

Triumph News

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Mary Ann Berrian eases her MGB off a covered bridge in Perry Co. The bridge was built in 1810; rebuilt in 1889 and yet again in 2014.

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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

Here we are ... in the 'Green' phase! That means life is back to normal ... unh, sort of. Being avid car enthusiasts and knowing how to be active; yet restrained ... we can do this. Most of us rarely go over the speed limit anymore, look both ways at all stops, go just fast enough to get there and are glad we did ... and STILL can!

A couple of weeks ago, Mary Ann and I ventured west in a TR4A to participate in the Western PA TR Association run to Kinzua Bridge Skywalk. This PA State Park in McKean County features an old train trestle - half of it was destroyed by an F1 tornado in 2003. The remaining trestle is over 200 feet in height and the ruins are still there to be explored. Ten cars made the journey from Pittsburgh and we had an interesting and fun time over a picnic lunch there.

We stayed overnight and explored the area. A guy pulled up to us at one stop and told of a TR6 project he was doing in the small town of Smethport. I'm keeping in touch to offer any help needed as he progresses.

As you know, these cars bring out so much joy in us and others and that it makes a road trip that much better.

Looks like Carlisle Import Show will go on ... I expect a HUGE Club turnout. I'm asking everyone to make plans to attend. Consider signing up for tent duties and let's plan a "gala" lunch on Saturday by bringing food and adult beverages to share and celebrate the GOOD TIMES!!!

A CPTC Board meeting is scheduled at John's Diner on Sunday, August 2nd at 3:00 pm. All members are invited and your participation is welcome.

Stay Safe, Keep Calm and Motor On!

Rich




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2020 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.

- July 20-26** Pittsburgh Vintage GP week and WPTA British Car Day at Schenley Park **POSTPONED - will return in July, 2021**
- Aug. 2nd** CPTC Board Meeting - 3:00 PM, John's Diner, New Cumberland, PA. Take the Limekiln Road Exit off I - 83.
- Aug. 14 - 16** Carlisle Import Show - Carlisle Fairgrounds. Register NOW and tell them you are a member of CPTC to help us qualify for a tent for our group. Visit <https://www.carlisleevents.com/events> or phone: 717-243-7855 for information/registration. **CPTC Event***
- Aug. 28-30** 26th Annual British Car Festival - sponsored by the Central PA British Car Club. Host hotel - Fairfield Inn & Suites, 2915 Pleasant Valley Blvd., Altoona, PA 16602 - Group rate: \$91/night. Reserve at: <https://www.marriott.com/event-reservations/reservation>
Use this link for event registration & information:
<http://www.pabritishcar.com/>
- Sept. 11-13** Watkins Glen Vintage GP - Information to follow.
- Sept. 26th** 30th Annual Meeting of the Marques Motorshow - Carlisle, PA. Held in conjunction with the Harvest of the Arts Festival. More info at: www.meetingofthemarques.com

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The Milk Run May 30, 2020

[Technically, it was more of an ice cream run; but dairy products were definitely involved! - Ed.]

A short notice gathering of several club members and friends on a gorgeous, late spring day led to a country drive on great back roads, passing by some picturesque woodlands and farms.



The Twin Kiss did not disappoint and, following our treats and some much overdue social time, we began the trek toward home.

On our way, we took a detour through Indiantown Gap National Cemetery to honor our fallen heroes ...



Our destination on this fine day was the locally renowned Twin Kiss ice cream shop in Colebrook, PA.

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Milk Run (Cont.)



The Pennsylvania Memorial

A great way to end an enjoyable and fun day. Many thanks to Tom & Sue Billett for organizing an interesting event on very short notice!

**Photos by MB Miele*



New Members Welcome!

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

**Eric & Michelle Plasterer
Newville, PA
1973 MGB**

We're pleased to have you with us!

