

# Triumph News

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**A nice turnout of CPTC members gathered at Troegs Brewery in Hershey on Feb. 10th to celebrate DYT D - Photo by Denny Ward**

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## A Few Words From Our President ~ Rich Roenigk

That was a nice taste of winter this past week. Two snow storms causing havoc for a half day each. Don't think many of us have to deal with them as we did in our working days; so that gives us the time to look out the window and actually enjoy the splendor!

As the days are slowly getting longer and the temperatures more agreeable, thoughts are turning to plans for our favorite rides. Now is the time to check the Events calendar and make your plans to attend. Ensure your car is ready by making a checklist of what to go over and then order parts as needed. It's always good to have a "parts box" in the trunk, either for your use or as a good way to make a friend on the road. Don't forget to check the spare tire ... where does that air go?

We are having a Board meeting on Wednesday March 27<sup>th</sup>. Please consider attending and including your thoughts on the Club's activities. We are always on the hunt for new adventures and I'm sure there are many out there that you can bring to our attention.

Oh, and don't forget the Carlisle Import Show on May 10-11th. We will have a tent again as our headquarters ... with a "gourmet" lunch on Saturday. Look for a sign-up sheet soon as we need volunteers to man the table. This is also a good time to re-up your membership.

And ... a special picnic is scheduled for June 2<sup>nd</sup> at the Elks Lodge picnic area in Camp Hill. This is a "Do Not Miss" event to celebrate the Club's 35th Anniversary! More information in the newsletter and on our website.

Stay Safe, Keep Calm and Motor On!

*Rich*



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## 2024 Calendar of Events

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such as our tent at the Carlisle Import Nationals.

Visit [www.cptc.org](http://www.cptc.org) for updated event information.

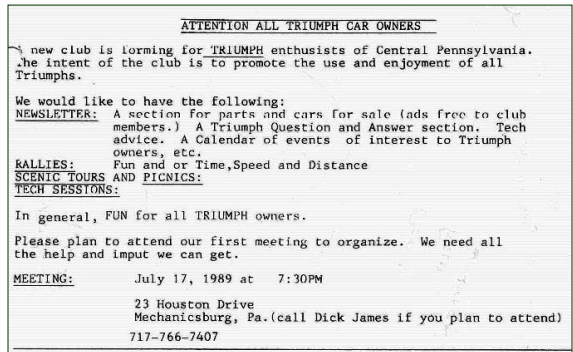
- 3/27/24** CPTC Board Meeting - Noon at Hoss' Steak & Sea House, 61 Gettysburg Pike, Mechanicsburg, PA. All are welcome to attend.
- 4/20/24** Apple Blossom Tour - meet at Rutter's Store at the intersection of Rte. 15 South and PA 234 (Biglerville Exit) at 10:30 AM. Leave at 10:45 AM for a scenic tour of northern Adams County's apple and cherry orchards. Tour includes a stop at the historic Round Barn and lunch at the Livery Bar & Grill, Herr's Ridge Tavern, 900 Chambersburg Road, Gettysburg, PA. Rain date: Sunday. 4/21/24.
- 4/28/24** Britain on the Green - See P. 12 for more information.
- 5/10-11/24** Carlisle Import & Performance Nationals - Register soon -mention you are a CPTC member to ensure a free tent for the Club's use.
- 5/18/24** 2024 Shakedown Car Show, 149 Limekiln Rd., Bechtelsville, PA. 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM. Open to all British marques - More info on P. 11
- 6/2/24** CPTC 35th Anniversary Celebration - Elks Lodge Picnic Area, 108 St. Johns Church Road, Camp Hill, PA from Noon - 4:00 PM. This event is a catered picnic w/cash bar. \$10/person fee.
- 6/17-22/24** TRA National Meet - Mohican State Park, OH. Details to follow.
- 9/6-8/24** Watkins Glen VGP Festival, Watkins Glen, NY. MG is the Featured Marque. Information to follow.
- 9/8-12/24** VTR National Meet - Nashville, IN. Details to follow.
- 9/15/24** Goodbye Summer Picnic -Gifford Pinchot State Park. Info to follow.
- 9/18-22/24** 6 Pack Trials - TRials 2024: The Motoring TRials. Host hotel is the Radisson, Corning, NY. Prelim. driving events for those in Canada.
- 9/29/24** Concours d'Elegance, Kent Island Yacht Club - Info to follow.

## CPTC 35<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Blast from the Past How it all started 35 years ago ~ By Ron Weber

The inception of the Central Pennsylvania Triumph Club was the brainchild of Dick and Diane James in 1989. They had been Triumph owners since 1982 when Dick first purchased a vermilion red 1980 Spitfire. The Triumph bug hit the James' and after driving the Spit for a while, they realized it wasn't the most comfortable car in the summer. At Diane's request, a TR7 with AC, the first of many TR7s and TR8s, graced the James' garage. They started to attend a wide range of regional and national club events where they met a number of Triumph owners from the central PA area. During discussions with them, they realized there was no local club; but there clearly was a germ of an interest for one.

