

# Triumph News

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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 John Miele at 717-566-7228 or email [newsletter@cptc.org](mailto:newsletter@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](mailto: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](http://www.cptc.org) to view the club website, with an expanded calendar of events and photos.

## Central Pennsylvania Triumph Club Officers

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## A Few Words From Our President ~ Rich Roenigk

I'm wondering if some Club members are considering trading their cars for pontoon boats! This rain, in some spots, has made a real mess of things. I recall the weather forecasters in April saying we had a 5 inch rainfall deficit.

Now we are that much to the plus side of it. And along with the humidity, it's made non-AC cars sit idle...that means our Brit cars just sit there and stare at us.

I was in Western PA this past weekend for the start of the Pittsburgh Vintage Grand Prix. First up for the week-long events was the race at Pitt Race track near Ellwood City, PA. I joined up with some Western PA Club members to attend Saturdays race. Look for more of the story in this Newsletter.

While there, my good friend Pat Davis, in Grove City, is finishing up a GT6 he is giving his grandson for a surprise birthday gift next month. He thought new shocks would be a great idea. He sourced them from a supplier in OH. It turns out that Mark II GT6's with Rotoflex rear ends require a special shock.

We discovered this in a test drive, where the thumping noise in the rear had to be from the shocks. This is where being in a car club is a big advantage. A call to Prof. Jeff Costenbader enlightened us to this fact. He has only restored 15 GT6s ! These special shocks have only been available in recent years.

BritParts NW had them, complete with an installation explanation. Thank you, Jeff !

Keep checking the Club calendar for events, as the weather will soon be in our favor.

Stay Safe, Keep Calm and  
Motor On!

**Rich**



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### **Editor's Note:**

**In the July issue of this newsletter, I mistakenly identified Ghent, Belgium as the gathering point for A TR Trip to Corsica. The actual gathering point was Genk, Belgium. Its location makes the drive to Marseille a more direct route to reach the ferry to Corsica.**

**My apologies to the author, Gertjan van de Klasthorst, for the error.**

## 2025 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.

- 8/23-24/25 **31st Annual British Car Festival - John Twist; Lenny's Car Museum; pig roast - Altoona, PA. Sponsored by Central PA British Car Club. See [www.centralpabritishcar.com](http://www.centralpabritishcar.com) for more information/registration.**
- 8/24/25 **A Taste of Britain - **New location:** Sylvan B. Fisher Township Park, corner of PA Rte. 772 and Stone Quarry Rd., Brownstown, PA. Food and drink available; sponsored by LANCO MG Club. For more info/registration visit [www.lancomgclub.com](http://www.lancomgclub.com)**
- 8/29 - 9/1 **Kastner Cup, Lime Rock Park, Conn.**
- 9/4 - 9/7 **Watkins Glen Vintage Grand Prix - Watkins Glen, NY. More info. at <https://watkinsglen.com/grandprix-festival.com/>**
- 9/20/25 **Goodbye Summer Picnic - Gifford Pinchot State Park, Lakeview Pavilion. Information to follow. [CPTC Event]**
- 9/24/25 **CPTC Board Meeting - noon at Brothers Diner (**New location**), 705 Gettysburg Pike, Mechanicsburg, PA. All are welcome to attend.**
- 9/27/25 **34th Annual Meeting of the Marques - held in conjunction with the Harvest of the Arts Festival in downtown Carlisle. Preregistration only - See: [www.svvsportscarclub.org](http://www.svvsportscarclub.org) for info/registration.**

Monthly Listing of Area Car Shows - Courtesy of Lanco MG Club

[www.lancomgclub.com/ccs/](http://www.lancomgclub.com/ccs/)

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## **Pitt Race Wampum, PA July 12, 2025 ~ By Rich Roenigk**

I had the July 12th date circled on my calendar to attend this event at Pitt Race track in Wampum, PA. Meeting up with two Western PA Triumph Association members, we caravanned the forty miles from Grove City, PA - our home base.



Upon arrival, one had the choice of free spectator parking or paying \$25 to get a track side spot to set up a sunshade and chairs. But the day was sunny and dry, a fortunate break for us from the recent heavy rains.