The Club Corner

More links to share:

This website for a Belgium Triumph club features the tech info in English. It includes tuning manuals for SU and Stromberg carbs as well as full Bentley manuals for a number of other Triumph models. A pretty good resource!

Please use the link below:

<https://tecb.eu/technische-vaagbak/index.html>

**Submitted by Ron Weber*

Great tire & wheel information/sizing from the Jan 1, 2005 archives of *Moss Motoring* magazine. Use the link below:
<http://www.mossmotoring.com/tire-wheel-plus-sizing/>

**Submitted by John Krause*

If other members have some favorite websites with interesting, useful or entertaining information regarding to Triumphs or other LBCs, please forward them to: newsletter@cptc.org

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America's British Reliability Run October 16 - 18, 2020

We will be running a "cloverleaf style" run, where we plan on staying at the same hotel (in the Gettysburg, PA area) and run three loops back to our host hotel. Our runs are planned down south on the great back roads of Maryland and West Virginia. We will be visiting the Summit Point Motorsports Park and are working on a couple of surprises, too! We are running for the kids at Shriners Hospitals for Children again this year to support their great efforts. We plan to open registration on 6/6/20 at the Cars & Motorcycles of England Car Show.

Keep an eye on our PA website: <http://www.britishreliability.org/home-pa> for more details.

It's so hard to find that one bedroom, five-car garage that guys are always looking for



**Submitted by Stan Carpenter*

****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.

A Fear of Flying ~ By Dennis Ward

In the May 2020 issue of **Triumph News**, Stan Carpenter notes that I shared a story with him about my first LBC, an Austin Healey Sprite. An article in **Road & Track** (March/April 2020 issue) in which the author and his friend were trying to relive their thrill-seeking youths by 'jumping' cars, took me back to my college years - one year in particular.

I had purchased a 1962 Mk II Austin Healey Sprite from one of my Psychology professors because my beautiful red Pininfarina-styled Fiat 1500 cabriolet was rusting to pieces and the engine mounts still had not arrived (they arrived from FIAT a year after I sold the car!). The early Mk II Sprite still had side curtains and no external door handles. It possessed all of 46.5 HP, not enough to climb a hill without holding up traffic; but enough to take curves like a maniac once rolling properly ... lots of fun. One sunny day over summer vacation, I believe in 1972, I was tooling around the countryside in my red machine, top down. I loved to let off the throttle descending a hill to hear the pop – pop - pop as the exhaust backed off, then hit the gas and gather momentum to climb the next hill.

I was in the outskirts of Mechanicsburg, bound for farm country. I was racing down a long hill, prepared to swoop up the slight incline at the bottom. Swoop I did, down and up and... silence. I didn't hear the tire hiss anymore. The hill at the bottom of the slope was more of an 'Oops'—up sharply with an immediate drop off.

I was floating – no doubt about it. My stomach was in my throat. It seemed like minutes instead of seconds. I apparently had plenty of time to think about it, and told myself I had better keep the wheels straight.

Then came the Whoomp! when the tires regained contact with the road, continuing straight ahead. What a relief! My stomach returned to its normal position. I drove on for about 30 seconds before my hands began shaking. I pulled over and breathed heavily. I realized I could have been killed, and my Sprite could have been damaged beyond my ability to cover the cost of repairs (poor college student, remember?). Once my heartbeat calmed down, I slowly resumed my jaunt. However, I couldn't get out of my mind how cool that felt, for an instant. I never did anything quite that stupid again; but I can recall a curve or two with unseen gravel which made for a thrilling slide onto the berm of the road.

Writing this article made me wonder how I survived my late teens. I had no money and had to work on the thing myself, with nothing but a Haynes manual to rely upon ... and no skills whatsoever. I did some brake work (for the rest of my ownership of the car, I was constantly bleeding the system - it was never right), filled the lever shocks with STP (which made it ride like a buckboard), and one winter neglected to fill the radiator with anything but water (so I had to push it into the dorm to defrost).

