-29** **27th Annual Central PA British Car Festival, Altoona, PA. Host hotel is the Fairfield Inn, 2915 Pleasant Valley Blvd. Phone 814-312-1800 for group rate. Event Registration and Information at www.pabritishcar.com .**
- 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** **Goodbye Summer Picnic - Gifford Pinchot State Park, Woodland Pavilion in the Quaker Race Day Use Area (West side of the lake) at 1:30 PM. CPTC will provide charcoal, paper products, table cloths and flatware. Bring your own food, drinks & bag chairs. Items for Silent Auction needed - contact Bill Shover at: wsspjs@pa.net**
- Sept. 19th** **Britain on the Green - Gunston Hall, Lorton, VA. Info/Registration at: <http://capitaltriumphregister.com/events/>**
- Sept. 25th** **Meeting of the Marques/Artistry on Wheels - held in Carlisle, PA in conjunction with the Harvest of the Arts Festival. For more info/registration see: www.SVVsportscarclub.org Pre-register ONLY!**

Devin Sports Cars

~ By Cliff Grube

Some CPTC members may recognize the name Devin from the early 60's as a kit car. Many kit car projects used the VW floor pan; but some used existing frames and suspensions allowing larger engines to be installed. It was an industry that seemed to wane as time moved on, due in part to lack of financing and marketing. Still, many of us would love to be able to build our own unique car. Now might be that time.

Kevin Callahan has purchased the Devin Sports Car Company assets, including 50 fiberglass molds, jigs, etc. from Bill Devin's widow in California and moved everything to a location outside of Philadelphia and has now set up shop in a building once owned by Reading Truck Body.



I saw this car at the Ocean City, NJ car show on June 26th. It is 100% TR3 beneath the skin. The hood scoop allows just enough clearance for those two SU carbs. More information can be had at devinsportscarsllc.com or by calling 215-768-4135.

**Photos by Cliff Grube*





Please join us for the 23rd Annual



Britain on the Green

September 19, 2021

Gunston Hall
Lorton, Virginia



Sizzling Summer Cruise-In

AACA Museum

Hershey, PA

June 19, 2021

~ By Bob Iwan

HOW I WENT FROM YELLOW TO BLUE....OR IS IT YELLOW-BLUE ???

The day started cloudy and no sun
Hmmm...do I go or do I not? Yep, go!
Checked gas, OK; checked trunk, tools –
OK; fire extinguisher - OK (never know
with Doc Lucas!) and off we went. CPTC
also had a caravan going; but I didn't
make it in time. Rich Roenigk, Mary Ann
Berrian, Denny Ward, John & Mary Beth
Miele, *et.al.* arrived in their road warriors.



There were about 200+ vehicles and the sun had appeared. There was a good mix of early and late American iron, cars and trucks, a number of foreign ones, a few race cars, a few rat rods - all in various states of showmanship. Not too many Brit cars although there were 3 MG T's and a BLUE Triumph TR-8 (wonder who owns that one?) plus the above rides.



(Row of American Classics)



(Studebakers and an elegant Tucker)



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Sizzling Cruise-In (Cont.)

I walked around and took some pictures, talked some with Rich, Denny (the man with the gourmet sandwich - ask him about it) and John. Checked out the museum exhibits, always looking good! About that time the Studebaker and Tucker parade around the museum, complete with a commentary, took place. Learned a few things I didn't know about them.

What made the event even better is that my son, his wife, and 6 month old daughter showed up in the Tesla and we checked everything out - got a few more pics.



I think our newest Brit car driver was more interested in my yellow shirt with the blue car, the colors ARE kind of vibrant.



Now that I'm retired, I need to get out to more of these things in addition to some club events and meetings.

Well, as I used to say, "Until later, be there ... or be square."

**Photos by Bob Iwan*

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



We Are Family

~ By Stan Carpenter

Yes, the title is an intentional flashback to Sister Sledge and their 1979 hit. That tune is now running around in your head ... you cannot escape it and it will likely 'spin' on many radio channels within the next 24 hours. I could say "*Mission accomplished*" and sign-off with a grin; but the real intent here is to tie in with the recent Carlisle Import & Performance Nationals.

There were numerous highlights over the two-day affair, certainly beginning with my E-Type's first public outing since its return to the street. I prefer to display it with the rarely seen factory hardtop and the fresh respray over the winter by Jake Raudabaugh's Fine Line Auto Body staff showed particularly well in the bright sunshine.

What our vehicles do is provide the opportunity to connect with people, as it is enthusiastic people who grow and maintain our hobby. While Saturday's show field offered up 1,800 global examples, it is the stories and journeys told by appreciative attendees that really make for special moments, a few of which I am sharing here.