The challenge Dick and Diane faced was how to reach the Triumph owners in the central PA area. Since this was in an era when the Internet was in its infancy and Mark Zuckerberg was in kindergarten, Diane pulled out her typewriter and put together a brochure that was given to local garages to generate interest. There wasn't a strong response to this first effort; so it was clear a creative solution was needed. This solution came after a discussion with John Swauger of the Roadster Factory in June of 1989. John indicated he could provide a list of local Triumph owners if Dick & Diane would furnish a list of zip codes of interest. That started the ball started rolling!

The Roadster Factory was an established entity and well known in Triumph and MG circles since it opened its doors in 1978. John graciously provided Dick and Diane printed address labels of over 600 Triumph customers in the central PA area. Since they were doing this on their own dime, they picked 200 of the closest Triumph owners and sent the first fliers to them to gauge interest.



On July 17<sup>th</sup>, 1989, the first meeting of the Central Pennsylvania Triumph Club was held at Dick and Diane's house. Twenty-two people responded to the flier and thus began our club. While a detailed listing of these first charter members is not available, it's safe to assume they are among the listing of the thirty-six members on the August 7<sup>th</sup> club roster shown below:

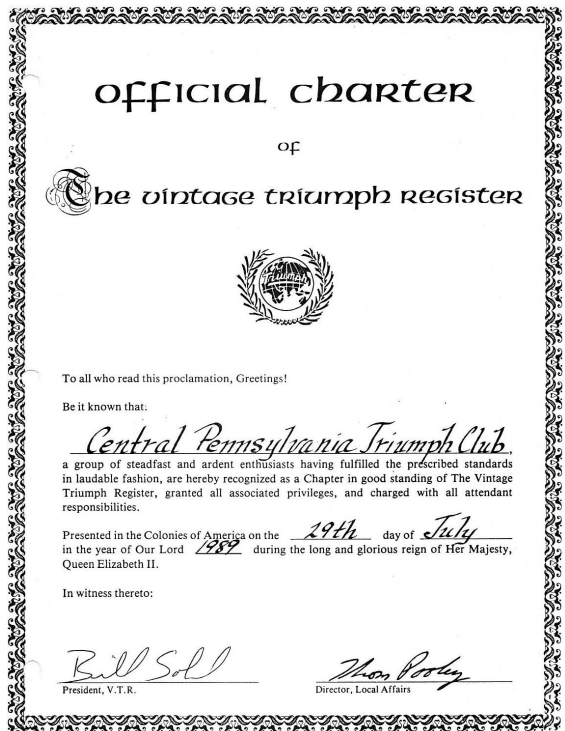
Dick James, President  
Jared Worman, Vice President and  
Membership Chairman  
Joe Laurito, Secretary  
John Krause, Treasurer

**CPTC 35th Anniversary (Cont.)**

List of Original Members, Continued:

- Gerald Alter
- Jeb Boyd
- Carl Brinkerhof
- J.C. Coble
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- Carl Brinkerhof
- J.C. Coble
- Brian Duka
- Eric Fairchild
- Dana Foster
- Wayne Godfrey
- Ed Kase
- Michael Kennedy
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- Rick Schmitt
- Todd Schonenberg
- Gene Schrader
- Bill Shover
- Kelby Steele
- George Taney
- James Trout
- Greg Vasquez
- Harold Warwick
- Bob Yeager
- Harold Zabady

On August 18, 1989, the club received word that they were officially recognized as a chartered club by the Vintage Triumph Register effective July 29<sup>th</sup> and joined a growing network of over 60 other Triumph clubs around the nation. CPTC at the time was acknowledged by VTR to be the fastest growing Triumph club in the nation, quickly expanding to over 100 members.



## Hershey History Center Hershey, PA



Before there was chocolate, there was stone - Brownstone, to be exact, which was exported to cities across the country and around the world. On Feb 12th, a group of interested CPTC members met at the Center to learn more about the origin of the Hershey area.

Brownstone was a valued construction material and Italian stonemasons were brought in to quarry the stone. The results set the stage for the development of the Hershey area and accounts for the large Italian population which remains today.

As the map above shows, the majority of the Hershey/Derry Township area was located in a broad valley south and east of the Swatara Creek.



Expansion into other enterprises followed with the construction of the Hershey Chocolate factory, the orphanage for boys and Milton Hershey School - much of it due to the largesse of Milton S. Hershey.



1905 saw the establishment of the first State Police Academy in the country ... right here in Hershey, PA.

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## CPTC 35th Anniversary (Cont.)

The first CPTC Newsletter was published on August 7th, 1989.



*(Picnic at the James' - Aug. 26, 1989)*

Thank you to Dick and Diane along with the founding members for turning their idea into reality 35 years ago.

*\*Thanks go out to Dick and Diane James, John Krause, John Miele & Joe Laurito for graciously providing details from their archives in support of this article.*

The first club event was a Fun Run followed by a picnic at the James' house that was held on August 26th, 1989. And so it began that CPTC was on it's way to providing many years of miles and smiles for its members, attending club events behind the wheel of a Triumph.