The highlight of racing that day was the Triumph v MG challenge. About forty cars were in the meet. Soon the first seven places were Triumphs! The lead car was a GT6 but during the fourth lap, it went off track. No worries, another TR took the lead. This track is constructed for safety with wide, grassed runoff areas.



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## Pitt Race (Cont.)

Of special interest was a TR3A built on a TR4 frame. The owner wished to replicate the Beta prototype car, of which only two were ever built. The flared fenders and awesome stance of this vehicle gave me goosebumps! This hybrid was an attempt by Triumph to sell the updated TR3s using the TR4 chassis, synchromesh transmission and rack & pinion steering, as Triumph lacked the funds needed for retooling to produce the TR4 bodies. The acquisition of Triumph by British Leyland provided the cash to begin production of the TR4, thus ending development of the hybrid prototypes,



This replica prototype was competitive with a fourth place finish. Keep in mind, very few drivers are pros at this event, most are hobbyists out there to have fun.

The Pittsburgh Vintage GP Festival is in its 43rd year. This charity event has donated over \$7 million to support those with autism and intellectual disabilities.



I understand that this race is used for qualifying for the next weekend's race in Schenley Park, downtown Pittsburgh. This is quite an event with hundreds of cars on display all over the golf course in the park.

A few of our Club members have attended in recent years and will attest to the fact that this is one special event!

For more information visit: [www.pvgrp.org](http://www.pvgrp.org)

\*Photos by Rich Roenigk

## **Membership Renewal - June 1st**

**The membership renewal date for ALL CPTC members is June 1, 2025**

**The current list of CPTC members may be found on our website under the "Members Area"**

## CPTC Mid-summer Picnic Memorial Lake State Park July 20, 2025



Approximately 25 CPTC members and spouses gathered on (yet another!) warm and humid day in central PA to greet old friends and meet a few new ones.



Memorial Lake is a quiet gem of a park offering fishing, boating, hiking, picnicking and, most importantly for us, picnic pavilions! The pavilion served to keep us, our lunches and games dry during a typical summer shower.



To wit, a photo of some of the “guys” on their way back to the pavilion from the parking lot, after battening the hatches on their cars. Fortunately, the rain came in as a shower rather than a deluge!



Despite the weather, a number of LBCs made the trek, including Ron and Esther Dawson’s beautifully done ‘62 TR3B.

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## Mid-summer Picnic (Cont.)



Next on the day's fun agenda ... lunch! Everyone brought their own food & drink and some brought delicious desserts to share.



Then it was time to set up for a rousing game of Bingo! There were lots of Bingo prizes to be had - some donated & others purchased by the Club.

Everyone came away a winner or multiple winner, except Joe Laurito who somehow managed to avoid filling a winning card until very near the end of the game.



Joe (white Tee - back to camera) and his winning card were, at long last, cause for raucous celebration!



And thus ended an entertaining and enjoyable day.

Many thanks to Mary Ann and Rich for their hard work in arranging this day for us and to those who donated food and prizes to make the day a fun one for all.

A special thanks to some of our newest members who chose to attend the outing: Ron & Esther Dawson & Bob Gosling and his son - we hope you enjoyed the day and hope to see you again soon!

\*Photos by John & MB Miele

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August 23<sup>rd</sup> & 24<sup>th</sup> 2025

Featuring:

John Twist of University Motors

Lenny's Classic Car Museum

Baker Mansion

Saturday Dinner Theme -  
James Bond/Casino Royale

More information/registration at:

[www.centralpabritishcar.com](http://www.centralpabritishcar.com)

**Protocol for Purchase of  
Club Regalia**

Holly's Embroidery is the exclusive embroiderer for our club. You can now select men's or women's styles in a wide range of clothing from the full inventory of Holly's catalog.

Call or email Holly with your request and tell her that you are a member of the Central Pennsylvania Triumph Club. She will calculate the cost of the item, embroidery & shipping and a price quote. Pay with a check/credit card and the item will be shipped to your door. View her catalog at [www.sanmar.com](http://www.sanmar.com).

Email  
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or call her at (717) 599-5975.