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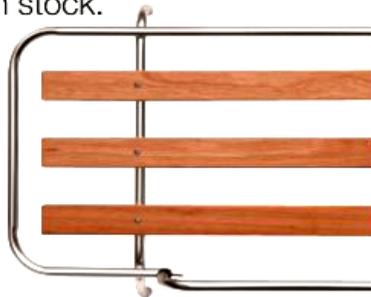
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A Fear of Flying (Cont.)

Maybe the abuse of my Sprite has made me appreciate my TR4 more. I would never put STP in the shocks!



The author (with hair!) and his red 1962 A-H Sprite - Circa: early 1970s [Ed.]



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

A Picnic in the Park

May 31, 2020

~ by Mary Ann Berrian

After a long winter and a stay-at-home spring, it was time to get our cars out for one of Mary Ann's adventures.



On a warm sunny day in May, after hugs/handshakes from 6 feet away, a small group of CPTC members took off from the Walmart shopping center – Destination: Colonel Denning State Park (located north of Newville) - for a picnic. The drive through the countryside of Cumberland County, with the wind whipping through our extra-long hair (Sorry, Rich!), made us feel like teenagers again!!

Upon our arrival, we set up our picnic spots 6 feet from each other and stories were shared, as well as discussions about the repairs/improvements made to our cars over the long winter.

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Tidbits from the Quarantine

I overslept this AM ... was late getting to the living room.

Day 25 of Homeschooling: One of these little monsters called in a bomb threat.

I was so bored I called Jake from State Farm just to talk to someone. He asked me what I was wearing.

Does anyone know if we can take showers yet or should we just keep washing our hands???

Never could I have imagined I would go up to a bank teller wearing a mask and ask for money.

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 MGs and Triumphs offered for sale as well as listings for Triumph parts wanted to buy and for sale.

Worth a visit even if you're just browsing!

Steve McQueen and
his Jaguar XKSS

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**Submitted by Rich
Roenigk*



Picnic in the Park (Cont.)

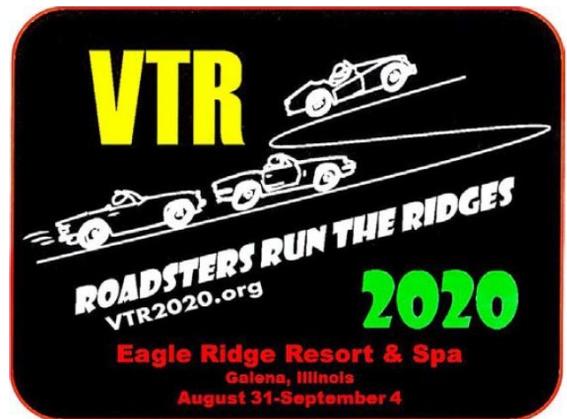


Families who were visiting the park checked out our cars - it was a lot like a car show. A young lady having her pictures taken in her prom dress also had her picture taken alongside a TR3 ... Maybe a future CPTC member!

Speaking of new members - John Krause met Michelle and Eric Plasterer and the next day he sold his 1973 MGB to them. Welcome to our club, Michelle and Eric.

Now that we are in the 'Green' phase, more events will be planned!

**Photos by Rich Roenigk*



Complete information & registration for the VTR 2020 National Convention in Galena, IL is available at:

www.vtr2020.org

2020 Kastner Cup

June 25th-28th
Mid-Ohio Sports Car Course
Lexington, Ohio

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Vintage Grand Prix of Mid-Ohio
Complete information/registration is
available at:

<https://svra.com/events/2020-vintage-grand-prix-of-mid-ohio/>



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.

