

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 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

Well the year 2025 is almost in the books. It's a good time to reflect and give thanks for our many blessings. As President, I appreciate and am thankful for all the Board members who have given their time and energy throughout the year. It has made my job enjoyable and actually quite fun !!!

Our Club remains viable as evidenced by several new members this year. The hope for the New Year is that collectively we can make it bigger and better with the membership involvement. Let me underscore that, we NEED your involvement and participation in setting up events as well as suggestions and comments.

Our valued member, Ken Egan, who is also a long time volunteer at the AACA Museum, has arranged for our Club to have a spot next year in the Museum to showcase our cars. This will be a great opportunity to attract new members. Stay tuned for details as the event is refined.

THANK YOU, Ken !!!

I'm wishing everyone a blessed Holiday Season and a great 2026. Make plans now for the Winter Party on January 18,2026.

Stay Safe, Keep Calm and
Motor On!

Rich



2026 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.

- 12/2/25** **CPTC Board meeting at noon - Brothers Family Restaurant, 705 Gettysburg Pike, New Cumberland, PA. All are welcome to attend.**
- 1/18/26** **CPTC Winter Party at the Hershey Italian Lodge, Hershey, PA. Winter Party to be held in lieu of our traditional Christmas Party. Buffet style meals, Silent Auction, cash bar - \$20/person. More information on P. 7 of this issue. If you have an item to donate to the Silent Auction, please contact Bill Shover at: wsspjs@pa.net and describe the item you wish to donate so he can prepare a tag for it.**
- 2/10/26** **Drive Your Triumph Day - More information to follow.**

~ CPTC Members ~ Your Help Is Needed

Results from our membership survey revealed that 25% of respondents indicated that they would be willing to organize and lead a driving event. If you have an event in mind for 2026, please share it with any Board member. We need volunteers to host the Spring Run in May, members to plan events for June and August and hosts for the Fall Leaf Tour in October. Now is a great time to share your thoughts and ideas!

Thank You!

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

Membership Renewal - June 1st

The membership renewal date for ALL CPTC members is June 1, 2026

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

Fall Leaf Tour October 19, 2025 ~ By Denny Ward

On Sunday, October 19th approximately 20 CPTC members assembled at the Bumble Hollow Weis Market lot for our annual Leaf Tour. For the second year in a row, Tana and Denny Ryder organized the run, and it was, again, an unqualified winner. As usual, we all stood around to catch up, inspect each other's rides, and take pictures.



Then off we went on a fine outing. Most tops were down, although a small number of us were wary of the windy (but dry) forecast. Sunny weather with temps in the low 70s was the order for most of the day.

We drove along, treating neighborhoods in northern York County to a British soundtrack.



The tour paralleled the Yellow Breeches creek on McCormick Road and crossed the stream on a little bridge next to a beautiful old mill.



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Fall Leaf Tour (Cont.)



On the far bank Tana Ryder had her camera ready to get portraits of each car as it crossed and exited the span.

Denny stopped his really sharp GT6+ (Top, right) a bit up the road to allow everyone to catch up.

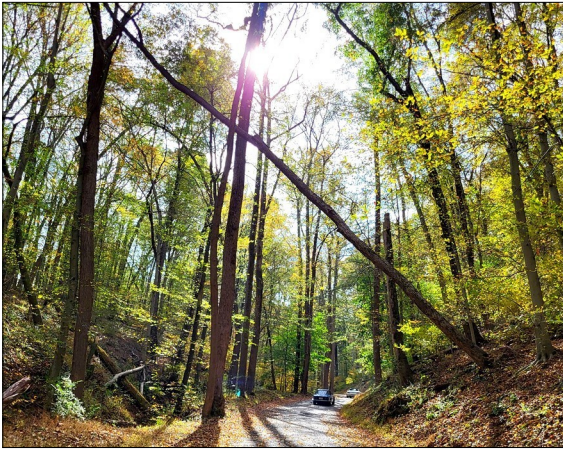
As the day progressed, the winds had picked up and, as I sat just behind the Ryders, gusts blew basketfuls of dry leaves in my right window and out the left, distributing some throughout the car. The next occurrence made me glad I had left my top up, as a number of acorns pounded down on the roof. Sue Billet and her friend were behind me and confirmed no-one received a concussion!