### Membership Renewal - June 1st

**The membership renewal date for ALL CPTC members is June 1, 2024**

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





## Drive Your Triumph Day - February 10, 2024

~By Ron Weber

A baker's dozen+ CPTC members met at Troegs Brewery on National Drive Your Triumph Day to drive our cars and raise a glass to Sir John Black, chairman of Standard-Triumph, on his birthday.

This is the third year we've held this event at Troegs, this year while braving the 60\* central PA winter weather. Nine members took their cars out of winter storage to attend the event, which is a record for us. Troegs graciously reserved a stretch of parking for the club in front of their mural. It made for a great picture that was then submitted to VTR for their National Drive Your Triumph Day album.

Since it is often a chore to get our LBCs out of storage for winter events, the club offered an incentive of a free, one year membership lottery to entice members to drive their Triumphs or MGs.

The ticket drawing was held while we were at Troegs and Denny Dilger won the free membership. Congratulations, Denny and thanks to everyone who drove their Triumph!

It was a fun afternoon of good beer, good food and great company. Luckily the weather held out again this year and we'll hope for the same when we celebrate again next year on February 10<sup>th</sup>, 2025. Mark your calendar now and plan to attend!

*\*Photo by Ron Weber*

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### Hershey History Center (Cont.)

Lest we forget, the story from “B’ars to Bears” is a history of the Hershey Bears enduring hockey legacy - the oldest and most-winning team in the AHL.



Needless to say, it was an entertaining and informative morning ... well spent.



Many thanks to Mary Ann Berrian for her efforts in coordinating this event!

### The Club Corner



\*Submitted by Ron Weber



Please join us for the 26<sup>th</sup> Annual



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### **For Sale:**

**1959 TR3, 1964 Spitfire, and 1972 MGB** for sale 1959 TR3 is a project car with most parts, very little rust. Asking \$3500. 1964 Triumph Spitfire was restored years ago, no rust, asking \$5500. 1972 MGB is in decent shape, asking \$3750. Contact Ed Wagaman (member) at 717-476-3198 [Listed 11/23]

**1972 TR6 Parts for sale:** Hood, Trunk, Fenders available. Contact Ed Wagaman (member) at 717-476-3198 [Listed 11/23]

**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 10/23]

**1975 Triumph TR6** - Professionally restored, Primrose yellow, black interior with high back seats. 44,185 miles. Modified and set up for long road trips. 5 speed transmission, high performance cam, electronic ignition, stainless steel exhaust, emergency hood release, battery quick disconnect. [Photos can be viewed here.](#) Serious offers only. Best offer. Tom Miceli (member) (717) 432-5650 [Listed 9/23]

**1969 Triumph TR6** - Professionally restored with less than 5000 miles since restoration, British Racing Green, buckskin interior, 59,314 miles, stainless steel exhaust, wire wheels, electronic ignition, high back seats, emergency hood release, battery quick disconnect. [Photos can be viewed here.](#) Serious offers only. Asking \$25,000 or best offer. Tom Miceli (member) (717) 432-5650 [Listed 9/23]

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## The Brokerage (Cont.)

**1969 Triumph TR6** - British Racing Green with black interior. Well sorted, great oil pressure, no rust, new clutch and slave cylinder. Pics available upon request. Asking \$9k -- Call Chad (Non-member) at 570-295-7069. [Listed 8/23]

**1980 Triumph Spitfire** - Blue with black interior. 106,791 miles on the odometer. New top. Asking \$8,000 or best offer. [Photos can be viewed here](#) Contact former member Helen Weaver for more information: [helenweaver00@gmail.com](mailto:helenweaver00@gmail.com) or 717-761-7105. [Listed 7/23]

**1975 Triumph Spitfire.** Medium blue with black interior, 89,000 miles. Repainted in 1990, it is a fully operational and restored vehicle. Maintenance records; paint acceptable. Seats, top and motor recently restored. [Photos can be viewed here](#). \$8900 OBO. Car is located in York, PA. Contact Will Smith (non-member) at 720-251-1595 (after 10 AM, please) or at [wetlandman23@gmail.com](mailto:wetlandman23@gmail.com) [Listed 7/23]

**Want to Buy** – Parts for a 1949 Triumph 2000 Roadster. I bought a basket case and need many components. Contact Wayne Murphy (Non-member) if you have 2000 Roadster parts available at [wayne@pennsy.com](mailto:wayne@pennsy.com) or 484-431-1839. [Listed 7/23]

**For Sale** - TR3 Convertible top. Brand new, dark blue, soft vinyl top/hood for TR3 - made by Prestige in UK. Complete with uninstalled snaps, \$240. Contact Rich Roenigk (Member) at [roenigk@aol.com](mailto:roenigk@aol.com) or 717-487-1795. [Listed 6/23]



**Drive Your Triumph Day:  
A few More Photos**



Two beautiful Triumph GT6s owned by Denny Ryder and Rich Roenigk - parked at a long-defunct Triumph dealership near Gifford Pinchot State Park, York County, PA.



A nicely done 1973 Triumph TR6 owned by Jerry & Jenn Frasso - parked on a street corner in Myerstown, PA.



A fine 1968 TR250 sits in a parking area alongside the Conodoguinet Creek in Mechanicsburg, PA. Owner: John Krause.

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