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A bevy of British sports cars adorns the parking lot at Gifford Pinchot State Park during CPTC's recent Goodbye Summer Picnic.

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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.

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 month September has been! Watkins Glen had excellent weather with interesting cars and events. The caravan was smaller this year; but uneventful ... meaning we got there and back! Our Goodbye Summer Picnic at Pinchot State Park was met with great weather and attendees bidding on many Silent Auction items. The Meeting of Marques to end the month is the icing on the cake.

October will see a Fall Leaf Tour and the Star Barn event. Also save the date of December 5th for our Christmas Party - Details to follow.

I'm hearing of ongoing projects and some that are in planning for the off season. Car parts suppliers are having the same troubles as other suppliers, with staff, inventory and shipping headaches.

Another reminder for the TRA Meet in Gettysburg next June. **ALL Triumphs** are welcome, but only the TR2 - TR4A may be entered in Concours judging. The events may be enjoyed by all participants and a good time is guaranteed. Check the TRA website for updated information.

We will have a special announcement coming soon about a CPTC Wall Plaque and monetary contribution to the AACA Museum. A brick paver is also in the works to honor Ellis Wolfe. We would like a good turnout of Club Members for this dedication. Ken Egan, a Club member and AACA volunteer has been assisting with this project.

Thanks to all who have attended our events to date. The Board will continue to come up with more; but we are always open to ideas and suggestions.

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.

- 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!**
- Oct 11th** **Heritage Day and Classic Car Show - Star Barn Village, 1 Hollinger Lane, Elizabethtown, PA. Register now! You must go on-line and register at <https://stonegablesstate.com/car-registration/> When you register your car, you need to enter the following in the section called Special Features of Car: You are a *Member of The Central Pennsylvania Triumph Club*. They will keep track of our members. After you have registered, please either call, text or email Mary Ann Berrian so she knows who is coming. Phone: 717-798-1922 or Email: Mab2beach@msn.com. We will meet at 8:45 AM in St. Peter's Church parking lot, 904 Mill Road, Elizabethtown, PA. We plan to leave from there at 9:00 AM; so we can drive in and park together.**
- Dec 5th** **CPTC Christmas Party - Hershey Italian Lodge, 128 Hillcrest Road, Hershey, PA from 1:00 - 5:00 PM. Details to follow.**
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A Blast from the Past

~ By John Schmoyer

"Just admit it, John ... you never expected to ever again see a race-prepared TR3 entered in another *Duryea Hillclimb*. After all, it's been at least 20 to 25 years since you last saw one racing up the 2.6 mile course".

While the above statements are certainly true, to my delight on Saturday, August 14th, I experienced just the opposite! While I was attending the 7:00 AM corner worker meeting for that day's racing, slowly passing my location was a bright orange TR3A rounding Turn 9 on its way down to Pit Row. Quickly finishing with the prepping of Turn 3 where I was assigned, I practically ran to find that TR. The owner/driver was Lorne Fritz from



Danville. He had not raced this particular car at *Duryea* since the late 1970's. The lettering across the trunk of the TR told the story of Fritz and his car having been the *Duryea* "E Production Marquee" class winner in 1974-75-76.

As told in some of my previous articles for *TRIUMPH NEWS*, TR3's were numerous and very competitive throughout the 1960's and 1970's at various hillclimbs in eastern Pennsylvania.

When asked why he returned to race in Reading after all these years, he said that he had trailered the car (pulled by his vintage bright orange pickup truck) to the *Carlisle Import & Performance Nationals* event in May. A gentleman approached him to offer some of his pit space at *Duryea* if he was willing to sign up and participate in this year's event. The offer was accepted. I hope that Mr. Fritz was delighted to return ... I know that I was glad that he did!

"F" PRODUCTION			
1.	Art Gehret	MGA	10
2.	Doug Kuhns	MGA	23
3.	Lloyd S. Geib, Jr. 3 RD	MGA	34
4.	Marshall L. Corazza	MGA	53
5.	Michael G. Oleyar 2 ND	MGA	54
6.	Bill Davis	MGA	56
7.	Tommy Nunmaker	MGA	82
8.	Joseph C. Willie	MGA	114
9.	Dick Seiders 1 ST	MGA	115
10.	Jan Matuszak	MGA	126
"E" PRODUCTION MARQUE			
1.	Eugene C. Updegraff	Triumph TR3	3
2.	Martin J. Rapoport	Triumph TR3	31
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1966 program from the Duryea Hillclimb showing a couple Production classes.

**Photos by John Schmoyer*

Goodbye Summer Picnic Gifford Pinchot State Park September 19, 2021

It was a glorious day for a picnic in PA - Brilliant sunshine, low humidity, a row of classic British sports cars and about 25+ Club members eager to enjoy a day in the outdoors!



Some early arrivals ready to take part in a fun event on such a beautiful day.



A proper row of elegant British sports cars on display for all to appreciate and enjoy!