1975 Triumph Spitfire 1500 – White with black interior. I have owned this car since 1995. It has 21,000 original miles; factory hardtop (white) and tonneau cover included; stainless exhaust; original AM/FM (working) radio. Always garaged; not perfect, but a very good example of a nice original car. Great weekend driver or show quality with additional investment. Photos on request; car is located in Altoona, PA - \$9,500
Call Bob (Non-member) at 814-932-6634 or email: yahnerr1@gmail.com [Listed 5/20]

1974 MG Midget – BRG w/green interior; rare fiberglass hardtop; cruises well at interstate speeds; car is in Mechanicsburg, PA. Must sell due to relocation; \$4200 OBO. Please contact Bill Seely (Member) at 717-856-9165. [Listed 2/20]

1971 Triumph TR6 - red /black interior, ground up restoration, virtually every part new or refurbished, headers and duals, inspected. Serious offers considered. Email for pix - Robert Logan (Non-member) boblogan61@gmail.com or call anytime: 610-401-0834. Car is located in Mohnton, PA. [Listed 2/20]

1973 Triumph TR6 - \$16,800. Pimento, 98,970 miles, engine rebuilt at 94,000, runs beautifully. Recently replaced the universal joints, differential and right rear axle. Overall excellent condition. I am the third owner for the last 14 years. Wire wheels with Michelin Red Line tires, also includes tonneau and boot cover. Original wheels available in fair condition. Call Neil Benjamin (Non-Member) at 215-256-1952 to leave message or email powerboat447@yahoo.com. Car is located in southeastern PA. [Listed 11/19]

1964 Triumph Spitfire - MK I project; needs complete rebuild. Everything is there, extra body tub comes with it. Engine and transmission still in car; but not currently running. Clear title, car is located in Altoona PA. Asking \$900 OBO. Call Eric Barr (Non-member) at 814-381-5136 or email ebarr1967@gmail.com [Listed 8/19]

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The Brokerage (Continued)

Car Parts:

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]

Triumph wire wheels: matched set of 4 from the 1960's. They are in good condition with some surface rust; but can certainly be restored. Please make an offer - Pictures emailed upon request. Wheels are located in York, PA. Contact Steve Krieger (Non-member) at skrieg711@gmail.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]



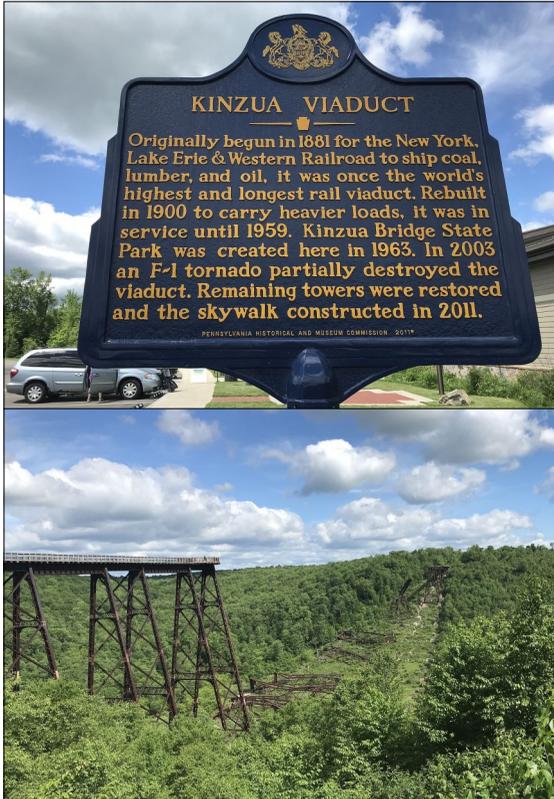
Attention CPTC Members

Membership Renewal - August 15th

The membership renewal date for
This Year Only is now
August 15th!
Thank you.

Kinzua Bridge State Park

A few photos from Rich's & Mary Ann's road trip to McKean County with the Western PA Triumph Association



**Photos by Rich Roenigk*

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,
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application.



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...

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FIRST CLASS



**1960 Triumph TR3A
Owners: John & Karen Schmoyer**