First up: I am minding my own business on Friday morning when a guy walks up and asks, "Are you Stan Carpenter?" Man, I hate that! Operating from a distinct disadvantage, I have no clue who he is but seeing a 15-inch Dunlop wire wheel in his hand tells me that we speak the same British language. I do not even try playing it smart; so I just ask for a name so we can both move on. Long story, short ... Don and I had not seen each other since we graduated from high school. Before that we were almost neighbors and certainly friends, sharing in Boy Scouts, school bands and, in general, growing up into bicycle-riding teenagers. He acquired an MGA just before graduating, that 'A' since replaced by another and joined by more rolling stock from the MG catalog. Recently retired and in the area, we have some catching up to do.

I use my Jag's postcard as an icebreaker with the intent of taking someone from a 'silent looker' to 'engaging participant'. A few folks do walk away without saying much; but many times the response is an "I remember when ..." and their journey down Memory Lane has begun. Their experiences, difficulties, and successes lead to a greater appreciation of both vehicle and person, the delightful chat building another bridge to link the masses.

The most fun and spontaneous times usually result from putting someone behind the wheel for a photo-op.

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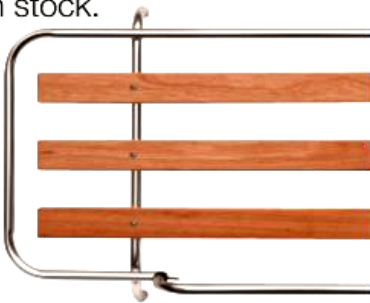


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We Are Family (Cont.)

The price of 'seat time' is as simple as showing an exceptional interest in the car. Sometimes it is a wife or girlfriend who generally exits with a vow to their companion that one of these needs to be in the garage. Yes, I am only trying to help! Their only photo requirement is that they "have to smile like you stole it"... works every time! The other is young kids who loudly proclaim something like "WOW!" Once Dad's camera duties were over, one little guy gave me a big hug and an "I love you". Mom said he just doesn't do that; but Saturday was something special for both of us and hopefully there is a cool car in that 4-year-old's future.

The summation, as I attend nearly all Carlisle Events weekends and volunteer for both the Ford and Corvette parades, is that Model T, Hemi 'Cuda, Peugeot, Gremlin X, Maserati, Honda and Spitfire owners are all a part of the same family. We do not often think or act with such parity; but that is how simple this hobby really should be – that there's welcoming room for everyone! Putting it all into a simple equation: Cars = Community. Each vehicle represents a brother or sister with a shared appreciation, to be respected and encouraged for their input into the auto-maniac world in which we live.

CPTC Goodbye Summer Picnic Gifford Pinchot State Park September 19, 2021

Last year's picnic had a great turnout; so we decided to do it again! We have rented a pavilion (Woodland) in the Quaker Race Day Use Area on the west side of the lake. The picnic will begin at 1:30 PM - CPTC will provide paper products, flatware, table cloths and charcoal for those wishing to grill.

Attendees must bring their own food, drinks, red solo cups and bag chairs.

Also, please consider donating an item for the always popular Silent Auction. Proceeds from the auction will be used to help defray expenses for the rental of the pavilion and other related costs. Please contact Bill Shover - Phone: 717-249-4463 or Email wsspjs@pa.net

Thank You!

****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.

Haar's Drive- In Dillsburg, PA

July 16th was designated as Drive-in movie night by the LANCO MG and CPTC clubs. Ten hardy souls (in 5 cars) came out to experience a good old fashioned, 'top down' kind of night at the movies!



You'll have to check with those who were there to see if anyone remembers what was playing on the giant silver screen!

**Photo by Rich Roenigk*



Stuff That's Good to Know

Need an extra set of keys for your LBC ? Duty's Lock Safe & Security, Inc., located at 3101 Gettysburg Road, Camp Hill, PA, has key blanks for most makes of British cars - stop in or give them a call 717-761-6337

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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2022 TRA National Meet



Gettysburg, PA

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...

The Club Corner

One of Our Own

Thomas M. Billett, 62, of Grantville, PA passed peacefully at his residence on June 23, 2021, following a long and valiant battle with Lymphoma.

Tom was a 1976 graduate of Northern High School, an employee of Hershey Foods for 43 years and an avid fan of the Hershey Bears hockey team.

His passion also extended to British cars as a long-time member and past president of the Central Pennsylvania Triumph Club.

Tom is survived by Sue, his loving wife of 38 years, his mother Doris, his son Ben and daughter Sarah, his brothers, William and Donald and his sister, Patricia.

**A life too short; but one well-lived.
You will be missed, Tom**

~ 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.

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 \$1500 or best offer takes her home. Contact Randy (Member) at 717-432-4410. [Listed 04/21]

Car Parts:

For Sale: Convertible top - Black vinyl w/steel framework and plastic rear window. Fits 1971 and later TR6; \$250.00 OBO. Contact Marty (Member) at 717-648-1189. [Listed 8/21]

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**

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Thank you!

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