We were off again and there was a lot of stuff on the roadway, including downed branches, big green walnuts that popped upon impact, at least one dead possum, and a large black snake who slithered across the road at just the wrong time.

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Fall Leaf Tour (Cont.)

Down Pinetown Road, up Mt. Airy Road past ski Roundtop and a very busy farm stand ... the chosen route was just right for a seasonal outing, and a good many trees cooperated by showing off their fall colors, especially yellows.



The tour circled around my neighborhood several times as it traversed Brennaman Drive and crossed Moore's Mountain Road. We then turned right to cross the Yellow Breeches Creek again, through Lisburn, and shortly thereafter arrived at Marzoni's Brick Oven & Brewing Co. in Mechanicsburg.

After more catching up, war stories, and chowing down on good fare (I recommend the 'Fancy Nancy' [Shut up, Ed!] salad, loaded with dried cranberries, feta cheese, and sliced almonds), we departed the restaurant into a somewhat chillier outdoors. I didn't see any tops go up; but none went down, either.

Many THANKS to Denny and Tana Ryder for a really fun afternoon surrounded by our friends. Let's do that again!

*Photos by Sue Billet, Tana Ryder, Scott Suhring and Denny Ward.

CPTC Winter Party
Sunday, January 18, 2026
Hershey Italian Lodge
128 Hillcrest Road
Hershey, PA 17033
1:00 - 4:00 PM

Please make plans to join us for this festive and fun event, featuring our always popular Silent Auction to be held following buffet-style dinners.

A cash bar is available before and after dinner. Cost is \$20/person - please send your check, payable to CPTC, to John Miele at 7301 Devonshire Heights Road, Harrisburg, PA 17111.

You must include your dinner choices with your check. Deadline to make reservations is Jan. 3, 2026.

Dinner choices include Italian Baked Chicken or Salmon. Vegetarian meal: Stuffed shells with marinara sauce. All meals include garden salad, Chef's choice of potatoes and vegetables, rolls & butter and coffee & tea.

***Please contact Bill Shover (wsspjs@pa.net) with items you wish to donate to the Silent Auction.**

Back to the Future: PA DOT Revises Antique/Classic Regs ~By John Krause

I told our club president, Rich Roenigk, about an antique car that I recently sold to a friend and he thought that I should share my story with the club membership. There really isn't all that much to tell other than PA DOT is not handing out antique automobile tags like they had been between 2019 and 2024 when anybody with a 25 year old vehicle that couldn't pass state inspection could get an antique plate just for the asking. PA DOT finally caught on to the license plate abusers and are now back to their old ways of making sure that the antique car owners are actually licensing a worthy vehicle.

The car that I sold had an antique car title, and an antique plate that the buyer wanted. But the antique car title and antique plate could not be transferred without the buyer reapplying for an antique title. PA DOT requires the buyer to complete the appropriate PA forms to apply for antique automobile registration. My buyer had to submit 5 pictures of the car: front, back, both sides and a picture of the VIN plate. The first set of pictures he submitted were rejected because of shadows on the pictures caused by the sun. So, a 2nd set of color pictures had to be printed and delivered to the PA Auto License Brokers who were handling the paperwork. I had to write a permission letter stating that I was transferring my antique plate to the buyer. The buyer could have applied for a new plate; but he wanted my old purple plate.

You cannot transfer an antique plate without a letter from the owner.

So the lesson here is to have really good pictures of the car you are buying when submitting your paperwork. For more information you should visit the PA DOT website. I have provided a few additional bits of information on PA DOT rules and regulations concerning Antique automobile registration below:

EXPIRATION OF ANTIQUE AND CLASSIC REGISTRATION PLATES

Antique, Classic, and Vintage registration plates (when displayed on an antique or classic vehicle) are permanent and are issued for the life of the vehicle while it is owned by the current owner. If the owner sells the vehicle, the registration plate remains with the seller/owner and may be used on another qualified vehicle, provided the proper registration and title fees are paid. If ownership is transferred between spouses, or between parent and child, the original registration plate may be transferred with a title & transfer fee.