FAX: (717) 599-7711

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## **Attention All CPTC Members**

### **Notice of an impending vacancy on the CPTC Board of Directors**

#### Duties of the Vice President

Vice-President & Membership Secretary:

He or she shall perform the duties of the President when necessary and shall, working with the Treasurer, maintain the current paid membership list of the club.

He or she shall also work with the Newsletter Editor in the preparation and maintenance of the Cub's mailing list and annual roster and shall handle the dissemination of membership cards and membership applications.

If you have an interest in this position, please call/text Rich Roenigk (717-487-1795) or email him at [Rroenigk@aol.com](mailto:Rroenigk@aol.com)

**The Board would like to take this opportunity to thank Rory Liebrum for his past and continuing service to the members of the Central PA Triumph Club - well done, Rory!**

## **New Members ... Welcome!**

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

**Lee Brown & Pat Brown  
Spring Grove, PA  
Owners of a 1973 TR6  
and  
Michael Weeks  
Carlisle, PA  
Owner of a 1973 TR6**

**We're pleased to have you with us!**

## **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.

Write to: VTR-E-New Membership,  
PO Box 655, Howell, MI, 48844 or visit [www.vtr.org](http://www.vtr.org) for more information and a membership application.

## The Club Corner

Sometimes I shock myself with the smart stuff I say & do. Then, there are times when I try to get out of the car with my seatbelt on .

\*Submitted by John Krause



When the bolt goes from  
righty tighty to righty loosy

\*Submitted by Rich Roenigk



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## 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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### **For Sale:**

**1960 Triumph TR3** - Red exterior, older frame-off restoration. Upgrades include; Rack and pinion steering, TR4 synchronized transmission with overdrive, stainless steel exhaust, chrome wire wheels and driving lights. Carbs recently rebuilt & new battery. Like new black top, tonneau cover and side curtains. History and documentation included. \$34,500. Car is in York, PA. Call Dan Mazzola (Non-member) at 717-979-9720. [Listed 7/25]

**1960 TR3A** - Has rebuilt TR4 engine and TR4 Transmission, 22,000 miles, BRG, wire wheels. [Photos can be viewed here](#). Email J.R. Roenigk (Member) at [rroenigk@aol.com](mailto:rroenigk@aol.com) . [Listed 6/25]

### **Car Parts - For Sale/Want to Buy:**

**Want to Buy** - 1965-67 TR4A rolling parts car or "tub" only. Contact David Jensen (Member) at 484-400-3104 or email him at [davejemsem54@gmail.com](mailto:davejemsem54@gmail.com) Listed [3/25]

**For Sale** - Matched set of 4 Michelin X 185-15 red line tires - made in France. They were on my '70 TR6 when purchased. I drove on them for a while - no thumping or vibration. Tread is good, there's a light crack around each one near the tread. Email Kelly (Member) at [kelfy@yahoo.com](mailto:kelfy@yahoo.com) Located in Mount Joy. \$100. [Listed 3/25]

**Want to Buy** - Set of 4 wire wheels for '65 TR4A. Text Bob Switalski (Member) at 717-475-0866 or email [mswitalski@comcast.net](mailto:mswitalski@comcast.net) [Listed 10/24]

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**Now on a Computer Near You!!!**

**The Central PA Triumph Club's upgraded website is now fully operational.**

**The website address remains the same: [www.cptc.org](http://www.cptc.org).**

**Change in Financial Policy:**

**Cash transactions will not be conducted.**

**Payments must be made by check.**

**Applications for new members to join will be available at the  
Import Show and on our website.**

**Renewal instructions for current members will be posted on the website  
as well as in the newsletter.**

**Membership renewals will no longer be accepted at the Import Show.**

# CPTC Membership Application/ Renewal



Annual dues are \$20 with mailed newsletter or \$15 with on-line newsletter.

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## FIRST CLASS

«FirstName» «Last-Name» («MembershipDate») «Address1» «City», «State» «PostalCode»
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Although we are a British car club, the Central PA Triumph Club welcomes all makes and models. Please enter vehicle details below:

MAKE	MODEL	YEAR	COLOR	Comm#

Are you a member of the Vintage Triumph Register (VTR)? \_\_\_\_\_

If so, enter member number \_\_\_\_\_

How did you hear about CPTC?