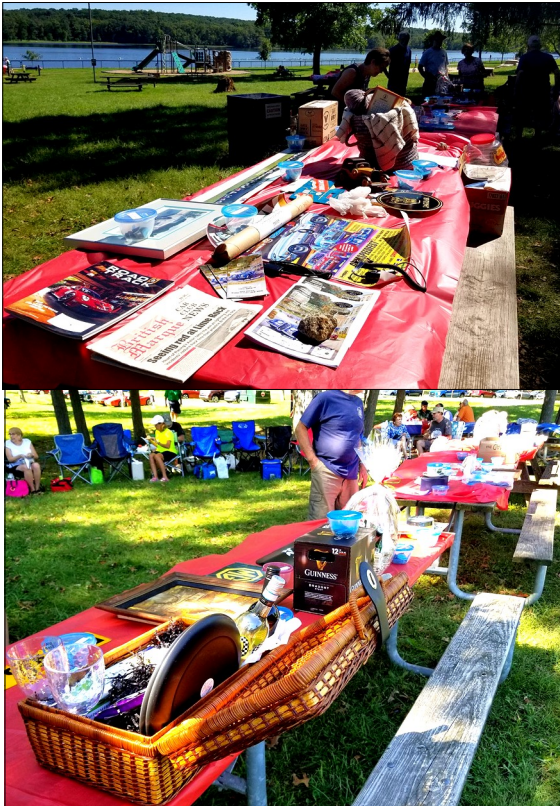
There was plenty of time to relax in the shade and catch up on each others news since our last gathering.



The picnic itself was a simple affair - each party brought their own food & drink and there is always some extra to share. The Club supplied flatware, paper products and charcoal for those wishing to grill. It's a formula which makes for easy planning and it's easy on the wallet too!

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Summer Picnic (Cont.)



As always, the much anticipated Silent Auction contained some great donations, a number of them by members who were unable to attend.

Samples of the Club plaque which will be donated to and displayed at the AACA Museum were included in the Silent Auction as well. The plaque's final iteration will closely resemble the sample on the left.



Many thanks to Bill & Paula Shover who set up and coordinated the Auction and to those folks who donated so generously.



A beautiful day, a scenic venue, good times & good friends make for smiles all around. And lest we forget, a big Thank You is due to Rich Roenigk and Mary Ann Berrian for making it all happen!

**Photos by MB Miele*

Cars & Motorcycles of England A Follow-up of the Event at Hope Lodge Ft. Washington, PA

~ By Mary Ann Berrian

What a beautiful day was Saturday, August 7th at the historic Hope Lodge, in Ft. Washington, PA for an all British Car Show.

Hope Lodge was constructed during the period from 1743-1748. Over the years, many different families have owned the farm. During a 6-week period prior to the Valley Forge battle, George Washington's Surgeon General John Cochran used the house as his headquarters. In 1953, the ownership was transferred to the Hope Lodge Foundation; then in 1957 to the Commonwealth of PA as an historic museum and has since opened for tours.

What a sight with over 250 British cars and motorcycles parked on the stately front lawn of Hope Lodge. This is a yearly event sponsored by the Delaware Valley Triumphs and The Delaware Valley Jaguar Club, which is also a Nationally sanctioned Jaguar Concours d'Elegance. This brought many fine Jaguar examples to the show. Several of our members, Tina and Bob Krivenko, Jen and Jerry Frasso, Bruce Kogan, Rich Roenigk and Mary Ann Berrian made the trip. Tina and Bob were glad to have made their first trip - they won 1st place with their 1957 TR3A!



Bruce took home 3rd place with his 1980 MGB. Bruce's son Mark, who lives near Hope Lodge, took home a trophy for Best Jaguar in his Class.

Club members should consider making this trip to Hope Lodge for this special car show. You will not be disappointed!

**Photo by Rich Roenigk*



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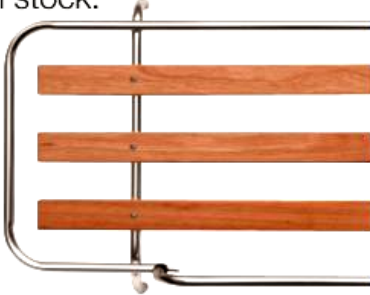


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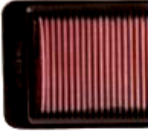
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A Taste of Britain - Redux

August 29, 2021

~ By Rich Roenigk

Forney Field, Rothsville, PA in Lancaster County holds a Polo Match every Sunday, weather permitting, until October.

LANCO MG Club sponsors awards at one match in August in conjunction with an accompanying car show. This year's event was postponed one week because of rain. Mary Ann had never seen a polo match and it was her birthday, so we made the trip. This event usually has over 200 cars. We stayed 'til the end and we were the last ones in a group of only 20 cars in attendance. We were asked to help present the awards. It was a most enjoyable day with much interaction with the horse owners.



Word of caution: If you go onto the field to participate in replacing divots during the breaks, know the difference between "road apples" and divots!