If the new owner wishes to use the same registration plate configuration as the seller and the previous owner no longer wishes to retain the registration plate configuration, the seller must write a letter of release, relinquishing the registration plate to PA DOT. The new owner may request to use the previous registration plate configuration by forwarding a copy of the letter to PA DOT, along with all appropriate documents and fees when applying for the title and registration.

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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 price quote. Pay with a check/credit card and the item will be shipped to your door. View her catalog at www.sanmar.com.

Email HollysEmbroidery@comcast.net

or call her at (717) 599-5975.

FAX: (717) 599-7711

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 for more information and a membership application.

Your Help Is Needed!

To assist in our efforts to keep our membership information current, please email or call Denny Ryder with changes in your contact information. Denny's email and phone are located on the second page of this newsletter...



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Back to the Future (Cont.)

PA DOT is able to reissue the previous registration plate configuration to the new owner; however, the new owner must pay the full registration fees in order to have the registration plate configuration reissued to them.

VINTAGE REGISTRATION Plates

A vintage registration plate is a “period-issued” registration plate from 1906 to 1976 to be displayed on an antique or classic vehicle with the same corresponding model year. Vintage registration plates are not manufactured or issued by PA DOT. Applicants are required to provide the vintage registration plate they wish to display on their antique or classic vehicle.

USE OF ANTIQUE, CLASSIC AND VINTAGE REGISTRATION PLATES

The use of antique, classic and vintage registration plates is governed by Section 1340 of the Pennsylvania Vehicle Code, which states: “It is unlawful for any person to operate a motorcycle or vehicle with antique, classic, vintage, collectible or historic military vehicle registration plates for general daily transportation. Permitted use shall be limited to participation in club activities, exhibits, tours, parades, occasional transportation and similar uses.” Occasional transportation and similar uses are defined as no more than one day a week.

NOTE: Photographs cannot be taken at an angle, must be taken in normal daylight, and must clearly show the vehicle and all exterior equipment (i.e., lights, rear wheel shields, fender coverage), windows must be rolled up and convertible top (if applicable) must be up.

Fall Leaf Tour: Epilogue ~By Robert van Dam

Someone once said: “What you love, you have to deal with.” That certainly proved true on this day.

It was a beautiful Fall Leaf Tour ride, especially the winding road over the bridge and up the hill. Thank you, Tana and Denny Ryder, for organizing such a wonderful event.

But, soon after we crested the hill, the TR8 began to shut down. We had to exit the ride and wait for the tow truck. Just another thing to deal with, I suppose. This time it wasn't an electrical issue; as Rich mentioned, it turned out to be the fuel pump.

The Club Corner

Elections are now underway for the following positions on CPTC's Board of Directors:

President

Secretary

Newsletter Editor

All members will receive a ballot via Survey Monkey in the coming weeks. Please remember to cast your vote!

Thank you!



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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.

For Sale:

1976 TR6. Complete, solid car; but not running. Compression is good. Includes a set of rebuilt carbs, new tires and a clean PA title. Also have 3 hoods, gas tanks plus other parts. If interested, please contact Ron (Non-member) at 717-676-5285 PA. [Listed 9/25]

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 . [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 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 [Listed 10/24]

MGs on the Rocks: Epilogue Rocks State Park - Maryland ~ By Rich Roenigk

gorgeous, aluminum-bodied Aston Martin DB4 coupe. Truly a sight to behold!

As you may recall from the November issue of this newsletter, the annual event of MGs on the Rocks at Rocks State Park, MD was held in September. This event always brings out some cars that you don't often see. In addition to this MG Airline Coupe, shown bellow, was this



Change in Financial Policy

The Board of Directors recently decided to once again accept **cash** transactions for those who wish to join and for members who would like to renew.

Cash will also be accepted at the Carlisle Import Show

Applications for new members 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.

CPTC Membership Application/ Renewal



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

To join or renew, complete this form and send it along with a check to:

Central Pennsylvania Triumph Club
P O Box 493
New Kingstown, PA 17072

Name: _____

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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?