From the Morris Garage



A plethora of different MG models are aligned at the Morris Garage exhibit in the Owls Head Transportation Museum in Rockland, Maine.

**Photo by Cliff Grube*

****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.

2022 Kastner Cup July 15 - 17, 2022

The 2022 Kastner Cup will be held in conjunction with the 40th annual Pittsburgh Vintage Grand Prix, America's longest running vintage street race. The event will take place at the PVGP Historic Races at the Pittsburgh International Race Complex ,www.pittrace.com. Pitt Race is located in Wampum, PA on a 427 acre road race and karting facility located 40 miles northwest of Pittsburgh, PA.

2022 will mark the 20th running of the Kastner Cup. The race will celebrate the 70th year of Triumph sports car in competition. The Kastner Cup was named in recognition of the career accomplishment and legacy of R.W. "Kas" Kastner who passed away on April 11, 2021 at the age of 92.

The 2021 Kastner Cup was awarded to Jeff Quick of Kent, Washington, driving his beautiful 1967 TR4A.

Make plans now for this historic event!

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...

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/
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This free-to-list site contains numerous
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2022 TRA National Meet



Host Hotel: Wyndham Gettysburg. It's a beautiful property and our attendees will feel welcome at this location.
Gettysburg, PA
Volunteers are still needed!

Attention CPTC Members **Membership Renewal - June 1st**

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

Thank you!

The Club Corner

The following link leads to a short YouTube video of Lorne Fritz's TR3A approaching Turn 3 and heading to Turn 4 at the Duryea Hillclimb - Race car music!

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=W_NBx3_Kl0g

Lorne is the owner of Sports Car Haven in Danville, PA. His shop restores and repairs British cars and he has been repairing and racing British sports cars for many years.

**Submitted by John Schmoyer*

Why Is Ethanol in Fuel an Issue Now?

The calendar on the wall says that winter is getting closer by the day and many classics will soon begin hibernating for several months.

A feature of ethanol: It's hygroscopic, meaning it can absorb moisture from the atmosphere. For most motorists, that's not an issue because they use up the fuel soon after purchase. The problem arises when ethanol-enriched fuel is allowed to sit for a while.

The easiest fix for winter: Fill up with ethanol-free fuel. [Sunoco](https://www.sunoco.com) offers Optima, an ethanol-free fuel designed for storage, while local options can be found at [pure-gas.org](https://www.puregas.org). If you can't obtain this type of fuel, higher-octane gasoline will age better than a lower-octane product.

**Submitted by John Krause*



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]

For Sale: Transmission - Used, original transmission from 1959 Triumph TR3A. Transmission has not been rebuilt and does not have overdrive. Asking \$400 OBO. Rear Axle - Used rear axle casing from a 1959 TR3A. Asking \$150 OBO. Parts are located in the Lancaster area. If interested, contact Jim Thompson (Non-member) at 717-808-5342 (daytime phone) or email thompsonjim03@gmail.com [Listed 8/21]

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The Brokerage (Continued)

20 gal Parts Washer: Lightly used and like new, solvent capacity is 12 gallons, 110V/60Hz, overall size: 30 in. L x 21 in. W x 34.50 H, solvent fed cleaning brush, max pump output: 2.64 to 3.17 gpm, heavy-duty steel, red & blue powder coat finish, removable shelf, parts basket. My restoration days are over, \$50 takes it. Pick-up only. Email Joe (Member) at trglory@hotmail.com [Listed 10/21]

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]

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]

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]

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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A TR3 in the Cinema ~ By Vic Nigro

Unless you like prime time game shows, Ninja shows or Big Brother, absolutely nothing is worth watching on Cable TV anymore. I wonder why I pay so much to watch so little! In 2020, having been confined inside due to COVID lockdown, I decided to subscribe to Netflix. Every night we find a different movie or a series to binge watch.

Recently, I stumbled upon an Agatha Christie murder mystery movie called "Crooked House." The scene was set in London in the 1960s and the movie was filled with old British cars. The main character, a private detective investigating the murder, drove a maroon Bristol 405 saloon. The rich matriarch of the family where the murders occurred sports around in a powder blue TR3! The driving scenes were filled with many of the cars we like.

The movie has you second guessing 'til the very end as to who committed the murders and ends with a chase scene. In a close-up of the TR3 spinning out you will notice that two of the snaps holding the top to the windshield had come undone. Another 'Hollywood' blooper shows the driver looking UP at the rear view mirror to see how close behind the chase car was.

I'm not going to tell you if they wrecked any cars in the movie. You'll have to see that for yourself.

CPTC Board of Directors Nominations are now open for the following offices:

President

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If you wish to be considered for any of these offices or would like to nominate another, please contact any Board member and make your wishes known. Nominations will remain open until the Board meeting in November.

Thank you!

The Vintage Triumph Register

The Vintage Triumph Register (VTR) was founded to promote historic research, encourage sensible, 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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